

Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

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Location: Clearpoint Zoom Meeting		Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2023		Time: 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.
Attendees Governing Board (GB) Members:		Attendees GB Substitutes:	Attendees Parents/other:	Absent:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Estok • Alex Bardoux • Dahlia Singh • Rebecca-Ann Belmonte • Tassie Fyon • Marc Lucke • Susannah Riley • Amanda Blackburn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Lopez • Suzanne Larkin • Marilyne Boyer • Melanie Flores • Vaughn Peters • Bill Mang • Sabrina Inglesi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tatiana Mendez (voting) • Amy Wong • Daniel Trotto • Wendy Mendosa • Loretta Kao • Erika Gunn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 21 participants attended the meeting, including those explicitly listed here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominique Bensadoun • Rean Sayegh Lawand • Albert Laurin

Agenda		
1. Welcome	5. Business Arising	9. Varia
2. Approval of the Agenda	6. New Business	10. Correspondence
3. Approval of the Last Minutes	7. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities	11. Date of next meeting
4. Public & Member Question Period	8. Reports	12. Adjournment

1 Welcome

- Liz opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. She opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for being present on zoom. Tatiana Mendez was asked to be a voting member for this evening. She accepted.

2 Approval of the Agenda

- A motion to accept the proposed agenda was initiated by Amanda Blackburn, seconded by Melanie Flores. Motion carried unanimously.

3 Approval of the Minutes

- A motion to accept the minutes from the February 15, 2023 GB meeting amended with the various corrections was put forth by Tatiana Mendez, seconded by Dahlia Singh. Motion carried unanimously. *Corrections will be done by Amanda and the final version will be put on the school's website.*

4 Public & Member Question Period

- There was a question concerning the use of the agenda. Mr. Estok mentioned that many teachers use other forms of communication such as Google Classroom and that there wasn't a unanimous consensus from the staff on its use. Another parent stated that there had been one entry all year.
- There was a question concerning the use of parent-bought workbooks and if there was a certain percentage of pages that needed to be completed. Mr. Estok said that there wasn't a certain percentage but that the workbooks should be used regularly.

5 Business Arising

5.1 Library

- After having consulted with the sub-committee, Liz submitted the letter to the Council of Commissioners as per planned and she got an acknowledgement of reception. *The letter now has to be sent to the Clearpoint Parent Committee.* There is no further information on the grievance except that the majority of schools have decided to wait and not use parent volunteers.

5.2 Budget Consultation (LBPSB) - Due March 31, 2023

- *It needs to be filled out online. There are 3 questions and Mark offered to help complete them.* A member wanted clarification on how the money was given to the schools with respect to families in disadvantaged areas. Each school gets a rating with respect to the number of families on welfare and this rating governs how much funds are allocated. The rating can be done by the CGTSIM (Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal).
- There was a second question concerning the money that is given with respect to the school IEPs. Mr. Estok clarified that 27% of students at Clearpoint have an IEP. Money with respect to IEPs isn't given according to the same formula. The higher the number of students the more money the school gets for specific resources.
- Marilyne Boyer reminded us that there is only a certain section that we were required to consult on. *A sub-committee was formed to complete the form: Mark, Amanda and Liz.*

6 New Business

6.1 Governing Board Composition Consultation - Due April 13, 2023

- Governing Boards can have a maximum of 20 members. At the moment, Clearpoint Governing Board has 16 members; 7 parents, 6 teachers, 1 member of daycare, 1 school board representative and the principal. Mr. Estok recommends that Clearpoint maintains the same composition as this year. The recommendation to maintain the Governing Board's composition was accepted unanimously. *Liz will write an email to the school board's secretary, Geneviève Dugré, to let her know of Clearpoint's decision.*

6.2 Day, Time & Place of Council of Commissioners and Executive Committee Meetings for the 2023-24 School Year - Due April 13, 2023

- The meeting for the Council of Commissioners is usually the last Monday of the month and the meetings for the Executive Committee is usually the 3rd Monday of the month. The Executive committee takes care of certain expenses, policies, reviews and consultations. The Governing Boards need to approve because meetings are public so the public has to approve. The recommendation to maintain the proposed dates was accepted unanimously. *Liz will write an email to the school board's secretary, Geneviève Dugré, to let her know of Clearpoint's decision.*

6.3 Three Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables

- This document dictates the School Board's use of each building. Some schools share space or are used for specific activities. The Enrollment projection for Clearpoint remains consistent. For the 2022-2023 school year there are 442 students and for the 2023-2024 school year the projection is for 462 students. For the moment the school board is maintaining the current services and there aren't any schools at risk of closing.

7 Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

- Boyz R Us – May 27th, 2023: The activity is for boys from Grades 4, 5, and 6. There's a \$50.00 fee for the parents who want to participate to help cover some costs. There will be a motivational speaker (Amen Iseghogi), T-shirts and a BBQ. A motion to accept the proposed activity was initiated by Amanda Blackburn, seconded by Susannah Riley. Motion carried unanimously.
- Vernissage at Pointe-Claire Plaza: A student-teacher proposed this project for the week from April 10 to April 17 for students in Grades 4 and 5. It will be great for the students to display their artwork and interact with the Senior community at the same time. The Plaza is within walking distance so there is no cost. A motion to accept the proposed activity was initiated by Dahlia Singh, seconded by Susannah Riley. Motion carried unanimously.

8 Reports

8.1 Principal

- The IB evaluation is next week on March 27, 28 and 29. There are 2 evaluators and it will be done virtually. They will meet with staff members and the school's coordinator will circulate to show the evaluators what is happening in the school. They will also question school board officials, parents, teachers and students. A lot of credit goes out to Miss Barroca for her organization of committees and schedules.
- The Fundraiser for victims in Syria and Turkey's earthquake raised over \$800.00. It was a great initiative from the Grade 4 students.
- "Qui lira vaincra" is an activity for Grades 5 and 6 where they read books in French and answer questions. The first round will be hosted at Clearpoint on April 6th. The second round will be at Beaconsfield Highschool on April 19th.
- Please participate in the Pearson Education Foundation 10th Annual Fun Run/Walk.
- Exhibition in the School Gym was in person and a great success. The Grade 6 students did excellent work and their presentations were very spontaneous. Some Groups are continuing their actions related to their research projects. The Animal Welfare group is gathering objects and the Social Media group organized a 1h black-out to reduce screen time. The success is thanks to Miss Barroca, the Grade 6 teachers and the teachers that head each group.
- Pointe-Claire Public Security has been present in the morning at the Kiss & Go time to help direct the traffic. There will be a signage change making the circle a 1-way. It would help if parents come earlier instead of the rush just before 8. Kiss & Go is open as of 7:45.
- There will be a new policy regarding students that get head injuries at school. There are Bumped-Head stickers placed on students that are hurt. The school staff has implemented the changes well.
- Enrollment is back up so there will be three K5 classes next year with 51 students and two K4 classes with 21 students. The in-person Open House as well as the tours are more effective and gave great results. The space is okay because there are four Grade 6 classes leaving this year. There shouldn't be any staffing problems since many teachers wish to return to Clearpoint and even the student-teachers seek to return when possible.

8.2 Teachers

- Physical Education by Mr. Bill:
Cycle 1: Soccer tournament

Cycle 2:

-The Junior Ski Club was a success thanks to the great weather and that all Grade 3 and 4 students were well behaved. Twenty students had never skied before and by the end of the activity all students used the ski lift.

-There's lunchtime soccer for the Grade 3 – 4 students.

-In class, badminton then volleyball

Cycle 3:

-The Senior Ski Club was great with 73 students participating.

-There's lunchtime basketball for the Grade 5 – 6 students. The Warriors won 12 – 8 against the Slayers.

-On April 6th there's a Rugby jamboree given at the Concordia Clinic with stations that simulate the game. There will be around 40 Grade 5 students participating.

- In class, badminton then volleyball

- Kindergarten by Mme Suzanne:

The students started the IB Unit, Homes. They were given boxes and asked to build different types of houses.

- Grade 4 by Mme Suzanne:

The students started the IB Unit, Bank on It. They will speak about entrepreneurship. They had a Virtual Tour of the Bank of Canada Museum where they learned about Banknotes, their values and how they are made. The Grade 4 students have also been on a school trip to Pointe-à-Callière to learn about the history of Montreal that they are studying in class.

- Grade 5 by Mme Suzanne: The students started the IB Unit, Religions of the World.

- Cycle 1 by Miss Dahlia: The students started the IB Unit, Save the Planet. The students learn about different natural landforms and have to choose one and design a home in the landform of their choice.

- Music by Miss Dahlia: Mme Lajoie is preparing the K to Grade 3 students for their End-of-the-Year Concert on May 18th. Cycles 2 & 3 will be going to St Thomas Highschool to view the musical Grease.

- Dance by Miss Dahlia: Mr. Cairns is preparing the K to Grade 3 students for their End-of-the-Year Concert on May 18th. The Grade 4, 5 & 6 are doing Lip-sync battles and the Evolution of Dance Contest where they are given a certain decade where they have to research a song and invent a dance to go with it.

- K4 by Miss Flores: The students had a Parent sledding activity that ended with hot chocolate and coffee. The students also participated in a Sugar Shack activity, for some students it was their first-time tasting maple syrup. The students started the IB Unit, Sharing the Planet where they sampled different fruits and vegetables. Many Pride Tags were given to students who were risk-takers for trying new foods.

8.3 Primary Years Programme (PYP) Update

- Presently working on the IB Evaluation after finishing with the Grade 6 exhibition.

8.4 Daycare by Miss Tassie

- The last pedagogical day was called “101 Dalmatians” where the students built-a-dog and watched a movie with popcorn.
- There was a babysitting club that lasted all day but would have probably been better spread out over 2 days.
- Tax receipts were sent out to parents.
- After school the students have been doing St-Patrick’s Day decorations, slime and baskets of yarn.

8.5 Home & School

- From April 3 – 6 it’s Staff Appreciation week.
- Scholastic Book Fair will start on April 20. Before Portfolio night the students will create their Wish List so parents can purchase some books when they’re at school.
- There will be an Earth Day Community Event on Saturday April 22 hosted by the Grade 5 students.
- Schedule for 7-week lunchtime activities from April 24 – to June 9

Day of the Week	Activity	Grade <i>K = K5 only</i>	Cost
Monday	Cabaret Kids (lunch)	1 - 4	\$120
Tuesday	Junior Hip-Hop (lunch)	K – 4	\$110
	Cabaret Kids 2h (after school)	3 – 6	\$324
Wednesday	Karate (lunch)	K – 6	\$160
Thursday	Mad Science - NASA space (lunch)	K – 4	\$141.50
	Outdoor Club	K – 3	\$30
Friday	Mandarin (after school)	all	TBA

- Although there was a suggestion for Yoga or mindfulness the interest was too low to offer it as an activity. A motion to accept the proposed activities was initiated by Amanda Blackburn, seconded by Tatiana Mendez. Motion carried unanimously.

8.6 LBPSB PC Rep

- The meeting agenda will be available and the report will be submitted soon.

8.7 Commissioner

- There is an increase in the rental rates for anyone who wanted to use the facilities.
- When speaking earlier about the CGTSIM (Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l’île de Montréal), all taxes go to them first and then the money is redistributed.

- The Union and the members of the bus company voted for a 14-day straight strike mandate (consecutive or not). They must give a 10-day advance notice so parents can be informed. It will affect mainly high school children.
- One of the Grade 6 Exhibition Projects was a design to repair the Pointe Claire Windmill. It is still unsure if the city will take up the project.

9 Varia

- Math Competition: The Grade 6 students are presently at their Math competition and they have won 4 ribbons.
- Girls in Motion: A parent wanted to know if it was possible to have this event this year. These events are quite big and need a lot of staff and parent preparation. For this year it would be impossible. There was a proposition that it could be done on alternate years, one year, Girls in Motion and one year, Boyz R Us.

10 Correspondence

- None

11 Dates of next meeting

- Wednesday, April 12, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m., in person.

12 Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm was initiated by Amanda Blackburn, seconded by Mark Lucke. Motion carried.