

Governing Board Annual Report  
St. Patrick's Elementary School  
264 Shamrock Drive, Pincourt, Québec, J7V 3W5

**Message from the Chair**

The 2013-2014 school year was again a busy one. With the announcement of the school expansion project in June of 2013, along with the implementation of the new anti-bullying legislation, and all of our yearly activities it was indeed a very busy year.

As well as regular consultations the St. Pat's governing board this year also requested to increase the composition by two members, a request which was granted, and so our governing board will be up to a maximum of 12 by next school year.

In September of 2013 we needed to hold an election to find our parent representatives as four members of the community volunteered to fill the two vacant positions on the governing board. We welcomed back Tom Samolis for his third consecutive term as GB rep, as well as a new parent, John Bateman. Thanks to Tom for acting as our Region delegate this year.

Thank you to all the representatives of this year's governing board for a great year.

Respectfully,

Mike Besner

**MEMBERS:**

John Bateman (Parent representative, first year of term)  
Mike Besner (Parent representative, chairperson, second year of term)  
Tom Samolis (Parent Representative, Region representative, first year of term)  
Veronica Ticknor (Parent Representative, second year of term)  
Carol McCRAE (Teacher Representative)  
Dave Patterson (Teacher Representative)  
Carole Desautels (Daycare Representative)  
Marleana Phillips (Staff Representative)

Jason Ferris (ex-officio, Principal)

Susan Bartlett-Lewis (Commissioner)

**Meeting Dates:**

September 17, 2013

September 30, 2013  
November 5, 2013  
December 3, 2013  
January 14, 2014,  
February 4, 2014  
March 11, 2014  
April 1, 2014  
May 6, 2014  
June 3, 2014

### **2013-2014 School Year Priorities and Actions**

In the 2012-2013 year the governing board approved a change to some of the subject allocation times, with those changes being put into action in the current year. The time allocated to the “technologie” course was given to a new subject area, Outdoor Education. Based on feedback from the principal, teachers, as well as parents and students point to this having been a success this year. Of course none of this is possible without the effort and commitment from teachers.

Recent School Success Plans highlighted that some actions were necessary to address results in certain subjects. This year the focus was on mathematics and addressing the progression of learning with school wide events. We look forward to next year’s annual report to see if this work has paid off in a measurable, tangible way.

The newest version of the anti-bullying legislation approved last year was posted and implemented.

The St. Patrick governing board did not spend any money from its budget this year. There were no requests by members to reimburse fees associated with attending meetings. The hope is for the 2014-2015 academic year that members of the St. Pat’s GB will attend several conferences offered to members and use the funds for that purpose.

The St. Patrick Governing Board received and reviewed several board wide requests for input on various consultations and making up to date LBPSB policies. This year we had open discussions on the following consultations and policies:

- Enrolment Criteria
- Principal Selection Criteria
- Student Transportation Policy
- Home Schooling Policy
- Emergency Preparedness Policy
- Governing Board Composition Consultation
- Three Year Plan for Immoveables
- By-Law for 2014-2015 Commissioners meetings

As we wrap up another successful school year we look forward to how the impact the addition will have on our community. There are many unanswered questions which exist at St. Pat’s which parents are asking, which are surely also being asked at other schools as well. As the capacity of the school is almost doubled will there be a Major School Change? How will we, as a community, maintain what has taken

years to build as our population increases? Parents still have questions about the Radon testing that took place a couple years ago.

As we move forward our objective is to continue to encourage participation in our governing board. It was a pleasant surprise to have out meetings attended by parents who would ask questions at question period. We have begun the process of making documents available online, a trend that is to not only continue, but to improve in the coming years.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Besner