

Clearpoint Elementary ~ IB World School

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Governing Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Location: Zoom (*link below*)

<https://lbpsb-qc-ca.zoom.us/j/96672031387?pwd=WmJHU2piN3dxb2Nqb2VoQUVIN3hodz09>

Time: 6:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Territorial Land Acknowledgement: Dominique opened the meeting at 6:36pm.
2. Approval of the Agenda: motion approved by Susannah and Ms. Tassie
3. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2024: Motion to approve by Mme. Suzanne and Ms. Dahlia
4. Correspondence & Acknowledgements: none
5. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

5.1	Grade 6 Grad Committee: -April 19-29 on-going raffle - 1 ticket \$5- 5 ticket \$20 sell tickets at portfolio night -Grad pool party – Pool agreed to June 14 rain date June 17 9am -2 pm \$15 per student, grad committee will cover no cost to students.	<i>Motion to approve by Ms. Tassie and Wendy</i>
5.2	H&S: Appetite for Change for Earth Day: Starting April 8th to April 22nd: Challenging students to eat plant-based foods. For each plant-based meal, they can put their name in for a prize (e.g., gift certificate for a vegan restaurant, etc.) -Earth day approaching, last few years doing campaign appetite for change, promote knowledge for how to promote the earth – can send in pictures of meals the made, social media recipes, anyone who shares recipe would be put in a raffle for prizes.	<i>All H&S items: Motion to approved by Ms. Eccles and Wendy</i>
5.3	H&S: Bingo Night: Friday, May 17th from 5:30 pm to 8 pm Community event – Start bingo around 6. Completely free event, so families can register online, to reserve bingo tickets.	
5.4	H&S: Phoenix Project: asking parents to bring a backpack on evening of Bingo or deadline by June 7. Ask parents to fill backpacks with school supplies, detailed list given by Phoenix project.	
5.5	H&S: Urban Seedling – offering 3 sessions of 3-hour workshops, kids do the gardening. Teachers have shown interest, and home and school will pay. Starts at the end of May and beginning of June. Fundraiser component: Clearpoint gets a coupon code and when we buy seeds, a % comes back to Clearpoint H&S. Plants get delivered to school but all ordering done online. We will have a Spring and Fall garden, so we don't have to worry about tending it in the summer.	<i>Motion to approved by</i>
5.6	Cycle 2 Canoe - End of year trip. Grade 3 in am 4 in pm. Grade 3 parents will drop off children at 7:50 am and they walk back. Gr. 4 will walk both ways. Lunch will be had there. \$12. June 20th. No rain date.	

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5.7	Students volunteering at WIWC - A team IB group would like to volunteer there. They will go with Ms. Barroca in Pointe-Claire. From 9 to 11 on April 19th. Volunteering in the play group. Grade 6 exhibition groups will take actions based on what they research. Human rights and women's rights, their idea to volunteer to the west island women's centre – April 19 from 8:30-11:20 in a parent drop-in play group, planning activity with kids there. Carpooling – permission from parents for Ms. Barroca to drive them.	<i>Mme. Suzanne and Ms. Tassie.</i>
5.8	IB mentoring group on May 1st will be helping Bread and Beyond from 10:20-11:20 at Cedar Park Church. Homeless and food insecurities – IB action is to be helping, making sandwiches at bread and beyond. But we have a partnership with the Church, they have agreed for the group of 6 children to help make sandwiches, at 1:30pm – 4pm.	

6. New Business

6.1	Media Literacy workshop for parents on October 8th, 2024 (Digital Citizen Day is October 23rd, 2024) – attached with H&S – survey for parents about what they want to hear. Will be a virtual workshop around 6:30 pm. Free for parents.	<i>Motion to approved by Ms. Frances, and Ms. Eccles</i>
6.2	National Denim Day - May 14, 2024, ask for a \$1 - \$2 donation from students if they would like. Staff is welcome to donate to Louise directly.	
6.3	Grade 6 Grad Lunch: Food truck paid from grad fundraisers (aiming for May 17th). Teachers and Ms. Pan take care of it. A food truck will come.	
6.4	H&S: lunchtime activities are the same as previously, after school activity will only be Cabaret Kids (no coding or Spanish).	<i>For information</i>
6.5	Grade 5 paintings to be exhibited at Victor Rose Café (dates to be determined). Invited an artist to grade 5 class about art and art appreciation. The artist herself asked that the café for students work to be exhibited.	<i>For information</i>

7. Business Arising:

7.1	Reading week May 13-17th. A schedule of activities will be sent soon. -Literacy committee came up with series of activities that will happen during the week, dedicated week highlighting literacy, and love of reading. Kids will dress up, notes of appreciate to librarian. Group challenge for classes.	<i>Motion to approve by Wendy and Ms. Dahlia</i>
7.2	Allocations for next year -Number of classrooms based on registration week. They looked at numbers and they have given us an extra K4 class (total of 3) as we were at max capacity. Bubble with lower numbers, has continued in	<i>Motion to approve by Amanda and Mme. Suzanne.</i>

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	<p>grade 2, give us 2 grade 2 classes. Classes will be nearly full – Ms. Pan wrote to regional director to open 3rd class because we will not be able to take in any more grade 2 students. PTU has agreed to echo Ms. Pan’s suggestion to consider having a 3rd grade 2 class. Will keep eye on the numbers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are thinking, what we can do is to have a large enough room, to put 2 K4 classes together, where we add a partition. Ratio would still be quite small (1:7) which would free up space for specialists. -ERC is no longer called ERC - CCQ Culture and Civilization in Quebec. -We are going to have to change dance component into a wellness/movement/outdoor ed. component. When it is too cold to be outside, see if we could put them during spares in the gym, so we can accommodate all the classes and specialist. No ministry curriculum, but teacher will create one. Parent has suggested looking into forest school programs. -Will still have music class and have a show, but dance will no longer be part of that. - Approval is for change from dance to Outdoor Ed. As a specialist class 	
7.3	<p>School Calendar 2024-2025 (to be sent closer to the meeting date)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -There are some guidelines from the school board, especially for report cards, etc. <p>We control our local ped days, that Clearpoint set for ourselves not other schools. Our three a) report cards teacher meetings. May 9th for new K students for open house, and June 6th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -AGA for governing board September 4th - curriculum night before schools starts August 27 (grades 1-6), August 28 for K 	<i>For information</i>
7.4	<p>Our School Survey results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Should be getting email from director of Letter will tell us that our school organization called learning bar – there was a glitch in the system, so we weren’t allowed to use these results. Which is sad because Clearpoint ranked very highly among English schools in Quebec and in Canada as a whole. - Glitches were random, students may not have all got the same questions, not all schools, grades and surveys were affected the same way, that’s why the data is not able to compare. They are working with learning bar to see what data is useable. -Also pushing for a refund from the learning bar. -SLIC (student life improvement committee) to improve the school. Students can write an essay about why they want to join committee or prepare a video. Grade 4-6: We are asking students for ideally for a 2-year commitment so that their can be continuity in leadership. Will suggest areas that we can improve student life. 	<i>For information</i>

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	<p>-Teachers were supposed to start having their own survey this year, but it will be delayed until we know the glitch is fixed. -this affects the metrics and commitment to success plans.</p>	
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8. Reports

- **Principal** – 12 grade 5 students participated at Pointe Claire youth council, real project on how to improve Pointe Claire, there was an urban planner, wonderful to see students feel heard, and their ideas were excellent.
- **Primary Years Program (PYP) Update:** celebration of learning, April 18 portfolio night and exhibition night. Showcasing what everyone has been working on. We hope many people come to see the exhibition. Students taking actions after they present their project.
- **Daycare:** Budget: Number is set on September 30.
 - MEQ grant and parent contribution budget is \$833,617. Covers materials, travel, furniture, bad debt included for parents that can't pay. Budget balances to \$0.
 - If it does not get paid, the mandate is to send them to collections, but if parents are struggling, we will speak with Ms. Pan and she will petition the school board to waive the fees, it doesn't eat at our budget, it goes to the school board.
 - Always looking for new daycare/lunch staff.
 - If there is a surplus 85% will go to the school board, who will decide how to allocate the money.
 - **Resolution to adopt the Clearpoint daycare initial 2023-2024 budget. Motion put front by Mme Suzzane and second by Ms. Dahlia.**
- **LBPSB PC Rep:** presented by Loretta:
 - Last meeting in February. President of EBCA presentation on political voice of English pc across Quebec. Presentation link available on PC website.
 - Promoting newsletter also on PC to get updates.
 - Got 14k responses, held public forum on 13th of March.
 - PC meetings will be in person. The April meeting was cancelled. Next meeting May 9th.
 - Webinars available to the public.
- **Commissioner:** council of commissioner report highlights updates within the school board. Grade 7 student at PCHS won highest aware for Montreal Science fair, and is now moving forward to the Provincials, will get result April 20th. Election will be in September. School calendar for 2025-2026 was looked at. Give 3 options to teacher's unions, commissioners etc. Calendar for this is going to be straight forward, still being reviewed.

9. Varia: None

10. Public Question Period: None

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 6:30 pm **via Zoom**

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12. Adjournment: Dominique closed the meeting at 8:24. Motion to approve by Ms. Eccles and Ms. Tassie.

Attendance (15 in total)

Parents (5)

1. Dominique Bensadoun
2. Susannah Riley
3. Amanda Blackburn
4. Loretta Kao
5. Wendy Mendoza

Teachers/Staff (7)

1. Maria Pan
2. Tassie Fyon
3. Dahlia Singh
4. Layla Barroca
5. Suzanne Larkin
6. Kristin Eccles
7. Frances LaPorta

Commissioner (1)

1. Marilynne Boyer

Community members (2)

1. Tayba Huot
2. Angela Dandy

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Annex: Reports – March 2024

Principal

Events:

A much needed March Break was at the beginning of the month. Thankfully, the return to school was met with a return of all the Transco buses! A relief to most families and the school.

Due to the solar eclipse that will take place on April 8th, the ped day originally scheduled for March 18th was canceled and now April 8th will be a ped day. All schools and SEED programs were closed on the 8th. All students received a pair of solar eclipse glasses along with instructions as to how best to use them.

The week of March 18th was Staff Appreciation! A huge thank you to our Home and School Association who has planned a whole week of wonderful treats and activities for all staff this week. We were spoiled :)

Our grads had their grad pics taken on March 22nd, a very important milestone for the Class of 2024. As well, our grads held their annual Loaf Sale as a grad fundraiser on March 27th.

Our Senior students went to Morin Heights on March 14th for their Senior Ski Club and had a wonderful time.

Our Cycle I students went to Stewart Hall to start their new unit of Inquiry with the focus on art and the artist.

Academics:

Our Term 2 report cards were released on MOZAIK on March 1st, just before the March break.

We were happy to have about 15 students participate in the “Qui Lira Vaincra”, a French reading competition. The quarter finals will be on March 21st at St. Edmunds. Go Clearpoint!

This past Wednesday, March 27th, 12 students from Grade 5 participated in the Pointe-Claire Youth Council preparatory meeting at City Hall where they eloquently presented their urban planning ideas for the future development of the City of Pointe-Claire. Many of their ideas will be included in consultations for the development of the Plan for Urban Planning 2024-2035 that are currently taking place in Pointe-Claire. They will be invited back on April 15th to attend the Youth Council meeting where they will get to meet the Mayor of Pointe-Claire.

Respectfully submitted by Maria Pan

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IB - Primary Years Program

Celebration of Learning / Exhibition Evening being held on April 18th in the gym. All are welcome to attend the event!

Click [here](#) to see all the actions taken by our exhibition teams. We are very proud of them!

Kindergarten – K4

During the month of Feb/March we started introducing our new unit Sharing the planet. We also went on a Safety scavenger hunt around the school to see what items help keep us safe around the school. The students loved doing this activity and we hopefully will be able to take the same type of walk outside when the weather gets warmer. We will also start preparing for our very first portfolio evening and our first field trip!

Kindergarten – K5

We continue to work on our Seasons Unit of inquiry. The children are seeing that spring can be very cold and snow covered as well as warm and green grass showing. We will be spending more and more time outside. We will be starting our new unit of inquiry about Homes around the world.

Cycle 1

1- In Cycle 1 French classes this week, students are working on their summative assessment. They are working on a project depicting how water changes throughout the seasons and how this affects our daily lives.

2- In English, students this week are working on group projects where they have to choose one of the life cycles we have learned about, create a collaborative poster, and present all that they have learned to their classmates.

3- This is also a busy week preparing for our portfolio evening. Students are going through their units of inquiry projects and assignments and carefully choosing which pieces they would like to exhibit in their IB portfolio binders. They are excited to showcase their work!

Cycle 2

Students are loving the unit on the human body. We had a yoga instructor come in for a session with the students and some parents shared their knowledge on mental health for a presentation in the library.

Grade 3 are learning how to create their own slides after researching the organs. They will present them to the class and to parents on portfolio night.

Cycle 3

Grade 5 has or will be going to Stewart Hall to see the exhibit Carefulness of the Blade and will participate in an art workshop. 12 students from Grade 5 have been chosen to participate in the Pointe-Claire Youth Council; they will present their ideas on how to improve the city of Pointe-

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Claire. 17 students participated in the math club and wrote the Fibonacci math test from Mathematica Centrum today.

Grade 6: The Pythagoras math competition saw the participation of 12 Grade 6 students this week. We're currently honing our oral presentation skills for our upcoming exhibition project, eagerly anticipating the night of April 18th when we'll showcase our projects to the community.

A team from Qui Lira Vaincra! is set to compete in the semi-finals at BHS on April 10th. Additionally, we're in the midst of another grade 6 fundraiser "BigBox" cards initiative, with another exciting fundraiser planned before the school year concludes.

Physical Education

Basketball intramurals will wrap up next week with our finals game on April 16th.

The LBPSB dance off will take place on April 23rd at PCHS. Our Clearpoint team consists of 21 grade 5 students who will compete against 9 other schools. Students are asked to arrive at 5:30pm. 2 tickets will be given to each student participating and additional tickets can be requested by emailing keccles@lbpearson.ca. Looking forward to it!

Jump rope for heart is also coming up on May 1st. Students are asked to donate to this great cause online and skip with us in the afternoon between 12:30-2:30pm.

Our Halo run happens next on Wednesday, May 8th at Mont Royal for grade 3-6 students participating.

Last but not least we have our big Track & Field event on May 29th with rain dates May 30th & 31st. This tournament is open to grade 4-6 students and takes place at PCHS.

Please keep an eye out for the forms above and note that volunteers will be needed. If you haven't already filled out our judicial record report and plan to help please contact Tara by phone or email as soon as possible to do so. Thank you.

Daycare

K01 & K02 with Miss Mary and Miss Geeta: During the month of March, the k5s were introduced to Ramadan and Easter themes through doing fun activities such as: making lanterns, cards, hats, and coloring pages.

Grade 202 & 303 with Miss Marina: They have been working on Easter painting with pastel colours. For April they will make an art related to the Earth planet and write their own ideas and how we can save it. We also have homework period.

Grade 2 with Miss April: We learned a bit about Japan and the children made some beautiful unique works of art "suminagashi" (marbling paint in water). We also decorated our Easter egg cutout shapes for our artwork using this technique. I would like to make some vegetarian sushi with the class before we enter Japan in our "passports".

A lot of the boys in my class enjoy making paper planes and flying them outside, so we will be making pool noodle airplanes for everyone to try.

At the end of the month I would like to bake brownies (eggless recipe) with them using sweet potatoes, surprisingly it's really tasty! I figure this ingredient will surprise them!

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Grade 4 with Miss Adrienne: This week we'll be making and racing paper airplanes. This will help the children understand the basic concepts of aerodynamics.

Grade 1 with Miss Maryam: In grade one we are doing different activities each day of the week for example: on Mondays and Fridays, we have gym and starting to do exercises -learning about our body muscles and how to do work on each one. Tuesdays and Thursdays is arts and crafts: like drawing and doing art for earth day.

On Wednesdays my kids like to do Lego and corking. Now that the weather's getting warmer we spend more time playing soccer and basketball or outdoor activities.