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Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Katherine Wiebe

Location: Clearpoint Elementary School Date: Tuesday December 11, 2018 Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Attendees Governing Board (GB) Members:	Attendees GB Substitutes:	Attendees Parents/other:	Absent:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Saunders • Carol Rabbat • David Estok • Garry Saunders • Janine Von Bauer • Katherine Wiebe • Louise Sudia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie-Flore Gignac • Miranda Tubbeh • Susan Lariviere • Suzanne Larkin • Tassie Fyon • Tayba Huot • Wayne Clifford 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audrey Lambert • Marc Lucke • Tatiana Mendez • Wendy Mendoza 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Harbert • Sue Bell • Patricia Beach
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Mang • Dov Bensimon • Liz Lopez • Sandra Fisher

Agenda		
1. Welcome	5. Business Arising	8. Reports
2. Approval of the Agenda	a. Proposed GB Budget	9. Varia
3. Approval of the Last Minutes	6. Follow Ups New Business	10. Correspondence
4. Public & Member Question Period	7. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities	11. Date of next meeting
		12. Adjournment

1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Janine, seconded by Louise and approved by all.

2. Approval of the Minutes from Wednesday, October 3, 2018

- a. The minutes were approved by all, after a motion by Suzanne Larkin which was seconded by Tayba Huot.

3. Public questions

- Question arose regarding how items get into the Lost and Found.
 - All students know where the Lost and found is and are eager to put things into the box
 - Ms. Angelica will take responsibility to call students down if the articles found have clear labels.
 - Mr. Estok will add something to the morning announcements regarding the lost and found

4. Business arising

- a. Proposed GB Budget
 - i. GB agreed to postpone this discussion to January 2019 meeting
- b. Malodorous Student Follow Up
 - i. No further comments / concerns from parents were brought up

- ii. Communicate to the parents still needs to go out
 - iii. Teachers have been reminding students and providing additional time if the students want to change between classes
 - iv. We may need to order more Clearpoint bags if students have lost theirs since there is only enough remaining for new students.
 - c. Parking on Cedar / Kiss and Drop Off
 - i. Thanks was given for the quick turnaround advising parents of the parking signs on Cedar
 - ii. Additional Grade 6 student was added to Kiss and Drop as well as two rows of cones, which seems to be helping greatly
 - iii. No further comments / concerns from parents was brought up
- 5. New Business
 - a. N/A
- 6. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities
 - a. Home and School Lunch Time Activities
 - i. Same program as the fall, with the exception of Robotics
 - 1. The Robotics program charged tax, so we may need to increase the price or remove robotics all together
 - 2. K's will have Circus available to them: it was requested to look at adding Dance for the K's as there was a great teacher that had come into the K class not long ago
 - b. 301/302 Rock Fundraiser
 - i. Grade 3 class will sell rocks (2\$ per rock) to the school December 18th and 19th
 - ii. Money raised will go to Cancer Research and/or Bearers of Hope International
 - c. Grade 2 Field Trip to Stewart Hall
 - i. January 2018
 - ii. No Cost
 - iii. Will tie in with the IB unit on Art
 - d. Math Club
 - i. Grade 4, 5 & 6
 - ii. 10\$ for registration fee
 - iii. Meetings will take place once a week and students will work on math problems to prepare for the exam
 - iv. Exam is done across Canada
 - v. Ice Cream party after the exam
 - e. After School Language Classes
 - i. Spanish and Mandarin will be offered in the new year to all grades
 - ii. Depending on the interest classes will be created
 - iii. Cost is around 80\$ for 12 weeks of classes
 - iv. This is not part of PELO

These field trips and fundraisers were approved by all, after a motion by Suzanne which was seconded by Carol.

7. Reports:

a. **Commissioner's Report**

- i. The full report is included as an annex to the minutes of this meeting. (p.6)

b. **Principal Report**

- i. There will be a new format for the Educational Project which will be connected to the IB Action Plan
 - i. Projects should include the community with this new direction
 - ii. Will be reviewed with the GB in the new year
- ii. San Diego Trip was excellent
 - i. The school used the John Killingbeck Scholarship that was received to take this trip to schools that are doing project based learning
 - ii. Clearpoint is already implementing many of the ideas used in those schools such as one to one ratio for devices.
- iii. Big Thank You to everyone for reading week / scholastics book fair / community readers – it was a fantastic week
- iv. Senior show is on Thursday December 13th – special thanks to our dance and music teachers coordinating the event
- v. A personal thanks from David was extended to teachers and parents for the warm welcome and easy transition into Clearpoint
- vi. The full report is included as an annex to the minutes of the meeting. (p.7)

c. **Primary Years Program (PYP):**

- i. Exhibition has been launched in the Grade 6 – will take place on February 7th – time to be confirmed (as always GB is invited to come and see)
 - i. Theme is Sharing the Planet – Actions the students would take leads the inquiry
 - ii. Yearly summit took place on Monday with guest speakers for the students on their topics
 - iii. Parent meeting to take place next Monday

d. **Teachers:**

- i. Grade 2 are finished their Unit on Transportation and will start on their Art Unit (express yourself)
- ii. Grade 5 is starting their unit on Natural Disasters and Dov Bensimon will be a guest speaker in the class
- iii. Grade 1 finished with their Mapping Unit and had a treasure hunt outside – kids were very excited about all things map related.
 - i. Will start their Unit on Water – and Dov will also be asked to come and speak to the class
- iv. Grade 4 is finishing up Recycling

- i. Class started composting in the class – bringing home a bin each night to compost in their household bins
 - ii. They have big ideas on how to make the city a better place with recycling and compost
 - iii. Started Unit on Explorers
 - v. K – hibernation is on hold for now
 - i. Working on their Celebrations Unit – Hanukah, Kwanza and Christmas
- e. **Daycare:**
 - i. Completed back to back Ped Days went well
 - i. Dynamix came to the school
 - ii. Stewart Hall visit had three activities – visiting the art gallery, art project and special dance
 - 1. Tassie is going to look at having the dance teacher come into the school at the end of the year
 - ii. Chrome books are being used and a schedule has been set up for grade 3 – 6
 - i. Trying to avoid having them only play games
 - iii. Gym time is twice a week
 - iv. Today the students made snacks and coffee for the parents who have to wait so long for their children to get ready to come home! It was a great even that Tassie would like to do again next year.
- f. **Home and School:**
 - i. Scholastics Book Fair Update
 - i. First time that the school did the book fair and gained a lot of experience
 - ii. ~10K was raised from the Fair
 - iii. ~6,200\$ in books will be given back to the school
 - iv. An entire box of books was purchased by H&S and given to Helping Hands
 - ii. Recipes in a Jar was sent home today – still some deliveries to be made
 - i. ~2,500 was raised
 - ii. 60 Packs of soup was given to the school to donate
 - iii. Budding Artist, Holiday Fair – totals are still being calculated
 - iv. Big THANK YOU to the H&S for all they do each and every day and all the fantastic events they plan for our community and student body!! Kudos and thank you thank you thank you!
- g. **Clearpoint Parent Representative to LBPSB Parents’ Committee:**
 - i. Adhoc subcommittee formed on environmental awareness in schools and may provide recommendations
 - i. Allison asked if it would be possible to start composting in the school and David said this is something he has brought up with the Green Team and would like to explore but wants the student body to lead it
 - ii. FAQ on the lawsuit is being put up to answer some questions
 - i. H&S is allowed to fundraise to pay for activities in the school
 - ii. More information to follow



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iii. The full report is included as an annex to the minutes of the meeting. (p.9)

8. Varia

a. None

9. Correspondence

a. None

10. Date of next meeting

a. Next meeting **Wednesday January 16th @ 6:30pm in the Library**

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Suzanne and seconded by Louise at 7:30 p.m. All were in favour and none opposed.

Thank you to the GB for a great start to the year. Wishing you all a healthy and happy holiday season with lots of naps and awesome good times with your friends and families.

Commissioner's Report – December 2018

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Clifford (Commissioner – Ward 12)



News from the November 26th Meeting of the Council of Commissioners

Josée Dubrule, a teacher at Christmas Park School, was recognized by Council for winning the very prestigious ESSOR Award, awarded each year by the Ministry of Education to recognize the efforts and enthusiasm of the educators “who help young people undertake innovative and ambitious projects that promote student retention and the incorporation of the cultural dimension into the school by encouraging student involvement and promoting student success”. Council viewed the excellent video “Les Filles du Roi” produced by Josée and her students which led to the ESSOR award.

The four Parent Commissioners who will serve on Council took their oaths of office. Returning are Jason Doan (Elementary), Sharad Bhargava (Secondary) and Angela Berryman (Special Needs) while new to Council replacing Frank Clarke is Len Podgurny (At Large).

The Director General, in his monthly report to Council, highlighted the appearance of BHS’ Bison News team on Breakfast Television recently. What began as a weekly video broadcast, the Bison News crew has expanded its scope by leading mentorship projects with elementary schools and becoming the ‘go-to’ group for many of BHS and LBPSB’s large scale events.

A number of administrative staffing changes were made necessitated by a mid-year retirement. These included appointing Nancy Potvin, currently a teacher at Mount Pleasant School, to a position as Vice-Principal at Macdonald High School effective January 7th replacing Christie Brown who will become the new Assistant Centre Director at PACC. The full complement of changes is posted on the board website.

The 2017-2018 Annual Report presented by the Lester B. Pearson School Board’s Student Ombudsman was received and will be posted on the board website.

The Lester B. Pearson School Board resolved to officially renew its membership with the Québec English School Board Association for the 2018-2019 school year.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, December 17th at 7:30 pm. and, as with all Council meetings, is webcast live on the board website.

Minutes of the prior council meeting also will be published on the board website following approval at the subsequent meeting

Governing Board Principal's Report – December 11, 2018

Respectfully submitted by David Estok



-Educational Project – A revised format for the Educational Project has been prescribed by the ministry. This should not result in any marked departure from the pre-existing plan which was approved last year, but does provide an opportunity for revisions to the plan which are to be made on annual basis. I also see this as an opportunity to connect the Educational Project to our IB Action Plan. This revised format was presented to principals on Nov. 21 and was presented to teachers yesterday. In terms of process, it will essentially be the same as in the past in that the staff and I will develop the plan and present it to GB for review. An expectation is that parents are involved as consultative partners, which aligns with a recommendation from IB in terms of developing strategies for meaningful involvement of stakeholders in our programme – namely our parents. We will begin our process of revision in the New Year.

-Visit to schools in San Diego: I had the amazing opportunity to travel to San Diego with Sue Larivière, Frances La Porta, and Suzanne Robinson. This professional development activity was organized by Rachel Wilson and the teachers who applied for a John Killingbeck Scholarship. I am very grateful to have benefitted from their efforts in such a significant way. The trip was fantastic, and involved visiting 4 different schools in the San Diego area. We spent the most time at a school called High Tech Elementary, affiliated with High Tech High, which has project-based learning as its focus. An award-winning film called 'Most Likely to Succeed' outlines the pedagogical philosophy of this school, and although it focuses on the High School, the practices in the elementary school are very similar. Links to the school website and youtube version of the film follow:

<https://www.hightechhigh.org/hte/>

<https://goo.gl/gZX1px>

Very interesting to visit these schools and get many ideas which will be shared with staff here. One of the things that was great to see is that we are doing many of the things that these avant guard schools are doing; for example our current tech plan is essentially the same as High Tech Elementary. Thank you to Suzanne Larkin and Vanessa Motter – who took over responsibilities during our absence.

-Book Fair & Reading Week - The Enchanted Forest bookfair was the centre-piece of our reading week in November, and we are again incredibly thankful to the Home & School for all the preparation and hard work that went into organizing this event. Another tremendous success for our school. Thank you to Tayba and all the parents who decorated the gym, set things up, manned the cash on Wednesday night and today were still delivering books to students. Amazing teamwork, and fantastic support for Clearpoint. I also want to thank all of the guests who came to continue the annual tradition of Community Readers' Day last Thursday. Your participation was amazing. Reading week was a frenzy of reading activity, and I also thank our staff for their participation and work organizing things through the week. Congrats to our students for their enthusiastic participation too and for getting into reading!

-Senior Show – As you know our students in grades 3 – 6 have been practicing very hard for their performances this Thursday. We very much hope you all can come. Thank you to Liana Goldsmith and Jamie Brasseur our music and dance teachers.



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-Exhibition Summit – Grade 6 students had the opportunity to meet with a group of experts from outside organizations to help guide them in refining their topics for Exhibition. Their projects fall under the theme of “Sharing the Planet”. Thank you to Sue and the grade 6 teachers for organizing this important event. Great success yesterday.

-Thank you to the parent community – I want to say that I have very truly appreciated the support and positive feedback from all of you. I feel very welcomed, and feel very fortunate to be among you at Clearpoint.

-Thank you to staff - Although I wouldn't say the transition has necessarily been seamless for you (thank you for your on-going) patience, your kindness and support has certainly made the move here very easy for me. It is extremely rewarding to work with such a truly talented and dedicated group of professionals. I know that I am very privileged to be one of your colleagues.

I want to wish everyone a super holiday!

LBPSB Parents' Committee Report – December 2018

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



SUMMARY

- **Environmental Awareness ad hoc subcommittee:** the subcommittee has researched what others are doing as well as brainstormed to come up with a list of possibilities for within the LBPSB; a short list of recommendations was supplied for the schools.
- **School Fees:** with the election of CAQ there is still no clear guidance on what fees are or are not allowed to be charged; it was noted that Home & School Organizations *are* allowed to fundraise for specific activities
- **Long-term Planning:** Minister will ask representatives from LBPSB and Commission Scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys (CSMB) to address respective low enrollment and overflow issues and perhaps come up with a mutually-beneficial solution; possibilities include renting space in our schools, sharing a building, transferring a building.
- **PC Priorities:** a list of compiled suggested priorities for the PC was further pared down by the attendees, to be discussed further with ad hoc subcommittees created as needed. These priorities will be used to focus presentation efforts and meeting discussion topics.
- **Newly created LBPSB Safe and Caring Schools subcommittee:** the Programs and Services Committee of the LBPSB Council created a new subcommittee to review the policy of the same name; L. Dalterio was acclaimed to represent the PC on the subcommittee.
- **Feedback regarding Parent-Teacher Interview Setup:** appointments set up via Fusion seem to be the ideal process as long as time limits are respected; some schools held both daytime and evening sessions to ensure all parents were able to attend.
- **Administrative staffing changes** were approved. Posted on the board's website.
- The PC was invited to recommend a workshop (regarding the role of parents) under the theme of "Pathways to Wellness" for the QESBA/AAESQ conference.
- LBPSB video memories are being collected for the 20th anniversary celebrations, with two Apple iPads available as prizes.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2018