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### Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Rebecca Belmonte

Location: Zoom	Date: Wednesday, March 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"> <li>• Maria Pan</li> <li>• Dominique Bensadoun</li> <li>• Tassie Fyon</li> <li>• Dahlia Singh</li> <li>• Suzanne Larkin</li> <li>• Melanie Flores</li> <li>• Marilyne Boyer</li> <li>• Susannah Riley</li> <li>• Rebecca Belmonte</li> <li>• Wendy Mendoza</li> <li>• Jennifer Yates</li> <li>• Miranda Tubbeh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rean Sayegh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 13 participants attended the meeting, including those explicitly listed here.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura Palmer</li> <li>• Amy Wong</li> <li>• Liz Lopez</li> <li>• Amanda Blackburn</li> <li>• Loretta Kao</li> <li>• Marc Lucke</li> <li>• Tayba Huot</li> <li>• Tatiana Mendez</li> <li>• Vaughn Peters</li> <li>• Kristen Eccles</li> <li>• Layla Barroca</li> <li>• Frances La Porta</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. Correspondence</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Field Trips, Fundraisers, &amp; Activities</li> <li>6. New Business</li> <li>7. Business Arising</li> <li>8. Reports</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Varia</li> <li>10. Public &amp; Member Question Period</li> <li>11. Date of the next meeting</li> <li>12. Adjournment</li> </ol>

1. Welcome and Territorial Land Acknowledgement: Dominique started the meeting at 6:35 pm.
2. Approval of the Agenda:
  - Motion to approve by Mme Suzanne and seconded by Miss Melanie.
3. Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2024: motion to approve by Wendy and Mme. Suzanne



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4. Correspondence & Acknowledgements

- No correspondence but Mrs. Pan wanted to thank Mrs. Catalogna (grade 1 -2 teacher) for help with the Winter Carnival preparations. Also, thank you to the two assistants, Mme Suzanne and Frances La Porta, for organizing a Staff Wellness Activity: Paint Nite. Excellent idea!

5. Field Trips, Fund Raisers & Activities

5.1	Grade 6 Grad Committee: Birthday / Occasion card sale. Last 2 weeks of March, \$35 per box. The school profit is \$11 per box.	<i>For approval</i>
5.2	Grade 5 Outings: a) Stewart Hall: April 3 <sup>rd</sup> and April 5 (walking) b) Canoe Club: June 10. The cost is 10\$/student c) GUÊPE, Bois-de Liesse; activities not yet scheduled	<i>For approval</i>
5.3	“Qui lira vaincra” March 21st, 12:00-1:30 at St-Edmunds. Students participating are in Grades 4, 5 and 6 (Total: 18 students). Carpooling to get there. Students read up to 13 books, answer questions in groups and compete against other schools.	<i>For approval</i>
5.4	Halo Run - Mount Royal, May 8th, Grades 3 and 4 (1.5km) Grades 5 & 6 (2 km). The popular event will require 4 buses.	<i>For approval</i>
5.5	Track & Field- PCHS, May 29th, Grades 4,5 & 6 (Rain dates May 30/31) Training happens in Gym classes and at lunch if needed.	<i>For approval</i>
5.6	H&S Maple syrup fundraiser. Starting March 18th delivery is TBD based on when it can be made.  Pricing: \$10 for 1 can, \$38 for 4 cans, \$76 for 8 cans. Decorative bottle for \$16 and 100ml maple leaf bottle for \$8. No changes in pricing.	<i>For approval</i>
5.7	H&S lunchtime activities from April 22nd to June 14th (8 weeks, 45 mins. per week) No changes in pricing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday: Chess \$145 (grades 2-6)</li> <li>• Tuesday: Junior Jams hip hop \$150 (grades K-4)</li> <li>• Tuesday: Mad Science \$164.50 (grades K5-2)</li> <li>• Wednesday: Karate \$190 (grades K-6)</li> <li>• Thursday: Mad science \$164.50 (grades K3-6)</li> </ul>	<i>For approval</i>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday: Yoga \$80 (grades 1-6)</li> </ul> <p>H&amp;S after-school activities <b>10 weeks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday: Cabaret Kids \$332 (grades 3-6) for 2 hours/week</li> </ul> <p>Dates for registration haven't been decided yet. Since the beginning of the year Helping Hands has helped 4 students participate in these activities.</p>	
5.8	Grade 3 Iroquois Village May 27th. 20\$ on top of using the "Measure" money. 2 buses are temporarily booked. No parents are needed.	<i>For approval</i>
5.9	K4 (1) - K4 (2) "Cabane a sucre" - Apr 11th, 2024 (full day). 21 students with a maximum of one parent per child will be taking a bus. Parents will only pay the entry fee, not the bus.	<i>For approval</i>
5.10	John Rennie High School's Actor's Studio featuring the production of John Cariani's "Almost, Maine" for Cycle 3. Choices of dates are Monday, April 22nd through Friday, April 26th, 2022 @ 9:30 am OR 12:30/1 pm. (Tickets are 5\$ per student/students can walk)	<i>For approval</i>
	Questions will be asked about the content of the play to ensure it is appropriate for Cycle 3 students.	

- Motion to approve all **ten propositions** by Miss Melanie and seconded by Susannah.



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6. New Business

6.1	<p>LBPSB Budget Consultation Plan 2024-2025</p> <p>Verify specifically page 4. Amount per capita depends on the poverty level to close the equity gap. There's a link where all schools are listed with criteria on each one.</p> <p>Dominique will respond by stating that the Governing Board approves and no comments were made at this time.</p>	<p><i>Consultation</i></p> <p>Motion to approve by Mme Suzanne and seconded by Wendy</p>
6.2	<p>Composition of GB: Usually the consultation rests on increasing or diminishing the number of Governing Board members based on the difficulty each school has in recruiting parents. There isn't a problem at Clearpoint. There can be a minimum of 2 community members. At the moment there aren't any. The Commissioner isn't a community member.</p> <p>Dominique will respond by stating that the Governing Board approves and no comments were made at this time.</p>	<p><i>Consultation</i></p> <p>Motion to approve by Miss Dahlia and seconded by Rebecca</p>
6.3	<p>By-law 1 and 1E: Schedule of the Council of Commissioners meetings 2024-2025. It is a mandate issued from the Education Act to consult the Governing Board members on the dates of the meetings so no problems occur with any other celebrations or events.</p> <p>Dominique will respond by stating that the Governing Board approves and no comments were made at this time.</p>	<p><i>Consultation</i></p> <p>Motion to approve by Mme Suzanne and seconded by Miss Melanie</p>
6.4	<p>NTFT (No Time for This) anti-bullying presentation with award-winning Elsie Morden (a Canadian from the Maritimes) on Wednesday, April 24th from 1:35 am to 2:20 pm (Free)- Whole school</p> <p>Mrs. Pan will inquire if the content is appropriate for the Kindergarten and Cycle 1 students. An adjustment to who will attend will be made if the content is too sensitive.</p>	<p><i>For approval</i></p> <p>Motion to approve by Wendy and seconded by Miss Dahlia</p>
6.5	<p>The results of the school survey done by grades 4 to 6 will be presented to the students on Tuesday, March 19th at 8:15 am via</p>	<p><i>For approval</i></p>



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	<p>ZOOM. Interestingly, the kids are participating in the viewing of the results.</p> <p>The Governing Board will get the presentation next month and the parents of Grade 4 – 5 – 6 students will receive a summarized paper version.</p> <p>The data will be used for the composition of the school’s annual report.</p>	<p>Motion to approve by Miss Tubbeh and seconded by Susannah</p>
6.6	<p>Virtual assembly for Staff Appreciation week: Friday, March 22nd, 12:15 pm to 12:30 pm - a 15-minute event to close up staff appreciation week.</p>	<p><i>For approval</i></p> <p>Motion to approve by Wendy and seconded by Susannah</p>
6.7	<p>“I belong here” LEARN Québec Project, for groups 601 and 602. No fee starts on April 26th. A local artist (Scott MacLeod) will come to teach a few lessons to the class about creating a zine (as in a magazine) The objective is to promote the French language. The project is brought about by the Grade 6 French teacher, Mme Emily.</p>	<p><i>For information</i></p>

7. Business Arising:

7.1	<p>Mrs. Debrinsky and the Grade 5 and 6 students are participating in an essay writing project. On April 3rd or 4th, they will visit different classes explaining about the solar eclipse.</p>	<p><i>For information</i></p>
7.2	<p>Pointe-Claire Youth Council on March 27<sup>th</sup> - Grade 5 students wrote essays for a Pointe-Claire urban planning project - 2024 to 2035. They explained new projects for a futuristic sustainable city of Pointe-Claire. The selected students will present their projects at the Youth Council.</p> <p>The Commissioner asked about a past project that was presented by Clearpoint students concerning the Windmill project. Miss Pan will follow up.</p>	<p><i>For information</i></p>



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7.3	Aline Lajoie and LaSalle Elementary: In the afternoon of March 20th students will sing Hymn to Freedom via Zoom for Black History Month in collaboration with students from LaSalle Elementary.	<i>For information</i>
7.4	Calendar change due to solar eclipse: Parents received an email from the school and School board stating that March 18 <sup>th</sup> will be a regular school day and April 8 <sup>th</sup> will be a Pedagogical Day. All students and staff will receive glasses to view the solar eclipse.	<i>For information</i>
7.5	School agendas (paper ones): For the school year 2024-2025 paper agendas won't be ordered. Teachers will explain at next year's curriculum night the format they will use for homework and messages like Seesaw or Google Classroom.	<i>For information</i>
7.6	Book Fair and Scholastic Book Fair will not occur this year. Unfortunately, the only day possible to rent the setup fell on the same date as Portfolio and Exhibition night.  The plan will be to have a reading week, most likely in May. Another idea is to have a book exchange. Mrs. Dandy, Head of Home and School, suggested that the Book Fair could be done at another moment in the year.	<i>For information</i>

8. Reports:

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8.1	Principal: by Ms. Pan <b>Annex A</b>
8.2	Teachers: complete except for Cycle 3 <b>Annex A</b>
8.3	Primary Years Program (PYP) Update: by Ms. Pan <b>Annex A</b>
8.4	Daycare: by Miss Tassie <b>Annex A</b>
8.5	Home & School: by Rean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Appreciation Week will have surprises</li> <li>• Cabaret Kids will present the play “Descendants” on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. There’s a 5\$ entry fee where the profit returns to Home &amp; School.</li> </ul>
8.6	LBPSB PC Rep: Not present



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8.7	Commissioner - we should have received the report through email. To be verified. Commissioner Boyer provided an update on the last Council of the Commissioners, held on February 27, 2024.
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10. Varia: none

11. Public Question Period: none

12. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, April 10th, 2024, at 6:30 via Zoom.

13. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm. Motion to approve by Miss Tassie and seconded by Miss Dahlia.



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### **Annex A**

#### Reports – January 2024

##### *8.1 Principal*

**New Ministry Allocation:** Due to the strike actions before the holidays, the Ministry has given the school an allocation for tutoring. For LBPSB, we were given each a sum of \$ 11,600. This tutoring plan is intended to give an academic boost to students who are on the cusp of passing. Clearpoint will therefore be offering approximately 45 pre-selected students one hour after school for 10 weeks. We also received an allocation that allows us to get more aide time.

**Events:** February was a busy month despite it being the shortest month of the year. Throughout the month of Black History, the students were treated to special BHM events. Weekly, Sarah Zaslov, our spiritual animator highlighted an important BH figure or story to share with the students. Among other activities that Sarah and the teacher did, there will be a presentation from the Overture with the Arts, “Tracking Black Canada” on Wednesday, February 21st. Sarah then officially closed BHM with a full school virtual assembly on February 28th, where we showcased all the BHM activities that were done at Clearpoint. Although BHM comes to a close, our commitment to social equity, inclusively, and justice will continue well past February.

Also in February, we had Pink Shirt Day on the 28th. Along with a Pink T-shirt and water bottle fundraiser, H&S generously helped pay for the presenter Amen Iseghohi who came to speak to all our students about anti-bullying and kindness on this day.

H&S also hosted our Annual Comedy Night, a delightful event for staff and parents who attended.

A big thank you once again goes out to H&S for providing coffee and treats to our staff not once but twice this month. Your kindness and generosity have not gone unnoticed. Thank you!

As well, all students from Grades 4 to 6 participated in the annual Our School Survey which targeted topics such as bullying, belonging, and social well-being while at school. The results were shared with the staff and will also be shared with students and Governing Board members.

**Academics:** Our Term 2 report cards were released on MOZAIK on March 1st, just before the March break.

**Professional Development:**





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Both Suzanne Robinson and I attended the LCEEQ conference on February 12th and 13th with this year's topic on "Embracing a Culture of Belonging". Also, all staff was present on February 9th, our Region 3 day where we all collaborated on our new Education Project.

*Respectfully submitted by Maria Pan*

### 8.2 Teachers

#### **Kindergarten – K4**

We have been busy in K4! We hosted our February parent component "sledding with family and friends" and it was a wonderful event for all. The children had a wonderful time with their classmates, parents and teachers. We have also started our final unit "Sharing the Planet" and we are looking forward to some yummy healthy activities shortly! We are also planning a field trip for April in conjunction with our unit.

#### **Kindergarten – K5**

The kindergarten students are busy, busy, busy! We are learning about Ramadan and St-Patrick's Day which is another way "How we express ourselves through celebrations". We are looking to see if the geese are coming home which is a sign of Spring. We have heard them and seen them flying overhead. We are finishing the Winter component of our Seasons unit. We continue to work on letter-sound associations in both English and French as well as sight words in English.

#### **Cycle 1**

- 1- Cycle 1 is continuing with our "Sharing the Planet" unit on Life Cycles. The children have learned about the life cycles of butterflies, turtles, plants and apple trees. This week we are currently exploring the life cycle of the seahorse.
- 2- Next week we will learn about the life cycle of bees and we will examine their impact on plant life and our ecosystem.
- 3- We are looking forward to our upcoming visit to Stewart Hall on the week of March 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Cycle 2**

Cycle 2 just started our new unit on the human body and the organs. We have reached out to parents and a few are interested in presenting to our classes. We are also having a yoga instructor come to the classes for a 30-minute session.

We have a few student teachers with us. One in French (Mme Frances ) and 2 in English. (Mrs. Fisher and Ms. Tubbeh)



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**Cycle 3:** No update provided

### ***Physical Education:***

We are concluding our winter activities with Senior Ski Day this week. We are starting our 3-week basketball unit with all grades. The Tuesday/Wednesday intramurals at lunchtime will continue with Basketball for grades 5 and 6. The next class unit will be a new sport at Clearpoint called Tchoukball for cycles 2 and 3.

### ***8.3 IB - Primary Years Program***

The IB mentoring program is continuing, preparing the Grade 6 students for their Exhibition project. They have completed the Ask Questions stage and are working on the Take Action stage. The projects will be presented at Exhibition Night on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### ***8.4 Daycare***

#### **Grade 1 - Miss Maryam:**

In grade one daycare this month we started our first week talking about our spring break, what everyone did and how they spent their time. We also discussed the time change and as the weather is getting warmer, we will spend more time doing outdoor activities like soccer and basketball. We made CD spinners and everyone made their design. The children were super happy and proud of them. As spring approaches and the Persian New Year is coming on March 20, I will read to the kids the story about Nowruz and the Persian New Year, finishing with the end of March Easter activities.

#### **Grade 103 & 203 - Miss Irma**

My class is working to enhance the taste of the books and having a 5-minute silent reading every day. Also, we came back to work with corking to enhance the fine motricity.

#### **Grade 2 - Miss Marina:**

Grade 202-303 are dancing every Monday to improve coordination, balance and strength in a fun way. They also are doing Yoga to develop motor skills, flexibility and attention as well as St Patrick's art and craft.

#### **Grade 2 - Miss April**



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This week we made our “Passports” because we will do a little “travelling” to a few different countries. In each stop, we’ll learn some facts about the country, and the country's flag, as well as do a craft or possibly make a food dish related to that country. We’re going to start with Ireland and St Patrick’s Day leprechauns this week with a craft and a fun little activity.

### **Grade 3 - Miss Pam**

Our class has been growing, learning and having fun through activities such as making slime, practicing music (ie Eye of the Tiger), organizing hockey tournaments, watching short episodes of Natgeo for kids, optical illusion crafts, chess games, twister. Learning to solve their problems, strengthen friendships and learning to be respectful and polite.

### **Grade 5 - Miss Kim**

This month the children will be working on a St Patrick’s Day activity to celebrate the holiday which is to build a leprechaun trap using different materials. We will then start working on an Easter craft. As well we will also begin talking about the growth cycle of plants and will be planting seeds as well as discussing the requirements of certain plants or food to grow in different climates and conditions.