

**PARENTS' COMMITTEE AGA (PART 2) MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018  
7:00 P.M., BOARDROOM  
1925 BROOKDALE AVENUE**



**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order** & Resumption of AGA
2. Word from the Chair
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Election of LBPSB Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee
  - 4.1. Acclamation of Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee - SNAC
  - 4.2. Election of Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee - Elementary
  - 4.3. Election of Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee - High School
  - 4.4. Election of Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee - At Large
5. Election of Internal Advisory
  - 5.1. Chair
  - 5.2. Vice-Chair
  - 5.3. Secretary
  - 5.4. Treasurer
  - 5.5. Communications Officer
  - 5.6. Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee
6. Election of LBPSB Committee Representatives
  - 6.1. Communications
  - 6.2. Facilities & Security
  - 6.3. Intercultural Advisory (3 Reps)
  - 6.4. Programs & Services
  - 6.5. Transportation Advisory
7. Election of External Representation
  - 7.1. EPCA Delegate (2-year term)
  - 7.2. Pearson Educational Foundation (PEF)
8. Call for Ad hoc Subcommittee Participation
  - 8.1. Internal Rules Review
  - 8.2. LBPSB 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - 8.3. Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence
9. Varia
10. Breakout to Standing Subcommittees
  - 10.1. Elections
    - a. Chair
    - b. Vice-Chair
    - c. Secretary/Communications officer
11. Adjournment

**NOTES**

**Next meeting: November 1, 2018**

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018  
Lester B. Pearson School Board  
LBPSB Boardroom, 1925 Brookdale Avenue, Dorval**

1. Call to Order & Resumption of AGA  
S. Ross called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Quorum was established with 31 members out of 48 LBPSB schools and SNAC being represented. S. Ross then proceeded to recite the acknowledgement of Mohawk land.
2. Word from the Chair  
S. Ross thanked T. Rhymes, Assistant Director General, LBPSB. He also expressed thanks to F. Clarke, outgoing Commissioner Representing Parents - At Large, Commissioners Representing Parents -A. Berryman, S. Bhargava, J. Doan. He thanked them all for their time and dedication in representing parents.  
S. Ross went over the order of items to be covered at the meeting as follows:  
Elections, Ad Hoc Subcommittee participation, Standing subcommittee Breakout Elections where members will elect an Advisory for each Subcommittee:
  - Elementary East
  - Elementary West
  - High SchoolThe Chair also mentioned that the recently initiated Mentor/Mentee program will be started shortly. He emphasized that both Reps and Alts are encouraged to participate in meetings. He noted that Alts can hold positions on Subcommittees and are also encouraged to fully participate in BASECAMP discussions.  
He defined the role of Secretary:
  - Assists the Chair and the Vice - Chair
  - Helps with correspondence
  - Provides support to the Internal Advisory
3. Approval of the Agenda  
S. Ross called for a motion to approve the agenda. It was moved by T. Minisini that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by G. Piggins and was carried unanimously.
4. Election of LBPSB Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee
  - 4.1. Acclamation of Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee - SNAC  
S. Ross explained that the CRPC for Special Needs (SN) was elected by the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) but needed to be approved by the PC. He called for a motion to acclaim the CRPC for SN. It was moved by J. Ranger that A. Berryman be acclaimed as CRPC for SN. The motion was seconded by O. Burlec and was carried unanimously.  
The Chair invited A. Berryman to say a few words. A. Berryman explained that she represents all parents of students with SN. She invited parents to contact her with any questions they have. Please consult the SNAC website for more information <http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/>
  - 4.2. Election of Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee – Elementary  
S. Ross asked if there were any questions concerning the role of the Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee – Elementary. He then called for nominations for the position of Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee – Elementary. J. Doan nominated himself. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. The motion was seconded by S. Ross. There being no further nominations, J. Doan was acclaimed as Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee – Elementary for 2018–2019.
  - 4.3. Election of Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee – High School  
S. Ross asked if there were any questions concerning the role of the Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee – High School. He then called for nominations. A. Gross nominated S. Bhargava. S. Bhargava accepted the nomination. The Chair called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, S. Bhargava was acclaimed as Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee – High School for 2018–2019.
  - 4.4. Election of Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee – At Large for 2018–2019  
S. Ross emphasized that this role could be filled by a Parent Rep at either the Elementary or at the High School level. He then called for nominations. J. Ranger nominated himself. S. Ross then called for further nominations. J. Doan put forth a motion to nominate L. Podgurny for the position of Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee – At Large. J. Ranger then withdrew his nomination. There being no further nominations, L. Podgurny was acclaimed as Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee – At Large for 2018–2019.

## 5. Election of Internal Advisory

- 5.1. Chair - S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations for the position of Chair. S. Ross was nominated by 3 PC Reps. He accepted the nominations. There being no further nominations, S. Ross was acclaimed as Chair of the PC for 2018-2019.
- 5.2. Vice-Chair - S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. A. Saunders put forth a motion to nominate N. Drysdale for the position of Vice-Chair. There being no further nominations, N. Drysdale was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the PC for 2018-2019.
- 5.3. Secretary - S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations for the position of Secretary. It was noted that any PC Advisory position must be held by a Parent Rep and not an Alt. He defined the role of Secretary:
  - Assists the Chair and the Vice Chair
  - Helps with correspondence
  - Provides support to the Internal Advisory

C. Eaton nominated himself. S. Ross then called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, C. Eaton was acclaimed as Secretary of the PC for 2018 -2019

- 5.4. Treasurer - S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations for the position of Treasurer. A. Gross nominated herself. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, A. Gross was acclaimed as Treasurer of the PC for 2018 -2019.

- 5.5. Communications Officer - S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations for the position of Communications Officer. J. Ranger put forth a motion to nominate A. Saunders. She explained that this year, she is an Alternate Parent Rep and so cannot hold this position. A. Saunders explained that in the role of Communications Officer, the duties would include:

- Helping the Chair and Vice- Chair
- Working to ensure that the External Communications from the PC are maintained
- Managing Social Media

A. Saunders offered to assist the person who would be taking on this position G. Piggins nominated himself. S. Ross then called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, G. Piggins was acclaimed as Communications Officer of the PC for 2018 -2019.

- 5.6. Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee - S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations for the position of CRPC. He noted that this person would assist the Chair with regards to being a liaison between Council and the Advisory, would assist the Chair in relaying sensitive info to the PC. J. Ranger nominated S. Bhargava. S. Bhargava accepted the nomination. L. Lopez nominated A. Berryman. A. Berryman accepted the nomination. S. Connell nominated J. Doan. J. Doan accepted the nomination.

B. Brown then suggested that perhaps the candidate with the fewest votes get dropped. It was moved by A. Gross that the selection process be included in the Internal Rules. The motion was seconded by J. Ranger. The majority were in favor, 2 were opposed, no abstentions were noted, the motion was carried.

S. Ross then gave each candidate the opportunity to speak.

S. Ross then proposed that T. Rhymes and B. Schnider be named as the scrutineers. It was moved by A. Gross that T. Rhymes and B. Schnider be named as the scrutineers of the election process. The motion was seconded by G. Piggins and was carried unanimously.

The results of the first vote were then communicated by T. Rhymes. Reps were asked to then cast their votes for either S. Bhargava or A. Berryman as CRPC on the Advisory.

The results of the second vote were then communicated by T. Rhymes. A. Berryman was declared as CRPC on the Advisory for 2018 -2019.

S. Ross asked for a motion to destroy the ballots. It was moved by G. Piggins that the ballots be destroyed. The motion was seconded by S. Connell.

## 6. Election of LBPSB Committee Representatives

### 6.1. Communications

S. Ross invited J. Doan to speak to this item on the agenda. J. Doan emphasized that through the past Major School Change process, feedback from various stakeholders indicated that the LBPSB would benefit from increased communications and marketing efforts, in order to help boost enrollment.

J. Doan noted that he sits on the Communications Subcommittee of Council. He encouraged members to become involved and stressed that either a Rep or an Alt can sit on this Committee.

A. Gross asked that the general time and day of the meetings be mentioned.

It was noted that the Communications Committee typically meets on Mondays, once per month from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. S. Ross invited Reps/Alts to put forth their nominations for this position. A. Gross nominated herself. G. Piggins nominated himself. A. Saunders nominated herself. The Chair gave each candidate the opportunity to speak. The results of the first vote were then communicated and A. Saunders was declared as PC Rep to the Communications Committee for 2018-2019.

## 6.2. Facilities & Security

S. Ross invited F. Clarke, outgoing Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee – At Large to speak about the Facilities & Security Committee. He noted that this committee studies the facilities & security needs of the School Board. He highlighted the fact that one item which was reviewed by this committee was the extremely hot weather that we have experienced recently and the temperatures in the schools. The subject of installing ceiling fans in the schools was discussed and a decision was made to retrofit those schools that are in need of repairs, with ceiling fans.

B. Brown mentioned that she has sat on this committee in the past. She emphasized that those who were considering taking on this role should be aware that the meetings generally take place early in the evening and rotate between different buildings within the LBPSB, so it would be important to make certain that potential candidates were available.

It was noted that parents have a voice on this committee not a vote, but nonetheless the parent perspective is brought to all Council Committees and the Council table. S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations.

M. Besner nominated himself. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, M. Besner was acclaimed as PC Rep to the Facilities & Security Committee for 2018 -2019.

## 6.3. Intercultural Advisory (3 Reps)

S. Ross invited S. Bhargava, last year's Chair of the Intercultural Advisory Committee to speak to this item on the agenda. S. Bhargava explained the composition of the committee and emphasized that three parent Reps sit on this committee. The meetings are held at 5:30pm. He noted that this committee was given an increase in their allocation this year, and that the committee will be looking into planning several activities throughout the year.

S. Ross then invited Reps to put forth their nominations and reminded everyone that exceptionally, the PC can elect 3 Reps to be on the Intercultural Advisory Committee.

S. Giddens nominated herself, J. Ranger nominated himself, N. Drysdale nominated herself. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, S. Giddens, J. Ranger, and N. Drysdale were all acclaimed as PC Reps to the Intercultural Advisory Committee for 2018 -2019.

## 6.4. Programs & Services

S. Ross invited S. Bhargava to speak to this item on the agenda.

He reported that the Committee meets at 5:30 pm on the first Monday of the month and receives reports from all departments. Often there are presentations at the beginning of the meeting.

F. Clarke noted that the Programs & Services Committee is one of the most important Council Committees and it would be crucial for a parent who is very interested and engaged to fulfill this role. He emphasized to Reps that since the meetings begin early, anyone seeking a nomination should ensure that they are available to attend a 5:30 pm meeting.

He underscored the fact that perhaps the PC could make a request to adjust the time of the meetings and also request that an Alternate position be added.

S. Ross then called upon Reps to put a forth their nominations for a Rep to this committee.

A. Gross nominated herself. C. Bazos nominated herself. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. There were none. S. Ross then invited the nominees to present themselves.

A ballot vote was undertaken – with the result being that C. Bazos was elected to be the PC Rep on the Programs & Services Committee for 2018 -2019.

## 6.5. Transportation Advisory

S. Ross invited M. Besner to speak to this role. He indicated that the meetings are held on Mondays at 5:30 pm, and that he was the Rep last year. Moving forward, he suggested that it might be a good idea for a Rep from Region 2 or Region 3 to represent the PC on this committee.

F. Clarke reported that having a parent Rep on the Transportation Advisory Committee is very important. He noted that potentially, students could attend any school, especially at the High School level, but they are not necessarily eligible for bussing. He stressed that sometimes there are budget cuts and the committee could potentially look at a re-distribution of students.

S. Ross then called upon Reps to put forth their nominations for a Rep to this Committee. G. Piggins nominated himself. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, G. Piggins was acclaimed as PC Rep to the Transportation Advisory Committee for 2018 -2019.

## 7. Election of External Representation

### 7.1. EPCA Delegate (2-year term)

S. Ross invited B. Brown to speak to this role. She gave a historical perspective of EPCA and emphasized that the President of EPCA meets with the Ministry on a regular basis. She highlighted the fact that EPCA has made great progress since its inception. B. Brown noted that whoever the PC elects will bring the LBPSB PC voice to EPCA. She encouraged PC Parent Reps/Alts to voice their opinions. She mentioned that EPCA meets once a month on a Saturday all day, and there are some optional evening meetings at their offices on Cote de Liesse as well.

S. Ross then called upon Reps to put forth their nominations for EPCA Delegate. M. Besner nominated D. Odubayo. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, D. Odubayo was acclaimed as EPCA Delegate for a 2-year term.

7.2. Pearson Educational Foundation (PEF)

S. Ross invited N. Drysdale to speak to this item on the agenda.

She noted that meetings are held once per month – on a Monday usually at 6:00 or 6:30 pm.

N. Drysdale pointed out that the PC Rep on the Pearson Educational Foundation does not have a vote but can assist in organizing various fundraisers to help support students in the LBPSB.

S. Ross opened the floor to nominations. M. Besner nominated A. Gross as PC Rep to PEF. There being no further nominations, A. Gross was acclaimed as PC Rep to PEF for 2018 -2019.

8. Call for Ad hoc Subcommittee Participation

8.1. Internal Rules Review

S. Ross underscored the fact that this Subcommittee will review the list of recommendations updated last year. He suggested that the Subcommittee should have a mandate to present their recommendations to the PC by December 6, 2018.

The Chair then invited D. Zerkler to speak to the Internal Rules Review.

D. Zerkler mentioned that last year the subcommittee went over the recommended changes in depth.

S. Ross requested that interested PC members could sign up on BASECAMP to be part of the Internal Rules Review Subcommittee. The following Reps/Alts D. Odubayo, D. Zerkler, B. Brown, J. Ranger, S. Ross volunteered to be on the Internal Rules Review Ad hoc Subcommittee for 2018 -2019.

It was moved by S. Ross that the Subcommittee be tasked with putting forth a full set of Internal Rules one week in advance of December 6, 2018 PC meeting. The motion was seconded by G. Piggins and was carried unanimously.

8.2. LBPSB 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

S. Ross invited B. Brown to speak to this item on the agenda.

She mentioned that last year the Subcommittee was looking at different ways to help celebrate the LBPSB's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. One idea was to hold a parent conference.

S. Ross encouraged Reps/Alts to join the LBPSB 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Subcommittee The following members signed up: G. Piggins, S. Giddens, J. DiMarco, J. Ranger, L. Podgurny. D. Odubayo offer to help liaison with EPCA.

S. Ross emphasized that a lot of Subcommittee discussions take place on BASECAMP.

8.3. Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence

S. Ross pointed out that this Subcommittee was established last year. He invited members to sign up. The following Reps/Alts joined the Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Subcommittee: S. Ross, J. Ranger, O. Burlec, L. Podgurny, S. Giddens, B. Tremellen, C. Eaton, M. Fauteux, A. Gross.

9. Varia

**Proposed Environmental Issues Subcommittee:**

S. Ross invited S. Bhargava to speak about a proposed Environmental Issues Subcommittee.

S. Bhargava noted that the LBPSB adopted a Green Policy in 2012. The following Reps/Alts expressed an interest in joining this potential Sub-Committee:

S. Bhargava, N. Drysdale, S. Connell, D. Zerkler, O. Burlec, M. Besner, G. Piggins. S. Ross mentioned that a request to strike a Sub-Committee could be posted on BASECAMP. S. Ross noted that chairs of most of the Ad-hoc Subcommittees are elected at the first meeting.

**LIFE Program – snacks:**

S. Ross invited J. DiMarco, chair of SNAC to speak. She highlighted the LIFE Program (Learning Independence through Function Education) and mentioned that students from the LIFE Program could potentially provide snacks for PC meetings.

**QFHSA Fall Conference:**

S. Ross invited B. Brown to speak. She highlighted the upcoming QFHSA Fall Conference taking place at St. Thomas High School on Saturday November 3, 2018. She encouraged everyone to attend and noted that the conference is open to non-Home and School members.

**Reflex Math:**

S. Ross invited A. Winn to speak. She noted that a discussion was taken to remove Reflex Math from the curriculum, and replace it with Gizmo due to the cost associated with it.

**GB Training:**

L. Podgurny encouraged Reps/Alts to attend the upcoming GB Training at the School Board on October 18, 2018.

**Parent Alternates involvement:**

D. Odubayo emphasized that it is important for Parent Alternates as well as Parent Representatives to be involved, and underscored the fact that all of the positions should be open to all Alternates.

**Joint Standing Sub-Committee meeting November 15, 2018 – LEARN:**

S. Ross called attention to the first Joint Standing Sub-Committee meeting which will include a presentation from LEARN QUEBEC (Leading English Education and Resource Network). They are a non-profit educational organization offering resources and services for students including free online tutoring and summer school, as well as professional development opportunities for educators. The presentation is open to all parents of LBPSB students.

10. Breakout to Standing Subcommittees

S. Ross asked A. Saunders to explain what the role of the Communications Officer on each Standing Subcommittee is. She noted that the biggest challenge of the PC and its subcommittees is communications. She emphasized the following means of communication that are currently being used by the PC:

- Website
- Facebook
- Other Social Media
- Parent2Parent Newsletter

A. Saunders offered to help G. Piggins with communications from the PC. She encouraged members to get involved with the Parent2Parent Newsletter, which involves the creation, publication and dissemination of said newsletter.

A. Saunders, L. Podgurny, G. Piggins, B. Brown and D. Odubayo offered to help. S. Ross noted that a BASECAMP thread will be created to discuss this in further detail.

The following reflect the results of the election to the Standing Subcommittees:

10.1. Elections

- Elementary East
  - a. Chair – L. Podgurny
  - b. Vice-Chair – L. Lopez
  - c. Secretary/Communications officer – G. Piggins/A. Saunders
- Elementary West
  - a. Chair – W. Longlade
  - b. Vice-Chair – M. Fauteux
  - c. Secretary/Communications Officer – W. Longlade
- High School
  - a. Chair - S. Bhargava
  - b. Vice-Chair - S. Connell
  - c. Secretary/Communications Officer - B. Brown

11. Adjournment

S. Ross then called for adjournment of the meeting. It was moved by J. DiMarco to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Barbara Schnider  
Recording Secretary



Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee

Attendance Report		
Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion		
Beacon Hill		
Beaconsfield	Ovidiu Burlec	
Beechwood	Diandra Yoselevitz	
Beurling Academy	Jay Taube	
Birchwood	Derek Kenny	
Children's World		
Christmas Park	Cassandra Bazos	
Clearpoint	Liz Lopez	Allison Saunders
Dorset	Wendy Longlade	
Dorval	Dave Clifford	
Edgewater	Melissa Nolet	
*Evergreen		
Forest Hill Jr	Tanja Minisini	
Forest Hill Sr	Tanja Minisini	
John Rennie	Shane Ross	
Kingsdale	Greg Piggins	
Lakeside Academy	Natasha Drysdale	Helene Charbonneau
Lasalle Community Comprehensive	Roland Schubert	
Lasalle Jr	Shonda Giddens	Robert Thomas
Lasalle Sr	Christopher Eaton	
Lindsay Place	Marie-Claire Hogan	
MacDonald	Mike Besner	
*Maple Grove		
Margaret Manson		
Mount Pleasant		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau		
Pierrefonds Comprehensive	Dayo Odubayo	Greg Piggins
Riverdale	Kristine Pino	
Riverview	Ariana Winn	
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.		
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.	Michelle Fauteux	
*Soulange		
Springdale		
St. Anthony	Shane Ross	
St. Charles	Jason Doan	
St. Edmund		
St. John Fisher Jr		
St. John Fisher Sr		
St. Patrick		
St. Thomas	Sharad Bhargava	Bobbi Brown
*Sunshine Academy		
Terry Fox	Brenda Tremellen	
Verdun	John Ranger	
Westpark	Alaina Gross	
Westwood Jr	Sean Connell	
*Westwood Sr		
Wilder Penfield	Len Podgurny	Heather Lambert
SNAC	Jennifer DiMarco	

**Other distinguished attendees:**

Thomas Rhymes (Administration)  
 Frank Clark (Commissioner Representing PC)

Angela Berryman (Commissioner Representing PC)  
**31/48 Member Schools + SNAC Represented**  
 \*Representative or Alternate remain unconfirmed