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Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Dov Bensimon

Location: Clearpoint Elementary School		Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018	Time: 6:30 – 7:50 p.m.
Attendees Governing Board (GB) Members:		Attendees GB Substitutes:	Attendees Parents:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Saunders • Audrey Lambert • Bill Mang • Carol Rabbat • Dov Bensimon • Garry Saunders • Janine Von Bauer • Katherine Wiebe • Linda Harbert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie-Flore Gignac • Rachel Wilson • Sandra Fisher • Sue Bell • Sue Lariviere • Suzanne Larkin • Tassie Fyon • Tayba Huot • Wayne Clifford 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helene MacTaggart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
			Absent:
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karina Lavallee • Liz Lopez • Marc Lucke • Mark Christiano

Agenda		
1. Approval of the Agenda	5. New Business	9. Correspondence
2. Approval of the Last Minutes	6. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities	10. Date of next meeting
3. Public & Member Question Period	7. Reports / PYP Update	11. Adjournment
4. Business Arising	8. Varia	

1. Approval of the Agenda

- Carol asked to add an item about changing before gym to the agenda of the meeting. A field trip to Christmas Park school was also added. All approved the motion to approve the agenda that was moved by Suzanne and seconded by Allison.

2. Approval of the Minutes from Wednesday, March 14, 2018

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved by all, after a motion by Marie-Flore which was seconded by Audrey.

3. Public questions

- There were no questions from the public.

4. Business arising

- Ratification of the email vote done in order to hold a Jersey Day fundraiser in light of the tragedy in Saskatchewan involving the crash of the team bus of the Humboldt Broncos was moved by Audrey and seconded by Tayba. All were in favour and non opposed.

- Adoption at Clearpoint Elementary of a school uniform was discussed at meeting held just prior to the GB meeting. It was decided that a preliminary vote will be done with parents to assess interest in learning more about this idea. If there is a high volume of interest, more information and a formal vote will be presented to parent. More than 60% of responses need to be in favour of learning more about this in order to pursue the topic and responses are required from 67% or more of the parents. One vote will be given per family, and there will be a paper ballot going out to students on April 23, 2018. Katherine and Tayba will be responsible for organizing this effort. Allison proposed a motion in favour of this initiative that was seconded by Janine. All were in favour and non opposed.

5. New Business

- **Measures Grant Allocation:** Rachel explained that Alexa Marsden came in to help kids who are having difficulty in class. She was present early in the calendar year. \$16,584 was used to hire an integration aide for kindergarten. The wellness grant was put towards Jungle Sport Day. A donation from Home & School was put to creating a Ninja Warrior circuit. A number of televisions, computers and Chromebooks were purchased with these grants.
- **Governing Board Composition Consultation:** Carol said we needed to two community members but have one presently, but community members are optional. Katherine will ask Alberto Sanchez, the previous chair of GB about this, since the question was raised last year. It is proposed that just one be required for Clearpoint. A response will be sent in response to this consultation saying that the GB has no further comments.
- **LBPSB Three-year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2018-2021:** There is no response required. Katherine will send a response to that effect.
- **LBPSB Commitment-to-Success Plan 2018-2022 Consultation:** discussion was deferred to a later date.

6. Fields trips, fundraisers and activities

- Wednesday, April 25, 2018: Staff from the Lyman Entomological Museum came to visit grade 1 in relation to an IB unit on life cycles. The cost for the visit is 7\$ per student.
- May (date TBD): a trip to Christmas Park school in May to see the play Beauty and the Beast by the children in kindergarten is proposed. There may be a fee, but Suzanne Larkin will send information to Katherine. Travel would be by school bus, and the cost of the outing offset by H&S.
- Wednesday, May 23, 2018: Grade 5 to [MMFA](#) related to the IB unit on expression through art. The cost is \$18/student and travel is by school bus. The students will be away all day. There will be 5 adults accompanying 44 students.
- Tuesday, May 29, 2018: Grade 3 trip to Droulers-Tsiionhiakwatha archeological site of an ancient Iroquoien village. The cost is \$27/student and travel is by school bus. This is a full day outing with a staff/student ratio of 1:10.
- Friday, June 15, 2018: Grade 1 trip to Musée Pour Enfants De Laval related to unit on jobs. The cost is \$26/student and travel is by school bus. The students will be away from 8h30 – 15h30 and the staff/student ratio will be 1:4.

Physical Education outings:

- Wednesday, September 19, 2018: participation in Terry Fox Run.
- September 17 & 18, 2018: Ultimate frisbee tournament for Grade 6. Travel will be by bus and parent volunteers will be needed. 30 participants are needed as a minimum. The cost will be determined later. Various elementary schools in the school board will be participating.
- October 16 & 17, 2018: Cross-country run at Morgan Arboretum for grades 4-6. The cost will be \$15/student. Travel will be by bus.
- January 14-18, 2019: Jungle Sport climbing and rope activity at school. The total cost is about \$4200 for the school but is free for students through school funding.
- January 24, 2019: basketball jamboree for grade 5. The outing will be from 8h15 – 14h00 and travel will be by bus.
- February 5, 20 and 28, 2019: Junior Ski Club for grades 1-4 will take place. The cost will be \$185-220/student.
- March 13, 2019: Senior Ski Day will take place. The cost will be \$50-70/student. The outing will be from 8h15 – 15h30.
- Jump Rope for Heart, 2019 edition: the exact date is still to be determined.
- April 9, 2019: Rugby Jamboree for grade 5. The cost will be \$15/student. Travel will be by bus.
- CEPSUM outing: It will take place on February 25, 2019 for grades 5 & 6 and on May 3, 2019 for grades 3-4. The cost will be \$13/student if H&S can fund part of it, otherwise it will be \$25/student. The grades 5 and 6 students will have this outing earlier so as not to conflict with exams.
- May 16, 2019: Halo Run for grades 3-6. The cost will be \$18-20/student and travel will be by bus. The outing will involve 130-140 students running at Beaver Lake on Mount Royal.
- Track and Field meet: May 28/29, 2019 with a rain date of May 30/31. The cost is \$15/student and travel will be by bus. The event will be held at Riverdale high school.

A first vote for all the trips but those for physical education was moved by Suzanne and seconded by Bill. All were in favour and none opposed. A second vote for the physical education outings was moved by Carol and seconded by Audrey. All were in favour and none opposed.

7. Reports (in order of presentation at the meeting):

- **Commissioner's report:** The full report by the commissioner is included in Annex A of the minutes of the meeting.
- **Principal report:** Rachel pointed out that the initiative to approve the Jersey Day was quickly moved by the GB and she thanked all for their efforts. Teachers catered the discussions around the tragedy of the Humboldt Broncos to the level of the kids. The children in grade 6 kids were very solemn about it. The students in grade 2 were thinking of the survivors and how to help them manage trips to hospital, etc. Rachel went to talk to CBC Daybreak and then asked CBC to come to the school. This led to lots of shares of her post on this topic on Facebook. There were many difficult discussions that were supported by parents in the days following the tragedy.
- **PYP update:** Susan recounted that classes are moving to next unit, the fifth of the school year. Previous units are now done. So-called "Brag Tags" were formally named IB Pride tags to avoid a word with a negative connotation.

- **Kindergarten:** Suzanne Larkin informed the meeting that the unit on homes was now finished, and a unit on spring was begun. This is the sixth and final unit. The kindergarten children will lead an IB assembly on April 24, 2018.
- **Kindergarten:** Sandra recounted that a recent trip to the [MMFA](#) trip was successful. The children were in awe of what they saw. A trip to Stewart Hall was on the schedule for Thursday, April 12, 2018.
- **Grade 1:** Jeanine informed the meeting that the unit on “tell me a story” was completed. The unit on life cycles was started this week.
- **Physical Education:**
 - Bill recounted that the ski club for juniors was amazing, likely the best to date. Good weather, participation and instructors contributed to this success. The same was true of the senior ski trip, which had 38 children and parents participating. The weather was good and there were no injuries.
 - The annual rugby jamboree was held on April 10, 2018 and was attended by 38 students. It was organised by Rugby Canada, which run stations teaching children how to play. It was held at an indoor dome, so as to have warm conditions.
 - Grade 4 soccer is finishing, though ringette is still going on.
 - Jump Rope for Heart on April 5, 2018 raised quite a few funds, with the exact tally to be know around April 18, 2018.
 - The 2018 Halo Run involves 120 students and counting.
 - The student-staff basketball game was held recently and was a lot of fun. The staff won 38-20, but had a good run for their money.
 - IB principles are being incorporated into physical education, based on the units the children are doing. For example, the grade 1 children, learning about how the environment is impacted by human activity used a trip to a nearby park to look for things that would not have been present 200 or 300 years ago.
- **Daycare:**
 - Tassie informed the meeting that in addition to ducks being back in the school yard, the next pedagogical day will be April 20, 2018. It will involve the company Dynamix coming in with games for the children, such as “Master Blaster”, where the kids try to hit certain structures with blasters.
 - There is a planned increase in staff for the 2018-2019 school year, since more children will be attending the school. Lunch fees are proposed to increase by \$0.05 per day to offset these costs. This increase is proposed across the whole of the school board. A motion to support this increase was made by Suzanne and seconded by Sandra. All were in favour and none opposed.
 - Registration for daycare will come out early or mid-May for the next school year.
 - There are 4 more pedagogical days coming up before the end of the current school year.
 - Kindergarten orientation will be held on Friday, June 1, 2018.
- **Home & School :**
 - The annual school BBQ is planned for Friday, June 8, 2018 with a rain date of Friday, June 15, 2018.

- A movie night at the school is proposed for Thursday, May 10, 2018. The following day is a pedagogical day. H&S is planning to show a movie that is privately owned: this is permitted so long as fees are not charged to watch the movie. There will be a charge of \$3 for popcorn and juice. The movie will be screened in the gym. The event will be limited to 300 people. Since the grade 5 children will be writing an entrance exam the following day, the choice of movie will be geared for younger children. A motion to approve this activity was moved by Audrey and seconded by Carol.
 - A book fair will be held at school by Babar books on Thursday, April 26, 2018. This will coincide with portfolio night.
 - Thursday, April 12, 2018: A talk for parents entitled “Money Matters” will be held at Beacon Hill at 7:00 p.m.
 - **Clearpoint Parent Representative to LBPSB Parents’ Committee:** The full report can be found in Annex B to the meeting minutes.
8. Varia
- Carol asked to talk about changing before gym. Children aren’t given much time to change and it bothers some parents. Some of the children are not in the habit of changing as a way of controlling odours and general hygiene. There is no effective way to enforce the children to change and there are no change rooms either. The older grades (4,5 6) are encouraged to change by school staff. Social considerations and peer pressure can also influence their behaviour. A suggestion was made of distributing mesh bags to children to keep their gym clothes in. Rachel indicated that she will try and buy these bags as well as deodorant for the children. She will also talk to teachers about it and Bill will talk to the children.
9. Correspondence
- None.
10. Date of next meeting
- The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.
11. Adjournment
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Bill and seconded by Carol at 7:50 p.m. All were in favour and none opposed.

Annex A – Report of the School Commissioner

Council of Commissioners Meeting: March 26th, 2018

In accordance with the Education Act which provides that “the School Board shall prepare an annual report containing a statement of its activities during the school year, and transmit a copy of the report to the Minister of Education”, the **2016-2017** Lester B. Pearson School Board **Annual Report** was approved. A copy will be posted on the board website shortly.

Based on a recommendation from the Facilities and Security Committee, Council modified the current **rental of facilities rates** for the 2018-2019 school year.

Council launched the **annual consultation** on the proposed **Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables** of the Lester B. Pearson School Board 2018-2021 with responses to be returned to the Secretariat no later than May 20, 2018, such that the final version can be adopted at the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners to be held on May 28, 2018. As amendments to the Education Act now require the School Board to convert its Strategic Plan into a Commitment-to-Success Plan (C-to-S Plan) and as the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports has defined directions and objectives to be integrated in the C-to-S Plan and requested that school boards provide their adopted C-to-S Plan by June 1, 2018, Council resolved that the draft Lester B. Pearson School Board **Commitment-to-Success Plan 2018-2022** be distributed for **consultation** during the week of March 26, 2018, with responses to be returned to the Secretariat no later than May 20, 2018, for consideration so that the final draft of the Lester B. Pearson School Board Commitment-to-Success Plan 2018-2022 can be adopted at the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of May 28, 2018. The good news is that minimal change will be required to convert our Strategic Plan to the required C-to-S Plan.

Following a recommendation from the Facilities and Security Committee, a resolution was passed that the contracts for the cleaning of ventilation systems in a number of schools and at Head Office was authorized to be awarded to specified contractors.

The **Central Students Committee** reported they are planning for the **Senior Leadership Day on May 4th, 2018 at PCHS (9am-2pm)**. An invitation will be sent to high schools to select 25 student reps to partake in workshops and activities. The cost will be \$500 per school which includes transportation (most schools), cost for the activities, event bracelet, keynote speaker fee for Nick Foley* and Subway lunch. This year's theme is V.O.I.C.E. (Very Ordinary Individuals Creating Excellence).

* Nick Foley is the founder of Celebrate the Hero and Move for Inclusion.

The Next Regular Council Meeting - Monday, April 30th, 2018 at which time, Administrative Appointments will be ratified.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Clifford,
Commissioner for Ward 12

Annex B – Report of the Clearpoint Parent Representative

LBPSB Parents' Committee
April 2018

SUMMARY

School Board Elections

There are rumors that School Board elections may get postponed. Hopefully we know for sure by the end of April.

Rosemary Murphy has been appointed to fulfill the functions of Returning Officer of the Lester B. Pearson School Board from March 12 to December 31, 2018. She wants to come and speak to the Parent Committee. Probably the May meeting, once the uncertainty around the election dates is resolved.

In the recent Quebec budget, dedicated funding has been allocated in the Director General of Elections budget for the upcoming school board elections.

Intercultural Advisory Committee Report

Aboriginal Day will be celebrated on April 30th, 2018 at Lindsay Place for local schools in the area.

The current IAC Grant allocation model was reviewed and will be the same for the 2018-19 school year, using the same application timeline.

Dr. Andrea Sterzuk, Dean of the Department of Education at the University of Regina has been invited by the committee to speak to our community on issues related to hatred and racism on May 2, 2018.
<https://andreasterzuk.com/about/>

-Similar activities will be sponsored by the committee including sensitivity workshop for staff and teachers.

-The committee will request a recurrent \$ 5000 via our school board's budget consultation to organize activities as requested by Council this past January to counter hate and racism.

Long Term Planning

The Long Term Planning committee continues to review various aspects of our student population and demographics

Grade 6 Exit and Retention Data- noticing that retention rates are improving

Consultations

The LBPSB PC submitted the following consultation responses.

They will be available on parents.qc.ca:

- Budget Consultation Policy
- Consultation for the Extra Curricular Activities and Field Trip Policy

Ad hoc Sub committees:

- Ad Hoc Sub - Student Success Plan
- Ad Hoc Sub- Anti-bullying/Anti-Violence: some information still needs to be collected to determine if there is a systemic bullying issue in our schools. Different subgroups use the information differently and the subcommittee will be looking at how everyone can access the same information. The Anti-Bullying Plan was implemented seven years ago. Based on school culture, individual schools approach the anti-bullying issue differently. T. Rhymes was invited to speak to this topic. He emphasized that Bill 56 has evolved since it was initially invoked and has expanded to include many more elements. He noted that there is no one particular framework that has been implemented across the board and that each school has taken their own direction. S. Ross invited PC members to join the ABAV Subcommittee, although he highlighted the fact that since this topic seems to be at the forefront, it will be an ongoing discussion item at the PC.
- Ad Hoc Sub – School Board Elections
- Ad Hoc Sub – LBPSB 20th Anniversary

New business:

The following will be discussed at our upcoming meeting, Thursday April 12, 2018

- QESBA Focus Group
- NEW CONSULTATION – LBPSB Three-year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2018-2021
- NEW CONSULTATION – LBPSB Commitment-to-Success Plan 2018-2022

Varia:

- SNAC webcasts: <http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/webcasts/page.asp>
Parent to Parent Presentation: The Art and Science of the IEP Process.... Promoting Parental Engagement in our Children's Education Presented by: Jennifer DiMarco, Rob Gilmartin, Maureen Hunt, Sheila Moody
- LBPSB Family Fun Run Sunday May 6, 2018
- PEF Comedy Night April 20, 2018 <https://www.facebook.com/events/1969510846636659/>
- Impact Soccer day: May 5. Tickets must be purchased by April 20
- Footloose at John Rennie - May 3,4, 5 tickets \$10