

École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA
November 11, 2024 @ 6:30PM
Virtual on TEAMS



PRESENT:

Voting members

Parents: Hajar Bahir-Lapierre, Mark Carras, Gesua Catalano, Sandra Gabriele, Viktoria Grosko, Christi Milsom, Leslie Ning

Teachers: Dina Simec, Jennifer Lacroix, Nadia Di Mattia

Other Staff: Mary De Palma-Nitti

Non-voting members

Principal: Tanya Alvares

Com. Reps: (absent)

Commissioner (absent)

Guests: Ariane Gomez, Laurel Koop, Mehdi Belkacem, Joanna Huong Vgo, Steve Liu, Sandra Pizzi

ABSENT: Rola Soueidan (teacher), Patty Foschi (teacher), Mara Filippone (daycare)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 by S. Gabriele.

2. Adoption of Agenda

S. Gabriele moved point 6.2 mTransport to the top of the agenda.

C. Milsom motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by N. Di Mattia, motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

October 7, 2024 minutes had the following errors to be corrected:

- Repetition (to be removed) – text following “Question period” and “Business arising” is the same
- Viktoria was named treasurer last meeting. Name to be added to reports.

- Spelling error to be corrected: *Mara Filippone*

With these edits reflected, J. Lacroix moved for approval of October 7, 2024 meeting minutes. M. Carras seconds the motion and it carries unanimously with three abstentions for those who were absent last meeting.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- 4.1. The letter concerning bike path safety (rue Bélanger, rue Chabot) will be sent shortly.
S. Garbriele thanked everyone for their comments and contributions.

5. Question period

- 5.1. No questions were presented.

6. New Business

6.1. Pedagogical day added to the school calendar

- A ped day needed to be added to the school calendar to maintain a 180-day academic year. The date for the extra ped day will be April 4, 2025.
- S. Gabriele proposes to add April 4, 2025 as a ped day to the school calendar 2024-2025. J. Lacroix motions to adopt the change and D. Simec seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

6.2. mTransport

- T. Alvares explained the launch of the mTransport application tool to be used to monitor students' bus use, in real-time, through a notification system.
- A letter has been sent to parents describing features of the app and phases of implementation.
- The principal and secretaries have already received training. Training sessions will continue through December. Phase 3 will begin after winter holidays.
- Parents Ariane Gomez, Laurel Koop, Mehdi Belkacem, Joanna Huong Vgo, Steve Liu and Sandra Pizzi attended this portion of the meeting.

7. Reports

7.1. EMSB Parent's Committee Report

- M. Carras reported on the recent EMSB Parent's Committee meeting:
 - Discussion about corridor street school safety
 - Discussion about activities currently planned in EMSB schools for Orange Shirt Day

- Reminder that GB minutes should be made public after each meeting
- EPCA (English Parents' Committee Association) will be offering GB training and other workshops for parents, to be shared once more information is available.
- Parent resource shared: <https://parents.quebec/>

7.2. Commissioner's Report (5 minutes)

- Absent – no report
- T. Alvares read an e-card sent by Commissioner Agostino Cannavino to thank the community for their support

7.3. Treasurer's Report (2 minutes)

- T. Alvares will share budget balance with Viktoria Grosko

7.4. Principal's Report (10 minutes)

- End of term is coming up. Teachers are working on reports cards, to be issued on Nov. 20. Parent-teacher meetings will take place in-person, the following week.
- Lifetouch: Picture retakes happened last week; class photos were not sent out this year. T. Alvares and M. De Palma will follow up with the company.

7.5. Teachers' Report (5 minutes)

- Teachers reported on the success of recent school activities: Halloween - a talent show and afternoon activities planned by PPO (D. Simec), Remembrance day activities (J. Lacroix), the 31 acts of kindness challenge (N. DiMattia).

7.6. PPO Report (5 minutes)

- Halloween activities were a great success.
- PPO is working to build community and encourage more parent involvement. Parents who are interested must fill out the volunteer forms ASAP.
- The cheese fundraiser is not available for December; will be moved to April.

7.7. Grad Committee (2 minutes)

- First meeting with parents will be held on Nov. 25.
- Sweatshirts for grads have been designed and orders will be placed shortly.

7.8. Daycare/Lunch Report (5 minutes)

- M. Filippone was absent. No report.

8. Varia (2 minutes)

8.1. H. Bahir-Lapierre brought up concerns about the length of some students' skirts on Halloween and regular school days. T. Alvares will put a note in the upcoming newsletter reminding parents to respect the dress code.

9. Next meeting:

9.1. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2024, in person. Details re: meal selection to be sent by email.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 on a motion by L. Ning, seconded by M. Carras; carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Christi Milsom