

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 November 17, 2025 at 6:43 pm.

Attendance: (X = present, R = regrets)

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

2. Additions to the agenda

- 16.1 Enfant et Compagnie
- 16.2 Daycare ped days
- 16.3 Morning drop-off
- 16.4 City snow removal
- 16.5 Library last day December 11th

3. Approval of the agenda

- Iolanda Bertucci moved to approve the agenda
- Rosalia Caruso seconded the motion

4. Approval of the October minutes

- Rosanne Loggia moved to approve the minutes
- Brittany Ladora seconded the motion

NEW BUSINESS

10. Ski Trip

- Miranda Serrecchia requested an approval for the ski trip
 - Tuesday, February 10, 2026
 - \$91 includes ski, transport, and equipment rental
 - \$76 no equipment rental
- Gail Belanger motioned to approve
- Anthony Pimentel seconded the motion

11. Fieldtrips

- Lisa Skinner presented the various fieldtrips planned for the 2025/2026 school year
- Adamo Di Lembo motioned to approve
- Brittany Ladora seconded the motion

12. Fundraisers

- Miranda Serrecchia presented the fundraisers that the Grad committee would like to do
 - January coffee
 - February fresh pasta or Felix and Norton cookie dough
 - April Lafrenaie treat sale
 - She asked for approval for these three fundraisers and should they want to add an additional one they may request it to Governing Board
- Rosalia Caruso motioned to approve
- Adamo Di Lembo seconded the motion
- Brittany Ladora asked on how to proceed to make a suggestion for a fundraiser
- Miranda Serrecchia explained that if it's a school fundraiser it needs to go through the administration before it gets presented to PPO and Governing Board

13. Holiday Breakfast

- Miranda Serrecchia explained that PPO did not request any money from Governing Board this year as they plan to prepare breakfast themselves – waffles and smoothies
 - They will have alternative meals for the children with allergies and restrictions
 - All ingredients will be donated

14. Daycare Document

- Elena Lato-Difranco explained the changes to the handout to be sent to parents
 - Price increased from \$9.50 to \$9.70 a day
 - Ped day fee increased from \$15 to \$16

- Lunch fee increased from \$2 to \$2.35
- Lunch times have also changed
 - Pre-k and K now 11:52 am – 1:10 pm
 - Grade 1-6 12:10-1:10 pm
- Rosalia Caruso motioned to approve
- Brittany seconded the motion

15. Principal/Delegate/Chair Reports

- Miranda Serrecchia presented the Principal report
 - Fundraising activities so far
 - Dance-a-thon \$50,000 (for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society)
 - Movie night \$3,300
 - Big Box of cards \$9,355
 - Winter pop up (vendor tables, pizza and Santa photos) \$10,900
 - Halloween
 - Haunted house was good, everyone enjoyed it
 - Halloween idol also went well, special shout out to the students who were brave enough to do solo performances, all participants were great
 - Open House
 - About 50 families came to visit
 - Mostly for pre-k and k, a few transfer requests
 - Feedback received was that they liked that students were giving the tours and said the staff were friendly and approachable, loved the theme
 - Iolanda Bertucci mentioned that there weren't enough tour guides and we should plan to have more next year
 - Miranda Serrecchia added that some tours lasted too long and others were too short, there was a bottleneck in the pre-k and k areas as those were more popular
 - Joe Sousa added that next year the PPO/GB station should be placed at the other end near the exit where the janitor office is to avoid the congestion
 - Elena Lato-Difranco also mentioned that the last hour from 8-9 pm was very long as no one came after 8 pm
 - Remembrance Day
 - Students in Grades 4-6 participated in the « Je me souviens » exhibition which took place in the library
 - Entire school observation on November 11th
 - Socks in a box
 - Campaign has kicked off
 - There is a box at the front office for donations
 - On December 9th there will be a big wrapping event in the gym and it will be a media frenzy with various media covering the event as well as politicians in attendance
- Brittany Ladora presented the Delegate report

- First meeting was the elections of the various positions
- Second meeting was much longer with bigger discussions
 - Budget cuts
 - Governing Board internal rules should be revised, changed, and approved
 - Joe Sousa mentioned that ours was done at our first meeting
 - Bill 94 regarding religious symbols in schools for teachers and staff; PC is writing a letter
 - Policy removed last year about inspecting and changing physical education equipment at the end of the year and since then there has not been a new one in place
 - Miranda Serrecchia explained that they replaced it with a practice of periodic in-person check-ins
 - PC also spoke about having Governing Board emails for all school Governing Boards
- She also explained that some schools use Canada Helps as a means for additional fundraising – where parents can purchase items/a service through them and get a tax receipt for their purchase and the funds go directly to the school; might be something we can look into setting up for our school
- Joe Sousa presented the Chair report
 - Nothing to report
 - Expressed a personal thank you to everyone for the support for Joey
 - Asked that we add a PPO report to the agenda for future meetings
 - Claudia Mastrolcola suggested having the chair of PPO attend our Governing Board meetings and report to us directly for the first 10 minutes of the meeting

16. Varia

16.1 Enfant et Compagnie

- Miranda Serrecchia explained that they wanted to offer additional ECAs before the holidays after-school
 - \$20 per child per session
 - Minimum 3 weeks, maximum 5
 - Grades 1-6
 - 4 activities
 - Winter wonderland science lab
 - Holiday baking and craft workshop
 - Holiday jewelry and craft workshop
 - Holiday baking
- Rosalia Caruso motioned to approve
- Iolanda Bertucci seconded the motion

16.2 Daycare ped days

- Elena Lato-Difranco requested approvals for the next upcoming ped day activities
 - November 27th – Funtropolis, \$56 (includes daycare fee, entrance fee, and transportation)
 - November 28th – in-school ped day, \$16
 - December 5th – PJ day, additional \$4 so \$20
 - March 16th – Boulzeye (waiting for pricing – no approval needed yet)
 - Approval needed for ped day activities up to December 5th
- Anthony Pimentel motioned to approve
- Adamo Di Lembo seconded the motion

16.3 Morning drop-offs

- Rosalia Caruso explained that there have been many parent complaints about parking and what not for morning drop-off, asked if we could have supervisors outside in the yard to let the children go in the yard
- Miranda Serrecchia explained that this isn't possible as they can't surpass the teacher workload and the daycare supervisors are already busy with the morning daycare students
- Iolanda Bertucci asked about getting an additional crossguard at the crossing near the park as that's the problematic area in the morning
- Miranda Serrecchia suggested that we write a letter and send it to the borough counsellor and PC
- Joe Sousa stated that we will also send it to our SPVM community liaison, he will draft the letter and circulate it with Governing Board before sending

16.4 City snow removal

- Joe Sousa explained that this morning the city snow removal truck was removing snow on the sidewalk at around 8:30 am while students are being dropped off
 - The last two years we have sent letters to the city about this as there were incidences that have occurred and we have asked them to not come during drop-off time
 - He will draft another letter to send to the city

16.5 Library closure December 11th

- Rosalia Caruso explained that in order to prepare for the Holiday festivities the last week of school before the break PPO will need the library as of December 11th
- Lisa Skinner mentioned that it has already been approved

Adjournment

Adamo Di Lembo motioned to adjourn the meeting

Rosalia Caruso seconded the motion

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

L-Guest for M-Serrecchia

Miranda Serrecchia
Interim Principal

JS

Joe Sousa
Governing Board Chairperson