

**ST. EDMUND SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**



February 26, 2018

Board Members 2017-18:

Chris Brault, Steve Bucci, Patricia Carroll, Louise Cavaliere, Rob Costain, Nathalie Duhamel, Kim Hogan, Paul Kininmonth, Yves Lapointe, Lori Legault, Joanne Malowany, Crystal Ouellette, Marie-Josée Ricard, Guylaine St-Georges, Lyane Trepanier, Josee Veilleux, Britta Weise.

Adriana Galli (Alternate)

Absent: Chris Brault, Steve Bucci, Rob Costain, Lynne Trepanier, Marie-Josée Ricard, Lori Legault

The Undersigned, Secretary of the Governing Board of St. Edmund Elementary school, hereby certifies that:

- a) This meeting of the Governing Board of St Edmund Elementary School was held at the school building, located at 115 Beaconsfield Blvd, Beaconsfield, Quebec.
- b) The following person was invited to the meeting, but was unable to attend:
 - a. Eric Bender, Commissioner, Lester B. Pearson School Board
- c) The governing Board conducted the following discussions, considered the following resolutions, and directed that the Secretary cause the discussions and resolutions to be recorded, and these minutes inserted into the Minute book of the Governing Board.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Kim called the meeting to order - Quorum attained.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

As the next order of business, the board discussed the agenda for the meeting. There were a few amendments to the proposed agenda.

Motion to approve made by Patti; seconded by Paul. Motion Carried.
The revised agenda was accepted. Attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the board meeting for December 2017, which were not approved at the last meeting; and January 2018 were discussed.

Motion to adopt the December 2017 minutes by Yves; seconded by Patti. Motion Carried.
Motion to adopt the January 2018 minutes by Jose; seconded by Brita. (Kim, Patti, Rob abstained). Motion Carried.

The Minutes for both December 2017 and January 2018 meetings were adopted, and these minutes will be inserted into the Minute book of the Governing Board.

REPORTS

- Administrator Report - added to these minutes as Attachment B.

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- Teachers report
 - Carnival spread out over a two week period to allow for all activities - "Lock Boxes" - Quebec carnival Theme; Ice Castle; Treasure hunt; backward day; Skating at Beaconsfield arena.
- Daycare –Activities coming
 - Olympic art projects.
 - I Movies - Kids creating their own movie projects
 - Preparations under way for taxes for both Lunch and Daycare programs.
 - Preparations under way for Re-Registration.
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- Commissioner Report -
 - Eric was unable to attend the meeting but the commissioners report was added to these minutes as attachment C.
- PPO / Home and School -
 - More fundraisers to be held re Pizza and Dagwood days.
 - Staff has asked for better communication from PPO as to what is happening and when. Some confusion arose when both the extended Pizza Plus lunch and Dagwood lunch fundraisers were issued at the same time, and with overlapping dates. Suggestion was that in future, both forms be combined into one form.
 - Holiday Fair - Changes under consideration to try and balance out the importance of the Fair to the school community as a whole, and the amount of work required to have the Fair. More to follow.
- Regional Parents Committee -
 - Minutes of the last meeting added to these minutes as Attachment D.

Correspondence

None at this time

Questions from the public

None at this time

Business Arising

None at this time

New Business

A) Approvals:

- i. Carnival week skating at Beaconsfield arena.
Motion to adopt the Field Trip by Guylaine; seconded by Paul. Motion Carried.
- ii. Fundraiser - Denim Day for Breast Cancer awareness.
Motion to adopt the Fundraiser by Natalie; seconded by Kim. Motion Carried.
- iii. 1) Music Exchange and Fundraiser - Intercultural exchange with Verdun Elementary. Fundraiser at Snowflake concert for instrument maintenance and upgrades at Verdun; Field trip for band - music exchange. Staff appreciation Luncheon for teachers there. Objective to continue to encourage music in the schools, and allow students to learn from each other.

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Motion to adopt the Field trip by Brita; seconded by Patti. Motion Carried.
Motion to adopt the Fundraiser by Brita; seconded by Crystal. Motion Carried.

2) Choir Festival - April 23 at Lindsey Place - 3 Adults / 30 Students
Motion to adopt the Field trip by Patti; seconded by Josee. Motion Carried.

3) Band T-Shirts - \$18 per child
Motion to adopt T-Shirt sale by Brita; seconded by Natalie. Motion Carried.

B) Class Subject Time allocation - proposed allocation discussed and no changes will be made from last year's approval.
Motion to adopt Time allocation schedule by Kim; seconded by Guylaine. Motion Carried.

C) Consultations for Budgets and extra-curricular activities and field trips. Documents to be re-circulated for review.

Varia

Cross country run and red barn day in Baie D'Urfe for grades 1 and 2 - May. More to follow.

Closure

There being no further business to come before the Board, adjournment of the meeting was proposed by Brita and seconded by Guylaine. The meeting was adjourned.

Yves Lapointe, Secretary

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Attachment A - Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Adoption of the minutes: December 2017 and January 2018
4. Reports:
 - a) Principal
 - b) Teacher
 - c) Daycare
 - d) Commissioner
 - e) Home & School
 - d) Central Parents
5. Correspondence
6. Questions from the public
7. Business Arising
8. New Business
 - a) Approvals
 - i. Field trip:
 1. Carnival week: Skating, March 16, Beaconsfield arena
 - ii. Fundraiser:
 1. Denim day, May 15, \$1/2/5
 - iii. Music approval items:
 1. Verdun, intercultural exchange and fundraiser
 2. Choir festival, April 23
 3. Band t-shirts
 - b) Subject time allocation
 - c) Consultations
 - i. Budget (due March 30)
 - ii. Extra-Curricular & Field Trip (due March 30)
9. Varia
10. Questions from the Public
11. Closure

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Attachment B

Administration Report

Looking back:

- We had our Open House sessions on January 25. Two sessions were offered (am, pm). Overall, the event was a success.
- Dare to Care presented and worked with the students on February 13/14.
- Junior leadership day took place on February 9.
- We have a new teacher in Grade 2, replacing Mme Johanne. His name is Mr. Dino.
- We had our Olympics assembly/kickoff. Students were fortunate to have 2 former Olympians speak to them about their experience.
- The grad committee had a super successful bake sale on February 14.
- Resulting from a “Culture in the Schools” grant, author Lydia Lukidis worked with kids in ELA with Fairy Tales.
- The wall mounted desks in the hallways have been installed.
- We have 4 student teachers in the building.

Looking forward:

- The registration process has come to an end. Final count for Kindergarten will be confirmed in March.
- Term 2 ended on February 23.
- Report cards will be available online on Friday March 2 @ 5:00 pm.
- Healthy living: In February, students learned the Cupid Shuffle in PE.
- Save the date: The 5th annual Pearson Family Fun Run is taking place on May 6.
- As an extension to our pilot program of Deep Learning, Mme Emma, Mme Nathalie and myself will be going to Vancouver for a symposium on DL. We will be travelling with 3 other elementary schools and 3 high schools.
- Grade 6 will be going to Jouvence on Feb 28, March 1, 2.
- March break is the week of March 5.
- Parent/teacher evening is taking place on March 15. By invitation.
- We have ordered a class set of chromebooks that will live in Ms Pina’s classroom.
- We have ordered a class set of ipads that will live in Ms Emma’s classroom.
- Mme Crerar has started her journey with robotics in the classroom. 5 EV3 kits were purchased.
- Mme Catherine and Mme Emma will be starting their robotics journey (We Do) sometime after March break. This is part of the FLL Jr program.
- We have some carnival activities planned for the week before and after March break.
- Orientation for new Kinder kids/parents is taking place on April 20.

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Attachment C

Commissioner's Report

St. Edmund Elementary School Governing Board – February 26th. 2018

Student Success: 2017 results are in and the LBPSB graduation rate has reached an all-time high.

Details can be found at <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/content/StudentSuccessSummary.pdf>

In addition, please refer to the following West Island Gazette article:

<http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/west-island-gazette/lester-b-pearson-boasts-top-public-school-graduation-rates-in-quebec>

News from the January Meeting of the Council of Commissioners

Council observed a **Minute of Silence** in remembrance of the victims of the Quebec City mosque terrorist shooting of January 29th, 2017 and adopted a resolution affirming that all forms of racism, hate, xenophobia, bigotry, including but not limited to Islamophobia, are not tolerated within the Lester B. Pearson School Board. In addition, the Intercultural Committee was requested to make recommendations to the Council of Commissioners on an annual activity designed to counter all forms of hate and racism in our communities.

Following a thorough review of consultation responses related to the draft **Food and Nutrition Policy**, the final version of the revised policy was adopted by the Council of Commissioners, with an effective date of July 1st, 2018. In addition, Council adopted the final draft of By-law 9-A, **Complaint Examination Procedure** and By-law 9-B, **Complaint Examination Procedure for International Students**, to be effective as of February 7th, 2018. The revised texts have been posted on the LBPSB website.

Further to the Act Respecting School Elections and with regard to the next school board elections scheduled for November 4th, 2018, Council appointed **Rosemary Murphy** to fulfill the functions of **Returning Officer of the Lester B. Pearson School Board** from March 12th to December 31st, 2018.

The Transportation Advisory Committee reported that approx. 100 parents of Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Mt. Pleasant students are currently piloting **the Bus Planner - Where's My Bus?** software. Macdonald High will be the next to pilot with the hopes of implementing for all off-Island schools by the spring. On-Island schools will require a little more time due to training that is required with the Transport companies and schools.

The **Pearson Education Foundation** reminded anyone who wished to support a school fundraiser that they can obtain an official tax receipt if their donation is processed through PEF. (For further information or help setting up such payments for school fundraisers, please contact Susan Grand of

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PEF at 514-422-3000, Ext. 37000.)

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Much more info on what's happening all around the board can always be found on the Pearson News blog <http://pearsonnews.lbpsb.qc.ca/> and on the LBPSB Facebook page.

For the next few months, the regular Council of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for the same evening as the St. Edmund's Governing Board, with the next one to be held on Monday, March 26th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Bender

Commissioner – Ward 9