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### Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Amanda Blackburn

Location: Clearpoint Elementary School Library

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 Time: 6:30

Attendees Governing Board Members:		Attendees GB Substitutes	Attendees Parents' Other:	Absent:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maria Pan</li> <li>• Tassie Fyon</li> <li>• Dahlia Singh</li> <li>• Vaughn Peters</li> <li>• Suzanne Larkin</li> <li>• Laila Barroca</li> <li>• Kristin Eccles</li> <li>• Francis LaPorta</li> <li>• Miranda Tubbeh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dominique Bensadoun</li> <li>• Susannah Riley</li> <li>• Amanda Blackburn</li> <li>• Loretta Kao</li> <li>• Wendy Mendoza</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Palmer</li> <li>• Tatiana Mendez</li> <li>• Rean Sayegh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 14 participants attended the meeting, including those explicitly listed here.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebecca-Ann Belmonte</li> <li>• Marc Lucke</li> <li>• Amy Wong</li> <li>• Liz Lopez</li> <li>• Marilyne Boyer</li> </ul>

Agenda		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome</li> <li>2. Approval of the Agenda</li> <li>3. Approval of the last minutes</li> <li>4. Public &amp; Member Question Period</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Business Arising</li> <li>6. New Business</li> <li>7. Field Trips, Fundraisers, &amp; Activities</li> <li>8. Reports</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Varia</li> <li>10. Correspondence</li> <li>11. Date of the next meeting</li> <li>12. Adjournment</li> </ol>

1. Welcome:
  - Ms. Pan opened the meeting at 6:38, with a territorial land acknowledgement, and notes our thoughts are with those affected in Israel and Gaza. Laura and Rean will be voting members today.
2. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve by Mme. Suzanne and seconded by Laura.
3. Approval of Minutes from September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Motion to approve minutes (with correction to add Ms. Tassie as attending) by Ms. Tassie and seconded by Rean.



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4. Public & Member Question Period:
  - There will not be a cycle 3 teacher representative on GB this year.
  - In the past parents have been able to order Clearpoint Sweatshirts and T-shirts, which match the students' shirts for the year – Ms. Pan will look into making this available this year for parents.
  - Reminder that the student should wear their yearly Clearpoint shirts on Field Trips to make it easy to locate our students.
  - If there is a digit version of the workbook, will the parents be given access to login information, so they can utilize it to it's full potential? This is at teachers' discretion, but many logins will be going out soon, it takes time for teachers to prepare. Digital items are helpful and parents also like physical copies too, parents just want resources to practice at home.
5. Business Arising: (highlighted portions were tabled for the next meeting)
  - 5.1. Selection of chairperson and secretary:
    - Dominique Bensadoun was voted in as our chairperson for this year, the secretary position will be filled by Rebecca-Ann Belmonte and has Amanda Blackburn as a replacement.
  - 5.2. EDDI video for all GB members to watch:
    - **Members agreed to watch video and be able to discuss it at the next meeting.**
  - 5.3. Review of Governing Board Essential Agreements:
    - Propose that we will add a timer for meetings to be 90 minutes and will table items we can't get to, for the next meeting, highlighted and brought up in person. Motion to approve Ms. Tassie, seconded by Mme. Suzanne, no opposed.
  - 5.4. Evaluation and Reporting: Nothing new from last year – will update with gender neutral language. Types of evaluation have to be approved and sent to parents. There will be in-person parent teacher meetings.
  - 5.5. Remembrance Day: We will be doing a moment of silence on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We would like to bring in a bagpiper, but they are only available November 15, still bees to be approved by Staff, motion to approved by Mme. Suzanne seconded by Amanda.
  - 5.6. Consultations due by November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023
    - 5.6.1. Bill 9
    - 5.6.2. Commitment to Success Plan
    - 5.6.3. Daycare Services and Fees
    - 5.6.4. Enrollment Criteria
6. New Business
  - 6.1. GIMAC, May 25, 2024
    - Girls in Motion at Clearpoint is done every second year alternating with Boy'R'Us and is a day of action for the students taking place on Saturday, May 25 from 9 am to 3pm.
    - For student in Grade 4 – 6. 4 teachers and staff members will be running the event.
    - Cost is \$20/ child and \$45/adult. Costs cover: snack, pizza lunch, T-shirt and come of speakers and presenters.
    - **Something to think about for next year:** should be only include grade 5- 6 so that when they alternate (one year for girls, one for boys) all the students will have an equal time to participate.



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### 6.2. Legados Spanish Classes:

- We are going to try to get this class up and running this year, with the help of Home & School developing Spanish Class extra curricular activity.

### 6.3. Schools Taking Root Fundraiser: Is for October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 to 5:30 pm.

- Deadline to order extended to October 13, we need a minimum of 60 baskets, currently only sold 32.
- Motion to approve all new business by Laura and seconded by Ms. Miranda. No opposition.

## 7. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

### 7.1. LBPSB Volleyball Tournament:

- Grade 6 student, on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Costs about \$800, about 40 kids will attend. Looking into renting a city bus. We are asking for parent volunteers so the ration will be 1:8.

### 7.2. Stewart Hall:

- Cycle 2 Students will be walking to Stewart Hall, 2 classes at a time.
- This is a free activity, and a great bonding experience for the kids. We will be inviting parent volunteers.

### 7.3. K's Field Trip:

- Eco-Museum on November 2 (1:5 ratio) leaving at 8:20 am
- Walking to see how animals prepare for winter. May have snack but back for lunch. Ms. Pan says there is funding 30\$/child by government, will use half so it will cost parents \$15.

### 7.4. TCBY Grad Fundraiser:

- Order form will be sent out to parents, \$55.25 for the year.
- TCBY has 2 flavors, both of which are nut free, chocolate/vanilla swirl, or watermelon which is dairy free.
- Grads will manage distribution on Thursdays.
- Grads can make about \$6,000 from this fundraiser.

### 7.5. Halloween Dance:

- October 27, there will be a junior dance, followed by a senior dance. Suggesting a \$3 donation.
- We will be selling food items, and Home & School requesting parents sign up to donate food (needs to be nut free).

### 7.6. Pearson Education Foundation (PEF):

- Winter clothing program – if any of the Clearpoint staff know that a child does not have proper winter attire, the school communicates with PEF, and they will come fast, and matches the students wishes.
- They buy directly from suppliers, so nothing is second hand.
- Child's dignity is preserved, and needs are met, with brand new winter clothing. They are excellent and accommodating students wishes.
- Due to covid their donators have dwindled, so we would like to raise money in November.

Helping hand is available for field trips so no students are left behind.

Motion to pass all activities moved by Mme. Suzanne and seconded by Ms. Eccles.



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### 8. Reports

#### 8.1. Principal:

- Balloon Parade went well, and we even made the Gazette's front page.
- Terry Fox run went well, thanks Ms. Eccles and Ms. Yates.
- The Corn Roast was a great way to welcome everyone back and kick off the school year.
- Kindergarten students were able to get their vision screened.
- On National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, we had Sam Ojeda and his wife Mme. Veronique made a special presentation.
- Only 20 students were absent on Attestation Day.
- We will be doing fire drills and lockdown drills for emergency preparedness.
- IEP day was September 22.

#### 8.2. Teachers

- K4-K5: Mme. Suzanne working on schools and responsibilities and roles in schools, and schools around the world. We will be doing an outdoor classroom for the morning.
- Cycle 1: Ms. Dahlia, working on community unit, sent photos of community-based activities, strong sense of belonging, pictures in hallways and presented on smart boards. This week they will interview each other – based on attributes making friendship bracelets. Each attribute will be a different colour.
- Cycle 3: looking at government how we organize ourselves, grade 5 Canadian government grade 6 governments around the world.
- Music: huge shoutout to school for learning OCEAN for truth and reconciliation assembly, working on Halloween song and rhythms. Cycle 3 working on choose or compose song and create a dance to prepare for the class, doing presentation on artist of their song. Preparing for holiday concert.
- Phys ed: Doing team sports with Grade 5 and 6 at lunch. Working on football now. There has been some conflict between years younger vs older. Grade 5-6 intermural, try to get different grade captains, and learning how to work together. Grade 3-4 soccer unit. Starting ultimate frisbee hopefully get into schoolboard competition next year.
- Cross country run next week at the Morgan Arboretum, we've been practicing in class and at lunch. Need winter or rain boots and running shoes in bag. Dress in layers, have nametag, grade 6 run first, finish with grade 4.
- Thank you to everyone who donated to Terry Fox, almost \$12,000 was raised, goal was \$8,000.
- Resource groups commenced this week, with continued highlight on literacy intervention, done training Ufly, a scientific backed approach to teaching literacy.

#### 8.3. Primary Years Program (PYP) Update:

- Finishing first unit of inquiry, parent letter will go home about their next unit of inquiry. We are seeing actions outside of the school, and students are having fun being in the newsletter. First school assembly will be in November.



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### 8.4. Daycare

- We've been spending a lot of time outside with September's warm weather.
- Started beading, corking, making turkeys, and lots of other crafts.
- We had attestation week for daycare. Thanks to parents for bringing their kids. Government will give another 2 weeks during the year.
- 228 registered for daycare full to the max. 10 classes and everything is going smoothly.
- Still looking for staff at lunch time. Integration aides have been helping.

### 8.5. Home & School:

- Lunchtime activities opened more spaces for yage and cabaret kids. Everything else is sold out. Coding is still available.
- Pizza lunch went well. Pasta seems to be popular hopefully it will proceed all year, 170 students signed up. Testing to see how we will handle leftovers.
- Halloween Dance on October 27, separated by grade levels. Drinks and snacks will be sold by Home & School and Grad committee. Parents will have to register 1 parent per family.
- In November, there will be an in-person Scholastic book fair.
- Thank you to staff for submitting teacher allocations.
- Holiday fair started planning for December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### 8.6. LBPSB PC Rep Presented by Dominique (on behalf of Marc who was absent):

- The last meeting was an AGA, and there was voting for a new slate of parent committee members.
- SNACC Specials needs advisory committee. Needs to be parents with kids that have special needs – these members do not have to part of governing board. They are a self-governed group, and for the first time, was not able to elect new members.

### 8.7. Commissioner

- Marilyne was not able to attend this meeting.

### 9. Varia:

- Last year at the end of year Mr. Estok talked about a new playground structure – meeting with outdoor committee and will talk about a government grant. Meeting with committee and home and school put aside down payment. This is still on our radar.
- Updates on Library time. The librarian has agreed to try to have parent volunteers on Wednesday's that she is here. The parents will be checking out the books which the librarian reads to a second group of students. Librarian is not allowed to train volunteers. The ultimate goal is for the library to be used at max capacity, and this allows for double the capacity that we currently have. This still needs to be approved by the librarian and council. We need to be very contentious since the union is still fighting for librarians.
- Lockdown Drill – We will do this as calmly as possible to prepare kids. We've explained that these can be needed if there is a medical emergency and hallways need to be cleared, or if an unexpected person comes to the school.

### 10. Correspondence: None

### 11. Date of next meeting: November 8<sup>th</sup>, virtual

### 12. Adjournment: Dominique closed the meeting at 8:47. Motion to approve by Mme. Suzanne and seconded by Amanda.