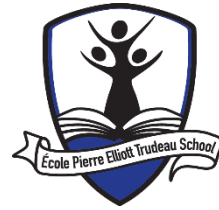


**École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA
February 10, 2025 @ 6:30PM
Online**



PRESENT:

Voting members

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

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

Other Staff: Mara Filippone (daycare)

Non-voting members

Principal: Tanya Alvares

Com. Reps: positions unfilled

Commissioner: Maria Corsi

ABSENT: Hajar Bahir-Lapierre, Rola Soueidan, Patty Foschi, Mary De Palma-Nitti

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 by S. Gabriele.

2. Adoption of Agenda

J. Lacroix motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by N. Di Mattia motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

M. Carras moved for approval of the Jan. 13, 2025 Governing Board meeting minutes. L. Ning seconds the motion and it carries unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Documentation for next meeting

- Documentation was added to the Teams channel for next month's meeting.

4.2 Update re: letter to the arrondissement

- Approved in English with minor corrections. Awaiting translation.

4.3 Ferme Tournesol Seed Fundraiser

- The profit margin for the seed fundraiser is 40%.

5. Question period

No questions were presented.

6. New Business

6.1 New principal criteria (vote)

- *T. Alvares* left the meeting.
- A final version was sent out for comments and proposed revisions on January 28, 2025.
- GB went over last set of suggestions together during the meeting.
- S. Gabriele to motions to approve the revised Selection Criteria for the Appointment of a Principal, seconded by M. Carras. Passed unanimously.

6.2 PET Budget (for approval)

- T. Alvares went over the funds for the 2024-2025 budget.
- The following was moved M. Carras and seconded by N. Di Mattia. Passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE SCHOOL BUDGET BY THE SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 95 of the Education Act, the governing board is responsible for adopting the school's annual budget as proposed by the principal;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 96.24 of the Education Act, the school budget must maintain a balance between expenditures, on the one hand, and the financial resources allocated to the school by the school board and the school's own revenues, on the other;

WHEREAS this budget is based on the 2024-2025 MEQ budgetary parameters;

WHEREAS this budget also includes funds rolled over from prior year;

Mark Carras MOVED THAT, the governing board of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, adopt the school budget for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented by the school Principal, which forecasts revenues of \$315,781 and expenditures of \$ 315,78; AND THAT the budget be submitted to the English Montreal School Board for final approval.

6.3 PET Anti-Violence & Anti-Bullying Plan (2024-2025)

- T. Alvares went over the 2024-2025 Anti-Violence & Anti-Bullying Plan.
- The following passed unanimously:

WHEREAS the principal shall set up an anti-bullying and anti-violence team and designate a school staff member to coordinate the development, review, and, if necessary, updating of the anti-bullying anti-violence plan (Bill 56 section 11-12).

WHEREAS section 75.1 of the Education Act states the Governing Board shall approve an anti-bullying anti-violence plan.

IT WAS MOVED BY Dina Simec SECONDED BY Leslie Ning, AND RESOLVED THAT the 2024-2025 Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan be approved, as presented, by the Governing Board and that it be communicated to all parents on the school website.

7. Reports

7.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report

- M. Carras presented notes from the most recent EMSB Parent's Committee meeting:
- Presentations/Workshops for Schools:
Referral to Ometz for social/socialization programming (e.g., Grade 5/6 "transition to high school"). Parents spoke highly of their services.
- Parent Governance Training:
[ABCs of Parent Governance training](#) (Jan 2025) may be moved earlier, pending facilitator availability. This year's training recording is available. Suggest including it in PET's 2025/26 GB Welcome Package.
- Student Awards:
EMSB PC will award student prizes for (a) Merit (\$50) and (b) Literacy (a book). Principals will receive nomination instructions. PC reps are encouraged to participate in award ceremonies.
- Budgeting Process:
Discussion set for March meeting. EMSB Administration presents its budget to the Council on March 18. PET should have received relevant budget documents for GB discussions. PC reps can share school priorities in March.
- Registration & Advertising Success:
A school saw increased enrolment after advertising via a digital sign at a local grocery store—suggested as a cost-effective strategy

7.2 Commissioner's Report

- Commissioner Maria Corsi congratulated the PET team on the success of the recent open house.
- The 2023-2024 annual report was approved by council at the Feb. 4 meeting. Last year the board achieved a success rate of 95.9%, which is the highest the board has ever achieved, and higher than all other boards, service centers, and private schools.
- The Annual Report is available on the EMSB website for anyone who is interested to read it.
- Council was given a presentation on the Regional Student Ombudsperson's 2023-2024 Annual Report.
- The budget building process document was approved and will be sent out for consultation shortly.
- On Thursday, January 23, 2025 the Supreme Court of Canada announced it will hear a challenge to Bill 21.
- Court challenge on bill 40 was heard by the court of appeal. Waiting for a decision. (not known when a decision will be made).

7.3 Treasurer's Report

- The remaining balance is \$592

7.4 Principal's Report

- Open house was a great success. There was increased participation during the daytime event. Survey results highlighted the bilingualism of the kids.
- Registration is ongoing. A sign promoting registration will go up Feb. 11.
- MEQ tutoring begins this week. There will be 9 tutors. 90 students were recommended by teachers.
- Reports cards will be sent out shortly. Online parent teacher interviews will be available by invitation first and then open up to the rest of the parents.
- The playground leadership program will begin shortly.
- Grade 6 students will participate in 8 sessions of the *Breathe, selection, transition to high school* program.
- Grade 2 will be going on an outing to the Planetarium on Feb. 19. Fees are covered by PET.

7.5 Teachers' Report

- 100 days of school activities are coming up.
- The Robotics competition is planned for Feb. 21.

7.6 PPO Report

- PPO is in discussion for cost of board game night and number of tickets that will be available.
- Committee is looking at options for a school-wide activity to paint the bicycle path, to increase visibility and promote safety. Will be scheduled either for June or as a welcome back activity in the fall.

7.7 Grad Committee

- Nothing to report.

7.8 Daycare/Lunch Report

- Daycare would like to organize a ped day activity Feb. 10. The students will have a pizza lunch. Cost to parents is \$7, plus the daycare fee of \$12. C. Milsom motions to approve the ped day. Seconded by J. Lacroix. Passed unanimously.
- Daycare is organizing an bowling activity for Feb. 28. The cost of two busses will paid by daycare. Cost to parents is \$7, plus the daycare fee of \$12. J. Lacroix motions to approve the ped day. Seconded by V. Grosko. Passed unanimously.

8. Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2025, online.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 on a motion by *N. Di Mattia*, seconded by G. Catalano. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Christi Milsom