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## **Governing Board Minutes – May 26, 2025**

### **6:45 p.m. (Virtual)**

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#### **PRESENT:**

**Administration:** Joseph Vitantonio, Assunta Caruso, Sabrina Magliocco, Grace Fanelli

**Parents:** Sabrina Ficca (Vice-Chairperson), Daniela Marino (Secretary), Jack Algieri, Angela Antonacci, Jocelyne Cacciatore, Sandra Greco, Annelisa Rende

**Parent Alternates:** Francesca Pitruzzello (secretary)

**Teachers:** Gabriel Latino, Catherine Clarabut, Paul Karpontinis, Sabrina Pisaturo, Antoinette Licursi

**Non-Teaching Staff:** Charles Préfontaine, Casey Gagné

**Students:** Luca Di Fiore, Brianna Morello

**Commissioner:** Susan Perera

**Absent:** Sara Di Maulo, Dario Falso, Isabel Deganutto,

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#### **1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgment**

- Mr. Vitantonio and Sandra Greco welcomed everyone at the start of the meeting at 6:49 pm.
- Luca Di Fiore and Bianca Morello read the Land Acknowledgement.

#### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

- **Motion** to adopt the agenda was moved by Jocelyne Cacciatore and seconded by Tania Licursi. All in favour.

### **3. Adoption of the Minutes of March 17, 2025**

There was a typo in the Sports Etudes report. Correction made.

- Motion to approve the minutes was moved Jack Algieri and seconded by Sabrina Ficca.  
All in favour. (3 abstentions)

### **4. Review of e-votes**

1. **Code of Conduct** (Agenda Pages including the Calendar- changes/modifications in yellow).  
*Motion moved Charles Prefontaine by seconded by Angela Antonacci. All in favour.*
2. **School Fees for 2025-2026**  
*Motion moved by Casey Gagne, seconded by Paul Karpontinis. All in favour.*
3. **Entrepreneurship Project for sec. 4 students** \*(involves collecting money from students for sales)  
*Motion moved by Sandra Greco, seconded by AnneLisa Rende. All in favour.*

### **5. New Business:**

5.1 Revised Cell Phone Policy: Presented and approved at staff council. Will add Locker area wording for restricted areas. Will be added to agenda pages and share at assemblies in August. It will be sent with the June mailing, so everyone has a preview.

Moved by Annelisa Rende and Seconded by Casey Gagné. All in favor. Motion carried.

- School Board abolished Student Supervisor position. Administration to manage.

#### **5.2 ABAV Annual Report**

-Policy is in place. End of year need to report. Report shared. Maintaining plan.

### **6. Reports**

#### **5.1 Principal**

##### **a. La Ronde Day (Approval Required):**

- a. The day has been reserved for June 19.
- b. There will be a \$20 fee requested to partially cover the outing.
- c. There will be a return at 6:00 p.m.
- d. Motion to allow the day to take place.

Motioned by Casey Gagne and seconded by Sabrina Ficca. All in favor.

**b. Student Supervisor (Information Item):**

- a. As you read in my email, the EMSB has abolished all student supervisors in the board.
- b. This is an extreme loss for our school, as the role of the student supervisor was to help with the minor discipline issues including the management of all detentions and their follow-ups with parents.
- c. As unionized position, the tasks cannot be assigned to another unionized worker, therefore the work will fall on the administration team.
- d. We will need to revisit how we manage the detentions, as right now, we do not have the manpower to manage them as we do.

**c. Building Blocks Tutorials (Information Item):**

- a. Exam Preparation/Review sessions take place at LBP.
- b. Fee paid directly to B & B and registration takes place on B&B's website.
- c. courses offered: sec 1-5 math, sec 4 science, sec 4 history.
- d. 4-hour sessions
- e. Held on weekend. First session took place this past Saturday.
- f. 3 more sessions coming in June.

**d. Addressing School Staff (Information Item):**

- a. Agenda additions- addressing school staff added

**e. Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Evaluation (Information Item):**

- a. As per the requirements of the ABAV plan, a yearly review needs to be done about the implementation of the plan.
- b. The report was shared with you and does not require approval.

**f. Transportation Cheques & School Fee Payments (Information Item):**

- a. We distributed the transportation allocation cheques for students who live a certain distance from the school who require public transportation to get to school.
- b. In the past we were able to hold back cheques to help cover costs of outstanding school fees.
- c. We can no longer do this as per directives from the board, but we encouraged parents who still owe fees, the option.

**g. Sec. 5 letters for end-of year (Information Item):**

- a. A letter went out on May 7, 2025
- b. The letter will be sent to GB members.
- c. Over \$10 000 has been spent on the various activities we have provided, exclusively for the sec. 5 students.
- d. In the case where they decide to continue with a prank that compromises safety, damages school grounds, all end of year celebration planning with end which includes the Prom.
- e. This year, students and parents have been asked to acknowledge having read the email and the consequences that may come following any dangerous prank. Graduation tickets will not be issued if acknowledgement is not done.
- f. Prom and Graduation will be removed from any students involved this year.
- g. GB was very supportive of the efforts being made by administration and supported the consequences that may come of students' actions.
- h. Plan for sec. 5 for the last week:
  - June 2- C1 exams
  - June 3-regular school day
  - June 4- Grad Brunch
  - June 5- French Oral Interaction & locker clean-up
  - June 6- French Oral Interaction & locker clean-up

**h. NEW DLP Program at LBP (information Item):**

- a. The Diversified Learning Pathway (DLP) is a four-year program adapted to students' abilities.
- b. Core subjects are emphasized to provide increased time to focus on functional literacy, numeracy, and communication skills in a meaningful framework to prepare students for life in society.
- c. The program's primary goals are to ensure students continue to progress while in school and to prepare them for entry into a program that leads to certification (ie. Work-Oriented Training Pathways, etc.)
- d. DLP 1 is two years for students coming from grade 6
- e. DLP 2 is two years for those moving up from DLP 1
- f. The DLP cohort coming in is being moved from Links to allow these students an opportunity to grow socially in a regular high school setting, since they are capable.

**i. Population Update for 2025-2026 (Information Item):**

- a. 922 students
- b. More registrations coming in slowly.

**5.2 Commissioner**

- Quebec court of appeal decision Bill 40 (abolish school boards)
- Appeal decision grants English community ability to manage and govern their own schools.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting had volunteer event Thank you
- FACE school. Quebec government decided to stop decision to renovate. Petition garnered 4000 signatures.

### 5.3 Chairperson

- April 29<sup>th</sup> Volunteer event at Pius was a success. Great event in which hopefully invitation will be extended to more in the future.

### 5.4 Regional Delegate

- Absent

### 5.5 Treasurer

- Nothing to report

### 5.6 Student Council

**EMSB Camp** The annual EMSB Leadership Camp took place from April 23-25 and was a huge success. Students from several EMSB schools attended, including 3 organizers, 3 animators and 22 delegates from our school! They participated in lots of activities that helped them develop their leadership and teamwork skills and make lots of new friends!

#### **Summit on School Democracy**

600 student leaders participated in a summit on school democracy. 9 members of our student council participated in a student democracy summit where they did workshops in student leadership, Quebec democracy, and a vote on prioritizing issues of violence within Quebec schools and increasing the number of students on governing board to match the number of parents.

#### **Senior Sign-out**

For the last three weeks, a few of our Sec 5 students wanted to make a video of the graduating class of 2025 signing out. The video will be previewed soon.

#### **Sec 5 Spirit Week**

On May 12th we had our colour day, for all levels

On May 13th we had anything but a backpack day and sec 5s were invited to wear a white shirt that people can sign

On May 14th we had genre day, sec 5s came in dressed in their 90s outfits, participated in a competition and took a photo on the PM Favier side.

On May 15th we had our annual Track Photo for our grads and made our 25!

On May 16th we had a Grad Hat Scavenger hunt where graduates had to find their name around the school

### **Mr. Stern's Entrepreneurship Project**

From May 13-15, Mr. Stern's entrepreneurship class had their end of year project where they created their own businesses, sold shares in advance and then sold their products to the student body in the plaza during lunchtime. Student's learned the struggles of running a business and about what strategies to use to best sell their products. All proceeds made were donated to charity.

### **Denim Day**

On May 13th we had denim day to raise money for the cure foundation for breast cancer research. \$375 was raised.

### **Purple Shirt Day**

On May 16th, the same day we held our pride fest, and the last day of our spirit week, students were encouraged to wear a purple shirt free of charge in support of the fight against Homophobia and Transphobia.

### **Pride Fest**

On May 16th, we had our Pride Fest where we celebrated inclusivity. We had a photobooth, snow cones, cotton candy, stickers, a book display from the library, trivia station and we decorated the plaza the day before.

### **Dance**

Our second dance of the school year took place on May 23rd with 160 students in attendance, some of which were Pearson students who paid at the door. It was a great success, we had a professional DJ, a henna artist, an inflatable photo booth and snacks were sold from our Student Co-Op.

### **May 26th Council Outing**

Today we had our first council outing and last teambuilder this year. We went ice skating in the atrium and went to laser tag in the second half of the day.

### **Sec 5 Lock in**

On May 30th, Sec 5 students will attend a Lock in event where they will witness the last 0.5 of their 5 years at Pearson in video form, be treated to a meal, movie, karaoke and a game of Hide and go seek!

### **Senior Brunch**

On June 4th, Student Council is holding a senior brunch on the track for the graduating class's last day of high school. They will be served brunch foods, have nostalgic activities and a water fight afterwards.

### **Terry Fox Committees Change War**

Sec 5s won a competition, for raising the most money for the Terry Fox Foundation winning them a queue de castor and a free dress down day.

### **Yearbook Committee**

Yearbook committee members have been meeting every Tuesday, making a memorable 2024-2025 yearbook. The first 50 pages have already been submitted.

### **Seedling sales/book sale**

We had 2 seedling sales and book sales in May where we sold seedlings and books, we sold almost \$400 worth of seedlings.

### **Council Dubious Awards**

Student Council will be organizing our own version of Dubious awards to be presented at our last meeting of the year, winners will receive a trophy!

### **Pearson Pantry Grant Renewed for 2025**

Our \$15 000 grant was renewed for the 2025-2026 school year so we can continue to provide students with nutritious snacks, free of charge, from our Pearson Pantry. We'd like to thank the President's Choice Children's Charity for renewing this grant for Pearson for three years in a row.

### **Breakfast Club Programs Renewed for 2025**

The PC Children's Charity grant also helps to support our daily breakfast program as well as the Breakfast Club of Canada Charity which will once again give us an in kind donation worth \$100 000.

### **Sports**

Flag football and the track and field team recently wrapped up for the year!

## **5.7 Teachers' Report**

- Entrepreneurship contest. With exams it is busy time. Make sure kids are prepared.

## **5.8 Sport-études**

- Process of finalizing 30+ protocols with our sports partners for the program for the next 5 years.

## 7. Next Meeting

In person, Monday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 18h30

- Piri Piri Chicken Bowls
- Vegetarian options available.
- Motion to pay for the bill from fund 3.

Motioned by AnnaLisa Rende, Seconded by Jocelyne Cacciatore. All in favor.

## 8. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Tania Licursi and seconded by Angela Antonacci. All in favor.
- The secretary for next meeting will be Francesca Pitruzzello.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

  
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Principal

  
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Chairperson