







Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Rebecca Belmonte

Location: Clearpoint Elementary School Date: Wednesday, September 6th, 2023

Time: 6:15

Attendees Governing Board (GB Members):	Attendees GB Substitutes	Attendees /Parents/ Other:	Absent:
 Maria Pan Vaughn Peters Loretta Kao Rebecca-Ann Belmonte Dominique Bensadoun Susannah Riley Liz Lopez Marc Lucke Dahlia Singh Suzanne Larkin 	 Wendy Mendoza Amy Wong Tatiana Mendez 	 Marilyne Boyer Erika Gunn A total of 15 participants attended the meeting, including those explicitly listed here. 	 Alex Bardoux Albert Laurin Daniel Trotto Tassie Fyon Amanda Blackburn Rean Sayegh Melanie Flores Sabrina Inglesi

- 1. <u>Welcome</u>: Liz welcomed all and reminded all that there is an AGA at 7:15. The meeting started at 6:15.
- 2. <u>Approval of the Agenda with 3 adjustments made to New Business</u>: k) Scholastics; l) Holiday Fair; m) Music Program at BHS. **Motion to approve by Marc Lucke and seconded by Dominique Bensadoun.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from June 13th, 2023: Some corrections are needed in attendees and text. Rebecca Belmonte will make the corrections and send the minutes to Liz Lopez, Amanda Blackburn and Ms. Pan for verification. **Motion to approve by Susannah Riley, and seconded by Mme Suzanne.**
- 4. Public & Member Question Period:
 - Switch of schedule for French and English: Some parents are concerned about the change from doing 1 week in French/English to 1 day in French/English. Parents find that 1 week in a language helps the children focus on the language and complete longer projects. The teachers found it difficult to return to the French after 1 week in English. For the cycles that









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switched to 1 day have French and English on Friday except in kindergarten. From a logistics point of view, common release for IB meetings is easier with the 1-day switch. The switch is not school-wide but different for each cycle.

5. Business Arising:

5.1. Concert:

Mme Lajoie and Miss Errin request that the winter show (December 14th, 2023) be a senior show (grades 4-6) and the spring show (May 16th, 2024) be the junior show (grades K-3).
 Motion to approve by Mme Suzanne, and seconded by Susannah Riley.

5.2. Terry Fox Run:

• The Terry Fox run will be held on Sept. 21st from 12:30 to 14:00. **Motion to approve by Tassie Fyon, and seconded by Susannah Riley.**

5.3. École de la vue:

- This association will verify the eyesight of K4 and K5 students on Sept. 25th, 2023. They will use the library. Forms for the parent's permission will be sent out explaining the process. **Motion to approve by Mme Suzanne, and seconded by Mr. Vaughn.**
- 5.4. Evaluation and Reporting 2023-2024/General Competencies
 - Tabled until the next meeting.

6. Consultation documents:

- 6.1. Policy on School Daycare and Lunch Program and School and Continuing Education Fees Policy (due Nov. 17th, 2023) Please review the documents.
 - Tabled until the next meeting.
- 6.2. Bill 9: Complaints Process (due Nov. 17th, 2023) Please review the documents.
 - Tabled until the next meeting.

7. New Business:

Many events were presented for approval.

- 7.1. Welcome back corn roast date is changed to Sept. 21st, 2023 from 17:30 19:30 so it doesn't coincide with the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashana.
- 7.2. Home & School will provide apples at the Terry Fox Run (already approved).
- 7.3. Picture Day will be on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023. The company is Lavender Studio. There is a suggestion of maybe using this company for a school Yearbook.
- 7.4. Pizza lunch will occur every second Tuesday from October to June (18 meals) from Domino's Pizza. There is a gluten-free option. New this year: Pasta lunch with garlic bread will occur from Villa Toscana on the other Tuesday of the month. It will come in a recyclable container without utensils. There will be no cheese offered with the meal.
- 7.5. Vegetable Fundraiser starting late October (already approved).











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- 7.6. Coffee hour every month for the staff of Clearpoint. Parents can donate on the Home & School website for this occasion.
- 7.7. Lunch and Afterschool Activities

The year will be divided into 3 sessions lasting 8 weeks each

a) Oct.16th – Dec. 4th; b) Jan.22nd – March 22nd; Apr.15th – June 6th)

LUNCH ACTIVITIES (8 weeks)					
Day	Activity	Grade	Cost		
Monday	Cabaret Kids	3-6	\$130		
Tuesday	Junior Jams Hip Hop	1-4	\$150		
Wednesday	Karate Sportif	1-6	\$190		
Thursday	Mad Science Junior Engineers –	1-6	\$164.50		
_	Kitchen Chemistry				
Friday	Yoga	3-6	\$80		

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (10 weeks)				
Day	Activity	Grade	Cost	
Tuesday	Nemesis Code Cadet Program (1.5 hours/week)	3-6	\$400	
or Thursday				
Wednesday	Cabaret Kids + show Dec. 7 th or 8 th (2 hours/week)	3-6	\$332	

There may be a Spanish class with PELO, added to the activities like last year. Luch sports activities will continue and Choir with Miss Angelo will be on Thursdays this year.

- 7.8. Digital Citizenship Week will be from October 23-27th. During this week we will touch on Media smarts for the students. There will be a Free Webinar for Parents given on the evening of Oct. 3rd.
- 7.9. Halloween Dance (junior and senior): It will take place on Friday, Oct. 27th. The junior dance for grades K-3 will be from 18h 19h15. The senior dance for grades 4-6 will be from 19h30 20h45. The graduation committee will be selling refreshments that evening.
- 7.10. Budding Artists will begin by the end of October so items may be ready for Christmas.
- 7.11. Scholastics Book Sale will occur from Nov. 20-24th. Students will be able to bring money and buy books during the day. Parents will have the opportunity to buy books during the evening on Parent-Teacher interview night.
- 7.12. The Holiday Fair is planned for Saturday, Dec. 2nd.
- 7.13. BHS Music Program: BHS will be doing a music tour and will come to Clearpoint on Oct.4th, 2023 at 12:20. The show will last about 40 minutes and will be presented to grades 3-6.









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Motion to approve all activities approved by Rebecca Belmonte and seconded by Mr. Vaughn.

8. <u>Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities:</u>

8.1. Field Trips: LBPSB will have their Cross-country run on Oct. 17th or 18th (rain dates Oct. 19th or Oct. 20th. The Grades 4-6 will participate. It will take place at the Morgan Arboretum. Teachers will accompany the students and parent volunteers are welcome. **Motion to approve by Susannah Riley and seconded by Miss Dahlia Singh.**

9. Orange Shirt Day and the Indigenous presenter Sam Ojeada:

9.1. Mr. Ojeada will visit Clearpoint on Sept. 29th. The students will be asked to donate a loonie or a toonie to help raise money for the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal. This collection will occur the week of Oct. 2nd. **Motion to approve by Mark Lucke and seconded by Susannah Riley.**

10. Reports:

10.1 Principal:

- Ms. Maria Pan thanked everyone for the wonderful welcome she has received at Clearpoint which has made for a great transition. She is honoured to be working with an exceptional team.
- The two curriculum nights went very well. The current number of students is 430. There is a new secretary Miss Brisson, 23 homerooms, 3 K5 classes and 9 new staff members. The K5 had their Balloon parade. We were thankful for the presence of the commissioner Mme Boyer and for Mme Suzanne who has continued this wonderful tradition.

10.2 Teachers:

- K5: (Mme Suzanne) The first full day went very well. The K4 students coming to K5 make a big difference since they already know the school setting.
- Cycle 1: (Miss Dahlia) Starting the Unit: Who We Are? Speaking about different communities, families and work. The students will interview different staff members and make friendship bracelets.

10.3 Primary Years Program (PYP) Update:

• The information is in the Welcome letter.

10.4 Daycare

- The Daycare is open and has 230 students. The fees are increased: lunch is now \$2.54; day is \$9.20; Ped day \$15.75 + the cost of the activity.
- Sept. 22nd is the first Ped day. If there are any people, we know who would like to work there are 2 positions open in the daycare program.

10.5 Home & School:

• There are 23 parents registered for Home and School. Please spread the word about the upcoming Wine & Cheese on Sept. 19th at 18h30.









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10.6 LBPSB PC Rep:

- Mark Lucke's term ended. As a member of GB he asked to be revoted as the LBPSB rep from the GB. Since he has 1 year left Dominique Bensadoun was voted as his substitute
- The first meeting will be Sept. 28th.

10.7 Commissioner (Mme Boyer)

- She reminded us of the three important consultations that are due on November 17th.
- Bill 40 could not be pushed and the Government has until Sept. 11th to appeal. We have other GBs and parents to thank for this success.

11. Varia:

• Nothing added.

12. <u>Correspondence</u>:

• Nothing to report.

13. Next Meeting:

• The proposed date for the next meeting is Oct. 11th at 18h30.

14. Adjournment: Liz closed the meeting at 19:20.

Motion approved by Mr. Vaughn and seconded by Susannah Riley.