

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting

October 4th, 2021 -Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Present:

<p>Administrators Tony Pita Patty Tummillo Assunta Caruso</p> <p>LBP Staff Angela Antonacci Clorinda Antonacci Catherine Clarabut Sue Cristiano Sara Di Maulo Paul Karpontinis Charles Préfontaine Joseph Monachino</p>	<p>Parents Tony Averano Joe Biunno Giuseppina Di Stefano Pierre Gosselin Sandra Greco Franco Mazzariello Catherine Tamburrino Marisa Papillo Nadia Posterano Liliana Zarlenga</p> <p>Student Council Amanda Calcada Bryana Sansalano</p> <p>Student teacher invited guest:</p> <p>Student council invited guests: Deyanira Sevilla</p>
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Absent:

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1. Welcome

2. Introduction of the members

3. Approval of the Agenda

Removal to the agenda: 10.1. Terry Fox.

Moved: Ms. Zarlenga seconded by Ms. Clarabut all in favor motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes of, June 21st, 2021

- corrections or changes; none
- Motion to approve of minutes for Mr. Mazzariello
Moved – Ms. Papillo
Votes: all in favor

Motion carried

5. Question Period

- No questions

6. Nominations

6.1 Election of Chairperson

Mr. Mazzariello nominates Mr. Aversano; he accepts nomination.

Mr. Aversano is appointed by acclamation.

6.2 Election of Vice-Chair

Mr. Mazzariello nominated by Ms. Papillo; he accepts.

Mr. Mazzariello is appointed by acclamation.

6.3 Secretary nominations

Mr. Karpontinis nominated Mr. Biunno; he declined

Mr. Biunno nominated Ms. Greco; she declined.

Motion by Mr. Mazzariello to have the secretary will be on rotation in alpha order beginning with "A".

Moved by Ms. Zarlenga seconded by Ms. Papillo. All in favor.

6.4 Treasurer nominations

Mr. Karpontinis nominated Mr. Biunno; he accepted nomination.

Moved by Ms. Zarlenga seconded by Ms. Papillo. All in favor.

7. Operations

7.1 LBP GB Code of Conduct

Mr. Karpontinis moved the motion and seconded by Ms. Greco. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

7.2 LBP GB Rules of Operation

Mr. Biunno moved the motion and seconded by Ms. Zarlenga. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

7.3 Community Representatives

The question was raised if the Governing Board wanted a community representative part of the Governing Board this year.

It was concluded that the Governing Board won't be requesting a community representative this year.

8. Schedule of Meetings

Governing Board Meetings will be held on the 1st Monday of every month @ 7:00pm.

The following dates were agreed on:

- November 8, 2021.

The chairperson will decide which online platform will be used (example: Teams, Zoom or Skype).

- December 6, 2021
- January 10, 2022
- February 7, 2022
- March 14, 2022
- April 11, 2022
- May 30, 2022
- June 20, 2020

Mr. Karpontinis moved the motion and seconded by Ms. Clarabut. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

9. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

10. New Business

10.1 Terry Fox Fundraising

Tabled until November 8 meeting

10.2 Student Council Action

- List of Fund Raising activities and charitable organization that the school will be supporting were outlined and discussed.

Ms. Greco motioned and Mr. Monachino seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Karpontinis abstained.

10.3 Day Trip Permissions for 2021-22

Motion to provide the school “Block Approval” for permissions to schedule Day Trips for students.

Ms. Greco motioned and seconded by Ms. Papillo. All in favor.

10.4 Marketing Budget from 2020-21 Surplus Fund 3

• Motion to approve a \$5,000 request from the Fund 3 rollover for admissions advertising expenses.

Ms. Zarlenga motioned and seconded by Ms. Di Stefano. All in favor.

10.5 Welcome Activities – Mini-Day

Motion to approve early dismissal for mini-day celebration outdoors.

Students will be dismissed at 12:00pm.

Ms. C. Antonacci motioned and Ms. A. Antonacci seconded. All in favor.

10.6 Sexual Education Plan

Motion to approve 10 to 15 hours of sexual education as presented for this school year.

Ms. C. Antonacci motioned and seconded by Ms. Di Maulo. All in favor.

11 Reports

11.1 Principal’s Report

11.2 Teacher Report

11.3 EMSB Parents’ Committee

11.4 Student Council

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Nothing to add

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on November 8, 2021 at 7:00pm by an online platform to be determined by the chairperson.

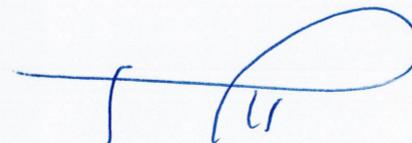
14. Adjournment

Ms. Greco moved that the meeting be adjourned seconded by Ms. Papillo.

All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm


Vice-chair GB
Nov. 08, 2021


PRINCIPAL
Nov 09, 2021

Principals Report to Governing Board October 4, 2021

The start of the new school year has been extremely busy, as expected. Our second year into the Covid pandemic continues to offer major challenges particularly when our government makes changes with little notice. As usual, our staff has shown itself to be resilient and flexible as they adapt to the numerous changes.

The official enrolment Lester B Pearson high school on September 30 was 1025 students. That is a slight increase from last year which was 1022 students. This trend is contrary to the other schools and EMSB where overall enrolment is down once again.

A tremendous amount of renovation has been going on throughout the summer. The EMSB has invested over \$3.1 million to renovate the exterior and interior doors, the stage and fire curtain of the auditorium, a new generator to help with power failures, a new ventilation system in three areas in the school (two were completed last summer) and a new roof for the gym area. The work continues during the evening hours in order to minimize its impact on students. EMSB also has plans to replace the elevator. Unfortunately, construction costs have gone through the roof over the last year and a half requiring that they delay that part of the project. Lester B Pearson continues to request from the board replacement of student lockers to better serve the students. That is a significant investment for the board. In the meantime, we have completed \$4500 worth of repairs to lockers all paid by Material Resources.

Many students are now enjoying activities that were not available for the last 18 months. ECA activities have begun including sports teams that require vaccination passports. All other educational activities including field trips, do not require vaccine passports if they are held within the regular school day.

The second vaccination campaign was held on September 15 for any student required a first dose or a second dose of the vaccine. Fortunately, most of our students had already received a second dose by the time we held are vaccination clinic. As recently as this past week, Santé Publique has informed the school that 78% of all students at Lester B Pearson high school are fully vaccinated. We hope that that number increases steadily in the coming weeks.

The CIUSSS will now focus on making up vaccinations that have been postponed due to Covid. Students in secondary three, four, and five will be vaccinated at the school on **October 21 and 22**. The CIUSSS is estimating that the nurses would be able to vaccinate 380 students per day.

Unlike last fall, there have been very few cases of Covid reported to the school. Public health rules stipulate that adequately protected individuals who do not have Covid symptoms or who have not tested positive are not required to isolate if there was a low or moderate risk contact. We hope that this will mean that if you were classes will be closed due to a positive case.

The graduation ceremony for the class of 2021 will be held on October 24 at the Rialto theater. Recent public health requirements have allowed us to fill the theatre with over 800 guests. We hope that this event will be a memorable one for our students and our graduates. All participants including graduates will be required to show a vaccination passport in order to attend the event. The ceremony will be broadcasted for anyone who could not be present for the ceremony. Hopefully this is a turning point

that will allow schools to return to some sort of normal functioning. Special thanks to the Graduation Committee who have worked tirelessly to organize this event despite the many challenges they have faced.

Lester B also held a Virtual Open House and that proved to be incredibly successful with over 3000 views in the first two days. I would like to thank everyone who participated in promoting our school and our programs. Mr. Karpontinis who produced the video, ran our social media campaign and lead many of our student participants. We received tremendous positive feedback from the community. Prior to Open House, Mr Gagne, Ms Caruso, and our student ambassadors visited all the elementary schools in the area to speak to the grade 6 students about LBPHS and encourage students and parents to consider our great community school that has something to offer every student. Promotional items were distributed during the visit.

Ms Tummillo and Ms Cutrone are presently work hard to analyze registrations for our enriched programs and we expect letters to go out very soon.

There has been a rash of vandalism in the school washrooms due to a recent TikTok trend all over North America (even reported on CNN). This recent trend puts in jeopardy our ability to keep washrooms open because of missing stall doors, no soap dispensers or soap, no paper towel dispensers or paper towels, the blocking of toilets and sinks with entire rolls of paper.

Most of the vandalism has occurred during class time when students going to the washroom are not supervised. As a result, teachers have been asked to speak to students and encourage use of the washrooms, before school, at recess, lunch, and if necessary, during the 5-minute transition periods using washrooms on each floor next to the washrooms. This was not enough to stop the vandalism. As a result, staff was asked to escort students to the washroom and listen for potential vandalism from immediately outside.

We were able to identify vandalism occurring at lunch time in the plaza washrooms. In those two cases, students were disciplined under the Code of Conduct and parents were asked to pay for damaged items.

Effective today, escorts to the washroom were terminated in the hope that students understand that this time of behaviour affects everyone and will not be tolerated if we are to offer students a clean and health bathroom environment.

The next TikTok trend asks students to slap teachers on the head. Students will face potential criminal charges if the is considered by our students. I don't expect our students to show such poor judgement.

Tony Pita

2021-22 Student Council Year of Action

1. Secondary 1 Orientation

- i. August 31st
- ii. We will organize a welcome Lunch and orientation for the secondary 1 students that runs concurrently with our normal registration procedures. We would like to build upon our success and continue to offer a secondary one orientation followed by a lunch.
- iii. The day involves touring of our facilities, student led ice breaking activities, live music and pizza lunch.

2. Assemblies

- i. We would like the student council to be visible and accessible to the students of our school, if possible we would like members to be available at level assemblies for a quick introduction to students.

2. Morning Announcements

- i. A rotation of Student Council members will read the daily bulletin every morning at 8:20am or 9:20 on mini days.

2. LBPHS Social Justice

- i. We raise awareness and funds to combat social issues such as the exploitation of children or access to education in underprivileged countries, our indigenous community the LGBTQ+ community and local organizations.
- ii. This program is about empowering kids to make a difference, and we feel that there is a great synergy with our leadership development for student council and the positive influence this campaign can have on our students at large.

3. Mock Canadian Election

- i. Students will be given information on the party platforms in the federal election and a mock Canadian election will be held on Sept 17 (Sept 20 if our school is open). LBP results would be revealed on election night.

4. Live Different Presentation "Own your story"

- i. Virtual presentation due to ongoing uncertainty in hosting in-person speakers on September 28th period 2.
- ii. Student Council will choose one of the following topics: Resilience, Empathy, Authenticity, Growth, Values or Altruism.
- iii. 500\$

5. Guest Speaking Series

- i. Hosting guest speakers for optional assemblies (All teachers invited to sign up for each assembly on a first come-first served basis.) Would like to pay honorarium to guest speakers of 250\$ per presentation.
- ii. Topics ranging from Body Image, Overcoming Adversity etc...
- iii. **October/November** – The road of recovery from substance Abuse.
- iv. **November/December** - Body Image and Self-Esteem
- v. **January/February** – Overcoming adversity

6. Hoodies and Tees (Graduation Hoodies and School Spirit Wear)

- i. As we have done in the past, Student Council would like to commence sales in the first half of the year, similar design and comparable price and quality as previous year.
- ii. First Friday of the month all students and staff encouraged to wear any school branded clothing, starting October 2nd. "Pearson Pride Days"
 1. Sept 10* Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 7, Feb 10, Mar 11, April 14, May 12 & June 3.

- iii. Grads permitted to wear Graduation Apparel, November orders for December/January Delivery.

7. Annual ECA fair

- i. October 1st.
- ii. The purpose of this fair is to encourage new and returning students to participate in ECAs and to promote the wonderful ECAs our school has to offer.
- iii. The Fair Posters will be saved and displayed again for Open House.

8. Leadership Development and Training

- i. Annual Student Council Retreat
 - 1. *August 23rd and 24th 2021 (31 Students and 1-2 teachers)*
 - 2. *August 2022 TBD*
- ii. Group Outings
 - 1. Teambuilding outings, 3x over the course of the year.
 - 2. Would like to investigate possibility of an overnight at LBP for one of the bonding activities.
- iii. EMSB Leadership Camp
 - 1. April 27-29th 2022 with the organizers leaving on 1 day earlier (Approximately 20 Students 1 Teacher)

9. Student Co-op

- i. Sales from vending machine and pre-designated sales (once a cycle) in the plaza booth to benefit student life projects and to perpetuate entrepreneurial project.

10. Fundraising and Charities (We will use the following initiatives to raise much-needed funds for our charitable initiatives as well as to fund our own activities and special projects)

- i. Sales of SPC cards in August and September 2021
- ii. Proceeds from Air Hockey, Foosball, Rod Hockey Machines
- iii. Movember
 - 1. Sales of moustache buttons, face painting and fake moustaches to raise awareness for prostate cancer and money for charity.
- iv. Poppy Sales for the Royal Canadian Legion
 - 1. First week of November
- v. Vow of Silence November 20th (Social Justice and Fundraiser)
 - 1. Our annual awareness-raising campaign on national children's day that engages tens of thousands of participants to stand up for children whose rights are not being upheld. Members would be asked to refrain from talking and texting for one full day. Students who choose to participate would have a choice to take the half-day vow or the full day vow.
 - 2. As special incentive to maintain their vows, students would like to ask their friends and family to "buy their silence" by sponsoring them on a pledge form.
- vi. TCBY or Dipperie Fundraisers
 - 1. 2 per year, sales of frozen yogurt or ice cream products to benefit student life activities.
- vii. Change Drive
 - 1. Collection of coins to fundraise for international relief, Student Council will select a global charity.
- viii. Lollipop / Mr. Freeze Sales (Starting September)
 - 1. Funds to benefit student life activities or periodically, to raise money for specific charitable causes.
 - 2. No more than once a month.
- ix. Bagging / Car Washes

1. We fundraise for one or two days at a local grocery store or Canadian Tire, funds split between We Charity and Student Life at LBPHS.
- x. We Scare Hunger food drive
 1. Food drive beginning at the end of September and ending November 1st.
 2. Walkathon October 19th.
- xi. Christmas food drive
 1. Food-drive beginning mid-November and ending December 10th.
- xii. Roses for Valentine's Day with profits donated to a global charity designated by our social justice committee.
- xiii. Chocolate Bar Sales for Social Justice, bars will be sold by Student Council members to their friends and families during their personal time and off school premises.
- xiv. Modified Uniform Days
 1. Orange Shirt Day – September 30th
 2. October 1st – **Traditional Non-Uniform Day** (Recommended to wear jerseys but this is a traditional non-uniform day) – Suggested contribution 2\$ (*Funds would be used to benefit Social Justice Campaign*)
 3. October 29th – **Halloween Costume Day** – Student Council would sponsor a costume day at no expense to the student body. (Voluntary donation of 1 food item)
 4. November 5th – **Traditional Non-Uniform Day** – Suggested contribution 2\$ (*Funds would be used to support Student Life activities at LBP and our leadership program.*)
 5. December 3rd – **PJ Day to Benefit Christmas Charities** Suggested contribution 2\$
 6. December 20th – **Modified Uniform week for Christmas** at no expense to the student body. Eg Ugly Socks, Accessory, Ugly Sweater, Wacky Hat. Non-Uniform Day for food drive winning grade
 7. February 15th - Add a red Accessory to Uniform, at no expense to the student body.
 8. February 23rd is **pink shirt day**, student council would hold a pink shirt day at no expense to the student body.
 9. March 17th - Add a green Accessory to Uniform, at no expense to the student body.
 10. May 10th – **Denim Day** – Students would be allowed to wear jeans with their normal LBP top for a suggested contribution of 2\$ (*All proceeds would benefit the Cure Foundation*)

11. Participation on Committees

- i. EMSAC, Governing Board & Youth Forums

12. Halloween Activities

- i. Haunted House and Lunch Hour Activities

13. Dances

- i. November 12th and May 6th
- ii. Surplus concessions to be sold off during the following week.

14. Coffee Houses

- i. November 5th and February 18th
- ii. Open mic night of poetry & prose.
- iii. Sales of concessions

15. Representing our school as ambassadors

- i. Orientation Night, Open House, Report Card Nights & Regional Ped Days.
- ii. We would like to meet with the various levels a few times in the year. It would be in our best interest to do this during school hours due to participation reasons. The purpose is in

order to represent the student body, we need to hear their concerns and or opinions on how to improve student life.

16. Christmas Activities

- i. Week-long activities to celebrate the holidays. December 20, 21 & 22nd.

17. Valentine's Day Activities

- i. Lunch hour Activities, Distribution of flowers & Encourage students to wear a red accessory on the 10th.
- ii. February 9, 10 and 15th.
- iii. Schoolwide Matchmaker

18. Staff Appreciation Gift

- i. Student Council would like to choose gifts with administrative approval, to be distributed in February.
- ii. Budget of 7\$ + tax per staff member.

19. Lunch time activities

- i. From time to time Student Council would like to offer our students an array of activities at lunch outside of holiday festivities. These would specifically target our juniors as seniors usually eat off our premises.

20. Year-Long Anti-Bullying campaign

- i. We would like to draw attention to important issues such as cyber-bullying, in-school bully and homophobia through educational campaigns, posters, a pink shirt day and sales of rainbow wristbands.
- ii. Secondary 1 transition to High School Program
- iii. Secondary 4 Anti-Bullying initiative
- iv. We would like to investigate offering mentorship programs for students in secondary 5, inviting recent grads to talk to students about the transition to college.
- v. Annual Empathy Day

21. Green Committee

- i. Student council would like to continue encouraging eco-responsibility in the school and monitor plaza recycling.
- ii. Plaza Recycling (Paper, Plastic, Deposit Can), Collection of batteries, Collection of Ink Toner Masks & Collection of markers.
- iii. Seedling Committee will grow plants in the late winter and sell off the mature plants in the late spring.

22. Secondary 5 Garden Party

- i. End of year (When Admin deems appropriate.)
- ii. The purpose is to end the year on a positive note with the secondary 5's
- iii. "2022" Grad Photo to be taken, Brunch, Music, Memory activity.

October Student Council Report

Student council leadership camp:

- This summer, student council members were able to attend a leadership camp in order for all of us members to get to know each other.
- We played leadership building games to build our communication skills, trust and teamwork.
- Members enjoyed many activities such as boating, a campfire and bunking together.

Secondary 1 orientation day:

- We gave secondary one students a tour of the school as well as an organized lunch and snacks.
- We also hosted a welcome presentation for new students and organized games that we learned from our leadership camp to allow the students to get to know one another.

Online beginning of the year assembly:

- LBP administration organized a welcome back to school online assembly in order to go over our schools code of conduct.
- Student council executive and general meeting in order to discuss of year of action, our thoughts and ideas, sign ups for committees (September 2nd, September 9th)

Open house:

- Student council members organized and shot a video for our virtual open house night.
- Student council members visited elementary schools in order to promote LBP to grade 5 and 6 students to help encourage them to consider LBP as an option for their future high school.

Peace Pillow:

- Student council members worked with Mr. Monachino to collect signatures for International Day of Peace on a "Peace Pillow"

Mock election:

- We organized a mock election in order for students to see which political party favoured their values. The majority of our student population voted for the liberal party as we predicted.

Live different: resilience presentation

- We had a virtual presentation where live different leadership speakers and a student panel shared their stories of resilience.

Mask recycling:

- Student council members collect masks and place them in our mask recycling bins every week.
- We also have mask recycling bins in the plaza if needed.

Student co op:

- We sold SPC cards at the beginning of the year, we offer \$0.50 healthy and nutritious breakfast items in breakfast club as well as our new specialties for \$1. We also sell pearson pride merchandise.
- The Student Council Co-op is also responsible for the games in the plaza area which have been truly popular so far. Our renewed games room and café have also been very popular during lunchtime.

Orange shirt day:

- On orange shirt day, students were encouraged to wear orange shirts in order to spread awareness and commemorate the indigenous kids that lost their lives in residential schools
- Council members also helped Mr. Monachino to place information posters throughout the building.

ECA Fair:

- Student council members organized an ECA fair at lunch to promote the clubs our school has to offer, as well as to encourage students to participate in these extra curricular activities.

Dress down day:

- We had a traditional dress down day to raise money for fundraisers, with a donation of \$2 each, and were able to raise 1648\$ in total.
- Student council will soon be choosing a charity to donate the money to.

*All the activities and events organized for the students such as dress down, the ECA fair and breakfast club are run through several student council committees with various captains and such.

*With the help of the school administration and our team in student council, students have been able to have a somewhat normal school year with different activities and many more to come.

