

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 Monday, March 17, 2025 at 7 pm.

Attendance: (X = present, R = regrets)

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

7.2 Additions to the Agenda

- No additions

7.3 Approval of the Agenda

- Brittany Ladora moved to approve the agenda
- Adamo Di Lembo seconded the motion

7.4 Approval of the Minutes: February 20, 2025

- Joe Sousa moved to approve the minutes
- Eric Brosseau seconded the motion

7.5 BUSINESS ARISING

7.5.1 Spring POP Up Fundraiser

- Ida Pisano stated that the POP up fundraiser will be taking place on May 8th, a save the date will be sent out to all parents soon and vendors will be contacted and confirmed

NEW BUSINESS

7.6 Educational Project 2024-2028

- Ida Pisano explained that the 3 year plan uses the results of the last Cycle 3 June exams and sets their target goal
 - Math results are very low and the school is working very hard to help the children to increase these numbers
 - Teachers have mentioned that they are having issues getting parents to help the children with at home work which is an important part of helping the children to succeed
- Connie Vitale ensured parents that the math program at PDC is very strong despite the results and that they continuously work with the children. High school teachers have told PDC staff that they are impressed with the students that come from PDC and they can tell which kids come from PDC especially for math
- Iolanda Bertucci reinforced this comment as she too had received similar feedback from high school teachers at different schools
- Iolanda Bertucci asked for a motion to approve the educational project
- Brittany Ladora passed a motion to approve
- Joe Sousa seconded the motion

7.7 Family Fun Night

- Ida Pisano mentioned that the event was discussed during the PPO meeting
 - Date will be Thursday, June 5th – the following day is a ped day
 - PPO is starting to plan and find suppliers
- Iolanda Bertucci asked if anyone had feedback or comments from last year's event
 - Connie Vitale asked if a family package would still be offered – Yes
 - Joe Sousa mentioned that he spoke to some families and they did not attend the event it was too expensive. He asked if the event could be free for everyone to enter the school yard and payment is only required for food/snacks/activities
 - Ida Pisano stated that she would bring it up at the next PPO meeting as there would need to be some planning for logistics
 - Eric Brosseau agreed with this idea and also inquired if there is a capacity limit in the school yard. Ida Pisano stated she would look into it
 - Johanne Messier-Chabot suggested having different package prices that could also include the activities

7.8 Information (Principal, Chair, Delegate)

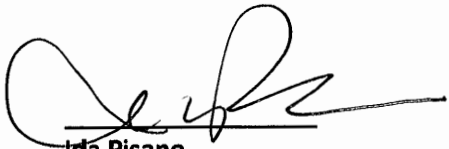
- Principal report provided by Ida Pisano
 - Thanked all the parents for once again raising the bar for staff appreciation, the entire staff was very grateful

- Mentioned that PDC will not be losing a Ped Day due to the 2 snow days as one of them fell on a day that was already a schedule Ped Day for us
- The tutoring program is continuing with sessions in the morning, during lunch, and afterschool
- Today was the first day of a new social skills initiative taking place for the Pre-Ks and Ks
- There is a baseball clinic for all the students happening this month, they will be working with the kids and teaching them how to play the sport, only charging \$100/day
- Skates campaign is going well, they received a lot of donations of skates and also purchased some
- Chair report provided by Iolanda Bertucci
 - Nothing to report
- Delegate report provided by Joe Sousa
 - Mentioned that they finally got responses to letters that were sent to the Board in January 2024 in February 2025
 - One was regarding creating emails for the Governing Boards, which they were told no. They asked for a solution on how parents can communicate with Governing Board and they were told to use PPO as they shouldn't only be used for fundraising, it is composed of parents who volunteer at the school and have more of that connection with other parents. The Chair of PPO should have 10 minutes at the beginning of every Governing Board meeting to discuss any topics that have been brought to their attention by the parent community.
 - The other letter was regarding the Educational Project recommendations and how often are the voices being heard. The discussion went back and forth.
 - He inquired about the budget building process and why we never get a response back and was told that it's just a consultation and not necessarily specific for the school. They don't share the results with the EMSBPC but the regional directors have them.
 - A lot of schools are having issues with bike paths being built right in front of the schools, specifically where the buses drop-off and pick-up the children, and it's been causing a lot of safety issues for students, staff and parents. He suggests that we contact our city councillors to see if there are any plans for this happening near our school and see if we can get ahead of it.
 - Ida Pisano will contact our Community Officer to see if they are aware of any plans.


13. Varia

- Nothing added to varia.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Ida Pisano
Principal

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Iolanda Bertucci
Governing Board Chairperson