

Clearpoint Elementary ~ IB World School

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Governing Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Location: Zoom (*link below*)

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

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes for the meeting:

1. Welcome and Territorial Land Acknowledgement: read by Dominique Bensadoun.
2. Approval of the Agenda: **The motion to approve was given by Amanda Blackburn and seconded by Ms Dahlia.**
3. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2024: **The motion to approve was given by Ms. Hay and seconded by Amanda Blackburn.**
4. Correspondence & Acknowledgements:
 - a) *Ms. Pan wanted to thank Mme Lajoie, Ms. Angela and Mr. Vaughn for the wonderful Christmas Concert.*
 - b) *Ms. Pan also thanked the Clearpoint community for raising \$2,200 for the Holiday baskets and for Home & School who added \$800.00 for a total of \$3,000.*

5. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

5.1	Cycle 1 in-house activity: Artist Anne-Marie Cardin will present Les Marionettes on January 20 (Grade 2) and 21 (Grade 1). Students will be introduced to different types of puppets and will have the opportunity to try different techniques. Total cost \$1,347. Applied for a cultural grant: 75% is being covered. Students charged \$ 4 each.	<i>For approval</i>
5.2	Winter Carnival date: week of February 24 with outdoor activities on Tuesday, Feb. 25 (Rain date: Friday, Feb. 28). Plan is to have Cabane à sucre come on February 28.	<i>For approval</i>
5.3	Reading Week: week of March 31 (first week of Apr. National Poetry Month). Looking at guest speakers to come, Babar to present, school-wide reading challenge, classroom postcards, art inspiration grant to get someone to teach students how to draw comics, etc.	<i>For approval</i>
5.4	Black History Month speaker: Simeon Pompey: February 19 in the morning. Since there is no charge, Ms. Pan would like to compensate him somehow.	<i>For approval</i>
5.5	Our School Survey: Presentation of the results on Jan. 31 for grades 4, 5 and 6 at 8:15 am via Zoom (in class) to show the students the results. They will be presented to parents at the next Governing Board.	<i>For approval</i>
5.6	Underground Spirit Week: Teachers will have a theme where students have to figure it out. Week January 27.	<i>For information</i>
5.7	Pink Shirt Day is February 26, 2025: Kids will wear pink. Luc Bambara (African Drummer) to present to school (already approved).	<i>For information</i>

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5.8	Culture in Schools grant approved for Yoga with a certified yoga instructor. The proposed dates are January 20, 21, and 22 so he can see all classes once during their phys. ed time slot. Those with Gym on Thursday and Friday will have a chance to participate.	<i>For information</i>
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The motion to approve of items 5.1 through 5.5 was given by Amanda Blackburn and seconded by Ms Dahlia.

5.9	H&S: Tournasol vegetable seed fundraiser. Tournasol is a local Quebec independent garden centre. Orders to start Jan. 13 through the end of Jan. Online orders, seeds are delivered to the school. Looking to encourage school garden organizers and the green team to order through Tournasol. Fundraiser: 40% of sales are returned to H&S.	<i>For approval</i>
5.10	H&S: School starts School Supplies fundraiser. Campaign to start in June once teachers submit their 2025-2026 supply list. Fundraiser: A portion of sales are returned to H&S.	<i>For approval</i>

The motion to approve items 5.9 and 5.10 was given by Amanda Blackburn and seconded by Ms. Vanessa.

6. New Business

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7. Business Arising:

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8. Reports – completed and presented during the meeting by Ms. Pan or the people responsible (if present). See below for details.

- 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 - none

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

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12. Adjournment at 7:15 pm

Motion to approve by Rean Sayegh Lawand and seconded by Miss Vanessa.

In Attendance – 13 in total

1. Dominique Bensadoun
2. Amanda Blackburn
3. Rebecca-Ann Belmonte
4. Nish Damani
5. Julie Saint-Germain

Parent Alternates

Rean Sayegh Lawand

Teachers/Staff

Maria Pan (Principal: non-voting)
1. Kristen Eccles
2. Dahlia Singh
3. Vanessa Marino
4. Tara Brisson
5. Micheli Hay

Commissioner

Marilyne Boyer

Absent:

1. Greg Buie (alternate)
2. Wendy Mendoza
3. Aba Simpson
4. Laura Mazigi (alternate)
5. Sara Makosz
6. Tassie Fyon (Daycare)
7. Suzanne Larkin

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Reports – December 2024

Principal's report: [5 Principal's report January 2025](#)

IB - Primary Years Program:

Grade 6s IB projects for Exhibition are well underway. Exhibition this year is on February 13th, 2025.

Kindergarten – K4

The December gingerbread-making activity was a hit! All families had a great time and it was a nice way to end right before the break. We finished our first unit on who we are and we're starting our second unit: how we express ourselves. We are looking forward to seeing how our students use their imaginations in different ways.

Kindergarten – K5

The kindergarten students have returned from the holidays ready to learn. We will continue to explore certain holidays that take place around this time of year as well as explore how the season of winter impacts humans, animals and plants.

Cycle 1

- 1- We are starting to wrap up our unit on the evolution of toys. Next week we will start our research project based on a chosen toy.
- 2- The kids will explore how children from different cultures and countries play, discovering games and activities enjoyed around the world.
- 3- On January 21st and 22nd, Anne-Marie Cardin from Theatre Ambulant will be running a workshop with cycle 1. She is an artist and storyteller who works with traditional marionettes. She will introduce the children to the different types of puppets. The children will have the opportunity to try out various techniques (i.e. shadow, string, rod etc.) This activity is partially funded by a Culture in Schools grant. 4\$ will be charged to students.

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Cycle 2

We have closed out the Leaders unit and will be starting 2 units simultaneously. English teachers will be working on the Money unit and French teachers will be looking at the unit on Societies. We are also preparing for the Open House next week.

Cycle 3

Grade 6: Exhibition 4 weeks away. We are in the creative part of our exhibition presentation.

Grade 5 - Unit coming to an end: Who we are- Rights and responsibilities

The unit that we will be starting: How we express ourselves- An inquiry into how we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; how we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.

Mme Kelly has an art student teacher coming in for 10 weeks to help specifically with art

Physical Education

We started January with our gymnastics unit! On Thursday, 30 grade 6 students will be going to John Abbott College for our LBPSB Volleyball tournament. Dance club will kick start next week with practices at recess and lunch hour. We're also gearing up for our first day of Junior Ski Club on Monday, January 27th. Parent volunteers can expect an email next week.

Daycare

Happy New Year to everyone!

At the daycare, we are settling back into our routine after the holiday break. We're excited to share a new addition to our program: the library has been transformed into a "Games Room"! Each group is scheduled to enjoy the room twice a week as part of a rotation.

The Games Room offers:

- Chess boards
- Ping pong

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- A hockey board with magnets as players
- Indoor snowballs for playful toss games
- A table dedicated to crafts and colouring

This new space has been a hit with the children and adds a fun, interactive dimension to their time with us.

Important Dates:

- **January 24th:** This is a Professional Development (Ped) Day, and the daycare will be closed. Staff will participate in workshops on this day to continue enhancing our program and services.

Thank you for your continued support as we head into the new year.

Warm regards,
Tassie