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Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Daniel Trotto

Location: Clearpoint Elementary School		Date: Wednesday, April 07, 2021		Time: 6:30-7:52 p.m.
Attendees Governing Board (GB) Members:		Attendees GB Substitutes:	Attendees Parents/other:	Absent:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Estok • Allison Saunders • Dahlia Singh • Daniel Trotto • Gabrielle Forestell • Karina Leonard • Katherine Wiebe • Louise Sudia • Kimberley Villarroel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marc Lucke • Marie-Flore Gignac • Marilynne Boyer • Rebecca-Anne Belmonte • Suzanne Larkin • Tassie Fyon • Tatiana Mendez 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tayba Huot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 18 participants attended the meeting, including those explicitly listed here. • Rean Sayegh Lawand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Fisher • Stuart Kemp • Catalina Clavero • Maria Benavides • 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
 - Katherine opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. by welcoming everyone to the March meeting of the Clearpoint Governing Board.

- 2 Approval of the Agenda
 - A motion to accept the proposed agenda was initiated by Louise, seconded by Suzanne. Motion carried.

- 3 Approval of the Minutes
 - A motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting (March 10, 2021), was put forth by Rebecca, seconded by Louise. Motion carried.

- 4 Public & Member Question Period
 - A question was asked about Clearpoint having enough of the appropriate procedural mask. David has confirmed that we do have enough of the appropriate masks for the students.

- 5 Business Arising
 - There were no items to discuss.

6 New Business

6.1 Governing Board Composition 2021-2022 Consultation (responses by May 20, 2021)

- This item has been deferred to the next GB meeting, while the board reviews previous years responses concerning the Governing Board Composition.

7 Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

- No field trips are scheduled for the time being.

8 Reports

8.1 Principal

- Mr. Estok presented his report. Please see appendix A.
- In addition to his report, Mr. Estok reported that the Grade 4 students will begin a new activity in planting a vegetable garden with the aid of an organization called Urban Seedling. This project will be paid for by the funds provided by the government for fieldtrips.

8.2 Primary Years Programme (PYP) Update

- A new Learner Profile Attribute will be selected for the month of April.

8.3 Teachers

- Kindergarten: Students are working on the following units: homes, seasons, and celebrations.
- Grade 1 and 2: Students are finishing up their unit on jobs.
- Grade 3: No report was given at this time.
- Grade 4: Students are working on their French board exam and will begin working on their Language Arts board exam shortly. Their current unit is on sharing the planet.
- Grade 5: No report was given at this time.
- Grade 6: Students are exploring the different forms of governments around the world.
- Dance: Mme Lajoie and Mr B. are working on the junior show
- Gym: Kindergarten and Cycle 1 students are working on cooperative games; Cycle 2 and 3 are finishing up on a netball unit before moving onto basketball.

8.4 Daycare

- The April 30th ped day will host a picnic in the park. In case of rain, the event will be moved inside the gym.

8.5 Home & School

- Scholastic fundraiser will start April 9th until the April 21st.
- H&S is looking to start a mentorship program where a H&S member will be paired up with a new parent joining Clearpoint.
- Pizza Party (Domino's Pizza delivery to home) was a success, and H&S is working with Domino's on setting up another Pizza Party on April 20th.
- School kits will be starting up once the class supply lists are finalized.

- H&S is looking to have a fundraiser with Bad Monkey Popcorn.

8.6 LBPSB PC Rep

- COVID-19 was the primary topic at the last meeting, and how it could shape the 2021-2022 school year. In addition, the usage of masks on school buses and the lack of any recycling programs of the procedural masks was discussed.
- A presentation from the president of EPCA was given on the roles and responsibilities of EPCA.

8.7 Commissioner

- Marilyne presented her March report. Please see appendix B.

9 Varia

- None

10 Correspondence

- None

11 Dates of next meeting

- Wednesday, May 5, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

12 Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm was initiated by Louise, seconded by Tassie. Motion carried.

Appendix A

April 7, 2021

Governing Board Principal's Report



-Francisation: Francisation support has started and will continue through until mid-June. Some students qualify on the basis of the fact that they have come to school from other provinces or outside of Canada, and other students have been referred to the program by home their French teachers. We have used some extra funding provided to us by the Ministry of Education to extend the service and can now include up to 4 student for each home room. Students receive the support during school hours. Groups are taken to the library (no mixing of any homeroom bubbles) for 30 min each per week.

-Thank you to H&S for Staff Appreciation: Thank you so much for all of your pampering during Staff Appreciation Week. All of the treats, coffee, the lunch, and of course the incredibly generous donation to launch the staff room make-over were all very much appreciated by all of the staff members. It is super to feel so supported by our Home & School Association.

-Staff Room Makeover up-date: As you may know, the H&S has made a very generous donation to launch a project to renovate the staff room. What we envision is a reconfiguration of the space to make it more functional. This would involve some structural modifications, which we will have to explore the feasibility of.

I have obtained copies of the plans from the school board for the staff room and shared them with Marie-Flore. Next week I will be meeting with a person from the school board do discuss some initial ideas. If structural modifications are part of what we do, an engineer approved by the school board will have to be contracted with. Contractors also have to be approved by the school board. Several teachers (Suzanne Larkin, Frances La Porta) have volunteered to be part of a committee that will help to plan.

-Five Year Plan for Capital Improvements: The Equipment Services Dept. has completed a 5 – year plan for maintenance and capital improvements to the building. Once I have had a chance to review it with school board staff, I will send it out to GB members with some explanatory notes.

-Orange Shirt Day/Learner Profile Attribute “Principled”: As you know, last Wednesday, March 31st was our “Clearpoint Orange Shirt Day”. Thanks to the hard work of our IB Coordinator, Layla Barroca, the idea of respecting the rights of others was connected to our focus on the IB Learner Profile Attribute of being principled during the month of March. Ms. Barroca visited each class and read form different books that explained some of the injustices suffered by indigenous children at residential schools. We were very proud of the students who read the territorial land acknowledgement over the intercom and then a second time on video, which we posted on our facebook page.



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-Reading Week: Plans are underway for different activities for reading week, April 12 – 16. Hoping to have community readers zoom in to read stories to the classes, as they have in the past.

-Plans for GIMAC in Full Swing: Flyers and invitations for GIMAC 2021 have now gone out to all girls in grades 4-6. We are grateful for the participation of a number of parents in the programming for this year's event, including Patricia Beach, who will be doing a workshop related to the theme of Mental Health and Wellness. We would also like to thank Elizabeth Roberts and Erin Beetham two other parents who will be presenting that day. We are looking forward to a great turn-out on May 29th.

-Portfolio Night Replaced by Second Session of Parent-Teacher Interviews: Due to the current restrictions regarding parent access to the building, we have decided to replace our portfolio evening with a second set of parent-teacher interviews on the evening of April 29. Teachers will invite specific parents to attend these meetings.

-Clarification Regarding Reporting of COVID-19 cases: Just to clarify regarding the reporting of positive cases of COVID-19, each individual positive case must be reported to the school community with a separate letter. Recently unfortunately we did have a case and a class bubble had to be closed; it appears that there was speculation that there were many positive cases associated with this class closure. To date, thankfully, no other positive cases have been reported in connection with this case reported on March 27th.

Respectfully submitted,
David Estok

Appendix B



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March 23rd 2021

To ensure members of the Lester B. Pearson School Board community remain up to date regarding what transpires at regular Council of Commissioners meetings, the Department of Communications and Community Development sends out summaries of the different decisions that are taken following each meeting.

Please find some of the highlights below that were taken during the March 22nd regular meeting. Different Committee reports that were presented as well as the minutes will be available at the following link by the end of the week: <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/council/CommitteeReports.asp>

1. The Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board unanimously adopted a resolution proclaiming that the “n” word must never be uttered within the confines of the LBPSB schools and centres considering that it is derogatory, denigrating and harmful to the safety and well-being of the school board community. The resolution also states that the LBPSB denounces racism and discrimination in all forms, that the board has always been committed to equity, inclusion and respect for all and that the devastating impact of discrimination can no longer be ignored.
2. The Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the Quebec government to reimburse all funds that the board is already forced to spend on school elections, which were postponed on two separate occasions last year, and is expected to finance when they are rescheduled. The resolution states that while the government postponed the elections the board incurred many additional costs to prepare for the elections and shouldn't have to foot the bill out of operating expenses.
3. The Council of Commissioners adopted the Lester B. Pearson School Board's 2021-2022 Student Transportation Organizational Plan following a recommendation by the Transportation Advisory Committee.
4. The Council of Commissioners approved the purchase of two new Ford Transit service trucks for a maximum budgetary price of \$135,000 before taxes, including all required modifications. The purchase is required in order to replace two aging service trucks with funding from the 2020-2021 Capital Budget. The two vehicles are suitable for the different needs of the School Board.
5. The Council of Commissioners awarded a contract for Lindsay Place High School Project #2006 Civil, for the West parking asphalt renovation and drainage and St-John Fisher Jr./Church joined land portion renovation to the lowest compliant bidder, Excavation D.D.L., in accordance with the tender documents for the amount of 466 305.00\$ (before taxes). The Facilities and Security Committee recommended the awarding of this contract.
6. The Council of Commissioners approved a decision that will see the current rental of facilities rates increased by 1% for the 2021-2022 school year. This decision follows a recommendation by the Facilities and Security Committee.