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# Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Daniel Trotto

Location: Clearpoint Elementary School		Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2020		Time: 6:30-7:49 p.m.
Attendees Governing Board (GB) Members:		Attendees GB Substitutes:	Attendees Parents/other:	Absent:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Estok</li> <li>• Allison Saunders</li> <li>• Dahlia Singh</li> <li>• Daniel Trotto</li> <li>• Gabrielle Forestell</li> <li>• Karina Leonard</li> <li>• Katherine Wiebe</li> <li>• Kimberley Villarroel</li> <li>• Louise Sudia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marc Lucke</li> <li>• Marie-Flore Gignac</li> <li>• Rebecca-Anne Belmonte</li> <li>• Sandra Fisher</li> <li>• Stuart Kemp</li> <li>• Suzanne Larkin</li> <li>• Tassie Fyon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catalina Clavero</li> <li>• Tatiana Mendez</li> <li>• Tayba Huot</li> <li>• Wendy Mendoza</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 24 participants attended the meeting, including those explicitly listed here.</li> <li>• Linda Harbert</li> <li>• Lori Goldberg</li> <li>• Miranda Tubbeh</li> <li>• Rean Sayegh Lawand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maria Benavides</li> </ul>

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
  - Katherine opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. by welcoming everyone to the November meeting of the Clearpoint Governing Board.
- 2 Approval of the Agenda
  - A motion to accept the proposed agenda was initiated by Louise, seconded by Rebecca. Motion carried.
- 3 Approval of the Minutes
  - A motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting (October 7, 2020), was put forth by Suzanne, seconded by Stuart. Motion carried.
- 4 Public & Member Question Period
  - Rebecca made mentioned that the Minister of Education announced 3 new ped days to be added to the school calendar, however she wanted to know if these fell under the level of the school board or at the level of the school to decide when they are to be taken.  
Mr. Estok is not aware if these new ped days are local ped days, board-wide ped days, or any combination thereof. If they are local ped days, then an amendment would need to be made to the school calendar and presented to the governing board. If they are board-wide ped days, then the school board will decide where they will be placed.

## 5 Business Arising

### 5.1 School Board Elections Postponed

Although the school board elections have been postponed until further notice, this has no bearing on the commissioner who has been acclaimed the commissioner for Clearpoint.

A commissioner meeting is being held on November 9.

### 5.2 Council and GB Virtual Meetings

A follow-up notice was sent out by the Lester B. Pearson School Board on October 8, stating Council or GB meetings must be held without the public being present (in person), but may be invited to join the virtual meeting.

### 5.3 November progress report

Mr. Estok commended the Clearpoint teachers who took an initiative to carry a more formal reporting of academic progress to parents, ahead of the parent/teacher interviews being held on November 19 and 20. The progress reports will be sent out to parents on November 18.

### 5.4 Task Force for equality and inclusivity

In response to systemic racism within our local community and more broadly, the Lester B. Pearson School Board created a task force for equality and inclusivity. Members include employees, parents, and students of the community and is chaired by Dr. Myrna Lashley. More information can be found at <https://boardsite.lbpsb.qc.ca/news/post/an-invitation-from-the-task-force-on-equality-and-inclusivity>.

## 6 New Business

### 6.1 Grade 6 Fundraisers

- The grade 6 classes are seeking approval to run 3 fundraisers to aid with the cost of a yearbook and a graduation ceremony. Linda presented the 3 fundraisers as:
  - 1) A wine raffle:  
Collect and raffle bottles of wine. This will run around Christmas time.
  - 2) Student Fundraiser:  
Students are encouraged to raise \$10 towards their own graduation ceremony, through various activities of their own choosing (e.g. raking leaves, snow clearing, garage cleaning, etc.)
  - 3) Seed sale:  
With the aid of a third-party fundraiser, the class would sell organic seeds from a catalogue. This will run late January / early February.
- A motion to accept the grade 6 fundraisers was initiated by Rebecca, seconded by Marie-Flore. Motion carried unanimously.

## 7 Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

- No field trips are scheduled for the time being.

## 8 Reports

### 8.1 Commissioner

- No report was presented at this time.

### 8.2 Principal

- Parent / Teacher interviews will take place November 19 and 20, and will be conducted virtually through Zoom. Booking of appointments will be done through Mozaik, with parents of multiple children attending the school being given priority on their booking time.
- A total of 53 (of 70) grade 6 students who are looking to enter a high school enriched program, wrote their entrance exam last Friday.
- Halloween celebrations were successful! A special thank you to the student teachers who helped put it together.
- The grade 6 students are working on a virtual Remembrance Day assembly.
- Clearpoint's music and dance teachers, are planning a virtual holiday show. The tentative date for the show is Thursday, December 10.
- Mr. Estok expressed his gratitude for the positive feedback given by the parents on the teachers' hard work and how well the school is continuing to function despite all the constraints the school is faced with due to the pandemic. He continued to express his appreciation to the parents who continue to err on the side of cautious and keeping our school safe, resulting in no cases of Covid19!

### 8.3 Primary Years Program (PYP) Update

- Initial workshop was held last Friday.
- PYP is now being referred to as PYP Enhanced due to changes brought forth by IB.

### 8.4 Teachers

- Kindergarten: Students are beginning their unit on hibernation, migration, and adaptation.
- Grade 1 and 2: Students are wrapping up on their unit on pets and are beginning a new unit on the evolution of toys. Karina will be a guest storyteller this coming Friday, reciting the story of Les Trois Chèvres to the grade 2 students.
- Grade 3: Students finishing their unit on habitats and beginning their next unit on leaders.
- Grade 4: Students are beginning their unit on space.
- Grade 5: No report was presented at this time.
- Grade 6: No report was presented at this time.
- Gym: No report was presented at this time.

### 8.5 Daycare

- A slight increase in daycare enrollment, probably due to parents going back to work.
- 12 staff members are getting their CPR recertifications.
- October 30<sup>th</sup> Halloween ped day was a success!
- 2 ped days coming up; Nov. 20 (World Children's Day) and Dec. 4 (Holiday Pyjama Day)
- Ms. Tassie acknowledged her staff for their hard work during these unprecedented times.

- Rob Lutes will finish the song writing sessions with the grade 4 students next Tuesday. He will put a CD together for the kids of their 4 songs that they have created.
- The trial basis of the Hophop app has expired. Parents can continue to use the app for a fee of \$21/year.

## 8.6 Home & School

- Virtual Halloween Dance was a success!
- Vegetable basket campaign has wrapped up. We sold 101 baskets this year (up from last year), generating just under \$600!
- Virtual Holiday Fair is ready to go live tonight. Adding to the list of online vendors for this year's fair are:
  - Bad Monkey;  
sold online and delivered to customers home; 20% percent return to H&S
  - Clio Book;  
running from Dec.3 – Dec 6; sold online and in-store; 20% percent return to H&S
  - Schoolastic bookfair;  
running from Nov.5 - Nov. 19; sold online and delivered to customers home;  
20% percent return in rewards dollars
  - Tru Earth;  
Laundry detergent strips (Vancouver based who specializes in eco-friendly, bio-degradable detergents)  
Campaign has already launched and will run until Dec. 20. Will launch again in the new year, for the remainder of the year. 20% percent return to H&S
  - Bosapin (Merry Easy Christmas)  
Campaign has already launched and will run until mid-December; sold online and delivered to customers home;
- A motion to accept the 5 Holiday Fair add-ons was initiated by Rebecca, seconded by Kimberly. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Holiday Fair will host a 50/50 raffle draw. A maximum of 500 tickets will be issued. \$5 gives one chance to win, \$20 gives 5 chances to win!
- H&S acknowledges that this has been a very challenging year for many local merchants. Wanting to give back and support them, H&S will create a business directory and help market their products and/or services.
- H&S and Cremerie Valois will be hosting a community cookie decorating event on Dec. 22. Optional decoration kits can be purchased from Cremerie Valois for \$20 (includes 8 cookies).
- A motion to accept the community cookie decorating event was initiated by Suzanne, seconded by Louise. Motion carried unanimously.

## 8.7 LBPSB PC Rep

- The LBPSB Parents' Committee meeting will be held tomorrow (November 5<sup>th</sup>). Agenda items include Covid-19 updates and Bill 40. Marc will share his notes after the meeting.

- Allison made mention that Parent Committee meetings are open to the public. You can register to attend via this link: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0lce2przgoE9cLCSslb4Ac2\\_A1M3h6mlzg](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0lce2przgoE9cLCSslb4Ac2_A1M3h6mlzg) and follow them on Facebook for regular updates <https://www.facebook.com/lbpsbparents>.

## 9 Varia

- Clearpoint Governing Board Essential Agreement  
Katherine circulated the Clearpoint Governing Board Essential Agreement document via email for all board members to review. Some takeaways were:
  - Correct the address on the cover page
  - Validate dates on page 1
  - Validate quorum numbers on page 2
  - Validate whether agenda request should be sent 7 days in advance
  - Validate if voting structure should change to reflect current situation
- GB Bios  
Many board members have submitted their bios, but we are missing some from the teachers. Katherine kindly asks everyone to submit by Friday. Danny to coordinate with the webmaster to have the bios included on the Clearpoint website.

## 10 Correspondence

- None

## 11 Dates of next meeting

- Wednesday, December 2, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

## 12 Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm was initiated by Suzanne, seconded by Louise. Motion carried unanimously.