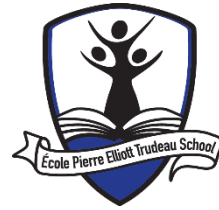


**École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA
April 7, 2025 @ 6:30PM
Online**



PRESENT:

Voting members

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

Teachers: Jennifer Lacroix, Rola Soueidan, Dina Simec

Other Staff: Mary De Palma-Nitti

Non-voting members

Principal: Tanya Alvares

Com. Reps: positions unfilled

Commissioner: Maria Corsi

ABSENT: Mara Filippone (daycare - on leave), Patty Foschi (teacher), Nadia Di Mattia (teacher)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by S. Gabriele.

2. Adoption of Agenda

D. Simec motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by J. Lacroix; motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

L. Ning moved for approval of the March 10, 2025 meeting minutes. J. Lacroix seconds the motion and it carries unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Email - Morning Drop Off

T. Alvares explained that the parking/drop off protocol is a matter of safety for all. A reminder was sent to parents by email. Police have been present some mornings ticketing for infractions. There is a PPO initiative to paint the crosswalk underway. Parents may be willing to patrol in the mornings, wearing safety vests.

5. Question period

No questions were presented.

6. New Business

6.1 Photography Presentation

- T. Alvares proposed switching from LifeTouch to Green Apple for class photos, starting next year. Green Apple offers more pose options and some extra perks. Their proposal includes an 18% rebate to PET with a two-year contract. LifeTouch offered 15%, but there have been lots of complaints about them in recent years. D. Simec made a motion to go with Green Apple for one year if they agree to a 15% rebate. If not, then go with the two-year contract at 18%. G. Catalano seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

7. Reports

7.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report

- No report. Info to come shortly.

7.2 Commissioner's Report

- The next EMSB board meeting is on March 18, 2025.
- EMSB Director General Nick Katalifos was presented with a King Charles III Medal in March.
- EMSB Commissioner for NDG Sharon Nelson was named one of CBC's Black Changemakers.
- The budget revision was presented. Budget cuts were only made at the board level and did not affect allocations to schools or student services.
- The government presented a draft code of ethics. The template has been referred to the Ethics Committee to ensure better alignment with EMSB values.
- The government will no longer fund the FACE renovation project. This decision has caused outrage among parents.

7.3 Treasurer's Report

- The remaining balance is \$592.

7.4 Principal's Report

- Updated Calendar: April 28 is now a ped day since classes will be cancelled for the federal election. Monday, June 9 has been removed from the calendar due to a snow day adjustment.
- A recent assembly focused on the theme of gratitude. Certificates and small gifts were given to students. Efforts have been made to avoid repeating student recipients so that as many students as possible can be recognized.
- Staffing: Teachers are currently receiving tentative teaching assignments. Teachers placed on excess will retain their right of return, but this must be exercised before day 1 of the new school year.
- Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for May 5. Organized by the pre-cycle team, daycare staff, and professional support staff.

7.5 Teachers' Report

- School Belonging: Miss Anna surveyed students about how they want to feel at school. The students created the slogan: “We belong to a pack. We are proud. We are appreciative. We are confident. We are kind.” An art activity will follow, involving all classes.
- Workshops have been organized for grades 5 and 6: *Transition to high school* for grade 6 and a solutions-focused workshop for grade 5.
- The grade 6 exam period is ramping up.
- Playground Leadership Program: Thirty-one students from Grades 4 to 6 applied to be playground leaders. These students were selected through an interview process and will help organize playground activities as part of a student leadership initiative.
- "I Love to Read" Week will take place the week of April 22, featuring themed reading activities and dress-up days.
- Pre-cycle outing: Pre-k students visited Metro Marciano to explore the produce section. The outing was a great success.
- Grade 3 students will participate in a stress management session led by an animator, focused on breathing techniques.

7.6 PPO Report

- The recent PPO bowling night was a great success, and the school is considering more offsite events.
- Three motions were passed:
 1. The PPO will run the seed fundraiser, with Ferme Tournesol, for a second time. Online purchases can be made from April 8 to May 4. The motion was proposed by L. Ning, seconded by J. Lacroix, and passed unanimously.
 2. The PPO will use \$300 to purchase chocolates for students before the Easter long weekend. This was proposed by D. Simec, seconded by M. Carras. Passed unanimously.
 3. A Pasta and Game Night will be held Thursday, May 8. Pasta will be provided by Le Doral, making the event free for the school. There will be a \$10 fee per person, with a maximum of 120 attendees. Parents will provide board games. The motion was proposed by J. Lacroix, seconded by M. Carras, and passed unanimously.

7.7 Grad Committee

- A motion was made to approve a local community activity as a fundraiser for Grade 6. Activity hasn't been decided yet, but Pickleball is one of the ideas. Tickets will be sold for up to 53 students, with the date and cost to be announced. Proposed by S. Gabriele, seconded by M. Carras, and passed unanimously.

7.8 Daycare/Lunch Report

- Ms. Mara is currently on leave, and the school board is seeking a replacement.
- Proposal for a field trip to ZigzagZoo on April 28. The cost is \$22 per student plus a \$15 daycare fee. This day coincides with the federal elections and efforts will be made to keep the children separate from election activities in the school.

The motion was proposed by V. Grosko, seconded by G. Catalano, and passed unanimously.

8. Varia

- Leslie proposed organizing a second-hand uniform sale or swap, to be coordinated by parents with various sizes of school uniforms available. T. Alvares will follow up with the PPO. There was an enthusiastic response from parents on the GB.
- Students have been reminded to drink water only from the water fountains. Sink water should be reserved for handwashing. Lead testing has been conducted on the drinking fountain water to ensure its safety.

9. Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled to be held online on May 5, 2025.

Minutes taken by Gesua Catalano and Christi Milsom