

**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 April 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

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

<b>Parents:</b>		<b>Teachers:</b>	
Iolanda Bertucci	R	Anna-Maria Abbate	X
Rosalia Caruso	X	Gail Belanger	R
Adamo Di Lembo	X	Sabrina Colatruglio	X
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	R
Robert Mormina (Alternate)		Jennifer Miniaci	R
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	R

2. **Additions to the Agenda**
  - 14.1 Letter to the EMSB regarding school pavement
  - 14.2 Co-opera fieldtrip
  - 14.3 T-shirts
  - 14.4 Family Fun Night
  
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - Joe Sousa motioned to approve the agenda
  - Anthony Pimentel approved the motion
  - Adamo Di Lembo seconded the motion
  
4. **Approval of the Minutes: February 23, 2026**
  - Joe Sousa motioned to approve the minutes
  - Rosalia Caruso approved the motion
  - Brittany Ladora seconded the motion

**BUSINESS ARISING**

5. **Laptop update**

- Lisa Triestino explained that the order was cancelled as there were too many orders within the EMSB in which the company could not furnish. We therefore had to wait for other options to come in. They ordered 20 new ones and used some other funding so it wouldn't exceed the \$16,000 originally approved – total used is \$11, 535 – there might be an additional charge for the warranty, but the price hasn't been confirmed yet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **6. Lunch Provider**

- Lisa Triestino stated that there were no new suppliers to present and that Le Doral is keeping the same price as now at \$7
  - She also explained that we need to approve what gets done with the meals if there is an unplanned school closure – do we allow them to donate the meals or not
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve having Le Doral as our hot lunch provider for next year
- Adamo Di Lembo approved the motion
- Sabrina Colatruglio seconded the motion
- Joe Sousa motioned to allow Le Doral to donate the meals on an unplanned school closure
- Adamo Di Lembo approved the motion
- Nathalie Fazzari seconded the motion

### **7. School Calendar 26-27**

- Lisa Triestino presented the school calendar for 26-27
  - September 1<sup>st</sup> will be the first day of school for Grades 1-6
  - September 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the first full day of school for the Pre-K, K and Wings classes
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve the 26-27 school calendar
- Rosalia Caruso approved the motion
- Adamo Di Lembo seconded the motion

### **8. Preschool specialists**

- Lisa Triestino stated that the programs will remain the same for both – K4 will have phys ed, movement and dance, K5 will have phys ed, Italian and science

### **9. Lunch Fees**

- Lisa Triestino tabled this point to the next meeting

### **10. School Fee Policy for next year**

- Discussion about having a school fee payment policy to ensure fees are collected by all.
  - An example of a policy is that if school fees aren't paid then the child(ren) cannot attend field trips
- No conclusion was made as to whether or not we wish to create a formal school fee payment policy but we will continue to brainstorm and come back to the topic by end of June.

**11. Code of Conduct**

- Lisa Triestino reviewed the Code of Conduct; she pointed out the new additions and modifications that were made.
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve the Code of Conduct
- Anthony Pimentel approved the motion
- Rosalia Caruso seconded the motion

**12. PC Delegate Report**

- Delegate's report provided by Brittany Ladora
  - Spoke about the budget building process and how they did their own at the PC meeting but essentially only the first two options are considered
  - Reviewed different high school programs
  - Parent PC workshops – in person ones were canceled and only the online one was retained

**13. Principal's Report**

- Principal's report provided by Lisa Triestino
  - Fieldtrips are going well
  - Habs trip for the Grade 6 was paid for by the grad committee and didn't use funds from Fund 3
  - Tutoring in the morning started for English, French and Math
  - Grade 1 scientists in school workshops done virtually at home with materials provided was a success thanks to the Trottier Foundation, also did some in-class workshops with Grade 2
  - Magic show and Olympian visit were nice
  - Nutritionist coming to see the Pre-Ks and Grade 2
  - Project "l'écho des plantes" that Mme LA got a grant for went extremely well, was a beautiful project, students got to observe how music affects plants and then created their own song with professional musicians and Opera singers
  - Started an improv communication group for boys in younger grades (1-3) to help build their confidence and social play skills
  - There is a social play animator at morning recess for the Pre-K and K students; she organizes games for them
  - Lisa Skinner explained that there will be a Music and Me program starting for Grades 3-5 to help kids learn through music; right now, will start with a small group 2 students per grade and if it works out will look at having a larger group next year

**14. Varia**

**14.1 Letter to the EMSB regarding school pavement**

- Lisa Triestino explained that there has been open communication with the city regarding the work that needs to be done around the school yard. In terms of the school board, they have visited the school and are looking at the problematic areas to correct next year.

14.2 Co-opera fieldtrip

- Lisa Triestino explained that Miss Alongi would like to go on a fieldtrip with her Cycle 2 choir students, she received free tickets to a show in May and is asking Governing Board to cover the cost of the bus from Fund 3, which should be under \$500
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve using funds from Fund 3 to pay for the bus for this fieldtrip
- Adamo Di Lembo approved the motion
- Rosalia Caruso seconded the motion

14.3 T-shirts

- Lisa Triestino explained how in the past they ordered pink t-shirts for anti-bullying for each student and that's what they wear on pink shirt day
  - She would like to order new ones to give to all the students next year
  - She's asking for quotes but right now prices range between \$7-10/shirt
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve getting new pink t-shirts at a maximum of \$10 each
- Rosalia Caruso approved the motion
- Nathalie Fazzari seconded the motion
- Lisa Triestino also asked to get new t-shirts for the Pre-K and K students next year, cost is \$7.50/shirt
- Joe Sousa motioned to approve getting the t-shirts for the Pre-K and K students at \$7.50 each
- Brittany Ladora approved the motion
- Rosalia Caruso seconded the motion

14.4 Family Fun Night

- Joe Sousa stated that the pricing for family fun night should have been approved by Governing Board before sending out the memo to parents
- Lisa Triestino explained that the prices from last year were retained as some expenses went up this year, but they didn't want to charge more to the parents however, it has been noted for the future to have a discussion with Governing Board beforehand

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.



Lisa Triestino  
Interim Principal

  
Joe Sousa  
Governing Board Chairperson