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Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Rebecca Belmonte

Location: Zoom	Date: Wednesday, February 13th, 2024, Time: 6:30
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Attendees Governing Board Members:		Attendees GB Substitutes	Attendees Parents' Other:	Absent:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Pan • Dominique Bensadoun • Tassie Fyon • Dahlia Singh • Vaughn Peters • Suzanne Larkin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susannah Riley • Rebecca Belmonte • Wendy Mendoza • Kristen Eccles • Layla Barroca • Frances La Porta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rean Sayegh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 13 participants attended the meeting, including those explicitly listed here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Palmer • Amy Wong • Liz Lopez • Amanda Blackburn • Loretta Kao • Miranda Tubbeh • Marilyne Boyer • Marc Lucke • Jennifer Yates • Melanie Flores • Tayba Huot • Tatiana Mendez

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

1. Welcome and Territorial Land Acknowledgement: Dominique started the meeting at 6:40pm.
2. Approval of the Agenda:
 - Discussions occurred over the sequence of the points in the Agenda at Governing Board and Dominique and Ms. Pan sought professional advice to better regulate the points brought to



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Governing Board. Should members of the public be present then the Public Question Period will be moved to the beginning of the meeting. Should members of the Governing Board wish to bring points then they will be added in the Varia section of the Agenda.

- Motion to approve by Ms. Kristen and seconded by Susannah.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2024: motion to approve by Wendy and Mme. Susannah

4. Correspondence & Acknowledgements

- Francis Scarpaleggia, a Canadian MP for the Lac-St-Louis riding, sent a thank you letter to the members of Clearpoint for Staff Appreciation Week.

5. Field Trips, Fund Raisers & Activities

5.1	Grade 6 Grad Committee: none for the moment	<i>For approval</i>
5.2	Senior Ski Day in the aspect of Personal Development for the students: Date: March 14, Grades 5 & 6, Price \$58-\$75, Morin Heights, 1 bus. Time from 8:00 to 15:30.	<i>For approval</i>
5.3	Cycle 1 Insect visit developing the IB Unit; Sharing the Planet. Insectambulant, a mobile museum, is scheduled to visit the cycle 1 classes on Feb 22. There will be 5 sessions throughout the day. The library will be needed for the day. The total cost per child is \$8.	<i>For approval</i>
5.4	Cycle 1 Stewart Hall, developing the IB Art Unit. The classes will be visiting Stewart Hall to kick off their Art unit. The dates will be March 25, 27 & 28. There is no cost for this and they will be walking.	<i>For approval</i>
5.5	Grad trip: May 27 overnight at Camp Notre-Dame-de-Fatima, 2464 Bd Perrot, Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot. The time to get to the camp is about 20 minutes. The outdoor activities create team-building links for the students. Cost: \$140/student. The ratio is about 15 students/monitor. Teachers and principal will be present.	<i>For approval</i>
5.6	Grade 4: Pointe-à-Callière on June 5, 2024, developing the history units. The ratio of 1 adult to 10 students.	<i>For approval</i>
5.7	Pool field trip for grade 6: June 14, rain day June 17. There is a lifeguard at the pool and a BBQ will be served.	<i>For approval</i>



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- Motion to approve all six propositions by Ms. Dahlia and seconded by Wendy.

6. New Business

6.1	<p>Winter Carnival: Week of February 26</p> <p>a) Outdoor activities in the AM (sledding, cotton snowballs and parachute activity) with mobile Cabane à sucre on Tuesday, February 27th (Ks: 9:15-9:50 am, Grades 1-3: 9:50-10:30, Grades 4-6: 10:40-11:20 am)</p> <p>b) Full school Bingo: Ks to 3 at 10:30 am and Grades 4 to 6 from 12:20 pm (35-minute sessions on Thursday, February 29th.)</p> <p>c) Winter-themed movies in the afternoon of Friday, March 1st in classrooms</p>	<i>For approval</i>
6.2	<p>Black History Virtual Assembly at 12:15-12:30 pm with Sarah Zaslov on Wednesday, February 28th. Videos of the activities will be taken.</p>	<i>For approval</i>

- Motion to approve both propositions by Mme Susanne and seconded by Susannah.

7. Business Arising:

7.1	<p>“Plan de rattrapage scolaire” du Ministre Drainville: A sum of money was allotted to each school to offer tutoring lessons for students who are in difficulty. It amounts to approximately 2-3 students per class, for 1-hour sessions for 10 weeks. The money pays for the tutors. Other sums are given for “aide à la classe” but this will be for after the March break.</p>	
7.2	<p>Jump Rope for Heart: May 1, 2024, 12:10-2:15 pm whole school event</p>	<i>For approval</i>
7.3	<p>Grad loaf Sale: March 27th and 28th. Grad students are asked to bring in 4 loaves of bread with clearly labelled ingredients. Each loaf is sold for \$5. Suggestion: the 1st time students pass; they can buy only 1 loaf and then return later in the day to buy more if necessary.</p>	<i>For approval</i>
7.4	<p>Grad Ceremony: Move to Thursday, June 20th with half day for Grade 6 students on the 20th (@11:20 am) There aren’t any conflicts with high school graduation ceremonies.</p>	<i>For approval</i>



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7.5	<p>Cedar Park United Church: the church requested to use the schoolyard on Saturday, September 14th from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm for a picnic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve by Mme Susanne and seconded by Kristen. 	<i>For approval</i>
7.6	<p>LBPSB Budget 2024-2025 consultation (due March 28, 2024)</p> <p>Proposition to table this point until the March Governing Board meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve the proposition by Wendy and seconded by Mme Susanne. 	<i>For approval</i>
7.7	<p>Staff Appreciation: week of March 18th, 2024. A separate committee has been formed and will provide many activities and treats for teachers for 4 days.</p>	<i>For information</i>

- Motion to approve propositions 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 by Mr. Vaughn and seconded by Layla.

8. Reports:

8.1	Principal - Annex A
8.2	Teachers - Annex A
8.3	Primary Years Program (PYP) Update - Annex A
8.4	Daycare – Annex A
8.5	<p>Home & School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bread and Beyond: With the help of parent volunteers, 504 sandwiches and 47 dozen cookies were sent to the homeless. • Comedy Night: 75 tickets were sold; it was an enjoyable evening. • Pink Shirt Orders: 107 items were sold. • H & S will be enforcing the 48-hour rule so no outstanding bills are left unpaid.
8.6	LBPSB PC Rep: Not present
8.7	Commissioner – enclosed in email



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The commissioner herself has been designated to represent the LBPSB at the Canadian Association for Practical Study of Law in Education. The conference will be in Toronto. |
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9. Varia:

- Reminder of the One-word activity launched by Layla for the IB activities.
- At the last Governing Board, it was mentioned that Clearpoint would be buying new desks what format will they be? They will be desks with a space to place their books.

10. Public Question Period: none

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, at 6:30 via Zoom.

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Motion to approve by Mme Susanne and seconded by Wendy.



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Annex A

Reports – January 2024

Principal

Events:

January saw winter finally arriving with a snowstorm and plunging temperatures. Throughout this, Transco bus strikes are still ongoing with no real resolution in sight at the moment. Thankfully, the negotiations for the common front strike seem promising and all teachers have returned to work.

We started the New Year with full school assemblies reminding the students about how kindness can change the world. We also celebrated all students who TOOK ACTION by giving them pride tags.

We also had our Open House on the evening of Wednesday, January 10th and again on Thursday, January 11th in the morning. Both sessions were well attended with many positive comments and reviews from potential parents. It is our sincerest hope that this translates into many registrations. Miss Tara already has many registration appointments to date. A big thank you to the parent volunteers who came and cleaned up the library making it look shiny and polished. Our 14 Grade 6 Tour Guide Ambassadors also need to be commended for all their hard work in leading the many groups of parents around the school showcasing the best of Clearpoint.

Academics:

Also in January, we held our IB Exhibition Summit on the morning of January 16th where this year's topic is "Sharing the Planet". We had the honour of having our Region Director, Debi Dixon, as our keynote speaker to kickstart this event. We also hosted an impressive number of



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speakers that included members of our community, our school board, and even parents of our Grade 6 students. Each one shared and demonstrated their expertise to our students. Our grade 6 students all commented on how the presentations were both inspirational and thought-provoking giving them many ideas for their project topics. This is a great way to ignite the start of our Grade 6 Exhibition projects of 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Maria Pan

IB - Primary Years Program

Exhibition is well underway for the grade 6 students. They are in the research/writing phase of their exhibition project, having each determined two key concept questions for their project.

Many students, across the grades, participated in the self-management activity and sent in their “one-word” target for the new year. We will be hanging these in the halls so students can see the power of one word and how many different powerful words there are!

Kindergarten – K4

Our K4 students have just finished their unit on “How to express ourselves”. They worked on their “This is not a box” projects and presented them to their friends. They will be starting their final unit shortly and we are looking forward to it. The parent component for Jan and Feb went very well, it was wonderful having the parents visit our classroom.

Kindergarten – K5

The kindergarten students are working on the Lunar New Year in both English and French classes. We will be celebrating Valentine’s Day on Wednesday and Thursday with special moments for the children. We are also working on the winter component of our Seasons unit. What we wear, how plants adapt, different winter sports and the animals in our environment.



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Cycle 1

Cycle One has decided to tackle 2 interconnected units of inquiry at the same time. In English, we have started our 'Sharing the Planet' unit of inquiry. The children are learning about the characteristics of living things. Most of the unit pertains to life cycles. Children will learn specifically about the life cycle of plants, turtles, seahorses, penguins, bees and butterflies.

On February 22nd, we are fortunate to have '**Insectambulant Groupe**' present to our grades 1 and 2 classes in school. This organization brings live and some preserved bug insect specimens. The children get the opportunity to be entomologists for the day! They will even be given a chance to hold a real-life tarantula and stick bug!

In French, cycle one has begun the 'How the World Works' unit of inquiry. They will explore the changing properties of water. They are learning about the water cycle. Lots of fun and exploratory experiments are in store for them!

Cycle 2

The students continue to work on the Space unit. The grade 4s are researching the different topics and will be presenting their projects to their peers. Grades 3 and 4 went to the Cosmodôme on a field trip on January 17 and 18. They could answer many questions they had learned in their unit. We had two guest speakers (parents of students in grade 3) come and share their knowledge on space exploration.

Cycle 3

In Grade 5, They are working on the IB unit "How to Express Ourselves" through various styles of Art. In English, they are starting the IB unit "Where We Are in Place and Time." They will be working on different aspects of the community with a hopeful visit to City Hall. Students have been working on their exhibition projects developing self-management skills as they research and answer their key concept questions. Also, Grade 6 students met with their mentors for the first time last week at lunch and were explained what mentors are.



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Physical Education

February in PHYS ED!

- a) Hockey/Ringuette intramurals for grades 5 & 6 are well underway.
- b) Skating at Clearpoint Park has been happening once a week for grades 3-6 (weather permitting).
- c) Junior Ski Club has 2 more days to go! February 15th & 21st at Mont-Habitant.
- d) Senior Ski Club forms went out on Monday for skiing on March 14th at Morin Heights.
- e) The dance club will start this Friday with practices at lunch for grade 5 students who signed up. The competition will be on April 23rd from 5:30-8:30 pm at PCHS for certain Grade 5 and 6 students. The new program will be to learn 5 dances and groups will have to compete for a trophy. The activity is voluntary and transportation will be based on parent volunteers.

Daycare

Activity	Educators
The kids were very excited with the new toys we got that they had lots of fun creating and building. When they couldn't go out we did some movement in class and in the gym they worked on their gross motor skills while playing games such as bean bag toss, balloon drop and freeze running. They also LOVE colouring, so we print out what they're interested in (they run to the table to color) and for Valentine's Day we made a heart necklace craft last week.	Miss Barbara & Miss Lily
This month in K5, children are introduced to the Valentine's and the Chinese New Year themes through fun activities and crafts.	Miss Marie and Miss Geeta
In grade one class this week we are doing different activities each day, for example on Tuesday we are making ice cream in Ziplock bag in 10 minutes. I will explain to them how the milk and cream turn to ice cream through the chemical reaction. On Wednesday we're making Valentine's card and on Friday we're doing yoga and stretching to finish the week.	Miss Maryam
This month my class, grades one and two, are sharing stories about how to be nice and kind with everyone every day. We are making Valentine's cards and reading every day for five minutes.	Miss Irma



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<p>My class is very creative and enthusiastic with any activity I plan. Last week we did our bobble heads, and this week are focusing on various Valentines Day crafts. The class is enjoying learning how to weave, and some children are still working on their finger knitting projects. I plan to show them Suminugashi, as well as some other fun painting techniques, and possibly plan a science experiment at some point.</p>	<p>Miss April</p>
<p>Grade 202 - 303 baked cookies to learn about measuring as well as being confident in the kitchen. They also are doing an experiment to see the difference reactions of the chemicals. As well, we did valentine cards and wrote messages to their favorite friends.</p>	<p>Miss Marina</p>
<p>Continuing with Musical Mondays to strengthen their music class - sing-along and recorder. Last week they went to the kitchen and made pizzas.</p>	<p>Miss Pam</p>
<p>In Grade 4, this month we discussed about Valentine's Day and we had fun sharing stories about it.</p>	<p>Miss Stephanie</p>
<p>The children worked on making their own comic books last week. They came up with their own stories and created illustrations. This week we'll be making focus slime that they can use when they're having trouble focusing.</p>	<p>Miss Adrienne</p>
<p>This month in Grade 5 we are working on building and being creative with recycled materials (currently building a pool table). Later in the month we will also be working on building our own board games.</p>	<p>Miss Kim</p>
<p>Grade 6 students are continuing with science experiments: sink or float; liquids then solids in liquids and explaining density.</p>	<p>Miss Elena</p>