



# Clearpoint Elementary School

## Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Katherine Wiebe

Location: Clearpoint Elementary	Date: February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Time: 6:30 – 8:35
<p>Attendees GB Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alberto Sanchez</li> <li>• Allison Saunders</li> <li>• Audrey Lambert</li> <li>• Garry Saunders</li> <li>• Katherine Wiebe</li> <li>• Paul Stejskal</li> </ul>	<p>Attendees Parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janine Von Bauer</li> <li>• Miranda Tubbeh</li> <li>• Rachel Wilson</li> <li>• Sazini Nzula</li> <li>• Tass Fyon</li> <li>• Wayne Clifford</li> <li>• Wilhelm Mang</li> </ul>	<p>Absent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carol Rabbat</li> <li>• Dov Bensimon</li> <li>• Suzanne Larkin</li> <li>• Diana Grenier</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome</li> <li>2. Approval of the Agenda</li> <li>3. Approval of the Last Minutes</li> <li>4. Public Question Period</li> <li>5. Correspondence</li> <li>6. Reports</li> <li>7. Business Arising               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ratification of email votes</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. New Business               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Junior Conference Day</li> <li>b. 2017-2018 Budget Consultation LBP Board</li> <li>c. Capital Budget Priorities</li> <li>d. Principal Criteria Consultation</li> <li>e. Hand Washing</li> <li>f. Snow Removal</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Date of next Meeting</li> <li>10. Adjourn</li> </ol>

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. It was moved by Bill Mang, seconded by Audrey Lambert and unanimously resolved that the agenda be adopted
3. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. It was moved by Audrey Lambert, seconded by Paul Stejskal and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 14, 2016 be adopted as circulated.
4. Public Question Period
  - a. N/A
5. Correspondence
  - a. N/A
6. Reports
  - a. Principal – Rachel Wilson
    - i. Carnival Week (February 6 – 9<sup>th</sup>)
      1. Three Student Teachers took this on as a project
    - ii. “Blue Nose” play from *Black Theater Workshop* (open from K to 6). Was paid for by one of the parents who wants to remain anonymous. And well received by the kids.

- iii. Have 5 Student Teachers this year
  - 1. 2 from Bishops, 2 from Concordia and Bill will have another starting next week.
- iv. Trip to Orlando (January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>)
  - 1. Funded by the John Killingbeck Grant to visit two schools and look at how they integrate technology in their schools (Rachel Wilson and 2 Teachers participated)
  - 2. Visited one Private school visit in Orlando who had free reign of their curriculum as were privately funding and had an “innovations teacher”. Took away ideas and best practices that we can do for our gifted students without having a teacher specific for those students.
  - 3. Visited an IB school in Tampa; they have been IB for the last 13 years. Had lots of class visits and explored the programs. Plenty of great ideas were brought back home and it validated how well Clearpoint is doing as an IB School.
  - 4. Also attended FETC Conference for additional workshops.
  - 5. Currently putting together a video presentation of take-aways: is the Governing Board interested?
- v. Very successful Open House with 150 people that morning
  - 1. We will have four K classes (17 kids per class, 19 is the max) – 64 Registered to date.
  - 2. Are still pending applications from students transferring to Clearpoint (end of February)
  - 3. This will be the last year in a while that we can handle having 4 K classrooms
- vi. Peace Pals are out in action – group alternates and are out during recess to make sure things are going well in the school yard.
- vii. Morning Drop Off Crew has just changed for a new set of students: old crew was taken out for lunch as a thank you for their hard work.
- viii. Library revamp with the Library Committee continues to meet (Rachel, 2 teachers, the Librarian, and parents) for the design of the library.
  - 1. Visited Academy St. Anne for inspiration as well as MAC
  - 2. We may close the library early (March) in order to start clearing the area and have everything completed before the new school year.
- ix. Capital Grant: many great things will be done over the summer 2017 for the school.
  - 1. Library: hardwood floors, removal of all shelves, painting, etc. Will want to utilize the funds collected from Home & School for the furniture (customs book shelving). We will be putting in a conference room, structural piece and wiring (for ‘tech’ bar) area for the kids to come and talk and counter space for individuals work. Much has to be built which adds to the cost. School board is paying for glass doors with glass panels – Academy St. Anne looked at their design and took a lot of pictures to take away some inspiration as well as Mac with the old library feel – out by June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - 2. School Yard: Basketball courts, lines for games, repaving of the back path and leveling.
  - 3. Senior Wing will be changed the ceiling and all the flooring
  - 4. Bathrooms (with the exception of one staff bathroom)
- x. Innovation Grant: (~9K): Needs to be spent in a specific area (ongoing support to students at risk of dropping out, literacy, stimulating learning (digital tech), support

intercultural education, foster physical activity/healthy lifestyle, increase staff training and optimize operations in school)

1. An Innovation Committee has been put together to plan how we can use this money to the best value of our committee.
2. This money may need to be spent by June 2017
3. We need to look at the needs of our school to see where this is best spent.
4. This will be tabled until we come up with a plan to spend the money

b. Teachers -

a. Grade 4 - Miranda Tubbeh

- i. Visit the Pointe a Calliere Museum in Old
  1. Entrance fee of 7\$ plus the bus fee - ~22\$ per student)
  2. Looking at renting out the city bus (it is less expensive than the school bus) – that **will have to be ratified through email** as we will need to know the exact cost
- ii. Finished Language Art Board Exams –
- iii. Started the Math Club (competition with 15 students who practice at lunch at hour every Thursday)
- iv. Started after school Math Tutoring for Grades 5 and 6s – Miranda is taking the grade 6 students

b. Cycle 1 – Janine Von Bauer

- i. End of Unit “Who Art Thou” - (art activities, vernissage, etc.)
  1. Talent show for the end of the unit (something they have a passion for)
  2. Trip to Stuart Hall

c. Kinder: Diana Grenier & Suzanne Larkin

- i. N/A

d. Phys Ed – Bill Mang

- i. Ski Club – had their second outing this week. Has been going really well, with lots of parents support. Next outing is Wed. February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ii. Senior Ski Trip (5 and 6) already 56 students signed up
  1. Diamond will be out of bounds this year
  2. Leave 2:30 and get back at 3:30
- iii. Jungle Sport – Great event this year!
  1. Thank you to Home and school and all parents involved
  2. Over 100 at parent’s night!
- iv. Basketball jamboree (Grade 5)
  1. Year one students from McGill – break up into groups made up of various schools around the city, very diverse!
  2. Non-competitive and fun time to meet new friends
- v. Lunch time Basketball next week Grade 5 and 6 (50 + students)
- vi. Lunch time Soccer for Grade 4s (Grade 5 help out and referee)
- vii. Jump Rope for Heart – March 17<sup>th</sup>
  1. Grade 3 – 6 pledge
  2. K’s – 2s will have Grade 6 as their leaders
  3. Schedule to be put together by Mr. Bill

- c. Daycare – Tass Fayon
  - a. Started up ‘Clubs’ in January on Fridays – so far going well! (Includes, pottery, dance (Zumba), science, Lego, beading, sports and corking)
  - b. Friday is PED Day: was supposed to be a winterlude theme, but not sure if the weather will hold out. Will have Computer/Gym time, an art activity and pizza lunch
  - c. Income Tax email has come out Tassie has been asking for any missing information from parents to complete.
  
- d. Home & School –
  - i. Love the Library Gala (to benefit the Library fundraiser)
    - 1. First parent’s night at Clearpoint!
    - 2. Sales have not been going very well
    - 3. Dress Code – Business Casual
    - 4. If you cannot attend you can still make donations through PEF for the library – we should submit this to the school emails
  - ii. Staff appreciate week has been discussed!
  - iii. Lunch Activities are bringing in a lot of revenue for the library
  - iv. Maple Syrup will be coming out soon (March 2017) – already approved by GB
  - v. Jungle Sport contributions for parents night – ~400\$ (reduced the expenses for Home and School)
  
- e. Commissioner - Wayne Clifford
  - a. Report has been circulated (see below p. 8 – 10)
  
- f. Parent Committee Rep - Allison Saunders
  - a. Report has been circulated (see below p.10 - 11)
  - b. Demystifying Bill 105 – presentation is being worked on
    - i. Example: Pool of Alternates – more information would be good for this
    - ii. Any questions can be directed to the PC Chair
  - c. Piece for How to put together an AGA
  - d. Roles and Resp. of the Lester B Pearson School Board presentation
    - i. Link of the preso is in the report
  - e. Quebec Government is implementing a new Sexuality Education Act (Riverview Elementary is a pilot school) there are many questions on it and how it’s being implemented
    - i. Presentation will be put together for how it impacts our schools
    - ii. March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday for more information on the program at the school board 7pm – Allison to send invite and details to the GB
  - f. Parent to Parent Newsletter (like the one put together last year): new edition of success information seminars, things we want you to know
  - g. Sharing – get people involved and excited
  - h. Attended a subcommittee meeting (Brian Smith) financial literacy program that is rolling out – sec. 4 (Grade 10). Some parents feel that this conversation should start earlier
    - i. Will be circulated by Allison and you can go to a website to get tutorials and online stuff to get your kids financially literate

7. Business Arising

a. Ratification of approved email votes for:

Date	Activity	Grade	Cost	Comments
Friday Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Leadership Day	Grade 5 Grade 6	0\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 students: 6 from grade 6 &amp; 2 from grade 5</li> <li>- No cost to students; they will be bussed there and back. Parents must pick up from school</li> <li>- This is on a PED day</li> <li>- One chaperone for this event</li> <li>- Approved January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017</li> </ul>
Friday Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jersey Day	All	Donation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ilko-Smith Fundraiser</li> <li>- Wear your jersey and support the Ilko-Smith Family</li> <li>- Approved on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017</li> </ul>
Wednesday Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Exhibition Field Trip	Grade 6	0\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Four students will be going to the Museum of Architecture with their mentor</li> <li>- Students will travel by car</li> <li>- 1:4 Ratio</li> <li>- Approved December 22, 2016</li> </ul>
N/A	Blanket Action Approval for Grade 6	Grade 6	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blanket approval for all actions taken by graduating students as part of their Exhibition project.</li> <li>- Some involve fund raising and others do not</li> <li>- Approved December 22, 2016</li> </ul>

Ratification: It was moved by Sanzini Nzula, seconded by Paul Stejskal and unanimously resolved that the above events be ratified per the original email approvals.

8. New Business

a. Activities and Field Trip Approvals

Date	Activity	Grade	Cost	Comments
Friday April 7 <sup>th</sup>	All Girls Leadership Conference	Grade 4, 5 and 6	55\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 Girls (3 in Grade 4, 1 in Grade 5 and 3 in Grade 6)</li> <li>- Taking students who helped plan the GMAC</li> <li>- At 'The Study'</li> <li>- Work in groups with others</li> <li>- 8:30 – 5:15pm</li> <li>- Louise Sudia and Rachel will chaperone</li> <li>- 25\$ will be subsidized, students will pay 30</li> </ul>
Wednesday April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Intro to Rugby	Grade 6	15\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 40 Students can attend</li> <li>- Students in the Math Contest were not eligible to participate as it falls on the same day</li> <li>- Cost will cover the bus fees</li> <li>- 8 – 2:20</li> </ul>
Tuesday May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Athletic Competition Jr. Cross Country Running Meet	Grade 1 Grade 2	0\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At Dorset Elementary School</li> <li>- Ratio 1:7</li> <li>- Will be taking the school bus</li> <li>- Rain day May 10th</li> </ul>
Friday March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jump Rope for Heart	All	Donation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grade 3 – 6 pledge</li> <li>- K's – 2s will have Grade 6 as their leaders</li> <li>- Schedule to be put together by Mr. Bill</li> </ul>
Friday February 24 <sup>th</sup>	WE Day	Grade 5 Grade 6	0\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 students from Grade 5</li> <li>- 4 Students from Grade 6</li> <li>- Carpooling with Mr. Walker, Ms. Vanessa and additional support staff</li> <li>- 12 students total selected by the Staff</li> <li>- At Theatre St. Denis</li> </ul>
Jan. 15 – 19, 2018	Jungle Sport	All	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Early Planning for next year's Jungle Sport Activity</li> <li>- One week in January 2018</li> </ul>
	Math Club	Grade 4, 5 & 6	10\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10\$ Entrance Fee</li> <li>- Lunch Time Activity</li> </ul>
	Coding Club/Robotics	Grade 2 Grade 3	10\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10\$ Entrance Fee</li> <li>- After School Activity</li> </ul>
	Magic the Gathering Club	Grade 5 Grade 6	Nominal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nominal fee to cover the cost of the cards</li> <li>- Students will not be permitted to bring / use their own cards</li> <li>- Will be limited to the Grade 5 and 6</li> </ul>
	Languages (Mandarin & Spanish)	Mandarin (K – 3) Spanish (1 – 6)	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After School Activity</li> </ul>

It was moved by Allison Saunders, seconded by Miranda Tubbeh and unanimously resolved that the above field trips and activities and events be approved.

- b. 2017-2018 Budget Consultation LBP Board
  - i. Motion by Alberto Sanchez and seconded by Bill Mang and unanimously approved to move this discussion to the March 2017 Governing Board Meeting
  - ii. There are 4 questions we have to answer; last years we have been sending in the same answers
- c. Capital Budget Priorities
  - i. Motion by Paul Stejskal and seconded by Bill Mang and unanimously approved to move this discussion to the March 2017 Governing Board Meeting
- d. Principal Criteria Consultation
  - i. Principal can be present during this meeting – but should be sent a copy of what was sent to the Board
  - ii. Alberto will put together a draft for us to review on what we are looking for in a Principal to run Clearpoint elementary, especially given the fact that we want to have a successful IB Evaluation.
- e. Hand Washing
  - i. It is a priority for the school to ensure students are washing their hands.
  - ii. Daycare Techs have been reminding the students to go wash their hands before lunch
  - iii. Continued supportive initiative – to allow kids to wash their hands before they eat.
  - iv. Rachel will ensure the Purel Dispensers are refilled around the school
  - v. Can we put up signs in the bathrooms to show kids how to wash their hands correctly (Tassie will look at this)
- f. Snow Removal Contract
  - i. Last year we put into the agenda that the if kids can't walk in the back because it is too icy to use the paths in the front of the school, this year the school paths in the front have been way too icy. Clearpoint has been trying to keep the paths clean but it has been difficult.
  - ii. Can we put a clause in the contracts with the snow removal company that specific areas around the school if there is more than a cm of ice than they will come in and remove it?
    - 1. This year has been a particularly bad year – we have been calling the snow removal several times to come back and re-clear the areas. There isn't much we can do at this point.
    - 2. We could have students come into the school right away – no one would be waiting outside. Parents and students enjoy that they can be in the back yard with their children before school starts. Not an option.
  - iii. If you see anything that is looking really bad, please take a picture and send it to Rachel
  - iv. We will need a new contractor for next year
- g. Teacher Reports
  - i. Can we have all teachers come in or write up a Report of what is going on in their classrooms?
  - ii. Rachel to ask at the next Staff Meeting and perhaps provide a standard report that they can fill out before the Governing Board Meeting.
- h. Books that the Clearpoint Library that we were getting rid of were sent to Zimbabwe from Sanzini! Way to go!!

9. Next Meeting –
  - a. March 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm in the Library
10. Adjournment –
  - a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



## **Commissioner's Report – February 7, 2017**

*Respectfully submitted by Wayne Clifford (Commissioner – Ward 12)*

*In the light of the horrific events of the previous evening in Quebec City, the Council of Commissioners began its January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting by adopting the following “**Declaration of Solidarity Within the Community**” –*

*WHEREAS Lester B. Pearson School Board has long embraced the values of inclusivity; and  
WHEREAS an intercultural spirit is very present in our schools and centres; and  
WHEREAS our school communities embrace diversity and teach acceptance; and  
WHEREAS our community denounces acts and thoughts of hatred and violence for any reason, but especially based on race, religion or culture:*

*WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:*

*THAT the flags at all our schools and centres will fly at half-mast in honour of the six persons who died in last night's attack in Quebec City; and  
THAT the Lester B. Pearson School board staff, in all our schools and centres, be further encouraged and supported to celebrate our students and staff of all races, religions and cultures; and  
THAT the commitment to teach not only tolerance, but also acceptance of all our colleagues and schoolmates and to encourage peace within our walls and within our community be reiterated.*

*In addition, a minute of silence was observed by all present.*

### **News from the December 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Commissioners**

Longtime LBPSB employee Peter Amos was appointed as the new **Assistant Director of Equipment Services**. Approval was given to launch the **2017-2018 Budget Consultation Plan** with responses to be returned to the Secretary General by March 31<sup>st</sup>. This consultation allows schools and centres to define their priorities annually before the budget-building process begins. In addition, the Director General sent Governing Boards the annual consultation letter on the **Criteria for Principals** with a deadline of Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Transportation Advisory Committee advised that they are optimistic that the new **Bus Planner** application will be implemented in the near future. This will permit parents to establish the status of school buses in case of any delay.

Approval was given to adjusting **commissioner's stipends** to reflect the increase in the cost of living. The amount of these stipends is listed on the LBPSB website.

As parents of Grade 5 students across the board have been informed, the **Enriched High School Program Entrance Exam**, originally planned for May, has been postponed until the students are in Grade 6.

### **News from the Council of Commissioners Meeting of January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



In keeping with the recently-adopted Bill 105, history was made as for the first time our four **Parent Commissioners** were able to **vote** at the Council of Commissioners on all resolutions.

This year an **online registration** pilot project is being carried out at two schools (PCHS & Beechwood). Hopefully, this process will be implemented boardwide next year.

Council approved increasing the current **rental of facilities rates** by 3% for the 2017-2018 school year. It was noted that the LBPSB rates will remain lower than most other options (school boards, Cegeps, municipalities) available.

Following competitive bidding, the firm Deloitte s.e.n.c.r.l. was appointed as **external auditors** of the Lester B. Pearson School Board for the 2016-2017 school year with an option to renew for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, to perform the yearly financial audits of March 31 and June 30 with the required questionnaires and verification of student files. Deloitte currently acts as external auditors for a number of other school boards and also successfully undertook this role for the LBPSB several years ago.

The **International Committee** reported on the successful move of the International programs to the newly renovated premises (shared with the Verdun Adult & Career Center) from the downtown campus. The larger classrooms combined with expanded common areas is much appreciated by the students and staff. In addition the company Ericsson donated office furniture that was used to upgrade the desks in some of the labs.

The **Pearson Educational Foundation** (PEF) announced two new fund-raising initiatives:

- 1) PEF Benefit Comedy Show starring Joey Elias.  
Lakeside Academy, Lachine on March 31, 8:00 pm. Tickets \$25, +18 only.
- 2) Impact de Montréal/LBPSB partnership. Tickets \$14 (regular price \$39). April 15 (time to be confirmed) at Saputo Stadium.

Further information will be found on the PEF website: <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca>

On behalf of the Central Students Committee (CSC), our Student Commissioners reported that the CSC was heavily involved in the planning for the upcoming **Junior Leadership Day**, which will be held on February 10th. At this event students from 31 elementary schools across the LBPSB will partake in workshops run by high school students.

A letter was received from Judy Kelley, chair of the Place Cartier Adult Centre Governing Board, requesting that “as Adult Education grows, and out of respect for the engaged students in this sector, we would like to see a "chair" at the Council of Commissioners open up for an **Adult Education student representative** to complement the two Youth Sector Commissioners”. Most commissioners thought this was a great idea and it will be pursued further with administration.

### **Suggestions from our Students**

At the two recent Council meetings, our Student Commissioners once again brought to the attention of their elders some of the intriguing initiatives that the **Central Students Committee** has been considering.

From their December report: “This month, our question was ‘What would you like to see in your school that doesn’t already exist?’ We had some very interesting suggestions come up for discussion, such as having tests based on feedback, not grades, incorporating a more comfortable and quiet environment for students and adding question periods in classes past the usual ones. We also had the idea of creating a comfort room (an environment for studying), having the option to participate in a model UN, opening tech to be used more often in classrooms, adding chromebooks in all classes (because most chromebooks are open only to Sec. 1) and implementing a method where students get the first 5 minutes of class to themselves, rather than the students doing so throughout the lessons. We discussed the possibility of allowing more time for students to work on the chromebooks in class for projects to make

meeting up easier for the students, and renting out the chromebooks so that students are less likely to treat it like a personal device.”

And in January: “Last month, we asked the question ‘What is missing in your school that you would like to change?’ The CSC members asked their fellow classmates, and their replies were; free feminine hygiene products in the girls bathrooms throughout LBPSB, having a boardwide model UN, air conditioning in the classes instead of small fans, warmer lighting in classrooms (such as the use of lamps instead of LED industrial lighting), changing the classroom layout to be more comfortable and less institutional (ex.: changing desk arrangements), having more comfortable chairs in classes to improve comfort and focus, more community areas (lounges) for students to mingle in, a Humanitarian trip that includes grades 9, 10, and 11 students, more school apparel and gear (ex.: baseball caps with school logo, etc.), a Junior student council for younger students to learn about leadership in the school, and to have funds for grads added to help lower the cost of the many grad activities we are privileged to have.”

Such input provides great insight into the fresh thinking of our student leadership and certainly provides challenges for Council and administration alike to deliver on!

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

## **LBPSB Parents’ Committee Report - January 2017** *Respectfully submitted by Allison Saunders (clearpoint\_pr@lbpearson.ca)*



LBPSB Parents’ Committee Meeting  
February 2, 2017  
7:15 pm, Boardroom  
1925 Brookdale Ave, Dorval

### **MEETING SUMMARY REPORT**

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**ATTENDEES:** 28 of 48 member schools were represented, the Council of Commissioners, members of the public, and administration were also represented. A detailed Attendance record is attached.

#### **UPDATES:**

- **PC Budget:** update given.

**Ethics Policy Revision:** Board Ethics Policy is being revised; will most likely

- be sent out to governing boards for feedback.
- **GB Chairs Networking Evening:** Positive feedback received regarding the training and networking event during which GB Chairs discussed hot topics such as e-voting and Bill 105. Documented guidance forthcoming.

#### **KEY TOPICS:**

- **Presentation: Roles & Responsibilities of the LBPSB** given by  
Mr. Michael Chechile, Director General, LBPSB  
Ms. Carol Heffernan, Assistant Director General, LBPSB  
Mr. Steve Balleine, Assistant Director General, LBPSB

An overview of the structure of the school board, administrative groups, committees and responsibilities, and interactions between them and the parents was given. The presenters each gave an overview of their specific roles and responsibilities. A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#).

## **Discussion: Quebec Sexuality Education Pilot Program – What do we know?**

Currently, the only LBPSB school that is piloting the program is Riverview Elementary School. Patricia, the Riverview Parent Rep, reported that the parents have received very little information. Despite being in effect since the beginning of the year, a session for parents of the school will take place only next week. Official documentation can be found on the following online resources sponsored by the Minister of Education:

- [Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur de Québec website](#)
- [Program Content Publications](#) (including grade-level Summary Table)
- [Information for Parents on the Pilot Project](#)

Parent concerns include:

- Training for teachers
- Lack of information given to parents thus far
- The standardization of sexual education that is already present in the schools, delivered by health care professionals versus new subject matter being developed for younger children, even in Kindergarten
- How to get clear, detailed information to parents about the material that will be presented to the children

A presentation on the program will be given by the Board, most likely at the next PC meeting.

- A replacement parent rep to Intercultural Advisory Committee was elected.
- Non-voting parent rep to Pearson Educational Foundation was elected.
- The members of the Advisory (formerly known as the Executive) Committee were introduced and the committee itself was explained (its purpose is to discuss and make recommendations to the PC and respond to issues that require immediacy).
- Decision was made to ask our EPCA directors to request EPCA lobby the government for the following: *Children over the age of 12 who come to live in Quebec from other countries, having received the bulk of their education in English, should be permitted and eligible to continue their education in English schools.*

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Parent2Parent Newsletter:** the next newsletter will be sent to parents shortly. All content submitted by parents will be included.
- **Sharing, Sharing, Sharing:** the PC Facebook page is updated with information and events to keep parents aware of current events and issues. It is requested that parents help the process by submitting information & events to be posted.

**REPORTS:** (included as hyperlinks on the Parents' Committee website)

- [Elementary West Subcommittee Report](#)
- Elementary East Subcommittee Report (no report submitted)
- [High School Subcommittee Report](#)
- SNAC Report (no report submitted)
- [Ad Hoc and External Subcommittee Reports](#)

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: March 2, 2017**