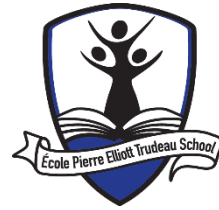


**École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA
June 10, 2025 @ 6:30PM
In-person**



PRESENT:

Voting members

Parents: Mark Carras, Gesua Catalano, Sandra Gabriele, Viktoria Grosko, Christi Milsom, Leslie Ning,

Teachers: Rola Soueidan, Dina Simec, Nadia Di Mattia

Other Staff: Mary De Palma-Nitti

Non-voting members

Principal: Tanya Alvares

Com. Reps: *positions unfilled*

Commissioner: *absent*

ABSENT: Mara Filippone (daycare - on leave), Patty Foschi (teacher), Jennifer Lacroix (teacher), Hajar Bahir-Lapierre (parent), Maria Corsi

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:48pm by S. Gabriele.

2. Adoption of Agenda

N. Di Mattia motioned to adopt the amended agenda, seconded by R. Soueidan; motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

M. De Palma-Nitti moved for approval of the May 5, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by G. Catalano; motion passed unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nothing to report.

5. Question period

5.1 PPO vs not-for-profit fundraising committee?

The discussion revisited previous email exchanges regarding fundraising for trips (specifically for Grade 6).

T. Alvares consulted with the Regional Director, who confirmed that a policy stating that “no trip will take place if not all students can go” cannot be adopted as a formal policy. It may serve as a guiding principle but not an enforceable rule.

To address affordability:

- M. Patrick has sent a letter to current Grade 5 parents outlining the Grade 6 end-of-year trip for 2026.
- Parents are also consulted about the trip destination and cost at Orientation Night.
- Installment plans are available through travel companies to spread out trip payments.
- In the future, if families are able to organize fundraising before initial payments are due, they may be able to apply those funds accordingly.

Recognizing the importance of equity, there was agreement on the need to circulate information more widely about the availability of financial assistance for families in need.

- M. Carras drafted a note to communicate this support, pending approval by the Governing Board.
- Once approved, it will be included in the student handbook.

T. Alvares clarified that PPO funds are already allocated to graduation events and activities, and specific outings for the trip.

There are barriers to organizing additional fundraising for the trip:

- Payments go directly to travel companies, not through the school.
- Additional fundraising would increase staff workload.

To improve PPO budget transparency and communication:

- A PPO treasurer will be designated for 2025–2026.
- The PPO will begin publishing a PPO newsletter to keep the community informed.

S. Gabriele shared information about the four potential structures for organizing fundraising sent by email by commissioner M. Corsi:

- PPO
- Home & School organization (operates independently of school administration)
- Donation account
- Foundation (not recommended due to complexity and legal implications)

6. New Business

6.1 PET School Calendar 2025-2026

- Presented to staff council. Reviewed dates together. May 8 and June 8 are snow days. Motion to approve with minor modification (to delete 6+2) G. Catalano motioned to approve the PET School Calendar 2025-2026, seconded by C. Milsom. Motion was approved with 1 abstention.

6.2 Student Handbook 2025-2026

- This item was tabled. To be adopted at the online meeting scheduled for June 12, 2025.

6.3 Subject Allocation 2025-2026

- C. Milsom motioned to approve the subject allocation for the upcoming school year, seconded by N. Di Mattia. Motion was approved with 1 abstention.

6.4 PET Budget 2025-2026

- Lunch fees: N. Di Mattia motioned to increase lunch fees from \$1.50 to \$1.60 to account for higher labour costs, with two payments to cover the difference; minor formatting changes were made for clarity. Motion was seconded by Mark and approved unanimously.
- School fees: N. Di Mattia motioned to approve school fees with the following modifications: Grade 1 – removal of communal items; Grade 3 – t-shirt included in fees, with subsequent grades allowed to purchase new t-shirts if desired. Motion was seconded by M. Carras and approved unanimously.
- Budget review: Only information regarding parent fees was available. N. Di Mattia motioned to approve the budget as presented. Motion was seconded by M. De Palma-Nitti and approved unanimously.

6.5 PET ABAV report (for information)

- Reviewed priorities set at the beginning of the year and prevention measures used, including workshops, conflict resolution sessions, Ms. Anna's initiatives, assemblies, a safe space in a classroom (tent, hammocks), programming for equity, diversion and respect, digital citizenship programming, and play-based learning workshops with parents.
- Priorities for the upcoming school year include increasing digital citizenship programming, continuing to build on initiatives with the School Behaviour Tech by implementing more programs and school-wide projects, offering more pre-cycle workshops, and adding programming to increase awareness of Indigenous cultures and histories.

7. Reports

7.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report

- EMSB is looking into providing email addresses for PPO and Governing Board members.
- There was a discussion on safety equipment used for athletic activities.
- There was a discussion around implementing movable climate/weather days (to be further discussed between ECPA and QPAT).
- Discussed the importance of working on continuity and updating documents across EMSB school websites.
- To accommodate budget cuts, EMSB administrative positions are undergoing salary reductions.

7.2 Commissioner's Report

- No report. M. Corsi absent.

7.3 Treasurer's Report

The remaining balance is \$592.

7.4 Principal's Report

- T. Alvares thanked GB members for their commitment and participation.
- Staffing for childcare and daycare workers is in progress.
- Report cards are being finalized.

7.5 Teachers' Report

- The spring concert took place, with 420 tickets sold.
- Ms. Patty and Mr. Max expressed gratitude for activities: Halo – 130 students participated; Grade 4 went to Camp Mariste – every student attended; Track and Field – 40 students competed against other schools; Grade 4s built bee hotels and will watch the bee eggs hatch on Friday.
- Colour Run was a success.
- Grade 3 built a chair as part of a STEAM project, Minecraft Education project for universal social studies.
- Site de Droulers-Tsiionhiakwatha longhouse visit was a success for Grade 3 in Saint-Anicet.
- Pre-cycle activities included face painting and a picnic with parents, as well as a field-trip to Funtropolis.

7.6 PPO Report

- Planned out entire year so parents know what's coming (no overlap)
- **September 2025:** Mabel's Labels, Funscrip, Welcome Back Fun Day, Coffee Fundraiser, Orientation Night (sales continue quarterly), Clothing Swap at Orientation Night
- **October 2025:** Mural Project, TCBY, Pizza, Halloween gift (reflective bracelet?), Haunted House, Coffee Fundraiser
- **November 2025:** Cheese Fundraiser (orders by Nov 19 for holiday delivery), French Book Fair in the gym with coffee and bake sale, BoSapin
- **December 2025:** Breakfast with Santa, Environmental Holiday Ornaments
- **January 2026:** Scones, Open House (bake sale, coffee and coffee bags), Pasta and BINGO! (Le Doral catering)
- **February 2026:** Le Ferme Tournesol Seed Sale, Valentine's Bake Sale, Valentine Treat

- **March 2026:** Saint Patrick's Day Dance
- **April 2026:** Spring Festival, Pasta and Board Games
- **May 2026:** Bike Activity – Safety, Tune-Up, Bike Path

D. Simec motioned to approve the proposed programming of PPO activities for 2025-2026, seconded by G. Catalano. Motion was approved unanimously.

7.7 Grad Committee

The Pickleball tournament fundraiser was a success, with 43 participants; pizza and hot dog lunch, fries, and juice were provided. Ms. Jennifer donated pickleball balls for a raffle, and a parent donated money toward coaches and accessories. A food truck is scheduled today for Grade 6 students. Graduation will take place on Monday. The Toronto trip is scheduled for next week.

7.8 Daycare/Lunch Report

Ms. Mara will return on Monday.

8 Next meeting:

A short online meeting will be held Thursday, June 12 at 6:30pm.

9 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm on a motion by G. Catalano, seconded by L. Ning. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Christi Milsom