

## A Note from your Governing Board

As the year draws to a close and the sun finally starts to appear, the St. Patrick Governing Board (GB) would like to take a moment to thank you for allowing us to represent you and this year. We also would like to give you a quick snapshot of the sort of things we have been doing each month and show you how we have been working for your children.

### A Year of Fun Activities

This year has been full of exciting opportunities for St. Patrick students and GB has collaborated with your hard working teachers to work out the details and approve many fun activities. Each month there has always been something new for the students, just to mention a few:

- filling the school with animals thanks to the Ecomuseum,
- sitting with authors and writing stories,
- visits to museums and historic sites of importance,
- various daycare field trips such as apple picking and bowling and exciting in-house activities,
- participating in the cross-country run and the track and field meet,
- overnight trips to Jouvence (Grade 6) and Quebec City (Grade 5),
- walks to parks within our community, and
- seeing the stars under an indoor planetarium set up in our own cafeteria.



## School Safety

Thanks to the hard work and diligence of past and present GB members, this year we managed to finish talks with the City of Pincoirt and install our flashing crosswalk signs, improving the visibility and safety of our many walking students who use this crosswalk daily.

We are always looking to the future to other ideas and methods of keeping our students safe on the roads surrounding our school.



## Parents Committee

Each year a parent member of GB is elected to represent St. Patrick on the Parents Committee of the School Board. This year our parent rep has been able to give our school a voice on issues such as new curriculum programs, school calendars, new ethics standards, and budget planning. Our rep also learned about programs that run throughout English school boards, one such programme being LEARNQuebec, an amazing programme that offers 1 on 1 online tutoring, mock tests, piles of resources and online books to every single parent, entirely for free. You will be able to log on with your LesterBPearson details that are provided on your school report and we strongly recommend you take a look at this amazing free resource.

## Ongoing Administration

Alongside all of this, GB is involved in the everyday administration of the school, from budgets to school supplies and approving fundraiser activities.



## Meetings

If you have ever wondered about or wanted to be more involved in the specifics, every month our meetings take place at the school and are open to all! There are 2 parent question periods, one at the beginning and at the end, and meetings last about an hour. We are an open and friendly Board and we really hope to have more parental involvement.



## New Opportunities within our GB

In September, we will have 3 open spots for parent members; if you are interested then we recommend you perhaps take a moment to go through some of our minutes, which are always available on the St. Patrick website. Then, please let the Chair or the school know of your intention to run and at the September AGA, when we will be holding our elections. In addition, next year six substitute members will need to be elected, where you will not be obliged to attend to each meeting, although we would love it if you would. You will not have a vote unless a GB member is absent, but when you do vote, it will count. It is a really great way to get to know your school GB without a 2 year commitment and to decide if it is the right fit for you.



## Enjoy the Summer!

You can always email your current GB chair for more information or to simply talk about issues you think are relevant to bring to the governing board at [st\\_patrick\\_gb@lbpearson.ca](mailto:st_patrick_gb@lbpearson.ca) - we will always respond.

Have a great summer everyone, enjoy your time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in September and hopefully welcoming new faces to our table!

Yours,

*Donnalynn Rainey* (GB Chair, representing St. Patrick Governing Board members)