



Governing Board Minutes

February 23rd, 2023 @ 6:30 pm on Zoom

Attendance:

Voting members: Lisa MacDonell, Natalie Laviolette, Jodi Esterson, Melissa Ruiter, Jessica Davies, Tiffany Galen Gibson, Doug Bentley, Robyn Ghantous, Randy Ryan, David Patterson, Michael Barron, Bryan Hamon

Non-voting members : Dean Graddon, Angela Berryman, Gina Giambalvo (H&S)

Regrets/Absent:

Quorum: 50% of all members and at least 50% of the parent members. St. Patrick has 12 voting members; therefore 7 members are required to be present at the meeting with at least 3 being parents.

1. Call to order

The meeting is called to order at 6:34 pm

2. Territorial Acknowledgment

In accordance with LBPSB policy the following will be read at the beginning of all Governing Board Meetings.

Territorial Acknowledgement:

"In order to show our deep respect for the land on which our event takes place today, we would like to acknowledge that Lester B Pearson School Board is located on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka People. Lester B. Pearson School Board honours, recognizes, and respects the Kanien'keha:ka People as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today and recognizes that this land has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations.

We also acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and commit to informing ourselves about this truth in order to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation."

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda approved as is. The varia will remain open.

Motion approved by: Bryan Hamon

Motion second by: Jodi Esterson

All in favour



4. Approval of GB Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted without any modifications.

Motion approved by: Robyn Ghantous

Motion seconded by: Michael Barron

5. Business arising from the minutes

5.1 LBPSB Budget Consultation

- Recommend funding initiatives to support families in need with access to technological devices;
- Recommend funding measures to support pride in the school by improving the appearance of the exteriors of school (ex. groundskeeping, maintenance, repairs, etc.);
- Recommend funding green initiatives.

Motion to include the abovementioned recommendations in the Budget Consultation

Approved by: Jodi Esterson

Motion seconded by: Randy Ryan

5.2 Principal Criteria

Motion to maintain the principal criteria, with a few minor modifications (grammar and date)

Approved by: Jodi Esterson

Motion seconded by: Melissa Ruiter

6. Reports

6.1 Principal's report (see attached report)

- Carnival week
- Registration 2023-2024
- Cycle 1 literacy night

6.2 Teachers

- Literacy night: Over 70 families participated.

6.3 Daycare

- Tax receipts are available on the Mozaik portal

6.4 Home and School

Meet the author with Akilah Newton

Four 45-minute sessions planned (one per cycle)

Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 from 10:30 – 11:15 (cycle 1)

Thursday, March 30th, 2023 from 10:30-11:15 (Kindergarten) and from 1:40-2:25 (cycle 3)

Friday, March 31st, 2023 from 10:35 – 11:20 (cycle 2)

Motion approved by: Melissa Ruiter



Motion seconded by: Jodi Esterson

Staff coffee date

Next staff coffee date planned for March 31st, 2023

Motion to allow Home and School to solicit parental donations for monthly teacher coffee breaks.

Motion approved by: Jodi Esterson

Motion seconded by: Melissa Ruitter

QFSHA Award

A staff member will be nominated on behalf of Home and School. Letters of endorsement on behalf of staff and parents are welcomed.

Deadline for letters is March 24th, 2023.

Updates:

- Pridewear umbrellas will soon be available and a pridewear table will be available during the celebration of learning
- The school can get in touch with Home and School to inform them of any needs relating to carnival week and St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

6.5 Parents Committee

- Last meeting was February 9th, 2023
- LEARN Quebec budget cut: EPCA voicing issue with the cut

6.6 Commissioners report (see resolution summary)

- Resolution summary shared with GB
- New system for bus alerts – registration through the Mozaïk portal
- Presentation from PCHS on gender-based violence prevention program

7. Correspondence and consultation

7.1 Governing Board Composition 2023-2024 Consultation (See attached Governing Board Composition Document)

Motion to maintain the same composition for Governing Board in 2023-2024

Motion approved by: Jodi Esterson

Motion seconded by: Tiffany Galen Gibson

8. New business

8.1 Changes in administration



- Discussion around the frequent changes in administration St. Patrick Elementary has seen over the last few years. There have been important impacts on continuity and stability and it is raising concerns among the school community.
- A letter expressing our concern on behalf of Governing Board will be sent to Kathleen O'Reilly, Regional Director.

9. Public question period

- Prior to the meeting, a question was brought to the Chair's attention on behalf of a parent who was not in attendance. It was determined by the Chair that this question was not appropriate, as it did not fall under the functions and powers of Governing Board. The chair will follow-up with the parent directly to orient them towards the appropriate channel.
- Question from Melanie Moore – Bentley: Now that Covid restrictions are lifted, will fieldtrips be planned?
 - o Answer: There is no obligation for teachers to plan fieldtrips as they are extracurriculars. Recommendation to reach out directly to the teacher to enquire about any plans.

10. Varia

11. Next meeting date

Next meeting is planned for Thursday, March 30th, 2023 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jodi Esterson

Second by Randy Ryan

All in favour

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Additional meeting documents

Principal report



Principal's report
(GB) - Feb 23 2023.doc

Budget consultation



Budget Consultation
2023-2024 (1).pdf



GB composition 2023-2024



Governing Board
Composition 2023-2024

Principal criteria



Principal Criteria
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Summary of council decisions



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of Council decisions

Red cross babysitting



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Babysitting Sheet.pdf