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Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Dov Bensimon

Location: Clearpoint Elementary School		Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2020		Time: 6:35-7:48 p.m.	
Attendees Governing Board (GB) Members:		Attendees GB Substitutes:		Attendees Parents/other:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● David Estok ● Dov Bensimon ● Garry Saunders ● Katherine Wiebe ● Liz Lopez ● Louise Sudia ● Marie-Flore Gignac 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Miranda Tubbeh ● Rebecca-Ann Belmonte ● Sabrina Lazier ● Sandra Fisher ● Stuart Kemp ● Suzanne Larkin ● Tassie Fyon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Audrey Lambert ● Danny Trotto ● Maria Benavides ● Tatiana Mendez ● Tayba Huot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carol Rabbat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Absent: ● Bill Mang ● Catalina Clavero ● Marc Lucke ● Wayne Clifford ● Wendy Mendoza 	

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

- Liz welcomed everyone to the January meeting of the Governing Board at 6:35 p.m. Tatiana accepted to fill in for Marc as a voting member.

2. Approval of the Agenda

- There were a few proposed additions to the agenda: discussion of the policy on student lates, the Mandarin program, discussion of Ethics and Religious Culture course, as well as a discussion of the minutes from the AGA and annual report being posted to the GB website. Rebecca proposed a motion to accept this modified agenda and Suzanne seconded it. All voted to accept the agenda unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- The minutes from the last meeting (4 December 2019) were approved by all unanimously, following a motion by Louise, which was seconded by Stuart.

4. Public questions

- None.

5. Business arising

- Update to [GB web page](#): Following a short discussion, the meeting decided that the GB annual report should be added to the web page, as well as the last approved minutes of the AGA (from September 2018). Dov will liaise with the webmaster to have these documents added.

6. New Business

- **Mandarin courses** : The school is proposing to offer courses to learn Mandarin. The course would cost \$65 for an 8-10 week program. The course would be offered for an hour a week after school. It is hoped to launch the course by the end of January 2020. Suzanne and Louise moved to approve this idea, All were in favour and none approved.
- **Lateness**: Some improvement in punctuality has been noted since the return to school in January. Previously, many students have been arriving late in the mornings. There is a prescribed response for such incidents in the code of conduct of the school, including suspensions. Letters will be sent to parents of students who have been chronically late. If a student has 5 or more lates in a month, they will get recess detention. Concerns were raised that students will be penalized for problems that parents cause. A discussion around the topic informed the meeting that students who are late are coming into the class after all other students already seated and ready to go, thus disrupting learning. There is also a large number of students coming in late. Some suggested that the students should be suspended for the day, which would have an impact on the parents and thus discourage such behaviour. It was recognized that the school has been lenient about this topic thus far this school year, but will start being stricter since it is becoming a bigger issue. It was mentioned that there is a distinction between justified and unjustified lates – the former is a reasonable reason for the lateness.
- **Ethics and religious culture**: The meeting was informed that there has been discussion in the French school boards of putting the sexual education program in the religious ethics program. For the LBPSB, there has been no such discussion taking place. Some aspects of sexual education is included at the school in ethics and religious culture classes.

7. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

- **30/31 January 2020**: Grade 2 students will have a field trip to Stewart Hall for the Art of Making Masks. They will walk there, with one class going on 30 January 2020 and the other two on 31 January 2020. This is a half-day activity and there is no cost to students.
- **3 February 2020**: Nineteen Grade 5 students will participate in "[WE day](#)". This event is organized to focus on third world issues and to try to recruit interest from students. The event will take place at Théâtre St-Denis.
- **6 February 2020**: Grade 5 students will travel to McGill University for a basketball tournament. The cost is \$20 per student.

- **19 February 2020:** Grade 5 students will visit [Musée des Beaux-Arts](#) to see Egyptian mummies. The cost is \$13 per student.
- **20 February 2020:** Grade 2 students will participate in an in-school activity to explore emotions through art. The cost is \$6 per student and is organized by Pop-up Paint Shop.
- **24 February 2020** (grades 5 & 6) and **30 April 2020** (grades 3 and 4): Outing to [CEPSUM](#) will take place, at a cost of \$18 per student. H&S voted to pay for balance of cost of activity.
- **6 March 2020:** Ski club will travel to Morin Heights for downhill skiing. The cost will be between \$46-55 per student.
- **Grade 6 exhibition activities :** A number of outings for grade 6 students are proposed, in the context of the activities for Exhibition. The outings consist of small groups of students going with mentors to do an action related to their projects. One group will present an anti-bullying video at St-Anthony's school, another will offer valentines for veterans at [hôpital Ste-Anne](#). Another group wants to visit Fleurifik Foliage, a flower shop with environmentally friendly practices located in Pointe-Claire. Another group plans to visit the [Acceuil Bonneau](#) and another to Mackay Centre. Louise mentioned that there is a group looking at animal adoption that would like to go to Animatch in Pointe-Claire Plaza.
- A motion to accept the above field trips and activities was moved by Tassie and seconded by Suzanne. All were in favour and none were opposed.

8. Reports:

- **Commissioner's Report:** The full report is included as an annex to the minutes of this meeting.
- **Principal Report:** The report from the principal is included as an annex to the minutes of the meeting. There was some discussion about the new K-4 classes (kindergarten for students age 4). Maximum class size will be 18 students per class. Priority will be given to parents who already have a child at Clearpoint. The registration will be done according to the school board's criteria. There was a question about the impact on daycare: it will be accounted for in the daycare staff. Extra staff may or may not be present, depending on the number of students.
- **Teachers :**
 - PYP Update :** The meeting was informed of some of the projects being done by grade 6 students for Exhibition, including a skit on multi-culturalism, a project on deforestation, a website on child labour, efforts to reduce the number of plastic spoons used for the TCBY fundraiser, an art mural on women's rights and a student workshop on LGBTQ rights. Exhibition will be open to the public at the school on 6 February 2020.
 - Kindergarten:** Suzanne explained that students are learning about on celebrations such as Kwanzaa, Christmas, Diwali and Hannukah. One of the grade 6 students came to talk to the students about Diwali. She prepared a Powerpoint presentation on the topic as well.
 - Grade 1:** Students are learning about the water cycle and the states of water.

- iv. **Grade 2:** Pupils are learning about how toys have changed over time. They are creating timelines of toys and having discussions about what toys will look like in the future and how play varies around the world.
 - v. **Grade 3:** Miranda informed the meeting that students are doing a unit on money, which fits in with learning about decimals. An artist was here on Monday 13 January 2020 who is using recycled materials to create chandeliers and other creations. Students went to Stewart Hall for an art activity. There will be efforts to collect recycled materials in the school.
 - vi. **Grade 4 :** Sabrina informed the meeting about unit on communication. She mentioned that one of the parents from the school came to talk about radio as a form of communication. English exams for students are well underway. Sabrina was presented as a new member of the Governing Board, filling a spot for staff that was empty.
 - vii. **Grade 5:** Sandra discussed Holocaust survivors coming into talk to students. She mentioned a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts to learn about mummies. She mentioned the upcoming activity of WE day – want to inspire students to have impact on others around the world.
 - viii. **Grade 6:** Students are working on Exhibition and importance of story telling in native culture. Students learned about a timeline on colonization. Exhibition coming up on 6 February. Students will go to classes to present their topics, then to parents in evening. Indigenous story teller coming back on 14 February 2020.
- **Daycare :** Tassie informed the meeting that corking has started again as a daycare activity. Broadway Bound has started again for grades 1-6. Next week will see songwriting starting. Rob Lutes will take a maximum of 20 students for a 5-week session of songwriting, with another session in March. Next ped day will take place on 7 February 2020 with a trip to Funtropolis in Laval. On 17 February 2020, a curling activity for students will take place in the school gym.
 - **Home & School (H&S):** Tayba recounted that the holiday fair raised more money this year. She mentioned that it had been difficult finding volunteers. More high school students were brought in this year to help organize the fair. This may be repeated next year. Volunteers were especially needed for setup; cleanup activities went quite smoothly and had lots of people on hand. The Scholastics fundraiser did not do as well as hoped and was not as profitable as in the past. Next year, it may be held in the spring instead. H&S discussed a volunteer essential agreement and it will be based on the agreement for library volunteers. There was talk at H&S about organizing a community event rather than fundraiser: a skating night in February is being considered, and discussions are underway with the city of Pointe-Claire on this topic. It was mentioned that metal spoons may be used for TCBY to reduce waste: H&S would pay for those spoons. A reminder will be sent the day before TCBY reminding students to bring an extra spoon. In case students forget, there will be spoons on hand that can be washed and re-used.
 - Tayba presented four activities to be voted on:

- i. 26 March 2020: Bad Monkey popcorn fundraiser. Larger bags will be sold for \$5, while smaller bags will be sold for \$3. A large box is also available with 40 bags per box, which may reduce the cost a bit.
- ii. 16-20 March 2020: Staff appreciation week.
- iii. 9-25 March 2020: Maple Syrup fundraiser.
- iv. Lunchtime activities: a list of activities was handed out. It was mentioned that some new activities may only be offered for the next round of lunchtime activities. A motion to accept these 4 items was moved by Suzanne and seconded by Katherine. All were in favour and none opposed.

- **Clearpoint Parent Representative to LBPSB Parents' Committee:** Marc was absent from the meeting, but relayed by email the fact that the Central Parents Committee postponed their January meeting and that the marketing subcommittee had also not met yet this year.

9. Varia

- None.

10. Correspondence

- None.

11. Dates of next meeting

- The next meeting of the GB will take place on Wednesday, 12 February 2020, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

12. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Suzanne and seconded by Rebecca at 7:48 p.m. All were in favour and none opposed.

Annex A – Report of the Commissioner

News from the December 17, 2019 Special Meeting of the Council of Commissioners

Numerous resolutions were passed by Council:

THAT the 2018-2019 Lester B. Pearson School Board Annual Report be approved and be transmitted to the Minister of Education; and that the report be distributed to Members of the National Assembly who represent the the Lester B. Pearson School Board community, including the Minister responsible for Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers, the Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier for Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers and the municipalities on the territory of the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Major School Change was the primary focus of this meeting. It was resolved:

THAT endorsement be given to the revision of the educational project proposed by Beurling Academy and that mandate be given to the Lester B. Pearson School Board Administration to support a student-centered project-based approach, to implement the direct connections with higher education and career programs, and to enhance the partnership between said project and the Verdun-Beurling Community Learning Center; and

THAT the Governing Board of Beurling Academy submit a comprehensive plan for said revised educational project to the Council of Commissioners and the LBPSB Administration no later than May 30, 2020, with following semi-annual reports on its implementation through May 2023.

THAT endorsement be given to the orientation proposed by Lakeside Academy to develop new innovative projects designed to serve the general needs of the Lachine including the expansion of existing collaborative initiatives with Maple Grove Elementary School and with other community partners; and

THAT the Governing Board of Lakeside Academy submit a comprehensive plan for its revised educational project to the Council of Commissioners and the LBPSB Administration, no later than May 30, 2020, with following semi-annual reports on its implementation through May 2023.

THAT for the 2020-2021 school year, the St. Thomas High School Secondary I registration be capped with a maximum intake of eight groups; and

THAT effective July 1, 2021, St. Thomas High School be transferred to 111 Broadview

Avenue in Pointe-Claire and that its deed of establishment be amended to indicate said address; and

THAT effective July 1, 2021, all students previously registered at Lindsay Place High School be registered at St. Thomas High School at its new address of 111 Broadview Avenue in Pointe-Claire; and

THAT the Lester B. Pearson School Board Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of its Immovables be modified accordingly.

THAT a Transition Committee, which will meet, as needed, beginning no later than January 30, 2020, and continuing through to June 30, 2021, be established; and

THAT the Transition Committee be composed of the following members:

- i. a Regional Director for these schools (Chair)
- ii. the Governing Board chair of each school
- iii. 1 additional parent member of each of the St. Thomas High School and Lindsay Place High School Governing Boards
- iv. 1 member of the administrative team of each school
- v. 2 teachers from each school, one of which must be a resource teacher
- vi. 1 support staff member from each school
- vii. 2 students of each school, of whom one is in Secondary III
- viii. 1 commissioner representing the ward (non-voting); and

THAT the Transition Committee be mandated to assess and make recommendations, in collaboration with the two governing boards, to the Council of Commissioners and the LBPSB Administration on the following:

- Measures and considerations to ensure continuity of services and programs for former Lindsay Place High School students and for St. Thomas High School students making the transition to the new location at 111 Broadview in Pointe-Claire on July 1, 2021;
- Transition provisions for students with special needs;
- Procedures for the transfer including suggested timelines and accommodations for June 2021;
- Organization of the physical plant and consideration of capital requirements;
- Communication with stakeholders and community;
- Recommendations on how to perpetuate the legacy of Judge Lindsay Place and report these, no later than June 30, 2020;
- Any other measures it deems appropriate over the course of its mandate; and



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THAT the Transition Committee report on its progress to the Council of Commissioners, the LBPSB Administration, and the two governing boards on a quarterly basis, the first report to be provided no later than March 31, 2020, and every three months thereafter with a final report no later than March 30, 2021.

THAT during the 2021-2022 academic year, Place Cartier Adult Centre (including its Allancroft annex) be transferred to 120 Ambassador Avenue in Pointe-Claire, and that its deed of establishment (including the Centre’s Allancroft Annex) be amended to indicate said address; and

THAT the Lester B. Pearson School Board Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of its Immovables be modified accordingly.

THAT during the 2021-2022 academic year, Sources Adult and Career Centre be transferred to 120 Ambassador Avenue in Pointe-Claire, and that its deeds of establishment be amended to indicate said address; and

THAT the Lester B. Pearson School Board Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of its Immovables be modified accordingly.

Major School Change: Student Transportation:

THAT, as planned, the high school “Gray” transportation zones, currently grandfathered as free bussing for the 2019-2020 school year for grades 10 and 11, remain free for grade 11 students in the 2020-2021 school year; and

THAT the transportation zones be reviewed for the 2021-2022 school year, including transitional measures to provide the necessary student transportation, in accordance with the current Student Transportation Policy.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, January 25th, 2019, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Clifford
Commissioner – Ward 12

Annex B – Report of the Principal

January 15, 2020

Governing Board Principal's Report



-Open House – We have been busily preparing for our Open House Information Session to take place in the school library this Friday, starting at 9:00 a.m. Briefly, the agenda includes presentations from the Kindergarten teachers, the IB Coordinator, Daycare Coordinator, FSSTT Tech, Home & School, Governing Board, school nurse and yours truly. Student-led tours given by our student ambassadors are also part of the morning. We are grateful to the Home & School who will be helping to host and provide refreshments.

-4 Yr.-Old K Program – As we have been advertising, Clearpoint has recently been authorized to deliver a Kindergarten program for 4-yr olds. We are very pleased and excited about this program; many parents whose children already attend at Clearpoint have started registering. The program would become part of what we offer as an IB school and be included in our Programme of Inquiry. Ministry guidelines regarding preschool education would also be applicable.

-Francisation – This program for small group support for students with oral French is now underway in the school. The candidates for the program are recommended by their classroom teachers, and typically they are students who have come from other provinces or from outside of Canada and may not have had much exposure to French previously. Part of the funding for this program comes from a special grant from the federal government; we supplement the grant monies with other resources – for example some grants from the Provincial government.

-Spanish / Mandarin – Spanish classes began today with the same instructor as two years ago, Senora Annie Bidrogo. We have a larger number of students enrolled this year – although no students older than grade 4. With the help of one of our parents, Deling Xian, we have a few promising leads regarding a Mandarin instructor. Hope to have classes start by the end of January. Request approval for charges for program \$40 / hr for tutoring services; \$65 for an 8 – 10 week program.

-Holiday Fair – A huge success. I would like to extend my thanks and congratulations to everyone who contributed, particularly Melissa Campbell. Thank you for being attentive to the concerns raised last year about teachers' classrooms – much improved, and much appreciated.

-Food Drive – Thank you to the Home & School and to our entire parent community for all of your generosity in supporting the 6 families with Christmas baskets just before the holidays. Your holiday spirit was alive and well and it showed, and was greatly appreciated.



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-Basketball for Grade 4 – Starting a partnership with the West Island Lakers, where I have coached for a number of years to promote basketball. The Coach of the John Abbott Men’s team Mike Hickey will do a 4 – week program with our grade 4 students, that will be an extension of what we have already started with that age group.

-Junglesport – Back again this year, thank you to Mr. Bill and Ms. Yates for organizing this favourite event with our students. Taking place this week Jan. 13 – 17.

Respectfully submitted,

David Estok