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# Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

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Location: Clearpoint Elementary School Zoom Meeting    Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021    Time: 6:35 - 8:50 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>Alex Bardoux</li> <li>Amanda Blackburn</li> <li>Dahlia Singh</li> <li>Daniel Trotto</li> <li>Gabrielle Forestell</li> <li>Karina Leonard</li> <li>Katherine Wiebe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kimberley Villarroel</li> <li>Marie Landry</li> <li>Marc Lucke</li> <li>Marilyne Boyer</li> <li>Melanie Flores</li> <li>Tassie Fyon</li> <li>Vaughn Peters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anna Maria Di Stasio</li> <li>Audrey Lambert</li> <li>Laura Mazigi</li> <li>Rebecca-Anne Belmonte</li> <li>Tayba Huot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 23 participants attended the meeting, including those explicitly listed here.</li> <li>Rean Sayegh Lawand</li> <li>Alicyn Sconiers</li> <li>Dov Bensimon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erika Gunn</li> <li>Liz Lopez</li> <li>Suzanne Larkin</li> <li>Tatiana Mendez</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 6:35 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 approved by: Melanie Flores, and seconded by Tassie Fyon. Motion carried unanimously
- 3 Approval of the Minutes
  - Correction requested Section 9.3: Information was for all of Cycle 1 not only grade 1 update.
  - Kimberley moved to approve, seconded by: Dahlia, motion carried unanimously.
- 4 Public & Member Question Period
  - Rebecca- Ann asked if the IB program projects will be available by level on the school website?
  - Mr Estok responded: every unit teacher has sent a letter home describing the unit, lines of inquiry, what learner profile attributes are featured in unit. Sections should be on the website and they are being uploaded and added.
- 5 Business Arising
  - 5.1 GB Community Rep
    - Alicyn Sconiers and Dov Bensimon will be the Clearpoint Governing Board community representatives.
    - Welcome Reps to the governing board for 2021-2022 school year.

## 5.2 Rapid Covid-19 testing

- Letter circulating from the Governing board PETES, one of the other GB passed a motion to voice concern who was administering the rapid test, and the level of training.
- So far, no rapid tests have been performed in school at this point. There were opportunities, but parents have opted to have kids get tested at a clinic.
- Protocol requires that students get tested at a clinic following a positive rapid covid-19 test done at school therefore parents might be skipping the middleman and go for the clinic right away.
- Mr. Estok has not heard any concerns from parents and has not felt it as being an imposition on teachers and administrators. However, parents may have other points of view.
- Rebeca-Ann questioned if there is a positive case, does the whole class have to get tested? Will an ambulance come in to do the test?
- Mr Estok Responded, Clearpoint has the same process for the school board, if all students need to be tested via rapid testing, St, John's ambulance would be administering the test.
- Marc has heard parents say that they are worried about how invasive, and people may need more info/ awareness that this is not as invasive.
- Mr Estok responded that the rapid test is quite different from the test done at the clinic, it is not as invasive, and has been posted in the weekly newsletter, to make parents aware of the difference between the tests to keep them informed.
- Another aspect that may be a deterrent is the process of having to sign consent forms multiple times, on different platforms, parents may give up.
- Karina brought up the concern that the form on mozaik does not say anything about contacting parents first before doing the test.
- Mr. Estok has acknowledged that this may be a deterrent, as this is our internal procedure, but it may not be clear to everyone, we can re-emphasize that through the newsletter. We can't change the consent form to include this procedure as it was put out by the ministry of education on Mozaik.
- Laura questioned what the procedure is for a student showing symptoms of covid-19 in class. What is the series of events? Which symptoms is the administration looking for before isolating and testing?
- Mr Estok responded that the procedure is to have the child go to a special room, set aside for isolation. This is used to prevent others from getting infected but has not been used much this year. An adult is present with the child in isolation, parents would be called, and they would wait for parents to come to pick up their child, and either do the rapid testing, or go to a covid clinic for testing.
- There is a suite of symptoms that could be indicative of covid 19, so it is a bit of a judgement call. The most important symptom is a fever.
- If a child tests negative, parents might bring their child home, but they don't have to go to the clinic to get tested again.
- Karina expressed concerns about asymptomatic testing for classes where there was a positive case.
- If the whole class has to be tested, due to a positive test in class, rapid testing can only be done for children whose parents are consenting.
- Clearpoint only needs to be informed if a child has tested positive or come in close contact with someone who has covid-19.

## 6 New Business

### 6.1 Governing Board Essential Agreement

- Katherine sent out agreements to everyone, remote work needs to be added.

## 6.2 Governing Board Meetings

- Mr Estok wanted to discuss the format of Governing Board meetings, as of this point they can be held in person, if that is the will of the people
- New guidelines out today: if we choose to have meetings in school, we need to be fully masked, 1m distance between people, and GB meetings are deemed to be essential by education act, and open to the public, therefore we cannot ask for proof of vaccine.
- The school board recommendation is to stay virtual.
- Mr Estok proposes that the virtual meetings seem to be working and raises the following issues, a) since a vaccine passport would not be required, there would be some people who would not feel comfortable meeting in person, b) virtual meetings follow school board recommendation, and c) virtual meetings are convenient, in person meetings have their benefits and interactions are easier, but given some of these issue is to continue to have online meetings.
- Home and school might go back in person, since they are not essential, a vaccine passport can be required, board would need to give approval to Mr. Estok and Tayba
- In person meetings tend to be longer.
- Hybrid in person virtual meetings is not possible without additional equipment.
- Decisions made now can be revisited in the future based on covid status
- Vote: Mover to continue virtual meeting: Daniel Trotto: Seconded by: Dov Bensimon.
- Yes- everyone except Liz abstained, as she was missing this vote.
- We will rediscuss this issue in the future
- Alex suggested a social gathering for the governing board, to meet in person even if the meetings stay virtual.

## 6.3 Parent Volunteers in School

- We are gradually inviting parents back into school.
- Thank you Tayba for helping with this, helping out with pizza lunch and TCBY so it can be organized.
- In discussion with the librarian, to have parent volunteers helping the library run as it normally would.
- Training will be needed
- Parents coming into the school will need proof of double vaccination.
- Parents who accompany field trips outdoors do not need to prove double vaccine, we can't always insist on it in some situations.
- Mr Estok emphasized the responsibility to protect other kids who are attending the school, and that it is responsible for us to ask that they double vaxxed, when the situation calls for it.
- Parents volunteers come to class to do presentations, provided that everyone is following guidelines.
- We want to welcome parents back in, parents have a right to be present, be participants, it is part of IB philosophy.
- IB encourages us to recruit parents in the life of school and in the program important for us as a school community.
- Moving towards it cautiously, checking daily infection rates and want to act in a way that is not prudent for the students.

## 7 Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

- activity: return of downhill skiing, Mr Bill will be in charge, starting January 24, as in the past there will be four outings on January 24, February 1, 16,24
- Downhill skiing will be open to grade 4, 3 and possibly grade 2.
- Rates are going up slightly, mainly due to increased cost in bussing, lesson cost and rental at skii up slightly as well.

- Cost will be \$215 per student for lessons only and \$250 per student for lessons and equipment rental.
- Package is for all 4 days, you cannot pick and choose which days.
- Parent volunteers would like to participate. Parents would need to drive to the ski hill on their own to volunteer.
- Vote: motion to approve for ski trip grade 2,3, 4, by Vaugh, and seconded by Tayba, no opposition.
- TCBY fundraiser: Tayba: pizza was returned and TCBY would like to be brought back.
- Grad parents and Tayba will take on TCBY duties, pricing not available yet, in the past cost was \$3.50.
- Would like it to run on Tuesday, alternating with pizza lunch weeks.
- Would like to start Dec 7, order forms need to go out soon, if not it will start in January.
- Option 1swirl: chocolate/vanilla, option 2 dairy free option (top selling nut-free flavour).
- We did receive a sizable donation for helping hands, seeking approval to use the helping hands fund for TCBY.
- Concern on when to deliver the TCBY, needs time to thaw.
- Parent volunteers would set up the baskets by classroom, grade 6 students to deliver it to classrooms.
- Tayba and Estok will work out logistics. It has been mentioned to the staff, the specifics have not been established.
- Motion to approve by Tayba, and seconded by Danny. Motion carried unanimously.

## 8 Reports

### 8.1 Principal

- Early literacy has restarted in cycle 1 grouped based on reading level 30 minutes of focused attention, cycle 2 to start after the holidays.
- Field trips are returning, K went to the ecomuseum, grade 3-4 went to the Cosmodome and grade 6 went to the field of honour.
- Extracurricular activities are starting to return: soccer, robotics. Leadership, board game clubs.
- Clubs will be separated by grade level, but there may be some grade mixing based on limited spaces.
- Working with Home and School to bring back lunchtime activities for kids as well.
- Open House will be done via virtual tours: using a town hall strategy so parents can view presentations and the floor will be open for questions.
- Creating new promotional videos with Steven Wilson.
- Vaccinations for kids aged 5-11, will be given at the school, pending health canada approval, once that happens, health practitioners will administrate, parents will need to consent.
- Vaccinated at school, on one date, more info to come. Announcements might come on Friday, November 19.
- Question by Daniel: the in-school vaccine will be for children between 5-11, some of the kids in grade 6 will be turning 12, will there be an option to have them vaccinated in the school? Answer by Mr Estok: Some have already turned 12 and already got vaccinated, outside the school. Unsure if they will offer the vaccine to 12 year olds in school, will look into it and get back to you.
- Question by Katerine: other vaccines were missed due to of covid, will it restart grade 4 vaccines? Mr. Estok response: we need to get more information from the nurse, plans might be in place to restart, one dose as opposed to 2 parents, will be informed once more information is available.
- Thank you Home and School for spectacular Halloween dance, big thanks to Tayba and team.
- Girls in Motion at Clearpoint (GIMAC) will be restarting, over 50 girls from grade 4-6 have signed up. Initial planning meeting was held. Thank you to the staff for helping.
- Higschool enrichment exams for LBPSB will take place Friday, November 19.

## 8.2 Primary Years Programme (PYP) Update

- The IB evaluation will be taking place next year, working on preparing everything for the evaluation.

## 8.3 Teachers

- Kindergarten: Students working on their seasons and animals unit, they are learning about migration and hibernation. The kids had a blast at the Halloween dance and ecomuseum.
- Cycle 1: Students preparing for holiday concert, will be filmed, and emailed to parents. Working on Mapping units and use of geographic tools.
- Cycle 2: Students have been busy with space and had fun exploring the universe on the cosmodome field trip. The next unit will be advertising.
- Grade 5: no report at this time.
- Grade 6: Students are working on a Graphic Novel Unit. Students were in charge of the Remembrance Day assembly. There will be a loaf sale this week, and the kids are excited.

## 8.4 Daycare

- Dynamix theme ped day was a success, came in did 2 activities one in gym one in dance room, 92 kids registered good turnout.
- Another ped day scheduled this Friday, Nov 19, Pyjama day themed, no outside animators, 98 students registered.
- LT Marget Amoss came in just before Remembrance Day. Daycare students wrote postcards for veterans. Margret came in uniform to pick them up and bring them to Sainte Anne hospital.
- Kiss and Drop doing amazing! 3 grade 6 students per day, they have been polite, and doing great. Great responsibility for students to have.
- Grade 6 students are helping with a grade 4 homework program at school, 20-30 minutes weekly study hall with the older kids. The grade 6 students are stepping up and doing a great job.
- There is no fixed schedule for the entire daycare. There are 10 different daycare classes with their own schedule, all staff have snacks right away, either homework or go out afterwards. There is gym time throughout the week, the older kids get computer time, kids do crafts. 10 different daycare classes with their own schedule. Can look into making cheat sheet notes for parents, know what time activities are happening, so parents know when to come.
- Mr Estok thanks Ms. Tassie for her help with the daycare fire drill, showed preparedness, staff and school can handle the situation.

## 8.5 Home & School

- Holiday Fair coming up in December:
  - Bôsapins
  - Label mabel
  - Bad Monkey Popcorn
  - 50/50 draw,
  - local artisans
- The community event is still evolving, sharing sugar cookie recipes on facebook, having people tag posts, and can win prizes.
- Helping hands will also need a proper introduction to the community. no text who it helps, where it came from, working with Dahlia and Karina for web standardized text. post on social media.
- new idea proposed: splitting donation page into 2 parts, 1 part into helping hands for pizza lunches, second part can have donations for our Holiday Fair can Walmart grocery gift cards, for holiday baskets. Leave the donation buttons available throughout the year.

- Will need approval to bring back lunchtime activities: we may be able to move forward on these looking to get approval to being back for 8 weeks starting in January.
- Since space is limited in school, speak with the admin to see what is possible.
- Currently have 4 animators lined up
  - Junior Jams run by Nicole who helped with the Halloween dance.
  - Cabaret kids
  - Comic books animator
  - Chess club.
- Logistics are not set in stone, but seeking preliminary approval so parents have time to sign kids up, and have animators plan.
- Clubs would not mix grades unless space dictates.
- Motion to approve by Tayba, second by Alex. Motion carried unanimously, more information on details to come.

#### 8.6 LBPSB PC Rep

- Marc presented what was discussed at LBPSB PC meeting
- Pfizer vaccine pending approval this Friday, November 19, preparing to have in school covid vaccines as soon as it is approved for 5-11 year olds,
- School board set a target of 50% of the student body to receive the first dose before the holiday break
- Consent is heavily promoted, as some parents have a less positive attitude for vaccines for kids, parents will have full authority.
- consultation subcommittee to rapidly propose response government rules. lay out priorities for the school year.
- There was discussion around the upcoming citizenship course, proposed by the Quebec government, which would change the ethics and religion course at the highschool into national pride.
- The new course aims at instilling knowledge and pride in the history and culture of Quebec.
- There was focus on Anglos as a historical community, 2 tiers of anglos, those who have access to english services based on ancestry, all other anglos would not be able to access service in English.
- Parents committee, Quebec community group has written an open letter to premier (Mark will send link to Katheine/Danny) we were asked if we want to endorse this letter. Voted to agree to sign onto the open letter. But argued that the language against the course in the letter was not worded strongly enough
- Signing onto the open letter does not preclude them from writing their own but would like to show a sign of solidarity with QCGM.
- Transportation reports: not much impact for Clearpoint, but there is concern for off island bussing and its logistical challenges,
- Presentation from Judy Kelly on bill 96 and importance of anglo community and asserting our legal and historic rights to educate children in english in accordance with our constitutional rights.
- Parents not aware of the k-1 bus driver are not allowed to let students off without supervision at the stop, and the bus driver must bring students back to school. This needs to be made clear with parents.
- Parents also need to update address when moving,
- There will be a Governing Board Training Nov 18 at 7 pm.

#### 8.7 Commissioner

- Ward 8: Marilyn presented what came out of the meeting.
- Mr. Becker sent out highlights, Vlce chair is Criag Berger.
- Committee members were approved, and you can go on website to see which members are on which meeting.
- We have parent reps on the meetings for safe school meetings and transportation.

- We will receive ombudsman reports about complaints they received, there are no details about complaints themselves since they are confidential.
- Can go through the school board webpage for the amount of complaints.
- Remembrance Day celebrations at the Beaconsfield Heroes park near the arena went well.
- Council meeting in 2 weeks.

9 Varia

- None

10 Correspondence

- None

11 Dates of next meeting

- December 8, at 6:30pm on zoom

12 Adjournment

- Mover Tayba, seconded Ms Tassie.