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Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Dov Bensimon

Location: Clearpoint Elementary School		Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019		Time: 6:32 – 7:53 p.m.	
Attendees Governing Board (GB) Members:		Attendees GB Substitutes:		Attendees Parents/other:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Mang • Carol Rabbat • David Estok • Dov Bensimon • Garry Saunders • Janine Von Bauer • Joanne Barette • Katherine Wiebe 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Lopez • Louise Sudia • Suzanne Larkin • Tassie Fyon • Tayba Huot • Wayne Clifford 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audrey Lambert • Danny Trotto • Marc Lucke • Tatiana Mendez 	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Saunders • Helen MacTaggart • Kelly Scheldeman • Linda Harbert • Marie-Flore Gignac • Mark Christiano • Miranda Tubbeh • Patricia Beach 	

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

1. Welcome

- Joanne Barrette was welcomed to the GB, in replacement of Sandra Fisher.

2. Approval of the Agenda

- A motion to accept the proposed agenda was initiated by Louise, seconded by Suzanne and approved by all unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes from Monday, March 18, 2019

- The minutes from the last meeting were unanimously approved by all, after a motion by Louise which was seconded by Suzanne.

4. Public questions

- None.

5. Business arising

- **Consultation on the Major School Change (MSC):** Katherine asked if there were questions or comments on this topic. Since there were none, Katherine will respond indicating there were no comments from the GB. David highlighted the fact that there is a shorter timeline for the MSC than in the past. The school board will now make clearer specific recommendations that it has in mind for this process, as compared to how such recommendations were made in the past. Also, in the past, if more than 10% of a school's population was going to change (through zoning changes, for example), it was required to launch the MSC process. This will no longer be the case. The meeting was informed that there is a long-term planning committee as part of the MSC. The focus in this round of MSC is more on high schools than elementary schools.

6. New Business

- **Consultation on the composition of the GB:** As in the past, Clearpoint wanted to have just one community member, but the official composition will still indicate 2 members, since the board had expressed a preference for this in the past. There is no obligation for the GB to have two community members, but that is the maximum number attainable. No comments were made regarding the proposed composition, so Katherine will respond to the consultation saying the GB is in agreement with the current composition.
- **Three-year plan of allocation of immovables:** It was asked if the numbers of students listed in each school could in this document could serve to trigger the MSC process. David informed the meeting that this could be the case, but it depends on how events play out. None of the elementary schools slated to offer pre-kindergarten programs are identified in this plan, but will need to be if the program is confirmed. Katherine will ask for clarification about this point from the school board and the topic will be discussed at the next GB meeting.

7. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

- Grade 3 will travel to the [Droulers-Tsiionhiakwatha](#) interpretation center on 15 May 2019 as part of their unit on societies. The cost being charged to parents is \$5/student for parents; the rest of the cost is being covered by funds received by the [MEES](#). Travel will be by bus for this full day outing, which will see a ratio of 1 adult per 10 students.
- Grade 4 will go to the [Pointe-Claire Public Library](#) on 7 May 2019 to see a presentation by the author [Helaine Becker](#). There is no cost. Students will walk to the library for this outing, which will see a ratio of 1 adult per 10 students.
- Grade 1 will have the visite of "Insecte roulant", who will come to school on 17 April 2019 to show students various types of insects. There is no cost for this activity.
- Kindergarten and grade 1 will participate in a program offered by the city of Pointe-Claire to visit [Terra Cotta park](#). Students will be going to the park on 22 May 2019 (rain date 23 May 2019) by bus. This is a free activity. Students will get a guided tour through the park.
- Spanish classes: a survey went out to parents to determine interest in such classes. Enough interest was received to start offering classes. The program is expected to start the week of 15 April 2019 and run for 8 weeks. This will cost \$70 for the tutoring and materials. Students who are participating in the classes are in kindergarten, as well as grades 1 and 2. No interest was expressed by students in older grades, though only 8 parents responded so far.

- A motion to approve these activities was made by Tayba and seconded by Jeanine and unanimously accepted.

8. Reports:

- a. **Commissioner's Report:** The full report is included as an annex to the minutes of this meeting.
- b. **Principal Report:** The report from the principal is included as an annex to the minutes of the meeting.
- c. **Primary Years Programme (PYP):** David explained that there is no one taking over the position of PYP coordinator completely following the departure of Sue Larivière, but two teachers will be filling in this role for the remainder of the school year. Jennifer Pinard and David Dufresne will be released from their regular teaching duties for a day and a half-day per week, respectively, so as to fulfill these duties. A substitute teacher will go into the classrooms of these teachers while they are working on the PYP programme. The suggestion was made to announce in the weekly newsletter when new IB units are started.

d. **Teachers:**

- **Physical education:** The Junior ski club went well this winter. Bill noted that Mont Habitant is a good place to go skiing, since it is often not very crowded. Approximately 55 children participated. The senior ski day was held on a day with good weather and went well. Skating went ahead despite cold weather. Parent volunteers were thanked for helping with these activities. The rugby jamboree took place today (10 April 2019) and saw 43 students participate, including 10 from grade 6. Permission slips for the Halo Run were sent home today (10 April 2019). This race will take place on Mount Royal on 16 May 2019 (no rain date) and is for students in grades 3-6. Bill sent home 150 permission slips and has ordered 3 buses for the occasion. Permission slips will be going home soon for the grades 3 and 4 outing to the [CEPSUM](#) on 2 May 2019. Bill mentioned that the [Jump Rope for Heart](#) event will take place on Wednesday, 8 May 2019 (rain date the next day). All students can participate, but grades 3-6 usually collect pledges. The event will take place outside this year and younger students will likely be paired with older ones.
- **Kindergarten** – The students are working on the unit on homes and are learning about all types of homes. They are almost at the end of the unit.
- **Grade 1:** is doing a unit on sharing the planet and life cycles. They are studying chickens as part of this unit.
- **Music:** The second step in the preparation of a video for the school board's 20th anniversary celebrations was recently completed at school. Students in the school choir were filmed as part of this video.
- Coding has been going on in workshops for grades 4 and 5.
- Students are working on their preparations for the junior year-end concert.

e. **Daycare:**

- Tassie wants to offer an after-school program called "Cabaret Kids". It will last 9 weeks starting Wednesday 17 April and will run from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. The last day will feature

a show at 5:00 p.m. There is a capacity of 16-18 students for this program. The fee will be \$130 and will run from 17 April – 12 June 2019. Receipts will be given out. This will be for grades 4-6. The proposition to accept this activity was moved by Liz and seconded by Carol. All were in favour and none opposed.

- Tassie showed photos of corking and art work that the kids did in daycare. Cooking is now done also.

f. **Home and School:**

- It is planned to hold a movie night at school on Thursday, 16 May 2019 (the following day is a pedagogical day). There will be a charge of 3\$ for drinks and popcorn. Paddington 2 will be the movie shown.
- There is a program offered to purchase school supplies. This will be done through a company called “[School Kits](#)”. Delivery of school supplies will take place in August, and the school will receive 7% of the total pre-tax and shipping sales. Each box is labelled with students’ name and grade. This would be done as a fundraiser for the school. David informed the meeting that information on what can be charged to parents just came in from the [MEES](#) this week. Tayba will see if there can be an extension. This will have to be approved by staff council first before bringing it to GB.
- The annual Clearpoint barbecue was discussed. It is planned for Friday, 31 May 2019, with the rain date being Friday, 14 June 2019. Given the time needed to advertise the event, it was suggested to the meeting to pass a motion to approve it immediately.
- Orders of maple syrup will be coming in on Tuesday, 16 April 2019. They will be distributed at the school from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- A motion to approve the school barbecue as well as the movie night was moved by Liz and seconded by Carol. All were in favour and none opposed.

g. **Clearpoint Parent Representative to LBPSB Parents’ Committee:**

- Liz reported on a recent meeting of the LBPSB Parents’ Committee, which discussed a number of topics, as follows:
- There was an environmental awareness committee, which makes efforts to educate grade 7 students about recycling.
- There will be a vote on the LBPSB MSC policy on 22 April 2019.
- There is an antibullying and antiviolence committee.
- The future of school boards were discussed. There is no bill to abolish them proposed yet, but one in the works. The [CAQ](#) promised to abolish school boards and are following up on their election promise. It was suggested to have a formal proposition regarding this bill put forth to the GB so that a formal response could be formulated.
- The LBPSB pronounced itself against [Bill 21](#), an Act respecting the laicity of the State. The bill proposes to prohibit certain persons from wearing religious symbols while exercising their functions.
- A proposal to implement two 20-minute recesses during the school day was made and is expected to be implemented in the fall of 2019.
- It was suggested to start a sub-committee regarding the exam written by students in grade 5 for enrichment programs in high school. There are many points around this process

which could be improved or clarified. Based on a number of comments made by GB members, it was deemed to be a good idea that a sub-committee be formed.

- Pre-kindergarten programs are expected to begin in September 2019 in selected schools.

9. Varia

- Katherine informed the meeting that she attended the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) Parent to Parent Information Night on 3 April 2019. The topic discussed was “Understanding the Influence of Stress & Anxiety in our Children and Ourselves: Tips and strategies to help support your anxious child”. The event was very well attended and interesting. She suggested that it would be good to have more open communication with SNAC.

10. Correspondence

- None.

11. Date of next meeting

- The next meeting of the GB will be held on Tuesday May 7, 2019 at 6:30pm in the library.

12. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Bill and seconded by Louise at 7:53 p.m. All were in favour and none opposed.

Annex A – Report of the Commissioner

March 25, 2019 Commissioners' Report

It was announced earlier this month that the LBPSB will be losing two of its senior administrators. Paula Pedroso, the Regional Director responsible for Continuing Education, has been appointed by the Ministry as the Anglophone representative responsible for negotiations of the 2020-2025 teachers' Collective Agreement, effective March 25th. And Chris Fuzessy, the Regional Director for Region 2, has accepted the position of Superintendent for Foothills School Division in High River, Alberta, effective June 10th . Both Paula and Chris will be sorely missed!

The Educational Services Department was authorized to operate a Summer School Program, where the numbers warrant, at John Rennie High School and LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School from July 8, 2019 to August 2, 2019. Where the numbers warrant, transportation (at cost) will be provided to students attending the JRHS site and residing within the LBPSB's territory off the island of Montréal. However, Cycle I Summer School will be offered for the first time using a Virtual Classroom (online) model rather than at either school. As is required annually by section 211 of the Education Act, Council adopted a resolution authorizing the distribution for consultation of the draft of the proposed Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables of the LBPSB 2019-2022 be distributed for consultation to our consultative partners of during the week of March 25 with responses to be returned to the Secretariat no later than May 20. The final draft of the Three-Year Plan will be submitted for adoption at the regular May meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

Noel Burke, the Chair of the LBPSB, reported the likelihood that a Major School Change plan will be brought forward before the end of the school year affecting certain high schools for the 2020- 2021 school year.

The Central Students Committee felt that field trips are an important asset to their education viewing them as a different way of learning - good for mental health - interaction with peers - teamwork - everyone learns in unique ways – self-knowledge - visual learners can benefit- connects class to real life - most efficient way to learn in depth

- The question regarding whether parents should be asked to contribute resulted in the recommendation that there should be a balance – If mandatory school should pay - If a student cannot afford it, the school should subsidize.

The Human Resources Committee reported that Matthew Wilson, a teacher from Macdonald High School, is the new president of the Pearson Teachers Union (PTU). He replaces Heidi Yetman, who was recently acclaimed as President of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers (QPAT). Mr. Wilson was present at the meeting and inquired concerning the board's reaction if/when the bill prohibiting employees working in the public sector in a position of authority from exercising their functions while wearing religious symbols is adopted.

The HR Committee also reported that planning for 2019-2020 Administrative staffing is underway with some six Principals / Centre Directors expected to retire at the end of June. Appointments are normally done at the April Council of Commissioners meeting.

Assistant DG Carol Heffernan announced that the LBPSB will shortly be adopting guidelines for management of Extreme Heat conditions in schools and centres. In addition Council resolved to re-establish a Green Committee to make recommendations on increasing environmental awareness, recycling and other environmental initiatives. After a development process of over two years involving all employee groups Council adopted a new Policy on Employee Proficiency Practices Evaluation and Support Program. On a recommendation from the Facilities and Security Committee, Council adopted a resolution increasing the current rate for the rental of facilities by 2% for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Pearson Educational Foundation announced that there still are some tickets available for the Comedy Benefit Show on April 5th at Lakeside Academy in Lachine featuring comedian Mike Paterson. Tickets are \$25 and are limited to those 18+. A link to order tickets can be found on the PEF home page - <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca> Also, the annual Impact / LBPSB Partnership Game -- Impact vs. Chicago Fire, April 28, start time 12:30 pm at Saputo Stadium -- was announced. Discounted tickets of which a percentage is donated to PEF can be ordered at <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/Impact.htm> Note: Policies adopted by the Lester B. Pearson School Board appear on the Board website and can be found at <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/policy/policyV2.asp> and Council Committee reports can be viewed on our website at: <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/council/CommitteeReports.asp>

Upcoming Public meetings:

- Executive Committee April 23rd, 5:30 pm Boardroom 1925 Brookdale
- Dorval Council of Commissioners * April 29th, 7:30 pm Boardroom 1925 Brookdale, Dorval
- Live/archived webcasts available on the Board website.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Clifford, Commissioner – Ward 12

Annex B – Report of the Principal

April 10, 2019

Governing Board Principal's Report

Respectfully submitted by David Estok



-Spanish Classes: A parent survey has been sent out; tentative arrangements have been made with a tutor, with classes hopefully to start next week. Motion required: to charge parents \$70 to cover the cost of an 8-wk after school Spanish program.

-Possible Schedule Change for next year: As you may know, the Provincial Government has mandated an afternoon recess; the requirement will be to have 2 – 20 minute recess breaks, which will force the school day to end slightly later. Unclear how much will be under local control; the school board will be developing a board wide plan to adjust school hours as a function of transportation. Likely our school day will increase by a minimum of 15 min.

-Pre – K four-year-old program: As parents are aware, the Provincial Government has also expanded pre-k programs, and a number of schools have been selected for the delivery of these programs, based on, in part, socio-economic factors in certain communities. Schools must have a minimum number of students from particular addresses (postal codes) which identify communities with low socio-economic status. Questions have been asked about parents requesting transfers to other schools in their attendance zones. This will have to be clarified prior to next year's registration period.

-Parent Evening for students in grades 5-6: Two information sessions for parents of students in grades 5 & 6 will be held, one this Thursday, and the second on May 9. These sessions are for the parents of students participating in a McGill research study on stress and emotion management. The sessions are to help parents understand how best to support their children in the use of strategies to help with stress and emotion management. We hope that this will be helpful, at least in part in addressing some of the concern that has emerged about levels of stress and anxiety in students.

-School Yard Concerns - The City of Pointe Claire has removed the precautionary warning regarding the safety of the school yard. Last week the possibility of a sink-hole in an adjoining property prompted the City to issue this warning, which has since been removed following an evaluation by engineers.

– Portfolio Evening next week: On April 17, we will be welcoming parents to our annual portfolio evening. The format will essentially be the same as in previous years, where parents are invited to drop-in (no appointment necessary), to have their child guide them through examples of their work that illustrate the IB programme's units of inquiry. Hours will be from 5 – 7 p.m.

-GIMAC & Boys R Us – GIMAC for 2019 is moving ahead on April 27, with our keynote speaker being Taryn Tomlinson of the Canadian Space Agency. Our first of what we hope to be many days for boys is



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planned for its launch on May 25; Our guest speaker for that event is Otis Grant, former Olympic athlete, philanthropist, and community leader.

-Soap Dispensers – New soap dispensers have finally been installed in classrooms this week. This should help with the on-going efforts to help students keep their hands clean and address concerns regarding infections. These soap dispensers are easier to keep filled, have better aeration of the soap, and are create less waste.