



École secondaire LESTER B. PEARSON High School
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Governing Board Minutes – November 27, 2023 6:45 p.m. Virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams

PRESENT:

Administration: Joseph Vitantonio, Assunta Caruso, Grace Fanelli, Cristina Di Sorbo

Parents: Sandra Greco (Chairperson), Tina Rubino, Daniela Marino, Patricia Suriano, Jocelyne Cacciatore (secretary), Jack Algieri, Annelisa Rende, Sabrina Ficca

Parent Alternates: Giovanni Ficara, Dario Falso

Teachers: Paul Karpontinis, Gabriel Latino, Catherine Clarabut, Antoinette Licursi, Sara Di Maulo, Angela Antonacci

Non-Teaching Staff: Charles Préfontaine, Casey Gagné,

Students: Liana Gioia, Liana Wallace

ABSENT: N/A

1. **Welcome & Land Acknowledgment**

- Sandra Greco welcomes everyone at the start of the meeting at 6:45 pm;
- Liana Gioia and Liana Wallace read the Land Acknowledgment.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

a) **Adoption of the Agenda**

- Motion was moved to adopt tonight's agenda by Sabrina Ficca; seconded by Casey Gagné. All in favor.

b) **Adoption of the Governing Board minutes from October 2, 2023**

- Motion was moved to adopt the minutes by Daniela Marino, seconded by AnneLisa Renda. All in favor.

3. New Business:

a. Consultation for allocating part of the school to expand Rosemont Technology Center (Vocational and Construction program—Plumbing, Carpentry, and Electricity):

- A consultation is underway concerning allocating part of the 1st floor of the school to expand Rosemont Technology Center.
- A few issues need to be considered in the process:
 1. Installing separating doors or gates to ensure no mingling between youth and adults.
 2. Separate lunch hour for adult student;
 3. Relocation of the Universal bathroom to another bathroom on the Youth side since it will be taken over by Rosemont;
 4. Lockers to be installed for the sport-études students on the high school side since those lockers are lost with the take-over of the spaces (86 lockers).
 5. Ensure that the school parking lots remain available to staff only; not for students. Otherwise, there will be a shortage of parking for staff.
 6. Allow LBP staff to be able to access the back exit(s) into the parking lot on Dijon since LBP cars will continue to park in that parking lot.
 7. Ensure that Rosemont students do not smoke, vape or consume recreational drugs on school grounds.
 8. Caretaker equipment storage will be limited to one garage. The school will require assistance in moving the storage shelving units and stock to the one remaining garage.
 9. Allow the LBP caretakers to use the garage for the drainage and use of the sink for our Zambonis as needed.

- An official response to the School Board's request will be written by Sandra Greco. It will be emailed to GB members and an official e-vote will be held this week.

4. Reports

4.1. Principal

1. Educational Project (Information Item):

- a. The school is currently working on the educational project.
- b. The different community groups were consulted.
- c. Thank you to all those who participated.
- d. The plan will be finalized, and it will then be presented to GB for approval.

2. School Trip Proposals (Approval Required):

- a. Tour operators having difficulties with their suppliers to be able to get back to us with quotes due to shortages in employees and bus drivers for example.
- b. The EMSB has created a protocol to allow the schools to travel, and the added stipulation is that all fees be collected by the tour operator, and that full-coverage insurance be included in the package, regardless of personal insurance coverages parents may have.
- c. The trips we are planning are the following:
 - i. Sec. 1 & 2- Boston

- ii. Sec. 3-4-Washington & Philadelphia
- iii. Sec. 5- NYC
- d. The Boston trip is currently being finalized.
 - iv. April 27-April 29, 2023.
 - v. Sites included: Quincy market, Boston Commons, Back Bay District, Harvard University, Freedom Trail, Museum of Science Boston, New England Aquarium, Harvard Museum of Natural History, Fenway Park Tour.
 - vi. Costs will follow but looking at about \$1140 for a group of 20 or \$825 for 40. I will suggest an e-vote once we have the costs to expedite the registration process for the trip.
- b. Washington & Philadelphia
 - i. April 15 -April 19, 2024.
 - ii. Costs is \$1874,59 for 20 participants & \$1243,82 for 40 participants.
 - iii. Sites included: Liberty Bell, Independence Square, Congress Hall, Old City Hall, Carpenter's Hall, Eastern State Penitentiary, Potomac Riverboat Cruise, Spy Museum, Supreme Court, the Library of Congress and the United State Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery National Mall, Georgetown.
- c. The NYC Trip
 - i. April 5- April 9, 2024.
 - ii. Hotel accommodations in New Jersey to minimize costs.
 - iii. 1 bus planned. If we have too many students for 1 bus, we will opt for the lottery system for their spots, as we've done in the past. (2 busses will not be considered unless we have enough students for 2 full busses from the start-will depend on availability of bus and drivers)
 - iv. Cost is \$989,00 for 32 participants and \$849.00 for 48 participants. (some price fluctuation for the baseball game based on available tickets +/-)
 - v. Sites included: Major NYC sites, Central Park, Rockefeller Center, 9/11 Memorial, a New York Yankees MLB game, and a Broadway play.

Motion to approve the school trips by Jack Algieri and seconded by Gabriel Latino. All in favor.

3. Budgets (Information Item):

- a. We have received our budgets.
- b. This budget being presented is a general overview of what has been allocated to our school.
- c. We will have a more detailed look and motion to approve later with respect to the plans on how to spend the budgets.

4. Tutorials (Information Item):

- a. We currently have tutors in FSL, Math, Science, and History.
- b. History and Science tutors in one day a week, Math in 5 days, and FSL 2-3 days a week.
- c. Teachers recommending students who they feel need the boost to pass the course.

5. **Breakfast of Excellence (Information Item):**
 - a. December 19-20-21 to honor the students who made the Honor Roll, and students who were nominated for Diligence. Sec 1 & 2, Sec. 3 & 4, and Sec. 5 on the 3 days.
 - b. Breakfast includes a choice of: eggs, bacon, potatoes, pancakes, croissant, fruits, juice or chocolate milk.

6. **Holiday Lunch (Information Item):**
 - a. Students will be treated to a Holiday lunch for Free- December 7
 - b. First come, first serve basis. We ordered 300 meals,
 - c. The menu includes turkey, stuffing, carrots & peas, a choice of water /juice and a dessert.

7. **Secondary 5 Save the Dates (Information item):**
 - a. Graduation Photos- looking at February 2024 (dates to be finalized)
 - b. Graduation Ceremony- June 25, 2024.
 - c. Prom June 27, 2024.

8. **January Midyear Exams (Information item):**
 - a. Only selected courses will have the midyear exams.
 - b. The schoolboard felt that we should target only specific classes not to over 'test' students unnecessarily.
 - c. The exams include History sec. 3 & 4, Math sec. 2 and 4, Science and
 - d. Teachers will hold in-class tests for evaluation purposes.

9. **January Supplementals (Information item):**
 - a. We have exams taking place beginning during the week of January 9, 2024.
 - b. We have about 20 students writing the science, 1 student writing Math and 10 student writing History.
 - c. Letters were sent home advising the families of these students.
 - d. They need these credits for graduation.
 - e. We also have about 12 students doing a special Art project for their missing Art credit for graduation. Special thank you to Ms. Cocco for coordinating the project with them.
 - f. Students will be coming in for exams only.

10. **Holocaust Museum Visits (Information item):**
 - a. On November 16-17, 3 of Ms. Seremetis' ELA classes visited the Holocaust Museum.
 - b. We ensured that the safety of the students at the museum before going. The museum assured us that no threats were made, and other schools visits went well. They had their own added security.
 - c. Students enjoyed the visits.

11. **SPVM Presentations (Information item):**
 - a. Our community officer, Officer Fournier will be visiting the classes over the next few weeks on various topics regarding proper citizenship, the question of consent, and legalities being texting/sexting.
 - b. The presentations will be geared towards all students, and level specific.

- c. Every last Wednesday of the month, he will also be coming to have lunch with the students.
- d. There is a sign-up for this, and he is looking at answering questions about being a police officer and forming relationships with our students.

12. Geordie Productions (Information item):

- a. November 30, 2023.
- b. Play presentation for the secondary 4 and 5 students called 'Instant'.
- c. Costs being absorbed by the school.

13. Camp Lift Presentation and Involvement in School (Information item):

- a. Camp Lift, a non-profit organization working with all high school sin the EMSB will be presenting to our classes over the next couple of months.
- b. The presentations include the following: Vaping for sec. 1 & 2, Cannabis for sec. 3 & 4, and Parties and Substance abuse for sec. 5.
- c. We also have the youth workers from Camp Lift assigned to our school twice a week. The workers are available to meet students, and act as mentors to the students who require help with addiction.

14. Holiday Shopping for Students in Need (Information item):

- a. December 18-19, a group 16 students in need will be treated to a shopping event at Galeries D'Anjou.
- b. They will each receive a \$300 gift card to use at the mall.
- c. The money was donated to the school by one of our teacher's husband's companies. The company is RedRing Sales.

15. Upcoming Reports to approve:

- a. Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan- December- it's ready and will be sent to you this week to review in time for the meeting.
- b. Educational project – January/February

16. Holiday Social (Information/Approval item):

- a. Caterer suggestion- volunteer to book
- b. Suggest we start at 6:30 p.m.
- c. Motion to pay for invoice from fund 3.

4.2. Commissioner

- She sends her regrets.

4.3. Chair/Regional Delegate

- **Sandra Greco (chairperson):** On November 9, 2023 the chairpersons and reginal delegates from every EMSB school Governing Board were invited to the school board for a meet and greet with EMSB commissioners. The different issues being addressed by the school commissioners were shared with chairpersons and regional delegates.

- **Annelise Renda (Reginal delegate):** Regional delegate meeting held on November 2nd 2023. One of the topics discussed was Bill 96. An emphasis was placed on having schools inform parents whose children have an English language eligibility certificate that choosing to send their children to a French school forfeits their right to attend an English school in the future, including CEGEP.

4.4. Secretary/Treasurer

- Nothing to report

4.5. Student Council

- Liana Gioia and Liana Wallace presented the below student council plan.

4.5.1 COOP

- After a very successful month, student council raised approximately \$2000 in revenue;
- The coop is now open for an additional day during the week, allowing students to buy items Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays;
- A new version of the LBP spiritwear was launched in an active gray shade, which includes the Pearson pride hoodie, the logo hoodie as well as the zip up.

4.5.2 Breakfast Club

- Breakfast is still offered to students every morning between 7:35 am - 8:10 am for only 50 cents;
- Most popular option include grilled cheese sandwiches and Eggo waffles.

4.5.3 Wednesday Waffles

- Every Wednesday morning, student council continues to offer students and staff free pancakes, as well as fruit and juice;
- New griddles were purchased in response to the rising demand for pancakes.

4.5.4 Lunch Activities

- Alongside their previous options, student council added new giant games for students to play during Wednesday lunchtime.

4.5.5. Birthday Celebrations

- On November 17th, Student Council celebrated the October and November babies with yummy ice cream and sorbet.

4.5.6. Dress Down Day

- November 2nd was dress down day for all students, and approximately \$1500 was raised. The money raised is being used for a new couch in the library, and potentially new instruments for the band.

4.5.7. Movember Cotton Candy

- One of the newest ideas from student council this year has been selling cotton candy (Barbe à Papa) for \$1 in commemoration of all the men suffering from mental or physical illnesses.

- Unfortunately, due to the strike days, no sales were possible last week. Therefore, student council will be selling cotton candy twice this week.

4.5.8. Remembrance Day

- An attempt was made to raise money for veterans by selling poppies and pins, however it was not successful;
- The Lianas made an announcement at 11am on November 10th and held a moment of silence for all the soldiers who served or are currently serving.

4.5.9. Chocolate Box Sales

- Social Justice members agreed to individually sell boxes of chocolate in order to raise money for a global cause (TBD);
- It has been going fairly well, and there is still time left to sell.

4.5.10. CPR Training

- Students were offered the opportunity to engage in a CPR certification class taught by alumni Olivia Sgouromitis and two other paramedics.

4.5.11. Sports News

- The Juvenile Boys D3 soccer team brought home a GMAA championship banner on November 4th;
- The Juvenile Boys basketball team had an awesome start to their season, winning their first game against James Lyng High School.

4.5.12. Dance

- Student Council is currently planning their 2nd dance of the year
- The Snow *Ball* dance will be held on December 15th

4.6. Teachers

4.6.1. **Parent-teacher interviews (Paul Karpontinis):** Held on November 20. There were fewer parents than in previous years.

4.6.2. **Teacher strike action (Paul Karpontinis):** *Goal:* to improve the learning situation for all students. Three strike days were held last week. It is uncertain whether additional strike days will be added before the Christmas break. Parents who wish to support the teacher movement are encouraged to contact their local MNA and share positive and supportive messages on their social media.

4.6.3. **Angela Antonacci:** Terry Fox bagel fundraiser raised 650\$. Bagels will be distributed on November 30.

4.7. Sport études Program (Casey Gagné)

Liana Emma Terasco (student) played in the U17 National female soccer team in Portugal. She will be representing Canada in the National Concacaf in February 2024.

5. Varia

- none

6. Next Meeting:

- December 18 2023: In person at the school at 6: 30 pm. It will be a combined Christmas social event and Governing Board meeting.
- Secretary for the meeting: Sabrina Ficca

7. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Paul Karpontinis and seconded by Angela Antonacci. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21P.M.



Principal



Chairperson

106 - Lester B. Pearson High School

Activity Description	(A) Roll-Over	(B) C. B. Adopted	(C) Total (A) + (B)	(D) Revenue	(E) Expense	(F) Available (C) + (D) - (E)
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School Funds

Fund: 3 - Complementary Fund (F3)

13000	HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION	198,233		198,233	192,907	117,714	273,426
21120	HS Administration					214	(214)
21210	Printing & Photoc. for Sc&Cler					23,615	(23,615)
27000	Sports & Social Animation	(4,080)		(4,080)	21,500	26,252	(8,832)
27001	Grants for Sport Activities	2,705		2,705			2,705
27050	Charitable Organisations	(2,449)		(2,449)	1,875	1,570	(2,144)
32000	Cafeteria Services	287		287			287
32001	Internal Cafeteria Transaction					46	(46)
32800	CAP - Decentralized	3,423		3,423	250		3,423
51300	Gov Board & Parent Ctees (CPC)				18,343	2,499	19,891
72500	Bank Fees, Penalty & Interest	4,047		4,047			
Complementary Fund (F3):		202,166		202,166	234,875	171,910	265,131
School Funds:		202,166		202,166	234,875	171,910	265,131

106 - Lester B. Pearson High School

Activity Description	(A) Roll-Over	(B) Budget	(C) Total (A) + (B)	(D) Revenue	(E) Expense	(F) Available (C) + (D) - (E)
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Board Funds

Fund: 1 - Centralised Budget (F1)

13000 HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Centralised Budget (F1):

					443	(443)
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Fund: 5 - Decentralised Budget (F5)

101,601 101,601 52,567 49,034

Fund: 6 - Supplementary Allocation (F6)

13003 Directors' Days - High School	9,560	9,560	440	9,120
15316 M15320 - Libé. des enseig	11,480	11,480	2,725	8,755
22112 Library Act (incl F6 M15103v1)	10,842	10,842	5,586	6,310
22255 PoP Labs (SA 50670 & SA 30890)			916	(916)
24203 M15025 Seuil Minimal Service	40,000	40,000	14,438	25,562
24300 Support for FSL			95	(95)
24460 Tutoring			(95)	95
24461 M15021 v1&2 Tutoring	33,280	33,280		33,280
24520 M15230 - École Inspirante	39,506	39,506	5,067	34,439
24521 Joining Forces	30,623	30,623	7,160	23,463
24530 M15011: NANS, Agir Autrement	59,151	59,151	10,866	48,285
24544 M15182v7 Sensibiliser..lecture	3,300	3,300		3,300
27227 M15025 - High School Wellness			8,339	26,915
27237 SLJM PLC for outdoor ed EMSB	35,254	35,254	275	(275)

Fund 5: Summarized

*** Indicates that 100% of Current Year's Balance will be rolled over

Sorted by Region

106 - Lester B. Pearson High School

Activity Description	(A) Roll-Over	(B) Budget	(C) Total (A) + (B)	(D) Revenue	(E) Expense	(F) Available (C) + (D) - (E)
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Board Funds

Fund: 6 - Supplementary Allocation (F6)						
27311	M15186 Sorties-Milieu Culturel	31,890	31,890		1,196	30,694
27312	M15028 Act. para au secondaire	309,865	309,865		100,956	208,909
32801	CAP - Centralized	43,588	43,588		4,661	38,927
73001	Practicum - Schools' Portion			2,513		2,513
Supplementary Allocation (F6):		658,339	658,339	8,099	163,349	503,089

Fund: 7 - Capital Budget (F7)						
13000	HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION	2,454	4,920	7,374		7,374
22250	TTC M50761 - Regular Program	17,785	42,144	59,929	8,323	51,606
Capital Budget (F7):		20,240	47,064	67,304	8,323	58,980
Board Funds:		20,240	807,004	827,244	8,099	224,683
						610,660

Fund 5: Summarized

*** Indicates that 100% of Current Year's Balance will be rolled over

Sorted by Region

556 - Lester B Pearson Bldg

Activity Description	(A) Roll-Over	(B) Budget	(C) Total (A) + (B)	(D) Revenue	(E) Expense	(F) Available (C) + (D) - (E)
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Board Funds

Fund: 5 - Decentralised Budget (F5)

	92,878	92,878	92,878	31,183	31,183	61,695
Board Funds:	92,878	92,878	92,878	31,183	31,183	61,695