

Clearpoint Elementary ~ IB World School

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Governing Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Location: Zoom (*link below*)

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

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

1. Welcome and Territorial Land Acknowledgement- **read by Dominique Bensadoun.**
2. Approval of the Agenda, **Vanessa Marino moved to approve, which was seconded by Amanda Blackburn.**
3. Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2025, **the motion to approve was given by Micheli Hay and seconded by Amanda Blackburn.**
4. Correspondence & Acknowledgements presented by Ms. Pan
A heartfelt thank you to Home and School for a wonderful staff appreciation week and thank you to Simeon Pompey for his presentation that was rescheduled from Black history month.

5. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

5.1	Grad trip: May 22-23 at Notre Dame de Fatima, cost: \$150 per grad	<i>For approval</i>
5.2	Grade 3 field trip: Iroquois Village, fully funded from the cultural grant, 2 buses.	<i>For approval</i>
5.3	Halo Run on May 8 th for Grades 3 to 6. \$25 per student, which includes bussing and registration.	<i>For approval</i>
5.4	Grad committee: 1. Free coffee offered to parents with a suggested donation jar – grad fundraiser, on April 10 during Portfolio night. 2. Leftover books from book sale to be sold near coffee stand. 3. Loaf sale: April 17, \$5.00 per loaf	<i>For approval</i>
5.5	Grade 6 singing club: grade 6 parent & Mme Lajoie will meet with students once per week at lunch, starting in April, to work on songs for End of Year Party.	<i>For information</i>
5.6	H&S: Year End celebration: Monday, June 9 from 5-8pm (rain date: Wednesday, June 11).	<i>For approval</i>
5.7	H&S: Lunch & Learn on Monday, May 26 at the library to promote H&S to increase membership.	<i>For information</i>
5.8	SEED: Ped Day April 28 (new). Stewart Hall activity, walk to location.	<i>For approval</i>
5.9	K4 Fieldtrip: Fritz Farm on May 6 to attend the annual Peter Gilson cross country run. All three K4 classes, depart at 8:30 and return at 11:30am. Transportation by bus, 3 teachers & 3 educators plus 9 parent volunteers.	<i>For approval</i>

The motion to approve items 5.1 through 5.9 was given by Sara Cook and seconded by Dahlia Singh

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6. New Business

6.1	Cross-curricular IB collaboration: Cereal box challenge where students donate cereal boxes to donate to the West Island Mission. To be done May 14 (upon Staff Council approval).	<i>For approval</i>
6.2	Qui Lira: April 11 at Dorval Elementary, transportation by bus for 30 students. Cost is being covered by school.	<i>For approval</i>
6.3	Portfolio Night: April 10, Booking on MOZAIK for 20-minutes time slots between 5:30-7:30 pm.	<i>For information</i>
6.4	Extraordinary GB meeting April 9	<i>For approval</i>

The motion to approve items 6.1 through 6.4 was given by Julie St-Germain and seconded by Amanda Blackburn.

7. Business Arising:

7.1	Reading Week: March 31 – April 4	<i>For information</i>
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8. Reports – to come closer to the meeting date

• Principal

Clearpoint Elementary: April 2025 Principal's report

Events:

The week of March 17th was Staff Appreciation! A huge thank you to our Home and School Association who once again spoiled us over this entire week! From homemade treats and a coffee bar to massages and yoga sessions, we were overwhelmed with the outpouring of appreciation and thanks from the parent community. Thank you so very much!

On March 20th, we invited Simeon Pompey, a professor at Dawson Cegep, a community leader, and a Black History historian and storyteller to present to all the students from K4 to Grade 6. Mr. Pompey engaged all grades with his mobile museum that was filled with curios and objects that represented his home back in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines. His message to the students about appreciating and being grateful for their education was powerful, as he emphasized that any child from St. Vincent and the Grenadines would eagerly trade places with them.

On March 27th, we held our annual Junior Spring concert with both day and evening performances. Both sessions were very well attended as parents, family members, and friends filled the gymnasium in support of their children from K4 to Grade 3. Thank you to the entire staff who contributed to this production. A big shout out to Ms. Hardinge, who was the stage manager in charge of ensuring that everyone knew what they were doing. And of course, a big thank you to Mme. Lajoie for her musical vision and direction.

The first week of April we look forward to Reading Week where we will take a deep dive into the world of author and illustrator, Oliver Jeffers. Throughout the week, there will be literacy activities everyday as we further develop the passion and love of reading amongst our students.

Academics:

On April 10th, 2025, we will open our doors and welcome parents to a Celebration of Learning, our Portfolio Night. This evening is intended for students to showcase and present their work and IB portfolios to their parents.

Respectfully submitted by Maria Pan

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- **Teachers**

Cycle 1 Cycle 1 is wrapping up our unit on Landforms. Lots of discussion today about Iceland's volcanic eruption that took place yesterday. Fun reading week activities. Grade 2 wrote their own adventure stories and designed their own book covers. Over the next few days, students are busy preparing for Portfolio night. They are carefully organizing their work and deciding which pieces to select to put into portfolio binders.

Cycle 2 Cycle 2 closed their units on Money and Music. We have begun our next unit on Poetry, the students really seem to be enjoying it. Grade 3 students built ugly sticks; an instrument made of recycled material that is native to Newfoundland. We use them in our music unit, and we have used them a little bit in our poetry unit as well.

Cycle 3 Grade 6 : Working on the unit Who we are. Looking into the 5 major religions of the world. In French class, Students are concentrating on the Catholic religion, and they are creating stained glass replicas. In English we are starting a novel called "Hanna's Suitcase." It is a story that will encourage students to reflect on the consequences of discrimination, in the past during the Holocaust. Our students will learn about the history of the Holocaust in a meaningful manner, consider the impact of racism in our society and gain an overall appreciation of, and respect for, diversity. Grade 5: They are working on historical structures and recreate them with popsicle sticks.

Physical Education In class we have been focusing on our basketball unit at all grade levels. Our lunch time intramurals will start back up in April.

Our GMAA Futsal tournament was amazing! Thank you to all our parent volunteers who came to help.

Halo run permission forms & letters went home on Monday for grade 3-6. Payment and forms are due back on Friday. Practices will start in class and at lunch hour next week. The run will take place on May 8th at Mont-Royal.

The LBPSB dance off is just around the corner. Our school is ready to compete on Friday, May 2nd. Students will need to meet at PCHS at 5:30pm and the competition will start at 6pm. Two tickets will be given per dancer.

- **Daycare**

K4s with Miss Marina:

The month of March we decorated cookies, shamrock and for science they made play dough as well as going to the library to play games.

K03 with Miss Barbara and Miss Lily:

We made bracelets and necklaces with beads. The students also made shamrock hats for St. Patrick's. They played outside with their friends and had "children's choice" in the gym. We made clothes for paper dolls. Free time has been connect four, cards, and board games.

Grade 1 with Miss Sonja:

With the grade ones I did some stuffed animals. We planted plants and we made glowing crystals.

Grade 2 with Miss Irma:

My second-grade class enjoys reading time and arts and crafts.

Also, many activities that involve the right hemisphere of the brain, such as writing with the left hand.

Grade 3 with Miss April:

We had a fun St Patrick's Day celebration where the kids completed a series of clues and tasks to find the leprechaun's pot of gold.

They have been painting using watercolor paints as well as acrylics.

They also enjoy free time to create whatever they would like

Grade 303 & 403 with Miss Marie:

We worked on making pom poms, carpets and macrame leaf wall hanging.

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Grade 4 with Miss Geeta:

The month of March we have been working on different arts and crafts in which kids work in groups, use their own creativity & fine motor skills etc. 1. Popsicle Sticks Art: Glue gun & glue sticks (bridge, flower, plane, garden fence, hockey arena with hockey sticks) 2. Button art with cardboard: glued and painted (cake, ornaments, piñata) 3. Cardboard art: (Plane, game console, boba machine shop) 4. Chess board art on foam sheet: glued & painted

Grade 4 and 5 with Miss Adrienne:

For the month of March, we have been sewing stuffed teddies and making sock puppets.

- **Home & School**

Registration for spring activities set to go for April 7th at 7:00pm. Bingo night approaching on April 25th 5:30- 8:00pm

- **LBPSB PC Rep**

No march meeting next meeting April 17th. Presentation on Bullying this past Monday March 31st. We had asked for information on infrastructure spending and will bring back info from the next meeting.

- **Commissioner –**

February the board recognized 25 years of service for all staff. Ped day moving to April 28th (teacher directed) from May 16th. Calendar available on the website for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Rental of gym is going up 3% want to make sure we don't lose money; rentals are managed by the school board. We have a better idea of the effects the compression will have on the school board. Thankfully the election cost a lot less than anticipated and the board also saved because it didn't replace some position as there is a hiring freeze which meant no further cuts due to the government compressions. At the school level we saw various measures put on hold. School yard grant was retained, next facilities meeting will be April 23rd to check how they will move forward and when 100,000.00 to confirm it will be allocated and not spent.

9. **Varia: Overview of Grad Committee fundraising efforts Varia [questions to be sent in advance by members of the GB]**

Overview on grad committee fundraising efforts.

Maria presented the graph outlining the fundraising efforts thus far that also clearly defined what the funds would be allocated towards. Comments were that next year perhaps outlining of the costs versus fundraising goals could be done/ shared with parents earlier in the year. More co-ordination between Home and school and Grad committee. Attempt to further involve the grade 6 students themselves and finally attention to amount of sugar treat based fundraising efforts.

10. **Public Question Period**

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

12. Adjournment at 8:10pm **Motion to approve by Kristin Eccles and seconded by Vanessa Marino.**

In Attendance – 17 in total

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1. Dominique Bensadoun

2. Amanda Blackburn

3. Wendy Mendoza

4. Aja Simpson

5. Nish Damani

6. Julie St- Germain

Parent Alternates

Rean Sayegh Lawand

Sara Makosz

Teachers/Staff

Maria Pan (Principal: non-voting)

1. Tassie Fyon (Daycare)

2. Dahlia Singh

3. Vanessa Marino

4. Tara Brisson

5. Micheli Hay

6. Kristin Eccles

7. Melanie Flores

Commissioner

Marilyne Boyer

Absent:

4. Greg Buie (alternate)

5. Rebecca-Ann Belmonte

6. Laura Mazigi (alternate)