



Clearpoint Elementary School

Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Katherine Wiebe

Location: Clearpoint Elementary	Date: March 21, 2017	Time: 6:30 – 8:20
Attendees GB Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberto Sanchez • Allison Saunders • Audrey Lambert • Garry Saunders • Katherine Wiebe • Janine Von Bauer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miranda Tubbeh • Rachel Wilson • Suzanne Larkin • Tass Fyon • Wayne Clifford • Wilhelm Mang 	Attendees Parents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Rabbat • Tayba Huot
		Absent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Stejskal • Sazini Nzula • Diana Grenier

Agenda		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome 2. Approval of the Agenda 3. Approval of the Last Minutes 4. Public Question Period 5. Correspondence 6. Reports 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Business Arising <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ratification of Email Votes b. Innovation Grants c. 2017-2018 Budget Consultation LBPSB 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. New Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual Reports b. Governing Board Composition Consult c. Consultant Lunch (Bylaw 5) 9. Date of next Meeting 10. Adjourn

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. It was moved by Suzanne Larkin, seconded by Janine Von Bauer and unanimously resolved that the agenda be adopted
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. It was moved by Audrey Lambert, seconded by Allison Saunders and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 8, 2017 be adopted as circulated.
4. Public Question Period
 - a. N/A
5. Correspondence
 - a. N/A
6. Reports
 - a. Principal – Rachel Wilson
 - i. Teacher’s Report from all Grades as suggested in last GB meeting (see below p.5-6)
 - ii. International Japanese Students from McGill and visited each classroom and did mini-lessons that connected to their unit of inquiry (30 students)
 1. 13 were learning FSL and remaining in the ESL program
 - iii. Beauty and the Beast tomorrow March 22, 2017 taking place at Lindsay Place for the K – 5 students

- iv. Clearpoint Super Kindness Club – organically formed with an incident that occurred in the school between two boys during the daycare hours.
 - 1. It is comprise of Grade 3 students currently
 - 2. The goal is children working towards acceptance around the school and of oneself
- b. Teachers -
 - a. Grade 4 - Miranda Tubbeh
 - i. Using a lot of different technology in the classroom these days!
 - b. Cycle 1 – Janine Von Bauer
 - i. Student teacher finished term after 8 weeks - wonderful experience and will be missed!
 - c. Kinder: Diana Grenier & Suzanne Larkin
 - i. See Teachers Report below
 - d. Phys Ed – Bill Mang
 - i. 4th year Student Teacher
 - ii. Jump Rope for Heart last Friday –
 - 1. 143 students participated – grade 6 were the leaders and did a great job!
 - 2. Tally to be provided at the assembly on April 7th
 - iii. Senior Ski Trip (5 and 6) has been rescheduled to Thursday March 23rd
 - 1. Leave 2:30 and get back at 3:30
 - iv. Lunch time Basketball next week Grade 5 and 6 (50 + students)
 - v. Lunch time Soccer for Grade 4s (Grade 5 help out and referee) – half way through
 - vi. Rugby Jamboree – April 12th at Concordia
 - vii. Halo Run permission slips to go out Monday – May 18th
 - viii. Junior Ski Trip – went really great once again this year!!
 - 1. Many parent volunteers made things run extremely smooth
- c. Daycare – Tass Fayon
 - a. Thank you to Home and School for Staff Appreciation Week!
 - b. Clubs finished just before March Break.
 - i. Starting this Friday each daycare class will decide on one activity rather than making clubs of various age/group range.
 - ii. This is due to some of absences of the daycare staff
 - c. Taxes completed and sent out before March 1st
 - d. PED Day April 21st –
 - i. Will be using a new company – Decibel Science, who will provide 5 workshops: Operation spy, Dry Ice & Martian Cold, Owl Pellet Dissection, Glow-in-the-dark Slime and Make your own Fire Extinguisher. These activities will be followed by volcano explosion in the Gym.
 - ii. Cost is 17.25 for activity + daycare fee 10.00

- d. Home & School –
 - i. Love the Library Gala (to benefit the Library fundraiser)
 - 1. Big success – was the most successful one day fundraiser – ~7K
 - ii. Staff appreciate week in full swing
 - iii. Lunch Activities are bringing in a lot of revenue for the library
 - iv. Maple Syrup Fundraiser (March 2017) – going on now and to be extended to bring in extra sales
 - v. Movie Night Fundraiser – to be approved with additional details
 - vi. Total funds raised for the Library to date: ~ 31K
 - 1. Home & School’s goal was 50, 000 – they are well on their way!
 - vii. Can we add in a new ‘ Essential Agreement’ with the GB that we all embody the IB attitude and support Home & School and other fundraising activities to the fullest
 - viii. It will be the 10th anniversary of Clearpoint – we should do something to mark the occasion – inviting the alumni to the Annual BBQ perhaps – to be discussed

- e. Commissioner - Wayne Clifford
 - a. Report has been circulated (see below p. 6 – 7)
 - b. Clearpoint has been helping St. Anthony’s in their IB implementation process
 - c. High Schools use the IB mainly as a magnet program

- f. Parent Committee Rep - Allison Saunders
 - a. Report has been circulated (see below p.7- 10)
 - b. A communication rep has been appointed and will be working in Allison on some ideas to improve this area in LBPSB
 - c. Good Clearpoint representation at the last Sexuality Education Act Presentation that took place on March 2nd, 2017!
 - i. Many great resource websites included in the report for this topic!

7. Business Arising

a. Ratification of Email Votes:

Date	Activity	Grade	Cost	Comments
Monday March 27 th	Lunch time Activities	All	Dependent on Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registration online as of March 17, 2017 - Payment via PayPal or Credit - 6 week session starting on March 27th - New activities include: Sing!, Circus Fun, Make a Scrapbook & Mixed Media Art - Returning activities are: Chess, Dance Blast, Mosaic, Cartooning, Paper Crafting, Drama and Yoga. - Approved March 15, 2017
Wednesday March 22 nd	Beauty and the Beast Play	K - 5	5\$/student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday March 22nd at Lindsay Place High School - Approved on March 16, 2017

Ratification: It was moved by Suzanne Larkin, seconded by Janine Von Bauer and unanimously resolved that the above events be ratified per the original email approvals.

b. Innovation Grant (\$9,957):

- \$4,500 will go to Jungle Sport to encourage physical activity
- A portion will go to purchase additional Spark Bikes
- The majority will go to Maker Space – element of design thinking in the school (mini-robots, etc. for programming)

It was moved by Audrey Lambert, seconded by Janine Von Bauer and unanimously resolved that the Innovation Grant spending be approved.

- a. 2017 – 2018 Budget Consultation Lester B. Pearson School Board – response is due by March 31st (should we like to view other school’s consultation responses from 2016 they are available on the LBPSB website)
- i. Additional Services/Orientations Offered
 1. Nothing be removed / cut from current offerings
 2. Ensuring proper support for special needs, such as allophones (international students) and students with learning or other special needs.
 3. Lead Innovators within the school to expand the classroom innovation
 - ii. Suggestions to allocate resources, increase revenue etc.
 1. Explore the possibility of school rentals – having the board promote this more and making the process less cumbersome.
 2. Moving towards paperless – with the Fusion Portal has this made significant difference to continue the promotion of it?
 3. Offering Tutoring Services within the schools
 4. Market the success of our school board
 5. Creation of alumni success stories
 - iii. Objectives / Principles for the governance of allocation of funds
 1. Investing in Mindfulness practices, courses and group activities to promote this (including staff and administration)
 - iv. Suggestions based on communication
 1. Provide data to understand financial impact and links to this data
 2. Provide feedback on recommendations made
 - a. Alisson to bring the question to the PC that if they ask for consultation – what are the main concerns / questions how they being looked at.

Alberto to complete the Consultation letter and circulate to the GB before March 31st and submit to the School Board.

8. New Business

a. Field Trips

Date	Activity	Grade	Cost	Comments
Tuesday April 4 th	Chateau Ramezay	Grade 4	\$15	-
Sat. April 25 th & Sun. April 26 th	Apple Coding	Grade 3 & 4	\$3	- Need to solidify the dates (or it may be the following weekend depending on availability)
April 21	In school Ped Day	All	27.75\$	- Decibel Science - 5 workshops: Operation spy, Dry Ice & Martian Cold, Owl Pellet Dissection, Glow-in-the-dark Slime and Make your own Fire Extinguisher - These activities will be followed by volcano explosion in the Gym. - Cost is 17.25 for the Activity plus the 10\$ daycare

				PED day fee.
May 18th	Halo Run	Grades 3,4 ,5 & 6	17\$	- T-shirt 10\$ - Transport (3 buses) - 135 students participated last year (5\$ per student to participate + 12 for the bus) - Ratio 1:10
May 5 th	GIMAC Event	Grade 4, 5, 6	\$15 - \$20	- In school event - Cost includes TShirt and all materials for the activities.

It was moved by Tassie Fayon, seconded by Bill Mang and unanimously resolved that the above field trips and activities and events be approved.

- b. Annual Report on School Success
 - i. Annual Report is always on the school website and on the LBPSB website
 - ii. Presented and is fabulous! Rachel will make the final adjustments and send out to the Governing Board
- c. Governing Board Composition Consultation – **due May 12th**
 - i. Motion by Alberto Sanchez and seconded by Allison Saunders and unanimously approved to move this discussion to the April 2017 Governing Board Meeting
- d. Consultation Launch: Bylaw 5: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners – **feedback due April 28th**
 - i. Motion by Alberto Sanchez and seconded by Allison Saunders and unanimously approved to move this discussion to the April 2017 Governing Board Meeting

- 9. Next Meeting –
 - a. April 12th – 6:30pm in the Library

- 10. Adjournment –
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

- 11. It was moved by Suzanne Larkin, seconded by Allison Saunders and unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

Teacher's Report – March 2017



Kindergarten

- The provocation of our new unit "Homes" involved our classroom bear "Blue Bear". He had been hibernating over the past several months in the classroom cave and decided to travel the world. He has been emailing students and sending pictures of different places and homes he is visiting. His travels have prompted discussion and interest in the different homes around the world and the materials used in their construction. The children eagerly await a new email from Blue Bear every few days.
- We have two student teachers working in the Kindergarten classrooms. Erica Zucker who is completing the last 4 weeks of her 14 week stage. We welcome Chloe Mounsey who will be working with us for the next 4 weeks.
- We are happy to have Mme Suzanne back on a part time basis. We are lucky to have Mme. Jessica continue working with the Kindergarten children.

Grade 1

- Parents will be coming in within the next two weeks to read their child(ren)'s favourite stories.

- We just sent home the link for each child's digital portfolio on SeeSaw. We would like to move this way for the entire school.

Grade 2

- In grade 2, for our unit of inquiry, students are hard at work exploring earth's natural elements. We have been going on virtual field trips through the world's landforms ... from mountains and valleys, to glaciers, plateaus and beyond.
- On Friday we will welcome Mrs. Pogorzelski, a parent who will present a slideshow of photographs depicting various landforms photographed during her travels through Europe (2DS).

Grade 3

- In grade 3, for our unit of inquiry, students have been exploring our planet's habitats and the interconnectedness of all living things. We have begun the thought provoking process of inquiring how human actions endanger natural habitats.
- One upcoming project involves students writing a mock letter to members of our community asking for their cooperation in combatting habitat destruction.
- Upcoming field trip to Biodome

Grade 4

- In grade 4 Mr. Chris , the student teacher in the French class, finishes his stage today (March 14) and we welcome Miss Kim, also from Concordia, in the English class. She will be spending 8 weeks with us.
- The students are working on projects about explorers in French and will be doing les seigneuries.
- In English, students are working on projects on the migration of people and the development of society.
- We will be going on our field trip to Chateau Ramzey on April 4th.
- The grade 4 French exam will start at the beginning of April.

Grade 5

- Math exams are in progress.

Grade 6

- Unit of Inquiry: graphic novels Students are creating superheroes in French classes and writing graphic novels in English.
- Field trip: visit to the Holocaust Museum on March 29th. All three classes have been introduced to a unit on the Holocaust by Mme Ujvari. They have been reading the novel "Je voulais voter comme un papillon" and reflecting on many of the events that transpired in World War II. The students have also been working on a project with a partner on the ghettos in Poland.
- Field trip: March 22 to Dorval community center for Substance Abuse Prevention Day

Specialist (Music I Dance I Phys Ed)

Music:

Physical Education:

Dance:

Computers:

Resource:

Commissioner's Report – March 2017

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Clifford (Commissioner – Ward 12)



News from the February 27th Meeting of the Council of Commissioners

Approval was given to the draft consultation document entitled **By-Law 5: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners** that has now been distributed to the LBPSB community with responses to be returned by April 28th. Revisions in By-Law 5 are designed to address certain problems with the existing version which became clear in 2016 during the proceedings involving the board chair. We expect to adopt the final version of the By-Law before the end of the current school year.

The Educational Services Department of the LBPSB was authorized to operate a **Summer School Program** at St. Thomas High School and LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School between the dates of July 3-28. Where numbers warrant, bus transportation will be available for a fee to those students attending the St. Thomas High School program residing off-island. Kathleen O'Reilly will continue as the Director of Summer School.

Further to requests from the school administration, the school staff and the Governing Board of the school, approval was given to **St. Anthony Elementary School** in Pierrefonds to pursue the implementation of an **International Baccalaureate (IB)** Program. The only current LBPSB elementary schools offering an IB Primary Years Program are Clearpoint Academy in Pointe Claire and Children's World Academy in LaSalle.

A letter dated February 24th was received from Education Minister Sébastien Proulx stating that the practice of **weighing students** in Québec schools was never part of the physical education and health curriculum and must not be included in said curriculum. This controversial practice had apparently been in place in certain Québec high schools, but none within the LBPSB.

Considering the particularly large territory of the LBPSB and an increase in our number of eligible electors since 2014, a resolution was adopted requesting the Education Minister to authorize the LBPSB to establish two more electoral divisions (wards) than provided for in the **Act Respecting School Elections** for the school board elections anticipated in November 2018. (This would divide the school board territory into 12 wards which is the status quo though the boundaries of some existing wards might be modified.)

The Director General reported that the process of hiring of a new **Communications Officer** is almost complete. The individual in this new post will report directly to the DG and will be focused on marketing LBPSB successes and programs in the local community and beyond.

A subcommittee was struck to study the LBPSB's policy on the **Evaluation of Student Learning** which was last updated in 2005. It is anticipated that there will be a consultation on any changes to this policy early in the 2017-2018 school year.

The full **2015-2016 LBPSB Annual Report** will be presented to Council at the end of March with an abridged version for the public to be available shortly thereafter.

The Intercultural Advisory Committee announced that it is planning to sponsor its **Aboriginal Day** event at Lindsay Place High School on April 12th.

The annual **TOPS** variety show highlighting performances by very talented high school students from throughout the LBPSB will be presented at Lakeside Academy on April 7th and 8th.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, March 27th at 7:30 pm.

LBPSB Parents' Committee Report - March 2017

Respectfully submitted by Allison Saunders (clearpoint_pr@lbpearson.ca)



LBPSB Parents' Committee Meeting
March 2, 2017
7:00 pm, Boardroom
1925 Brookdale Ave, Dorval

MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

ATTENDEES: Representatives of 20 of 48 member schools were in attendance, as well as non-representative parents and members of the general public. Deborah Dixon, principal of Riverview Elementary, was also in attendance.

UPDATES:

- **Parent2Parent Newsletter:** sent out on March 1st; received positive feedback on content and layout
- **Expense Reimbursement:** proper procedure for claiming expenses/ being reimbursed was confirmed & will be put on the PC website
- **Budget Consultation:** draft was presented; motion was made and passed to keep the document open to comments/ discussion on Basecamp until March 16th, and by the 23rd the Internal and External Consultations subcommittee will present a new draft to be voted on (by March 25th so it can be submitted by the deadline of March 31st)

KEY TOPICS:

- **Québec Sexuality Education Pilot Program Presentation:** presented by Marie- Eve Claude, Assistant Director of Student Services, LBPSB, and Mylaine Cardin and Elizabeth Larouche Côté, Educational Consultants; included:
 - a summary of the aims of the new program (standardize the curriculum to ensure all students are receiving the same education, teach children the proper names of their private parts so they can better understand and communicate sexual impropriety, promote healthy body images and respect for diversity, etc.),

- a brief history on how Riverview Elementary was chosen to pilot the new program (it is the only **English** school in Québec of fifteen piloting the project),

- an overview on themes and time required (six themes are covered under the pilot project, with teaching time ranging from five hours in kindergarten to ten hours in grade six; it is estimated that there will be fifteen hours in grade eleven),

- an explanation of why it's important the LBPSB was involved (English material was not available at the time so the Student Services Department created their own; the Ministry went on to use the LBPSB template in the Anglophone sector),

- a delineation of the roles of key players (Ministry sets objectives and provides the tools needed, the school board offers support to the pilot school, the school teaches the content, and the parents speak to their children about what they have learned and reframe their understanding as needed),

- reiteration than Sexuality Education **is** currently being taught in our schools (see board initiative: FLASH); however, as it is not standardized, the differences between what the students were being taught before and what will be taught under the new curriculum can vary from school to school and is not easily surmised; new curriculum is standardized and mandated by the Ministry of Education, and there is no ‘opt out’ option,
- summary of the training underwent by teachers at Riverview Elementary, issues faced with concerned parents, and steps that will be taken to address those concerns (by Riverview principal D. Dixon),
- acknowledgement of parents’ reservations and agreement that communication is very important in inspiring confidence in the program and in allowing parents to be involved with regards to clarifying, explaining, and shaping what their children have learned,
 - examples of the language that will be used to teach sensitive material to young children,
 - reassurance that the conversation is ongoing, and that a September 2017 implementation as planned is unlikely; the LBPSB will be suggesting the implementation of the curriculum be delayed,
 - confirmation that if administration sees a need, a larger parent presentation could be arranged at a later date,
 - encouragement to discuss the presentation with their school’s parents and GBs,
 - opportunity for parents in attendance to voice their comments and concerns (range from issues with lack of communication, concern over age-appropriateness of material, questions on the necessity of the material, worry over the qualifications of the people teaching the subject matter, etc.), and
 - direction towards various resources:

<http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/contenus-communs/education/sexuality-education/essential-learning/>
<https://kidshealth.org/>
<https://www.protectchildren.ca/app/en/>
<http://mediasmarts.ca/>

Note: the PC website has been/will continue to be updated with information from the presentation and/or that is pertinent to the discussion; any further action will take place in the Programs and Services ad hoc subcommittee.

VARIA:

- LBPSB administration made the decision to go ahead with all school trips to the USA while the travel ban is not in effect; they will, however, examine issues on a case by case basis regarding reimbursements for those who no longer wish to send their children on a trip to the USA.
- It was reiterated that each individual (parent reps and alts) should be the only one to have access to their individual password, and they were directed to follow the instructions outlining how to change their passwords posted on Basecamp and the Parents’ Committee’s website here.

- There is an Ethics Consultation in effect that has been delegated to the *Internal and External Consultations* ad hoc subcommittee.
- PEF (the Pearson Educational Foundation) will be holding a comedy night headlining Joey Elias on March 31st at Lakeside Academy.
- PEF is also selling tickets for the Montréal Impact game on April 15th.
- Registration is open for the Amazing Prevention Adventure for grade 5 & 6 students and their parents; it will be taking place on three different dates at three different schools to facilitate access.

REPORTS: (hyperlinks to the Parents' Committee website)

- Elementary West Subcommittee Report (none)
- Elementary East Subcommittee Report (none)
- High School Subcommittee Report
- SNAC Report

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 6, 2017

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