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# Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Daniel Trotto

Location: Clearpoint Elementary School Zoom Meeting    Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021    Time: 6:30pm - 8:10pm

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>Alicyn Sconiers</li> <li>Dahlia Singh</li> <li>Daniel Trotto</li> <li>Dov Bensimon</li> <li>Gabrielle Forestell</li> <li>Karina Leonard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katherine Wiebe</li> <li>Kimberley Villarroel</li> <li>Liz Lopez</li> <li>Marie Landry</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>Erika Gunn</li> <li>Laura Mazigi</li> <li>Rebecca-Anne Belmonte</li> <li>Tatiana Mendez</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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amanda Blackburn</li> <li>Audrey Lambert</li> <li>Marc Lucke</li> <li>Suzanne Larkin</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 6:34 p.m. by welcoming everyone to the December meeting of the Clearpoint Governing Board.
- 2 Approval of the Agenda
  - A motion to accept the proposed agenda was initiated by Tassie, seconded by Dov. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3 Approval of the Minutes
  - A motion to accept the minutes from the GB meeting held on November 17, was put forth by Melanie, seconded by Vaughn. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4 Public & Member Question Period
  - Mr. Estok addressed a question about what the school can do to handle the accumulation of ice on the school grounds. Salt and sand are typically applied on non-grass areas as these materials can harm the grass. Students are also kept indoor when outdoor conditions are not considered safe for the students.
  - Mr. Estok addressed a question about the ski trip and whether it will be opened to the younger students (grade 2 class). It was clarified that the skip trip is opened to students of grades 3 and 4, with all available spots already being filled.
  - A question was asked if children who have received their COVID-19 vaccine need to provide proof of their vaccination. Mr. Estok confirmed that there are no requirements for parents of primary schools to provide proof of their children’s vaccination at this time.

## 5 Business Arising

- There were no items to discuss.

## 6 New Business

### 6.1 Consultation on Principal Selection Criteria for the 2022-2023 school year (due March 11, 2022)

- Katherine will circulate to all board members, additional information with regards to the Principal Selection Criteria. This topic will be deferred to the January meeting.

### 6.2 Open House / Town Hall

- The Clearpoint Open House / Town Hall date is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>. The intent is to provide parents a Q&A format via Zoom.

### 6.3 Changing COVID Guidelines

- LBPSB has limited grouping of students beyond individual classes. This has limited what the school could offer in terms of activities that are multi-grade and multi-class groupings. The staff, as well as H&S who also offer lunchtime activities, will evaluate what activities they can continue to pursue while respecting the new conditions.
- Daycare services are also impacted by the new guidelines. Ms. Tassie has assured us that the student to educator ratios is still being kept, and that students and staff are being reminded to wear their masks, wash their hands, and keep their distance.

## 7 Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

### 7.1 Grade 6 Grad Trip

- A one-day trip to Ottawa is being planned on April 14<sup>th</sup>, where the grade 6 students will be able to visit the grounds of Parliament Hill, partake in a guided visit of the Canadian War Museum, as well as visit the Science and Technology Museum and more.
- The Cost is estimated to be around \$200 per student, which will include transportation (coach bus) and dinner.
- Students and adults will be required to wear masks when indoors or in public areas. Students aged 12 and up will be required to show proof of vaccination to gain entrance to the museums.

### 7.2 TCBY Fundraiser

- Tayba is seeking approval to run a TCBY fundraiser on the following dates:
  1. January 18
  2. February 1 and 15
  3. March 15 and 30
  4. April 12
  5. May 10 and 24
  6. June 7 and 21

The cost will be \$30 for all 10 dates (cannot select to purchase on certain dates only), with 2 flavors being offered; chocolate/vanilla swirl and a dairy free watermelon flavor. All options are nut free.

### 7.3 Junglesport

- Junglesport will be returning to Clearpoint from January 10 to the 14. There will be no charge to the students as the school and H&S will split the cost for the activity.

#### 7.4 Mandarin & Spanish

- Mr. Estok is seeking approval to conduct a survey to see if there is an interest in offering Mandarin and Spanish lessons to students. The estimated, maximum cost is \$70 per student for a 1 hour per week lesson running for 6-8 weeks. The lessons will have to comply with the changing COVID guidelines (see section 6.3) and will most likely be held after school.
- A motion to accept the above-mentioned field trips, fundraisers, and activities, as presented by Mr. Estok and Tayba, was put forth by Danny, seconded by Liz. Motion carried unanimously.

### 8 Reports

#### 8.1 Principal

- Mr. Estok presented his report and answered all questions put forth. Please see Appendix A.

#### 8.2 Primary Years Programme (PYP) Update

- Please see “Learner Profile Assemblies” section within Appendix A.

#### 8.3 Teachers

- Kindergarten: Students are working on their Celebrations unit. The students are also being visited by the Kindness Bird, where they are encouraged to perform acts of kindness before they depart for the holidays.
- Cycle 1: Students are preparing for the Holiday Show, as well as working on their 3D models of house floor plans using recycled materials.
- Grade 3: Students are finishing their unit on space and starting their next unit on advertisement.
- Grade 4: No report was given at this time.
- Grade 5: No report was given at this time.
- Grade 6: Exhibition has started, with topics to be presented and groups to be made shortly. A French reading competition, “Qui lira, vaincra” will be starting in the new year, and is opened to cycle 3 students.

#### 8.4 Daycare

- A motion to accept the Cabaret Kids theme ped day, to be held on January 21, 2022, with a \$10 additional charge (\$20 total per student), was put forth by Tayba, seconded by Dov. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 8.5 Home & School

- The next Staff Coffee Hour will be on December 16.
- An update of the Holiday Fair fundraising was given with the current sales as listed below:
  - 50/50 raffle: \$1075
  - Budding Artist: \$1155.75
  - Bad Monkey: \$120
  - Vendor Registration: \$160
  - Donations: \$335
  - Scholastic: \$976.85 Sales (\$195.37 REWARDS dollars)
  - Fundscrip: \$67.80
  - Tru Earth: \$49.15
  - Cleo: \$85

- Babar Book Fair: Scheduled to start December 10 to 19
- Brulerie des Monts: No update
- BoSapin: \$0; ran out of stock when fundraiser began
- Distribution will happen for Budding Artists, Scholastics, and Bad Monkey will start this week.
- H&S is seeking approval for the following:
  - a new anti-bully fundraiser which would be paired with Pink Shirt Day which will run on February 24. The fundraiser will launch on January 5<sup>th</sup>, where people can purchase:
    1. Kits for \$20 (youth t-shirt, bracelet & sticker); \$3 comes back to H&S
    2. T-Shirt for \$18; \$3 comes back to H&S
    3. Adult T-shirt for \$20; \$3 comes back to H&S
    4. Bracelet for \$3; \$1 comes back to H&S
  - Cookie Decorating Contest: this will run online where people can share their sugar cookie recipes, and prizes will be awarded to the ones who bake the nicest looking cookies. There is no cost associated for this activity.
  - 2022-2023 SchoolKits: Parents can purchase their children's school supplies through SchoolKits and have them delivered to their home.
  - Pizza Lunches at a cost of \$49.50 for all 9 of the following dates (cannot select to purchase on certain dates only):
    1. February 22
    2. March 8 and 22
    3. April 5 and 26
    4. May 3, 17 and 31
    5. June 14
- A motion to accept the above-mentioned fundraisers and activities as presented by Tayba, was initiated by Liz, seconded by Dov. Motion carried unanimously.
- Tayba gave an update of the lunchtime activities offerings, which include:
  - Cabaret Kids for grades 1 and 2, held on Tuesdays after school
  - Cabaret Kids for grades 5 and grade, held on Wednesdays after school
  - Mad Science for grades 3 and 4, held on Thursday
  - Bandes Dessinées (in French) for grades 3 and 4, held on Mondays
  - Karate Sportif for grades 1 and 2, held on Wednesdays

#### 8.6 LBPSB PC Rep

- Danny, on behalf of Marc, shared a message from Shane Ross, the Chair of the Parents' Committee, regarding the status on COVID-19.

#### 8.7 Commissioner

- Marilyne presented her December report that was circulated via email. Please see Appendix B.

#### 9 Varia

- None

#### 10 Correspondence

- None



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11 Dates of next meeting

- Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 6:30p.m via Zoom.

12 Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm was initiated by Tayba, seconded by Tassie. Motion carried.

## Appendix A

Dec. 8, 2021

### Governing Board Principal's Report



**-COVID-19 Vaccinations:** COVID – 19 Vaccinations have been scheduled for Clearpoint for Friday, December 17. Registrations are done using Clic-Santé. Parents are able to accompany their children if they wish. At present there is not a large number of parents who have registered their children to get vaccinated here at school, presumably because they have elected to visit one of the clinics that are currently accepting vaccination appointments.

**-Rainbow Day:** Clearpoint is renewing its annual tradition of celebrating “Rainbow Day” this coming Friday. We are asking our families to contribute a small donation and wear a coloured t-shirt (different colour for each grade level) to complete the Clearpoint rainbow. Funds collected will go towards the purchase of gift cards from local grocery stores so that families in need can have a holiday with some of their burdens eased somewhat.

**-Holiday Show:** Thank you to Ms. Laura our dance teacher, who has taken Clearpoint by storm, and carried on the fine tradition of our holiday dance shows with a very original jr show. She and Mme. Lajoie our music teacher have been working super-hard to get the children ready for the filming of their routines this week. Thank you to Mr. Steven Wilson who is again here to capture it all on film for parents to view at home during the holidays.

**-Grade 6 Exhibition:** The Grade 6 Exhibition kicks off tomorrow, with a virtual summit. The students will be investigating and researching lines of inquiry under the Trans Disciplinary Theme of ‘How We Organize Ourselves’. This theme represents an inquiry into ‘The interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment. The lines of inquiry will be explored against the backdrop of the UN’s 17 Sustainability Goals.

**-Learner Profile Assemblies:** On Nov. 18, our IB Coordinator, Ms. Barroca gave our first in-person assembly in almost 2 years, and presented on the Learner Profile Attributes: Thinker and Knowledgeable. After the assembly students were invited to win a Thinker or Knowledgeable pride tag by sharing with Ms. Barroca something they had learned in a previous unit of inquiry. Some students have been sharing their ideas with the whole school over the intercom.

**-Holiday Spirit Week Returns:** Zany hats, Fancy New Year’s Eve Dress, Ugly Sweaters, Plaid Day, and the perennial favourite: pj day all make their return as we head into the holidays.

**-Equity Diversity and Inclusivity:** As you may know last year the LBPSB struck a taskforce to review these issues in the LBPSB community and provide recommendations. The recommendations can be seen in the task forces report available on the school board website. Staff members across the school board have been spending time on professional days reviewing some of these recommendations and discussing what it



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means to work towards establishing an educational community that is more equal, inclusive, and recognizes diversity.

Respectfully submitted, David Estok

## Appendix B

Marilyne Boyer – Ward 8 Report- Clearpoint, Sherbrooke Academy Jr. & Sr., and Beacon Hill  
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### Highlights of interest from Council, November 29, 2021

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- There are 2 upcoming consultations that will be launched in December: The Principal Selection Criteria and the Budget Consultation. We are looking forward to your comments and ideas. Remember that even a “no comments” response is valuable to Council as it does help us to see if we are on the right track.
- Highlights from the Council Subcommittees Reports
  - Central Students Committee – They have sent a survey to the high school students on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Each school has brought back their feedback and the committee will be looking into the responses.
  - Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – There will be looking at some of the bus routes and there will be recommendations for changes brought to the December Council meeting.
  - Green Committee – There are grants from the committee for green projects in high school and there are currently 2 electric buses in the fleet serving LBPSB



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