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Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

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Location: Clearpoint Elementary School Zoom Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 Time: 6:30pm - 7:38pm

Attendees Governing Board (GB) Members:		Attendees GB Substitutes:	Attendees Parents/other:	Absent:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Estok Alex Bardoux Alicyn Sconiers Amanda Blackburn Audrey Lambert Daniel Trotto Dov Bensimon Gabrielle Forestell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karina Leonard Katherine Wiebe Kimberley Villarroel Marilyne Boyer Suzanne Larkin Tassie Fyon Vaughn Peters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebecca-Anne Belmonte Tatiana Mendez Tayba Huot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 19 participants attended the meeting, including those explicitly listed here. Rean Sayegh Lawand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anna Maria Di Stasio Dahlia Singh Erika Gunn Laura Mazigi Liz Lopez Marc Lucke Melanie Flores

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 April meeting of the Clearpoint Governing Board.
- 2 Approval of the Agenda
 - A motion to accept the proposed agenda was initiated by Suzanne, seconded by Gabrielle. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3 Approval of the Minutes
 - A motion to accept the minutes from the GB meeting held on March 9, was initiated by Suzanne, seconded by Dov. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4 Public & Member Question Period
 - Karina, on behalf of numerous parents, has asked if Clearpoint will be holding their annual year-end BBQ. Mr. Estok has responded that it could be possible if circumstances surrounding Covid-19 allow for it. H&S is working on different possibilities for an end of year event.
- 5 Business Arising
 - There were no items to discuss.
- 6 New Business
 - There were no items to discuss.

7 Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

7.1 Track and Field at PCHS

- Students within grades 4, 5, and 6 will have the option to participate within a schoolboard track and field event being held on June 1 at PCHS. There is a \$20 cost per student. Transportation will be provided via school bus.

7.2 Qui Lira Vaincra

- Grade 5 and 6 students from Clearpoint will be competing in a French oral reading contest at BHS, with other students from other LBPSB elementary schools. Semi-finals will be held on April 27th, with the finals being held on May 4th. There is no cost for this event. Students will need to be driven by their parents for this field trip.
- A motion to accept the above-mentioned field trips, as presented by Mr. Estok, was put forth by Dov, seconded by Tassie. Motion carried unanimously.

7.3 Insectarium

- All cycle 1 classes will receive an in-class presentation on insects provided by Insectambulant. The presentation will be given on May 19. There is no cost to students for this event.

7.4 Farm Animals at Clearpoint

- Small farm animals (bunnies, chickens, a goat, etc.) will be visiting Clearpoint (outdoors) on June 1st, where kindergarten kids will have the chance to see, pet, and learn more about farm animals. There is no cost to students for this event.
- A motion to accept the above-mentioned activities, as presented by Mr. Estok, was put forth by Amanda, seconded by Suzanne. Motion carried unanimously.

7.5 Denim Day

- Students and staff are encouraged to wear their denim and make any contribution towards this cause.

7.6 Qui Lira Vaincra

- Students participating in the Qui Lira Vaincra, are seeking approval to sell bags of chips to help cover the costs of t-shirts they have ordered for the event.
- A motion to accept the above-mentioned fundraisers, as presented by Mr. Estok, was put forth by Tatiana, seconded by Karina. 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

- The Leadership team is working on an evaluation survey which will be sent out to all Clearpoint parents. The goal is to receive feedback on how parents feel the school is implementing the IB program at Clearpoint.
- Clearpoint staff participated in online IB workshops during the days of March 28 and 29.

8.3 Teachers

- Kindergarten:
 - À L'École de la Vue will be at Clearpoint on May 4, performing eye exams on students who have consented to have their eyes checked by an optometrist.
 - Students from the Kindergarten and Grade 3 classes will be participating in a seeds workshop, where they will plant seeds within a clay structure, and then transfer them back in nature or plant them in their own gardens. This is part of the Arts Inspired grant. The event is in two parts, where the first part being virtually held on May 12 and then in person on May 16th, 18th, and 19th.
 - Students have started their next unit on seasons!
- Cycle 1: No report was given at this time.
- Cycle 2: No report was given at this time.
- Cycle 3: Exhibitions were a success! The students have started writing their French ministry exams, as well as having started their unit on religions. They are also excited to go on their Grad Trip, taking place April 14th.
- Phys. Ed.:
 - 60 Students from grades 5 and 6 took part of the ski trip at Morin Heights. Thank you to all the volunteers who participated.
 - May 12 will host the Halo Run, where we have a total of 166 students registered, the highest registration number since we've started participating in the event.

8.4 Daycare

- Daycare staff participated in a workshop during the day of March 28.
- The Cabaret Kids theme ped day, held on March 29, was a success!
- Tassie is working with Pat Tramley and bringing back the Book Club for students.

8.5 Home & School

- Staff Appreciation was a huge success!
- A community event being held in May, will see an incubator containing 12 eggs coming to Clearpoint, where the community can help guess which egg will hatch first!
- H&S elections will take place in June.
- Pizza Lunches are going well.
- Lunchtime and after school activities have started this week and are going well.
- Maple Syrup distributions took place on April 13th.
- The Bookfair fundraiser during Reading Week brought in \$285.82 from Clio, and \$565.40 from Scholastic.
- H&S is seeking approval for the following fundraisers:
 - Plantables: Plantables provide fruit and vegetable plants from Ontario, delivered directly to customers homes. The fundraiser will run from April 15-May 15 and Clearpoint will receive 10% of every order.
 - Mugs: This is a 50/50 (H&S/Grad) fundraiser, running from April 16 to 30. Parents can choose from 2 options:
 - 1) Mugs only at a cost of \$15 each with \$12.50 coming back to H&S.
 - 2) a package of 1 mug, 2 hot chocolate packages (fair-trade), 2 chocolate spoons and marshmallows at a cost of \$20 with \$14 coming back to H&S.

- A motion to accept the above-mentioned fundraisers as presented by Tayba, was initiated by Suzanne, seconded by Kimberley. Motion carried unanimously.

8.6 LBPSB PC Rep

- No report was given at this time.

8.7 Commissioner

- Marilyne gave congratulatory remarks to Clearpoint staff and students for their exhibition presentations!
- Beurling Academy, John Rennie High School, Macdonald High School, and Pierrefonds Community High School have been awarded grants for their green initiatives.
- The LBPSB adopted a resolution reaffirming its commitment to making our schools safe by continuing to work with but not limited to parents, community organizations, and law enforcements.
- The Council of Commissioners approved that the current rental of facilities rates be increased by 3% for the 2022-2023 school year, effective July 1, 2022.
- The Governance and Ethics Committee will follow the progress of Bill 9 on the National Student Ombudsman and if applicable, review the school board's Complaint Examination Procedure.

9 Varia

- None

10 Correspondence

- None

11 Dates of next meeting

- Wednesday, May 4, 2022 @ 6:30p.m via Zoom.

12 Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm was initiated by Suzanne, seconded by Tayba. Motion carried.

Appendix A

April 13, 2022

Governing Board Principal's Report



-Portfolio Evening: We are very pleased to be able to have had our first portfolio night in two years! We are sure that parents appreciated the opportunity to finally visit the school and visit their children's classrooms yesterday evening. Portfolios are an important evaluation tool in terms of assessing how students' progress with the PYP. A memo was sent out earlier this week (also part of this weekend's newsletter) with some suggestions about how to help parents with the conversation they will have with their children as they review their portfolios. I would like to recognize the dedication of our staff in having made this evening a resounding success.

-COVID up-date: Our cases have been on the rise – in the neighbourhood of 15-16 confirmed positive cases throughout the school. This number has been stable over the past 8-9 school days. Today our numbers were slightly better (9 cases school wide). The school board prescribes that parents be notified when 35% of students in a given class have a confirmed positive test.

-Staff Room Renos: Planning an initial meeting before the end of April. Hope to have work begin this coming summer. Thank you to Suzanne, Frances, Della, Layla, Marie-Flore and Tayba who have all agreed to be part of the committee, and thank you to our Home & School who have made this project a focus of their fund-raising efforts.

-Reading Week: We would like to thank everyone who supported our Reading Week last week, especially our community readers who zoomed in and read from their favourite books to students from each grade level – thank you to Katherine, Dov, Tayba, Allison Saunders and Pat Tramley who were some of our community readers! Thank you to the H&S Association for their support, and for coordinating the book fairs that helped highlight the week's activities.

-Staff Appreciation Week: A huge thank you to our Home & School for the marvelous way everyone was pampered during our Staff Appreciation week in March. I would again like to extend a very personal thank you to the kindness and generosity I was shown. We are truly fortunate to be able to work with such a caring and supportive parent community – thank you so much!

-Entrepreneurship Grants: Earlier this year, a number of our staff members submitted grant applications as part of the Quebec Entrepreneurship Program. We had a total of 11 projects submitted, and two have been recognized at the regional finals for the Montreal region – the two projects were "The Blue Bird Spreads Love & Joy" which involved kindergarten students showing empathy and caring by carrying out acts of kindness to other students and staff, and "Java Salt" which involved grade 3 students using coffee grounds (instead of salt) as a material to make ice on the playground less treacherous in winter.

-Grade 6 Exhibition Actions Continue: Grade 6 students continue to carry out the actions associated with their Exhibition Projects. This week our Animal Rights group held a fund-raiser to support the Ecomuseum. The students contacted the Ecomuseum and 4 - Family pack tickets were donated by the Ecomuseum; and a

draw was held yesterday – tickets for the draw for the family packs are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All proceeds will be donated to the Ecomuseum. Close to \$500 was raised.

-On-going support for Ukraine: As part of our on-going Campaign to Support Ukraine, students are getting involved by selling some crafts – buttons, bracelets, and some sunflower seeds – with all proceeds going either to the International Red Cross or The Bearers of Love – an organization that helps support orphans from the Ukraine. Kudos to our students for their caring actions.

-Grade 6 Grad Trip: Another “first in two years” event is taking place this week with the grade 6 grad trip to Ottawa this Thursday. Thank you to the grade 6 teachers for organizing this important event which will for sure be one to remember.

-Qui Lira Vaincra: Grade 5 & 6 students from Clearpoint will be competing with students from other LBPSB elementary schools in French oral reading contests. Our students will be participating in the contest at the end of April that will be held after school at BHS. Thank you to Mme. Gabrielle and Mme. Emily for organizing this event for our students.

-Buzz Cuivre: Thank you to Mme. Lajoie, our music teacher who organized a concert on March 23 for our cycle 3 students, given by the brass troupe, “Buzz Cuivre”. It was the first live show in the gym in over two years, and was in both English and French, presenting the history of music using music and comedy. This was funded by a grant from the Culture in Schools program.

-Senior Show: Ms. Laura our Dance teacher and Mme. Lajoie our Music teacher are in the process of planning our senior show, which will again be recorded on video by our videographer Mr. Steven Wilson.

-GIMAC: The Theme for this year’s GIMAC is Women In Science, and we have three keynote speakers lined up, all with careers and backgrounds in science and science education.

Dominique Poulin works at the Canadian Space Agency and is an expert in aquatic environmental sciences.

Maxana Weiss is a Ph. D. candidate at McGill who has many areas of expertise and is a coordinator for “Let’s Talk Science” a national organization dedicated to promoting STEM education in schools.

Dianea Phillips has worked for many years in STEM/STEAM education and has a long list of accreditations including president of DKG Quebec, an international organization of leading women educators.

We hope to have this event in person, but may have to do it via zoom as in past years.

Respectfully submitted,
David Estok