

**PIERRE DE COUBERTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**GOVERNING BOARD 2025-26**

Minutes of the Governing Board (GB) meeting of Pierre-de-Coubertin Elementary School held in person on January 19, 2026 at 6:41 pm.

**Attendance: (X = present, R = regrets)**

<b>Parents:</b>		<b>Teachers:</b>	
Iolanda Bertucci	X	Anna-Maria Abbate	X
Rosalia Caruso	X	Gail Belanger	X
Adamo Di Lembo	X	Sabrina Colatruglio	R
Nathalie Fazzari	X	Rosanne Loggia	X
Brittany Ladora	X	Megan Pimentel	X
Claudia Mastrocola	X		
Anthony Pimentel	X	<b>Support Staff:</b>	
Joe Sousa	X	Johanne Messier-Chabot	X
Robert Mormina (Alternate)		Jennifer Miniaci	X
Joseph Rainone (Alternate)		<b>Daycare:</b>	
		Elena Lato-Difranco	X
<b>Administration:</b>		<b>Community Representative:</b>	
Lisa Triestino, Interim Principal	X		
Lisa Skinner, Interim Vice-Principal	X	<b>Commissioner Ward 8:</b>	
		Mario Pietrangelo	X

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

- 16. Laptops
- 17. Principal/Delegate Reports
- 18.1 ECAs

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

- Joe Sousa motioned to approve the agenda
- Brittany Ladora approved the motion
- Rosalia Caruso seconded the motion

**4. Approval of the Minutes: November 17, 2025**

- There will be a clarification later in today's meeting and adjustment made to the Principal's report from the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting – point 15 – concerning the profits raised from fundraisers so far
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve the minutes with the corrected information being included in this meeting's minutes for the fundraising profits
- Brittany Ladora approved the motion
- Rosalia Caruso seconded the motion

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

### **5. Fundraiser Profits – clarification**

- Lisa Triestino stated that there were errors in the amounts given in the previous meeting as the expenses were not deducted, the profits for fundraisers so far for the 2025-2026 year are:
  - Movie Night = \$3,301.56
  - Big Box of Cards = \$9,373.70
  - Pop up and Santa photos = \$5,430
  - Taste of Italy pizza sale = \$1,765
  - Mabel's Labels = \$241.24

### **6. Tubing**

- Lisa Triestino mentioned that they had originally presented a \$45 charge to parents for Grades 1 to 6 for this activity, but this has now changed
- Lisa Skinner explained that they were not aware that the original price they were quoted did not include taxes and that they also needed more buses, so this has changed the pricing significantly
- Lisa Triestino explained that the school sent out a Google Form to parents to see how many students would be participating in this activity and gave an estimate price range from \$40-50
  - 88% said yes
  - With new pricing it would come out to \$60 per child
  - They are worried that increasing the amount will have a negative impact on the amount of registrations
  - Asking if Governing Board would be willing to cover the difference; if they charge parents \$50 then Governing Board would pay the additional \$10
  - If Governing Board agrees to this then we would also keep in mind to be fair to the other grades – Wings classes, K4 and K5 – and pay \$10 toward an activity for them
  - Money would come out of Fund 3
- Joe Sousa motioned to cover the overage cost for the tubing activity – school will charge \$50 to the parents and Governing Board will cover the additional costs about \$10
- Adamo Di Lembo approved the motion
- Iolanda Bertucci seconded the motion

### **7. Snow removal letter**

- Joe Sousa sent a draft of the letter to Lisa Triestino, he will send it to the committee after the meeting for an e-vote approval before sending to the city
- Iolanda Bertucci requested to add that we've noticed that the snow is being removed on the surrounding streets coming into the school zone before the streets around the school

**8. Garden – city update**

- Lisa Triestino mentioned that she’s been in frequent communication with the city engineer regarding a solution for the water build up in our Garden yard due to the slope from the park
  - The engineer explained that he may be able to place a border between the fence and at the bike path at the height of the basketball court, they are waiting for validation and costs and will get back to us

**9. Fieldtrip Pricing Update**

- Lisa Triestino explained that all the fieldtrips that were presented to us at the beginning of the year were approved and covered by available grants except for the Pre-K fieldtrip to Musée des enfants
  - This fieldtrip does not qualify under any grant, but this is the activity that the teachers have selected for the students
  - Total cost of this fieldtrip is \$1,712.36
  - The cost to the parents would be \$38.05
- A discussion was had around these main points
  - The unfairness of those parents having to pay for the fieldtrip when the other grades get a free fieldtrip
  - Possibility of Governing Board covering the complete cost of this fieldtrip for them
  - Governing Board covering a portion of the cost - \$10 – to be fair to all students in all grades
- Joe Sousa motioned to be fair to all students and reduce the cost of the Pre-K fieldtrip by \$10 – Grades 1-6 will get the reduction for their tubing activity, Wings and K classes will get the reduction for a future in-school activity
- Anthony Pimentel approved the motion
- Gail Belanger seconded the motion
- Motion passes with 3 against
- Lisa Skinner mentioned that there will be a skating fieldtrip
  - Arena Martin Brodeur for Grades 4-6
  - February 12,24 and 26
  - Cost is \$810
  - Parents will be charged to cover cost of transportation with the city bus
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve the skating activity charge to parents
- Brittany Ladora approved the motion
- Rosalia Caruso seconded the motion

**NEW BUSINESS**

**10. Schoolyard Pavement**

- Lisa Triestino explained that the school yard pavement was due to be done in 25-26 however, due to budget cuts they will only be doing work for emergencies, so it is not a priority and is on hold for now
- Brittany Ladora will write a letter to the school board requesting them to reconsider pushing this off

**11. Dress Down Day**

- Lisa Triestino explained that February is Black History Month and they would like to pair a dress down day – no charge – with one of the activities they have planned
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve dress down day on February 19<sup>th</sup> with no fee
- Iolanda Bertucci approved the motion
- Rosalia Caruso seconded the motion

**12. Educational Project**

- Lisa Triestino explained how the educational project analyzes the June exams to see the progress of our students compared to the school boards expectations
  - Overall, we are doing well and reaching our targets or close to
  - O1 we are doing well already surpassed but need to maintain
  - O2 & 3 noticed struggles with students however teachers grading in all schools vary so it's hard to get an accurate comparison
  - O4 is the area that presents the most challenge due to the OURSCHOOL Survey results which is common in most schools, as those results don't match up with the reports, we get from our Behaviour Techs

**13. AVAB**

- Lisa Triestino presented the school's Anti-Violence Anti-Bullying plans (English and French version available)
  - They have now added definitions for conflict, violence and bullying which is something new and beneficial to the report
  - Our school is rated an 8 on the SEI scale (1 is most advantage population and 10 is most disadvantaged population)
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve the AVAB
- Brittany Ladora approved the motion
- Anthony Pimentel seconded the motion

**14. Personal Competencies**

- Lisa Triestino explained that a few years ago Governing Board had to approve the sex ed table and ACGC, now they have been condensed into this one document which was reviewed
  - They have decided to do the ACGC in Grades 5 and 6 in English
  - Last year the school did a career panel for the first time, and the students and staff loved it so they will do it again this year
  - There is nothing to approve anymore for sex ed as it is now a part of the CCQ program however, they leave an optional choice for schools to teach body parts and how babies are made in Pre-K and the staff decided against it
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve the planning proposed by the school administration in the Mandatory Content Planning Table
- Nathalie Fazzari motioned to approve
- Rosalia Caruso seconded the motion

**15. Budget Account Explanations**

- Lisa Triestino reviewed and explained the budget accounts
  - Fund 3, which is where the school fundraising money goes, has a total of \$115 890 up to date; some of that money is earmarked for specific projects such as \$25 000 for the K yard
- A discussion was had if Governing Board can be part of the conversation to determine which fundraiser is allocated to which project
  - Although certain fundraisers are specified for certain projects, Governing Board may decide to change where the money goes if necessary
- Lisa Triestino explained that Fund 6 are grants that come in from the Government or the School Board and they allocate the amounts to specific categories and we cannot move them

**16. Laptops**

- Lisa Triestino received an email informing us that the prices for laptops will be increasing by 25% as of February 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Right now, the laptop prices are \$825 plus tax
  - The computer lab needs to be completely revamped as there is nothing more that can be done to those desktops – 4 years ago more ram and memory were installed on them
  - The staff will have a meeting to see if they want to replace the desktops or just get laptops
  - The school currently has 2 COW (computers on wheels) carts and the STEAM iPads
  - If we get another COW cart the cost would be \$1,550 plus tax for the cart, \$150 delivery fee, and \$16,500 plus tax for 20 laptops, for a total of roughly \$20,930 tax included
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve the purchase of 20 Delpo laptops and the cart with Fund 3 school fundraising
- Joe Sousa approved the motion
- Iolanda Bertucci seconded the motion

**17. Principal/Delegate Reports**

- Delegate's report provided by Brittany Ladora
  - Pearson High School is planning to increase their vocational training center and re-shuffling their sports education program to a new locale and reducing the number of classes
  - The EMSBPC committee wrote a letter to inquire on why they are doing this as Pearson is the only English high school in the East with a sports education program
  - The EMSBPC also discussed that they will be hosting 3 information sessions for parents – one in the East, one in the West, and one virtual – we will send out the details to parents once we receive them
- Principal's report provided by Lisa Triestino
  - Student registration week is February 2-6, have 65 appointments scheduled for Pre-K and K, Pre-K numbers are increasing
  - Student re-registration has closed, 91% have completed it, the ones who haven't completed the form will be sent a physical copy at home to sign and return it

- February will have a lot of different activities going on such as Black History Month, Perseverance Week, I Love to Read Week and the video game gala
- School transportation information January 26-February 6
- Recess success for Grade 1-6 workshop on conflict resolution
- 3 students were nominated for camp espace de vie, fees covered for 2 or 4 weeks
- Advised PPO about volunteer protocol regarding taking photos while at school, they do not qualify under the network of the school on the photo consent form so they cannot be taking photos or videos of the students while volunteering at the school
- We noticed that the school was not clean. Lisa informed us that since returning from the holiday break we lost our 50% evening caretaker. Lisa has been continuous communication with the school board.

**18. Varia**

**18.1 ECAs**

- Lisa Skinner presented the new extra curricular activities that will be offered which include activities for K4 and K5 as well
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve the extra curricular activities
- Claudia Mastrocola approved the motion
- Brittany Ladora seconded the motion

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

**Lisa Triestino**  
**Interim Principal**

**Joe Sousa**  
**Governing Board Chairperson**