

**Council meeting of October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017****Presentations**

Noah Turcotte, a grade 4 student from Forest Hill, was present for the viewing by council, a video he took part in, outlining the "Defi Pierre Lavoie Project", explaining the importance of staying active throughout our whole life.

Shannon Lapointe and Anthony Cheliapin were both present to speak about their experience obtaining their DELF certificate (Diplome D'Etudes En Langue Francaise) Beurling Academy, recently awarded 13 certificates to students who passed this examination. The DELF certificate is internationally recognized and issued by the French ministry of National education for French language studies. Some LBPSB teachers are presently being trained to be able to administer the test to our students.

Our 2 Student Commissioners for this school year were sworn in during our meeting. Miranda Bohns and Melinda Siles will be representing students at the council table. We are the first board to have students sitting at council and we value their input and participation in the meetings.

**Press Release****LESTER B. PEARSON SCHOOL BOARD 2016-2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

At the October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Council of Commissioners meeting, the Lester B. Pearson School Board approved the 2016-2017 financial statements. The school board recorded revenues of \$299,935,293 and expenses of \$294,100,316 for a surplus of \$5,834,977 versus a deficit of almost \$2 million in the 2015-2016 school year. Approximately \$2.5 million of the current year surplus were Ministry grants attributed to the 2015-2016 school year for increases in professional salaries from the collective agreements and salary equity. An additional \$1 million was from revenues recognized during the 2015-2016 school year from the international student program. The balance of the surplus is attributed to the 2016-2017 school year and includes an additional \$1 million in revenues generated from an increase in international students, more than \$500,000 in energy savings due to a warmer winter and the boards energy savings programs and miscellaneous other savings throughout the board. The board's accumulated surplus as of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 is \$35,357,998. This amount is made up of approximately \$12 million in land with the balance including outstanding teacher sick days, salary insurance, vacation and fringe benefits. After these amounts are accounted for and the Ministry of Educations accounting rules are respected the free surplus available for use is \$1.1 million. This amount is divided between the boards 59 schools and centers local budgets.

The Lester B. Pearson School Board continues to implement new initiatives to benefit students throughout our system, including:

- Additional support services and teaching resources for students,
- Continuation of the school initiatives grant whereby elementary and high schools have a decentralized amount devoted to improving school success at the local level,
- The renovation and enlargement of WICC and SACC

- \$24 million in capital investments in schools and centers including upgrading of bathrooms, new roofs and windows and additional computers and tablets
- Expansion of the pilot application of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) as part of the continued evolution of the boards French Immersion
- Green initiatives including the online report cards, re registration and payments for accommodation bus transportation
- Implementation of the "Where's my bus" application whereby students and families can track the location of their school bus, and arrive at the bus stops in a timely manner

## **Communications**

**Fusion Update** There is approximately 16,500 Fusion users at this present time which equates to approximately 85% of our student population. More than 22 schools took part in issuing interim report cards through the portal. Approximately 70% of accommodation bussing fees were paid through online transaction, reducing the amount of man hours for cheque processing for the transportation department.

**School Website & Board Website** Approximately 40 + school websites have been updated and are active. Though the attempt to make websites static was a goal, there are regular updates that are required. Admin was encouraged to have schools regularly update their websites. Board website is currently being updated with hopes to be released this school year.

## **Designation of the officer responsible for dealing with the disclosures of wrongdoings**

Section 18 of the *Act to facilitate the Disclosure of Wrongdoings Relating to Public Bodies* states that all public bodies must designate a person as the officer responsible for dealing with the disclosures of wrongdoings in this organization. The purpose of this Act is to facilitate the disclosure, in the public interest, of wrongdoings committed or about to be committed in relation to public bodies and to establish a general protection regime against reprisals. The Secretary General of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, Geneviève Dugré, is designated as the officer responsible for dealing with the disclosures of wrongdoings in the school board.

## **Consultations**

Food and Nutrition Policy Consultation responses due November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The draft consultation document entitled *Evaluation of Student Learning Policy* will be distributed to the consultative partners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board during the week of November 1st, 2017, with responses returned to the Secretariat no later than January 19, 2018, for consideration; The final draft of the Evaluation of Student Learning Policy be adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

## **Pearson Educational Foundation**

A fundraising event coming up for PEF is a Comedy Night on November 10<sup>th</sup> at JRHS. Information on this event can be found on the PEF website.

All policies adopted by the Lester B. Pearson School Board appear on the Board's website and can be found at <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/policy/policyV2.asp>.

NOTE: All of the committee reports can be viewed on our website at the following link:  
<http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/council/CommitteeReports.asp>

The next Council meeting will take place on Monday November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Respectfully submitted by,

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