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Governing Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Location: Zoom (*link below*)

<https://lbpsb-qc-ca.zoom.us/j/91391052036?pwd=VfwMPIFXfK9xghGfBpm8ZzaRhoZxOh.1>

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Territorial Land Acknowledgement: The meeting started by Dominique Bensadoun at 6:30 pm.
2. Approval of the Agenda: With 3 additions to Field Trips, Fundraiser & Activities and 1 addition to New Business **the motion to approve was given by Ms. Kristen and seconded by Ms. Dahlia.**
3. Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2024. Modifications were made to the Kindergarten Field trip where the \$15 cost is now covered by a grant. **The motion to approve was given by Miss Tassie and seconded by Mme Suzanne.**
4. Correspondence & Acknowledgements: None
5. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

5.1	Grade 6 Grad Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add a Minute-To-Win-It Room run by Grade 6 students during the Christmas Fair on November 30th• The Halloween Bake Sale brought in approximately \$532	<i>For approval</i>
5.2	JRHS Charlie & the Chocolate Factory Play for grades 1 to 6 (buses for Grades 1 and 2, walking for Grades 3 to 6): December 13th in the morning. There will be a \$7 donation asked from each student.	<i>For approval</i>
5.3	H&S: Introducing an additional lunch option on alternating Tuesdays from Domino's Pizza – Mike's Restaurant. 2 options: Square pizza (choice of cheese or pepperoni, no gluten-free option) or penne pasta (choice of rosé or tomato sauce). \$7.50 per lunch (representing \$2.00 per lunch in fundraisers for the H&S), the same cost as Domino's lunch. Aiming to start on November 26, therefore 11 lunches through to June for a total of \$82.50.	<i>For approval</i>
5.4	H&S: Bread and Beyond. More details will be presented at the meeting.	<i>For approval</i>
5.5	SEED: November 22 Ped Day activity change: Now it will be Funky Feet, same cost as the previous company that was already approved.	<i>For approval</i>
5.6	Phys Ed: Indoor volleyball tournament at John Abbott College: Grade 6, Thursday, January 9. The cost will be \$25.00/student. Bus capacity is between 30-40 students. Departure from the school at 8:30 and return around 2 pm.	<i>For approval</i>

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5.7	<p>Junior and Senior Ski Club at Mont Habitant: Junior ski club for Grades 3-4. Prices range from \$242 – \$270 depending on rentals or personal skis. The four dates are: January 27, February 4, February 12 and February 20. Senior Ski Club for Grades 5-6. Prices range from \$58 – \$75 depending on rentals or personal skis. For one day on March 13.</p>	<i>For approval</i>
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Motion for approval (5.1 to 5.7) by Ms. Kristin and seconded by Wendy

6. New Business

6.1	<p>Speaker Sam Ojeda Conference on November 28 (Grade 5) and November 29 (Grade 6). On Cycle 3 because of the agility needed to do the leatherworking workshop.</p>	<i>For approval</i>
6.2	<p>Defi Franco (IB Initiative): A 4-week school goal to increase French within the school. After the IB evaluation, the recommendation was for Clearpoint to set and monitor goals. Our first challenge is to speak more French being a bilingual school. Dates: November 4-December 6. There will be a challenge for students who speak French at home. Dec 10: Assembly to close the challenge at 8:30 am.</p>	<i>For information</i>
6.3	<p>Governing Board - Emergency Preparedness Plan This plan is mandatory from the Prevention and Safety Committee of the LBPSB. The plan was photocopied and placed in 4 binders within the school. It also contains students' names and coordinates, escape routes and the agreement with Cedar Park United Church should the students need a place to stay. The first page of the Emergency Preparedness Plan was presented to the Governing Board. It must be signed by the chair and returned to Ms. Pan.</p>	<i>For information</i>
6.4	<p>GIMAC + Boyz R US = SEDAC (Student Empowerment Day at Clearpoint) on May 31, 2025. The event is for Grades 4 to 6. Some activities will still be separate and others will be together. Gym capacity will hold both events together.</p>	<i>For information</i>
6.5	<p>Math Centrum, Grades 4-5-6, Cost \$10 per child (partially covers registration and snacks). The activity won't start until January.</p>	<i>For approval</i>

Motion for approval (6.1 and 6.5) by Ms. Hay and seconded by Miss Vanessa.

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7. Business Arising:

7.1	Evaluation and Reporting Outdoor Education can't be added specifically but two separate marks will appear on the report card.	<i>For approval</i>
7.2	Hoop Dancers: new date: Wednesday, 8:30-9:20 am for K to Grade 2 and 10:25-11:10 am for Grades 3 to 6 on November 6.	<i>For information</i>
7.3	Clearpoint GB Essential Agreement	<i>For information</i>
7.4	Our School Survey The Learning Bar survey will be done in mid-November this year. It's only for students in Grades 4 to 6	<i>For information</i>

Motion for approval (7.1) by Ms Tassie and Mme Suzanne.

8. Reports – See below

- Principal
- Teachers
- Primary Years Program (PYP) Update
- Daycare
- Home & School
- LBPSB PC Rep
- Commissioner

9. Varia [questions to be sent in advance by members of the GB]

10. Public Question Period

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm **via Zoom**

12. Adjournment

Motion to approve by Mme Suzanne and seconded by Miss Tara.

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In Attendance – 18 in total

1. Dominique Bensadoun
2. Rebecca-Ann Belmonte
3. Wendy Mendoza
4. Nish Damani
5. Aba Simpson
6. Julie St. Germain

Parent Alternates

Rean Sayegh Lawand
Laura Mazigi
Sara Makosz

Teachers/Staff

Maria Pan (Principal: non-voting)
1. Tassie Fyon (Daycare)
2. Dahlia Singh
3. Suzanne Larkin
4. Tara Brisson
5. Vanessa Marino
6. Micheli Hay
7. Kristin Eccles (shared with Jennifer Yates)

Commisioner

Marilyne Boyer

Absent:

1. Amanda Blackburn
2. Greg Buie (alternate)

Reports – October 2024

Principal's report

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Autumn has officially begun and we find ourselves in the full swing of things at Clearpoint.

School Organization

We ended September with our annual Attestation Day. We currently have 399 students but this number keeps changing as we keep getting students who have just moved into the neighbourhood or who have transferred from other schools.

Events at Clearpoint in September

Also on September 30th we honoured the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Along with wearing Orange shirts, our Personal Development and Community Facilitator, Sarah Zaslov, hosted and organised a virtual Orange Shirt Assembly featuring reflections and poems and calls to action by several of our students. Our commitment to learning more about Indigenous culture, we invited a hoop dancer to perform for the students in the 3rd week of October. Many more Indigenous workshops and presentations will occur throughout the year.

The staff celebrated Thanksgiving by eating pies of several different kinds! Thank you to the social committee and other staff members for organising this.

Emergency preparedness:

We have already had 5 fire drills. All 5 were very well executed. One of them was organised by the fire department as a surprise. We also had our Lockdown drill practice on October 16th. Such a drill is essential as part of our overall emergency preparedness plan. This required that every Lester B Pearson does one lockdown exercise once per year. Parents will receive an email about this lockdown at the beginning of October.

Academics:

The Interim report cards went out October 10th. Term 1 reports will go out on November 20th. Online Parent-Teacher Interviews will run from 3 pm to 8:30 pm (Nov. 21st) and from 8 am to 12 noon (Nov 22nd). Blocks of time will only be 10 minutes long.

Home and School Activities in October:

- Kids online Safety webinar for parents with Matthew Johnson, director of education Media Smarts
- Schools Take Root Fundraiser: it was well attended. The recording and online resources were shared to the Clearpoint Community at large.
- Lunch time activities began on October 21st: Mad Science, Brixology (lego), Chess, Hip Hop, Karate, and after school Cabaret Kids.
- Halloween Dance for Junior and Senior students was on October 25th. A big thank you to the H&S Association for organizing! It was a great success! At the same time, our Grade 6 Parent Grad Committee held a bountiful bake sale that brought in the crowds. Thank you to this

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committee for organizing and for all the grade 6 parents for contributing the baked goods. We made over \$500.

- Thank you also to H&S for helping us spruce up our FLEX space, an extension of our resource room that helps to support our students.

Respectfully submitted by Maria Pan

IB - Primary Years Program

There's the Defi Franco and the Exhibition Summit Friday, November 8th

Cycle 1

1- Cycle 1 wrapped up our IB unit on Jobs. We had an amazing career fair where children presented their future jobs. They came dressed for the occasion!

We were so pleased with the number of parents who volunteered to speak to the class about their careers. Thank you!

2—Next week, we will be starting our IB Unit on where we are in place and time. It is all about the evolution of toys. With the holidays approaching, this is a great unit to delve into at this time.

We will be exploring how toys have evolved over time. We will compare how children play around the world. There is a parent 'homework' component where we ask parents to tell us about the toys they played with when they were children.

Cycle 2

We just finished our unit of Sharing the Planet. Our next unit Who We Are begins this week.

We are finishing up on report cards and preparing for interviews. Students are starting to speak more French with the schoolwide challenge that we kicked off this week.

Cycle 3

Exhibition kick-off for our Grade 6 students will start this coming Thursday and our Summit will be held on Friday. Students are feeling excited and nervous.

Grade 6 have started making bracelets as part of a fundraising campaign. Whenever they have finished their work, they are allowed to continue working on their bracelets. We are coordinating with our grad parent committee to launch this fundraiser in the near future.

Physical Education

Our first lunchtime activity was a huge success. Football intramurals took place on Tuesdays & Thursdays over 3 weeks. The LA Rams won the finals.

We had the best day for our cross-country run this year. Students trained in class and during lunch hour on Mondays & Wednesdays. Clearpoint had many top 25 finishers in grades 4,5&6. Thank you to all the teachers and parent volunteers who helped support our runners.

In class, we have been focusing on racket sports. The grade 4s have been going to the Clearpoint tennis club once a week and the grade 5&6s have wrapped up their badminton unit. Next up, handball and our fitness unit!

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Daycare

This month we have been making Spiders class by class with crackers, cream cheese, pretzels and chocolate chips/raisins.

September 27th Ped day with Animation Kidz was a success - our first time hiring them and will definitely have them come back.

K5s with Miss Lily and Miss Barbara: We have been focusing on Halloween these past two weeks with fun activities and crafts such as painting witches hats, creating funny-looking pumpkins and painting paper bag ghosts. They also participated in the pumpkin painting activity choosing their colors to create a rainbow pumpkin. They made masks and some also colored and created their own little Halloween books. There was also a lot of Halloween colouring and they got to take home a little Halloween baggie to top off the fun.

K5 with Miss Joanne: It has been fun cutting out and colouring Halloween masks, as well as making paper spiderwebs with a spider crawling up attached to a cord. The children enjoy interacting with the crafts pretending to scare each other.

Grade 2 with Miss Irma: My group is working and enjoying everything about Halloween. Playing outside, doing crafts, and telling stories while sharing circles.

Grade 3 with Miss April: My class did a few Halloween-themed activities such as decorating our pumpkin with each of the children adding their own painted spider to the pumpkin.

Keeping in the theme of spiders we did a painting craft using painter's tape to create their webs which were revealed when they removed the tape after painting, they then added spiders to finish it off.

To complete our spider theme we made spider snacks using crackers, cream cheese, pretzels and 2 chocolate chips on each spider snack.

In the 2 weeks leading up to Halloween, they also enjoyed making their own Halloween-themed pictures using various supplies I brought to daycare for them.

Grade 4&5 with Miss Adrienne: We've been working on fine motor skills by working with peeler beads and diamond art. We've also been exploring how to combine different ingredients to make slime.

Grade 4 with Miss Geeta: Pumpkin & haunted house art: Talk about Halloween celebrations - it was believed that on that day, the souls of the dead returned to their homes, so people dressed in costumes and lit bonfires to ward off spirits & pumpkins to frighten away Jack's wandering soul & haunted house artwork decoration by grade 4.