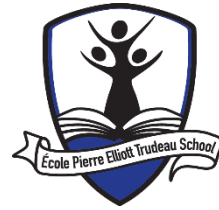


École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA
December 9, 2024 @ 6:30PM
In-person



PRESENT:

Voting members

Parents: Hajar Bahir-Lapierre, Gesua Catalano, Sandra Gabriele, Christi Milsom, Leslie Ning, Viktoria Grosko (arrived later)

Teachers: Dina Simec, Jennifer Lacroix, Nadia Di Mattia, Rola Soueidan

Other Staff: Mary De Palma-Nitti

Non-voting members

Principal: Tanya Alvares

Com. Reps: *positions unfilled*

Commissioner: Maria Corsi

ABSENT: Mark Carras (parent), Patty Foschi (teacher – *on leave*), Mara Filippone (daycare)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 by S. Gabriele.

2. Adoption of Agenda

C. Milsom motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by, M. De Palma-Nitti; motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

L. Ning moved for approval of the Nov. 24, 2024 GB meeting minutes. G. Catalano seconds the motion and it carries unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1. Update re: letter to the arrondissement

- T. Alvares explained the history of the issue for Commissioner Maria Corsi.
- Since submitting the letter, Guillaume Champagne has contacted the principal by phone for more details. He will investigate it further and get back to the school.

5. Question period

No questions were presented.

6. New Business

6.1. Grade 6 Toronto Trip

- Proposal by J. Lacroix to take the grade 6 students on a trip to Toronto from June 17-19, 2025. The cost will be \$1050 per student, for a group of 50 students. The cost includes lodging, transportation, the cost of meals for three days and visits to Niagara Falls, the Toronto Zoo, Medieval Times, the CN Tower and other activities.
- J. Lacroix motions to approve the trip, seconded by S. Gabriele. Passed unanimously.

6.2. Grade 5 – Classe Neige Trip

- Motion to amend the earlier approved (Sept. 19) motion for the **Grade 5 Ski Trip** for 3 days and 2 nights, to Base de Plein Air in Tremblant.
- J. Lacroix motions to approve the amendment for PPO to cover the cost of the bus transportation of approximately \$2000. The remainder of the cost to be covered by parents which will include meals, snacks, transportation, supervision, coaching, two lift tickets and equipment rental (if needed). The cost to parents will be \$420, with the equipment rental or \$370 without ski equipment rental, seconded by N. Di Mattia, motion unanimously resolved.

7. Reports

7.1. EMSB Parent's Committee Report

- M. Carras was absent. No report.

7.2. Commissioner's Report

- Commissioner Maria Corsi introduced herself to the members of the Governing Board. Hopes to attend as many meetings as possible at PET. The first EMSB board meeting will take place Dec. 17, which is open to the public and streamed [online](#).

7.3. Treasurer's Report

- The Governing Board budget balance is \$985.
- The cost of the meal for this December meeting was \$380.

7.4. Principal's Report

- New STEAM initiative will provide teachers with release time, by cycle, to work on STEAM-related projects.

- There is a new initiative, as part of the collective agreement for teachers, called “Soutien en classe” where daycare educators have been hired to support teachers in the classroom.
- In November, there was an assembly to discuss the theme of the month: “kindness”. In December, the theme will be “mindfulness”.
- Preparations have begun for Open House, January 23, 2025 from 10-11am and 6-8pm. GB brainstormed ideas to help promote the event in the community.

7.5. Teachers’ Report

- J. Lacroix reported on the Grade 5 & 6 volleyball playday at Lester B. Pearson.
- Grades 4 – 6 received a visit from the seafarer centre to talk about logistics and the reality of life on a ship for a seafarer. Students made giftbags and appreciation card for the seafarers.
- Grade 6 students received their purple class of 2025 grad hoodies.
- Grade 6 students attended a field trip to the The Royal Canadian Hussars Museum at the Regiment.
- Parent teacher interviews were a success
- Holiday dress up days are going well; a reminder will be sent to parents that participation is optional.
- The Personal Development and Community involvement animator has been working on a variety of themes with different classes.

7.6. PPO Report

- The second “Morning Community Coffee” went well, the next one is planned for January, 2025.
- The French Scholastic Bookfair brought in \$7243.75.
- PPO organized a snack bar held during Parent Teacher interviews and collected \$317.25
- J. Lacroix motions for PPO to host a bake Sale at the Christmas concert, seconded by V. Grosko. Passed unanimously.
- G. Catalano motions for PPO to sell coffee at open house, seconded by N. Di Mattia. Passed unanimously.
- The Origami Masters, a group of grade 3 - 4 students, pitched a project to Ms. Alvares to sell origami items to raise funds for student trips and/or activities. D. Simec motions for the Origami Masters to sell their wares at the Christmas concert, seconded by N. Di Mattia. Passed unanimously.

- Breakfast with Santa is coming up Dec. 17. PPO is recruiting volunteers, but parents must have the police check done to be able to participate.
- PPO would like to paint the bike path, inspired by the *Ahuncycle*. Looking into possibilities and timeline.
- The cheese fundraiser has been postponed until next December, 2025.

7.7. Grad Committee

- The first Grad Committee meeting with parents was held in early December.
- Sweatshirts have been distributed to the grade 6 students.
- L. Ning motions for grad committee to host a bake sale at open house, seconded by R. Soueidan. Passed unanimously.
- Grad committee will be selling scones as a fundraiser for grad.

7.8. Daycare/Lunch Report

- M. Filippone was absent.
- Daycare would like to organize a ped day activity to ROK Horizon on Jan. 6, 2025. The cost to parents will be \$20, plus the daycare fee of \$12.
- D. Simec motions to approve the ped day. Seconded by J. Lacroix. Passed unanimously.

8. Varia

8.1. Leslie asked about parents having to wait outside for daycare pick up in the winter. Proposed the possibility of waiting inside the door. T. Alvares will look into options and remind parents about the HopHop application in the upcoming newsletter. Re: HopHop, S. Gabriele asked Commissioner Maria Corsi about application of law 25 for apps used for students.

9. Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2025, online.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm on a motion by N. Di Mattia, seconded by L. Ning; carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Christi Milsom