

Clearpoint Elementary ~ IB World School

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Governing Board Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 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
2. Approval of the Agenda **after adding points 5.11 and 5.12 the motion to approve was given by Mme Suzanne and seconded by Ms Tassie.**
3. Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2024 **after changing the cost of the play at John Rennie High School on December 13th from \$5 to \$7 the motion to approve was given by Ms. Dalhia and seconded by Wendy Mendoza.**
4. Correspondence & Acknowledgements
 - a. *Thank you to Ms. Hay, Ms. Kassie and Layla Barroca for leading our grade 6 Mathletes who competed Tuesday December 3rd in the Math Olympics and earned a silver medal.*
 - b. *Thank you to Aline Lajoie, Ms. Angela Zawada and Mr. Vaughn, for leading our Clearpoint Cardinal Choir at the St Thomas sign along that took place Saturday November 30th, 2024.*
 - c. *Thank you to Home and School Holiday fair that took place Saturday November 30th, 2024.*
 - d. *Thank you to Grade 6 graduation parent committee hosting activity room at the fair.*

5. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

5.1	Senior concert dress rehearsal: Wednesday, December 11 at 8:30-10:00 am at the school	<i>For approval</i>												
5.2	Concert: Thursday, December 12 at 12:30pm & 6:30pm. It will be roughly 1 hour.	<i>For information</i>												
5.3	Holiday Breakfast from H&S for the whole school on the morning of December 20.	<i>For approval</i>												
	Holiday Basket fundraiser: “Thoughtful Thursday” – We will collect money on December 12 during the day and in the evening at the concert.	<i>For approval</i>												
5.5	SLIC (Student Leadership Improvement Committee) idea: Have Houses on December 18 from 8:15-9:00 am - Grade 5 and 6 team. An idea is to do houses where the homeroom teacher will have a mix of students from K4 to Grade 6. The SLIC students will do 3 planned activities.	<i>For approval</i>												
5.6	H&S Winter lunchtime activities, 8 classes in the session	<i>For approval</i>												
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Tuesday	Chess (minimum 20 participants required)	2 to 6	\$145
Wednesday	Karate	K to 6	\$180
Thursday	Mad Science: NASA, Academy of Future Space Explorers (min 16, max 24)	K to 3	\$169.50
Friday	Yoga	3 to 6	\$80
H&S Winter after school activities			
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Tuesday	Drama (10 classes and a performance)	3 to 6	\$324
Wednesday	Coding	Ages 7-11	\$120

5.7	H&S Comedy Night: February 21. Doors open at 7:30, show starts at 8pm. Advanced Tickets \$30 (\$35 at the door). Alcoholic drinks for sale at \$6 each and \$20 wine bottles. Non alcoholic drinks and snacks sold at \$2.00. Raffle tickets \$1 for 1 ticket, \$10 for 12 tickets and \$20 for 25 tickets.	<i>For approval</i>
5.8	Sock Drive for Ricochet West Island Homeless Shelter.	<i>For information</i>
5.9	Holiday Spirit wear week of December 16 – Just for FUN! (no money collected): Crazy comfy socks, Holiday sweater, PJs, New Years Eve, Red and green and blue day.	<i>For information</i>
5.10	Défi franco challenge PIZZA on December 18.	<i>For information</i>
5.11	Hit the stage Dance -Off: May 2, 2025 at PCHS collection of \$15 per student who participates. 30 students ratio 6:1 grade 5 and 6 students	<i>For approval</i>
5.12	Cabaret Kids: \$5 entrance for end-of-year show in the form of a donation. A portion of the proceeds goes back to H&S	<i>For approval</i>

The motion to approve slate of field trips and activities (5.1-5.12) was given by Miss Tara and seconded by Mme Suzanne.

6. New Business

6.1	Presentation of School Budget	<i>For approval</i>
6.2	Presentation of Daycare Budget SEED	<i>For approval</i>

The motion to approve new business School Budget (6.1) was given by Wendy Mendoza and seconded by Amanda Blackburn.

The motion to approve new business SEED Budget (Daycare) (6.2) was given by Amanda Blackburn and seconded by Mme Suzanne.

Resolutions will be signed by Miss Tassie, Ms. Pan and Dominique respectively.

7. Business Arising:

7.1	December 20th, 2024 will be a shortened day 11:30am	<i>For information</i>
7.2	Resolution: Mandate of Governing Board Attendance 2024	<i>For information</i>

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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**]-

Note- Open House January 14th 9:30am and 6:30pm sessions.

10. Public Question Period- none

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 pm. **Location – via Zoom.**

12. Adjournment 8:00pm

Motion to approve by Amanada Blackburn and seconded by Miss Tara.

In Attendance – 13 in total

1. Dominique Bensadoun
2. Amanda Blackburn
3. Wendy Mendoza
4. Aba Simpson
Parent Alternates
Rean Sayegh Lawand
Sara Makosz
Teachers/Staff
Maria Pan (Principal: non-voting)
1. Tassie Fyon (Daycare)
2. Dahlia Singh
3. Suzanne Larkin
4. Tara Brisson
5. Micheli Hay
Commissioner
Marilyne Boyer

Absent:

1. Greg Buie (alternate)
2. Rebecca-Ann Belmonte
3. Nish Damani
4. Laura Mazigi (alternate)

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5. Julie St. Germain

REPORTS – November 2024

Principal's report

Events at Clearpoint in November

Our commitment to learning more about Indigenous culture, we invited a hoop dancer, Makhena Rankin-Guerin to perform for the students and to teach them about her Anishanaabe culture. Many more Indigenous workshops and presentations will occur throughout the year, for example, Sam Ojeda will hold a leather workshop for the Cycle 3s at the end of the month

As an IB initiative on goal setting and measuring progress, we launched our Defi Franco! For the month of November, all students are encouraged to speak French outside of their French classes. Every homeroom is given a glass jar. When a student is “caught” speaking French, we put a bead into a jar. When all jars are filled across all 23 homerooms, the school will get a pizza lunch reward.

Also in the IB world, our IB PYP Summit was held on November 8th with several presenters inspiring our Grade 6 students with topics like, Fair Trade, LGBTQ+, impact of fashion, social media, etc. Next we begin the work of mentoring our students as they begin their IB Exhibition projects.

Sarah Zaslov, our spiritual animator, organized a touching and thoughtful Remembrance Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 13th. Some Clearpoints shared how family members were in the CAF. Bagpiper, Alan Jones once again ushered the student body into the assembly. The students honoured this occasion by giving their full attention throughout the assembly.

The school nurse will once again be holding her annual puberty talks with the Grade 5 students.

During the last 2 weeks of November, LBPSB students from Grades 4 to 6 participated in an online school perception survey for students called the Our SCHOOL Student Survey. Students share their feedback anonymously on their experiences at school, school environment, and school improvement programs.

Our Wellness Committee hosted a Staff Games Night on November 14th, where staff members brought their favourite games and laughed a whole lot.

Safety:

We had a visit from the LBPSB Health, Safety, and Prevention team. They walked around taking note of their recommendations, e.g., better lighting in some classes, replacing broken tiles, and no hanging artwork from ceilings and light fixtures anymore as it may be a fire hazard.

Academics:

Term 1 reports went out on November 20th. Online Parent-Teacher Interviews ran from 3 pm to 8:30 pm (Nov. 21st) and from 8 am to 12 noon (Nov 22nd). Blocks of time were only 10 minutes long. These sessions were very attended.

On November 15th, we held once again the Enrichment exams for high schools. This year, we had 42 Grade 6 students writing for their first-choice high schools for next year.

Much earlier than the previous years. Our School Survey was conducted during the last 2 weeks of November for our Grade 4, 5, and 6.

Professional Development:

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On the day, November 15th, the remainder of our staff was trained on BMS (Behavioural Management Systems).

On November 29th, Sheila Dunwoodie from ESD will do a Lunch and Learn on DIFFIT, an AI tool that helps teachers better differentiate their lessons.

Home and School Activities in October:

- A big thank you also to H&S for providing coffee and snacks on the evening of Parent-Teacher Interviews on November 21st. It was exactly what the teachers needed to give them a boost to get through a long evening.
- We look forward to the Annual Holiday Fair coming up at the end of November

Respectfully submitted by Maria Pan

Kindergarten – K5

We have finished the fall component of our seasons unit and are well into our celebrations unit. We learned about the changing seasons and how they affect plants, animals and humans.

The children are now learning about Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and Christmas around the world. They have left their shoes on the floor and will be getting a little something in their shoes tomorrow morning. Shush! It's a secret.

Cycle 1

Cycle 1 Report- GB Dec 5, 2024

1- We are well into our unit on the evolution of toys. Children created timelines comparing toys their parents played with versus toys they play with.

Parents have been sending in toys/pictures of toys from their country of origin.

2- Last week we learned about the evolution of the Crayola company. This week we are learning about the history of the Lego company.

3- In the upcoming weeks students will be working on a mini-research project where they will choose a toy to research its evolution and predict how this toy will evolve into the future.

4- In grade 2, next week Leon's parents are bringing in some Plasma cars for us to try out in the gym!

5- On January 20-21st Anne-Marie Cardin from Theatre Ambulant will be running a workshop with cycle 1. She is an artist and storyteller that works with traditional marionettes. She will introduce the children to different types of puppets. The children will have the opportunity to try out various techniques (shadow, string, rod etc...)

Cycle 2

We are still working on leaders and leadership. We had a guest speaker, Micheal Chechile, former Director General, come in to speak to the two groups this week. The feedback from the students was very positive and they enjoyed what he discussed with them.

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303, 403, 301 and 302 are working with their partners on a bilingual leadership project. Students are paired up and they got to choose a leader to research. We hope to be able to present them to school before the holidays.

Book tasting- Cycle 2 is also having a book tasting in the library in about 2 weeks. It's a way to expose the students to the library and to different book genres.

Cycle 3

501 and 502

are recording News Broadcasts on station 'WWGO' (What in the World is Going On?). Each individual broadcast will explore a Human Rights topic that they have personally chosen. Among many others, this includes Child Labour and the companies that use them, issues around the lack of freedom of expression, such as the plight of females in Afghanistan and the lives of those who live in North Korea. The students are anxious and excited and already talking about what they will wear to give 'Breaking News'.

503: each student wrote a letter to the world in order to protect one of their child rights.

We are now starting a song parody project where in groups, the students will pick a popular song and change the words in order to bring attention to a breach of human rights/ an issue they want to call attention to. They will be writing the verses in English, and the chorus in French.

Grade 6: Tribes research project “ People of the World”

Turtle island and writing their own legend

Exhibition learning how to research and write a proper 5 paragraph essay.

Physical Education

Handball intramurals for grade 5&6 are ongoing.

Our volleyball unit is under way for grade 3-6.

Our culture in school grant was approved to have a certified yoga instructor Matt come to do classes with the entire school on January 20,21&22nd during Phys Ed class as part of our fitness unit.

The LBPSB hit the stage dance off is scheduled for Friday, May 2nd. Our Clearpoint team will be composed of grade 5 students with grade 6 mentors. The competition will be held at PCHS from 530-830pm. Practices will start in the new year at recess and lunch hour. Cost \$15 per participant to cover costumes and registration fee. Approximately 25 students are involved.

Junior ski club registration is officially closed. All 50 spots have been filled. Thank you for your support.

Daycare

Budget Update

The daycare budget has been prepared and will be presented at the upcoming Governing Board meeting.

Excitement for the Holidays

The children are thrilled with the arrival of snow, and the holiday spirit is filling the daycare with joy and anticipation!

Ped Days in November

We hosted two Ped Days in November:

- **Sports Life**

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- **Funky Feet**

This was our first time with Funky Feet and was definitely a hit with the kids. They especially enjoyed dancing and learning fun new moves.

Upcoming Event

To celebrate winter, we're planning a hot chocolate party for all daycare students in the next week or two. This will be a fun and cozy way to embrace the season!

Grade 101 and some of grade 202 wit Miss Sonja:

We are doing lots of Xmas crafts. Salted play dough is coming up soon. We are also going to make Xmas cards and Christmas ornaments and decorations.

Grade 303 & 403 wit Miss Marie:

The students were very fascinated with the fuss beads creation

This improves their fine and gross motor skills along with creativity and social interaction skills.

Grade 4s with Miss Geeta:

We are preparing Xmas crafts nowadays : popsicle frames & cardboard hanging ornaments & Xmas crafts can have many objectives including: creativity, self - expression, fine motor skills , hand-eye coordination & executive functions etc.

Grade 4s and 5s with Miss Adrienne:

My class has been working on their creativity and fine motor skills through art. We have been painting Christmas ornaments and scenery.

Home and School

Holiday Fair almost 40 vendors \$2800 earned from vendors, total raised \$5098 not including costs. \$1024 in scholastics and Dominos donated back \$240.

Mikes Lunches started half the registration compared to Dominoes 149 orders total. Cabaret Kids is hosting their performance afterschool on Tuesday December 10th

Coffee Hour \$1480 raised by parents.

Parent committee Rep.- Aba attended in person

Mostly house keeping items were discussed. We are elementary East.

Vote for different subcommittee chairs and secretaries were held.

Mr. Eustace was advocating for more textbooks in English schools.

Revised parents committee budget and \$4000 total expenses.

Discussion about Hybrid meetings but the cost would be too high.

Commissioner

Resolution section 7 – stating if you are invited to governing board meetings commissioners should attend. Francois Hamel director of Legal and corporate Services, take s the dossier of ethics and integrity – disclosure of wrongdoing. Professional bread making program – seeking permanent approval.