

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, October 21, 2024 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	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)	-	Daycare:	
		Elena Lato-Difranco	X
Administration:		Community Representative:	
Lisa Triestino, Interim Principal	X		
Michael Guerriero, Interim Vice-Principal	X		
		Commissioner Ward 8:	

2. Additions to the Agenda

- 13.1 EMSB elections brought up by Tania Decobellis

3. Approval of the Agenda

- Eric Brosseau moved to approve the agenda
- Anthony Pimentel seconded the motion

4. Approval of the Minutes: September 25, 2024

- Tania Decobellis moved to approve the minutes
- Rosanne Loggia seconded the motion

5. BUSINESS ARISING – September 25, 2024

5.1 Secretary Update

- Lisa Triestino provided an update on the rules for the role of Secretary on Governing Board

- Any support staff is allowed to join the Governing Board to be Secretary. She sent an email to the support staff and no one replied.
- Any member of Governing Board can be the Secretary, not only the parents; staff and support staff as well.

5.2 TCBY / Sweet Treat Update

- Lisa Triestino shared the profits of each fundraiser
 - TCBY (2022-2023), 8 sessions, \$4927.70
 - Sweet Treats (2023-2024), 8 sessions, \$6809.25, made more money
- Lisa Triestino also mentioned that PPO brought up the idea of offering both options at different times and that they are looking into getting prices from TCBY and also contacting local grocery stores as they may offer close to expiry date cold treats to us at very low cost

5.3 Air conditioners

- Lisa Triestino provided an update on the air conditioners
 - School board came to assess the placement options, gym is not an option, library is most likely a no as it's too complicated to get draining, the steam room and computer lab are the 2 best options
 - The school board will not be paying for any of the units
 - Ida Pisano will follow up on the file upon her return
- Mike Guerriero asked the school board representative if there was a plan from the Ministry or with the board to get air conditioners installed in schools given that these warmer temperatures aren't rare occasions anymore and he was told that there is no plan
- Connie Vitale asked if industrial fans can be purchased for all the classrooms to help
- Eric Brosseau suggested teachers purchasing some to test out which ones work well, aren't too noisy or disruptive and then once they know to come back to Governing Board to ask for funds

5.4 Fundraiser Update

- Lisa Triestino provided an update on the chocolate fundraiser with World's Finest
 - She was told that this year there would be a limit of 10 opened boxes that can be returned whereas in the past there was no limit
 - This may cause problems for our profits if we need to pay for and keep a lot of opened boxes
 - We don't know how many we've returned in the past she will ask
 - PPO's idea was to sell those chocolates at our June events to try to make some of that profit back
 - We have until December to decide if we want to go with them this year and he will honour the fall promotion of the additional 4 free cases

- Connie Vitale suggested mentioning in the letter to parents that they can donate \$45 if they do not wish to sell the box of chocolates
- Tania Decobellis mentioned that PPO also suggested reselling the extra chocolates to parents who might want extra chocolates after the fundraiser has ended

NEW BUSINESS

6. Schoolwide Charity Fundraiser

- Lisa Triestino mentioned that the teachers have selected the Jump Rope for Heart (Heart and Stroke Foundation) as the schoolwide fundraiser for the students which will take place in the spring
 - Students will get pledges so they can jump for 30 minutes at jumping stations
- Joe Sousa passed a motion to approve
- Adamo Di Lembo seconded the motion

7. Holiday Breakfast

- Lisa Triestino mentioned that the holiday breakfast will be held on December 19th and that she spoke with PPO and they are exploring different options and getting quotes

8. Holiday Fundraiser

- Lisa Triestino mentioned that the administration approached staff council with Vince Lacroce's idea to do the Socks in a Box this year and they agreed
 - Vince Lacroce will coordinate the fundraiser with the help of student council
 - Each classroom will have a box and students will be encouraged to bring socks that will be donated to various organizations across the city
- Joe Sousa passed a motion to approve
- Tania Decobellis seconded the motion

9. Ski Trip

- Lisa Triestino explained that Miss Patricia is organizing a ski trip for the Grade 6s
 - It will be 2 days (8 am-3:45 pm), cost is \$160 which includes transportation, ticket, lesson, and equipment rental (there will be a reduction of \$30 for those who do not need to rent equipment), there is a minimum requirement of 36 students
- Joe Sousa stated that he believes the price is a little steep and asked what would happen to the students who can't afford to go
- Lisa Triestino stated that this hasn't come up in the past but if it did, they would figure it out
- Adamo Di Lembo passed a motion that we are aware of the activity and approve
- Eric Brosseau seconded the motion

10. ASD Fieldtrip

- Lisa Triestino explained that given the success of the sugar shack activity last year and the difficulty in planning outings for them the staff has decided to repeat this activity once again this year
 - Cost would be \$1400 which includes transportation and entry for the kids and their parents
 - They will use the funds from Fund 3 – not from the fundraising account
- Adamo Di Lembo motioned to approve
- Tania Decobellis seconded the motion

11. Fall Family Fun Night

- Lisa Triestino stated that we did well for an event that isn't typically a fundraiser
 - There is missing the pizza invoice but an estimate based off the quote was taken into account
 - Total profits of the event - \$3946
- Mike Guerriero mentioned that the ticket idea was really good and it helped to streamline the lines to purchase snacks
- Iolanda Bertucci added that this is also why we made more money as most parents didn't ask for change when purchasing tickets and the kids loved going to buy their own snacks
- Joe Sousa asked if this helped us figure out our inventory
- Iolanda Bertucci stated that the school has all the tickets separated in Ziploc bags for PPO to count
- Lisa Triestino mentioned that it may not be an accurate way to know inventory and what sold seeing that more than one item was sold at a table so the best way would be to just check what's left over from what they purchased

12. Information (Principal, Chair, Delegate)

- Principal report provided by Lisa Triestino
 - The Grade 6s had visits from high schools – Pearson, LMAC, JFK
 - Halloween Activities
 - The PPO's Halloween Haunted House will be taking place in the library
 - A new activity will be offered to the K4, K5 and ASD – a pumpkin patch where students will be choosing a pumpkin and decorating it – all supplies for the activity were donated
 - Grade 1-6 will have carnival games in the classrooms
 - Halloween Idol will be held in the afternoon, tickets to parents were already sent out for participating students
 - Johanne Messier-Chabot mentioned that she would like to do scary ghost stories in the Library with Grades 4-6 with flashlights
 - The Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 students had an astronaut guest speaker who came in to speak to them
 - Mentioned that our school was nominated on the Suburban's list of Best Elementary Schools and reminded everyone to go online to vote
- Delegate report provided by Joe Sousa

- Mentioned that the first meeting was long and there was a lot of voting for the various positions
 - The new parent commissioner for elementary schools is Marika
- All the EMSB PC meetings are the first Thursday of every month

13. Varia

13.1 EMSB Voting

- Iolanda Bertucci acknowledged that Tania Decobellis requested to add this point to the meeting and agreed with her that we should re-emphasize to parents how important it is for them to go vote in the upcoming EMSB elections to show the Ministry that we care about our English schools and the board
- Tania Decobellis mentioned how disappointed she was when we lost one of our schools to the French board and how important it is for us to not lose our right to a school board and she suggested that a letter be sent out to remind our community of this
- Lisa Triestino mentioned that it is the responsibility of the government and communications department to distribute this information, however, if Governing Board feels they want to send out a reminder to vote (staying neutral), they can and she can send it through the school messenger
- Iolanda Bertucci and Brittany Ladora will work on composing the letter which will be sent to all members by email to approve by e-vote

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.



 Lisa Triestino
 Interim-Principal



 Iolanda Bertucci
 Governing Board Chairperson