

PIERRE DE COUBERTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GOVERNING BOARD 2024-25

Minutes of the Governing Board (GB) meeting of Pierre-de-Coubertin Elementary School held virtually on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 7 pm.

Attendance: (X = present, R = regrets)

Parents:		Teachers:	
Tania Decobellis	X	Gail Belanger	X
Eric Brosseau	X	Rosanne Loggia	X
Adamo Di Lembo	R	Sabrina Colatruglio	X
Claudia Mastrocola	X	Connie Vitale	X
Joe Sousa	X	Sophia Kalinin	X
Iolanda Bertucci	R		
Brittany Ladora	X	Support Staff:	
Anthony Pimentel	X	Johanne Messier-Chabot	X
Rosalia Caruso (Alternate)	-	Daycare:	
		Elena Lato-Difranco	X
Administration:		Community Representative:	
Ida Pisano, Principal	X		
Lisa Triestino, Vice-Principal	X		
		Commissioner Ward 8:	
		Mario Pietrangelo	R

6.2 Additions to the Agenda

- No additions to the agenda

6.3 Approval of the Agenda

- Tania Decobellis moved to approve the agenda
- Brittany Ladora seconded the motion

6.4 Approval of the Minutes: January 20, 2025

- Tania Decobellis moved to approve the minutes
- Gail Belanger seconded the motion

BUSINESS ARISING – January 20th, 2025

6.5. Staff Appreciation

- Ida Pisano mentions that PPO has organized several activities for staff appreciation week; the week of February 24th to 28th.

- Ida Pisano also mentions that PPO is looking for volunteers for staff appreciation week with regards to preparing, setting up, cleaning up.

NEW BUSINESS

6.6 2024-2025 Annual Budget

- Ida Pisano presents the 2024-2025 annual budget to the governing board.
- The annual budget consists of an allocation of funds provided to the school, to various categories, depending on where the administration predicts the funds can be used most efficiently and effectively.
- Ida Pisano reviews the different sections of the budget and explains to the governing board the reasoning behind the allocation of funds to specific categories.
- Joe Sousa asks whether the fundraising funds are included in the annual budget, and Ida Pisano answers that they are not. The annual budget doesn't include money that is raised through fundraising.
 - Tania Decobellis passed a motion to approve
 - Joe Sousa seconded the motion

6.7 Budget Building Process

- The Governing Board reviews the budget building process, and Ida Pisano reviews what was asked by the governing board last year, and what was granted.
- The Governing Board discusses the budget requests for the current year and agrees upon the following:
 - Increase resource allotment (request for 2, 100% resource teachers)
 - Increase in attendants and technicians
 - Increase in caretaking budget
 - Increase in capital budget
 - Obtain an early literacy teacher

6.8 Spring POP-UP Fundraiser

- Ida Pisano and Lisa Triestino mention that the PPO has suggested organizing a Spring POP-UP Fundraiser.
- The Spring POP-UP Fundraiser would consist of merchants purchasing tables to display their products.
- No objections from the Governing Board to this fundraiser.
- A tentative date for the Spring POP-UP is May 8th, 2025.
- The Governing Board discusses the cost per table.
- A vote took place amongst Governing Board members with regards to table cost, and majority voted for 75\$/table.
- Governing Board agrees to a minimum of 10 tables for the fundraiser to take place.

6.9 Tulip Fundraiser

- Ida Pisano mentions that a potential fundraiser for tulips was brought up by PPO, however after further research, the costs would be too high, and therefore it is decided that the fundraiser will not take place.

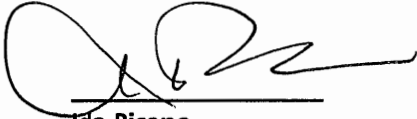
6.10 Information (Principal, Chair, Delegate)

- Principal report provided by Ida Pisano
 - Extra-curricular activities have begun – winter session.
 - A Youth Fusion Journalism program is taking place with the grade 4 students. The program lasts 8-10 weeks, whereby students work together to come up with a solution to a problem.
 - Parent teacher interviews will be taking place next Thursday, February 27th 2025.
 - The virtual book fair begins February 23rd, 2025.
 - Winter Carnival has been taking place throughout the month of February.
 - Six cameras have been installed inside the school.
 - Black History Month has been taking place throughout the month of February.
 - Kindness month has been taking place. Students are encouraged to wear their pink t-shirt on Kindness day, February 26th, 2025.
 - Month of February is perseverance month. Fabiana Russo received the perseverance award in St-Leonard.
 - Spotlight Saturday will be presented in the February newsletter. Parents will be able to highlight their child's accomplishment, that will be presented in the Spotlight Saturday if chosen by the school.
- Chair report provided by Claudia Mastrocola
 - Nothing to report.
- Delegate report provided by Joe Sousa
 - Mentioned that the budget building process was discussed.
 - Quebec government established a complaint system per region.
 - Graduation rates and success in standardized exams was discussed at the meeting.

6.11 Varia

- Nothing brought up in varia.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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Ida Pisano
Principal

Claudia Mastrocola
Interim Governing Board Chairperson