

**PARENTS' COMMITTEE AGA (PART 2) MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021  
7:00 P.M., ONLINE**



**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order & Resumption of AGA
2. Welcome & Word from the Chair
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Brief Introduction and Voting Logistics
5. Election of Internal Advisory
  - 5.1. Chair
  - 5.2. Vice-Chair
  - 5.3. Secretary
  - 5.4. Treasurer
  - 5.5. Communications Officer
  - 5.6. CRPC on Advisory
6. Election of LBPSB Committee Representatives
  - 6.1. Transportation Advisory (1 Rep)
  - 6.2. Communications (1 Rep)
  - 6.3. Facilities and Security (1 Rep)
  - 6.4. Intercultural Advisory (3 Reps)
  - 6.5. Programs and Services (1 Rep)
  - 6.6. Safe & Caring Schools (1 Rep)
  - 6.7. GREEN Committee (1 Rep)
7. Election of External Representation
  - 7.1. EPCA Delegate (2-year term)
  - 7.2. Pearson Educational Foundation (PEF)
8. Standing Subcommittee Elections
  - 8.1. Chair
  - 8.2. Vice-Chair
  - 8.3. Communications Officers
9. Date for Standing Subcommittees
10. Adjournment

**NOTES**

**Next PC meeting: November 4, 2021**

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020**  
**7:00 P.M., ONLINE**  
**Lester B. Pearson School Board**

ATTENDANCE-PARENT REPS AND ALTS: Please see last page for Attendance Record

1. Call to Order & Resumption of AGA  
S. Ross called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Quorum was established with 36 out of 46 LBPSB schools and SNAC being represented. S. Ross then proceeded to recite the acknowledgement of Mohawk land.
2. Welcome & Word from the Chair  
S. Ross welcomed all participants and thanked them for joining and volunteering their time. He apologized for deciding not to recite the land acknowledgement during Part 1 of the AGA on September 30 (refer to the minutes as well as an email sent to Reps/Alts). Congratulations were expressed to both Judy Kelley- newly appointed LBPSB Chair and Allison Saunders- newly elected Commissioner for Ward 4. S. Ross thanked J. Kelley and T. Rhymes for attending the PC meeting.
3. Approval of the Agenda  
S. Ross then called for a motion to approve the agenda. He reminded Reps/Alts of the online voting procedure that was followed during Part 1 of the AGA whereby all those eligible to vote would be asked first if there were any opposed, then if there were any abstentions, assuming that the rest were in favour. It was moved by S. Campeau that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by O. Kouyoumdjian. None were opposed, and no abstentions were noted. The motion was unanimously resolved.
4. Brief Introduction and Voting Logistics  
S. Ross pointed out that he was the outgoing PC Chair from 2020-2021. He noted that it had been an honor and a pleasure to work with everyone last year. It was emphasized that the work that the PC does, makes a real difference. He added that the PC participates with members of Council on important issues. He explained that the PC will be using a polling system in the event that two people declare their candidacy for a position. This is the same polling system used during school AGAs. S. Ross invited Reps/Alts to ask any questions they may have. He reminded everyone that only one vote per school was permitted and therefore if both the Rep and Alt were participating in the meeting, only the Rep should cast their vote. S. Ross consulted with the Advisory to ensure that quorum was established. It was confirmed that quorum had been established with 20 Reps as well as 6 Alts in attendance at this point in the meeting. He requested that those representing more than one school identify themselves as they were entitled to one vote per school. S. Ross indicated that when a polling question appears on the screen, Reps/Alts will be invited to select a candidate by clicking on their name.
5. Election of Internal Advisory
  - 5.1. Chair  
S. Ross reviewed the Chairs' role within the PC. He emphasized that the Chair establishes the meeting dates, runs the meetings, is the spokesperson of the PC and helps to promote consensus. S. Ross called for nominations for the Chair. A. Morello nominated S. Ross for the position of Chair. S. Ross accepted the nomination. S. Ross called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, S. Ross was acclaimed as PC Chair for 2021-2022. He expressed his appreciation for everyone's confidence in him, their efforts and extra time required to attend meetings.
  - 5.2. Vice-Chair  
S. Ross invited Reps/Alts to present nominations. S. Campeau nominated O. Kouyoumdjian for the position of Vice-Chair. O. Kouyoumdjian accepted the nomination. S. Ross pointed out that the Vice-Chair assists the Chair and the Treasurer and acts in the Chairs' absence. S. Ross called for further nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. There being no further nominations, O. Kouyoumdjian was acclaimed as PC Vice-Chair for 2021-2022.
  - 5.3. Secretary  
S. Ross highlighted the following duties of the Secretary:
    - Assists the Chair and Vice-Chair
    - Part of the Advisory team that helps with communication including correspondence, the MSR, BASECAMP, etc...
    - Participates in discussions and fills in where necessary
    - Not the recorder of the meetings (The PC has a Recording Secretary)S. Ross called for nominations for the position of Secretary. A. Charszan nominated A. Banton for the position of Secretary. A. Banton accepted the nomination. S. Ross then called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, A. Banton was acclaimed as PC Secretary for 2021-2022.

5.4. Treasurer

S. Ross called for nominations for the position of Treasurer. A. Banton nominated A. Charzan for the position of Treasurer. A. Charzan accepted the nomination. S. Ross then called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, A. Charzan was acclaimed as PC Treasurer for 2021-2022.

5.5. Communications Officer

S. Ross explained the duties of the Communications Officer which are as follows:

- Responsible for Social Media platforms
- Works with members of the PC Advisory in communicating with the media
- Assists with responses to School Board consultations
- Webmaster for the PC webpages/Facebook/Twitter
- Acts as the lead on the Parent Newsletter
- Responsible for driving PC communications efforts
- Serves as the Rep to the Communications and Marketing Council Committee

S. Ross explained that the Communications Officer has a huge role to play. This individual will be on the Advisory. S. Ross called for nominations for the position of Communications Officer. D. Bentley nominated himself. S. Campeau nominated herself. S. Ross called for further nominations. There were no further nominations. The two candidates were asked to present themselves. A participant inquired if it was possible for two people to share the duties. S. Ross responded that the PC Internal Rules state that only one person can hold this position, however the Internal Rules Subcommittee could review this. It was pointed out that many individuals can join the Communications Subcommittee and contribute in a meaningful way. He opened a poll stating the following question: "Who is your selection for Communications Officer?" With the results being tabulated, S. Campeau was elected as PC Communications Officer for 2021-2022. S. Ross expressed that he was looking forward to working with S. Campeau and D. Bentley. As well, S. Ross noted that he would like to work to increase the PC's communication with EPCA.

5.6. CRPC on Advisory

S. Ross explained that this individual is one of the CRPCs and typically reads the PC report at Council. He noted that any of the CRPCs could run for this position. S. Ross called for nominations for the position of CRPC on Advisory. S. Bhargava nominated P. Ottoni. P. Ottoni accepted the nomination. S. Ross called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, P. Ottoni was acclaimed as CRPC on Advisory for 2021-2022.

6. Election of LBPSB Committee Representatives

S. Ross explained that the PC is invited to have a representative on various Council Committees. Reps work in a collaborative manner both with the PC and Council.

6.1. Transportation Advisory (1 Rep)

S. Ross explained that this position is required as per the Education Act and can only be held by a Rep. He then called upon Reps to put forth their nominations for a position on this Committee. S. Campeau nominated herself. S. Ross then called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, S. Campeau was acclaimed as PC Rep to the Transportation Advisory Committee for 2021-2022.

6.2. Communications (1 Rep)

S. Ross noted that as per the PC Internal Rules, the PC Communications Officer automatically sits on the Communications Committee. Therefore, S. Campeau, newly elected Communications Officer is automatically the representative on the Communications Committee.

6.3. Facilities and Security (1 Rep)

S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations. T. Chahinian nominated herself. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, T. Chahinian was acclaimed as PC Rep to the Facilities & Security Committee for 2021-2022.

6.4. Intercultural Advisory (3 Reps)

S. Ross invited S. Bhargava to speak to this item on the agenda. S. Bhargava explained some of activities that the committee is involved with, including a Virtual Blanket Exercise taking place the week after this meeting. New Reps will be invited to participate. He emphasized that three Parent Reps sit on this committee. S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations. W. Eeet, A. Banton, and C. Pacitto all nominated themselves. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, W. Eeet, A. Banton, and C. Pacitto were acclaimed as PC Reps to the Intercultural Advisory Committee for 2021-2022.

6.5. Programs and Services (1 Rep)

S. Ross reported that this committee focuses on how programs and services are integrated within the LBPSB. S. Ross then called upon Reps to put forth their nominations for a Rep to this committee. D. Yoselevitz nominated herself. S. Ross then called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, D. Yoselevitz was acclaimed as PC Rep to the Programs & Services Committee for 2021-2022.

6.6. Safe & Caring Schools (1 Rep)

S. Ross called upon Reps to put forth their nominations for a Rep to this committee. J. Ranger nominated himself. A. Charzan nominated herself. S. Ross called for further nominations. There were no further

nominations. S. Ross then invited the two candidates to present themselves. He opened a poll stating the following question: "Who would you select to serve as the Safe and Caring Schools Parent Representative?" With the results being tabulated, A. Charzan was elected as the PC Rep to the Safe & Caring Schools Committee for 2021-2022.

6.7. GREEN Committee (1 Rep)

S. Ross called upon Reps to put forth their nominations for a Rep to this committee. D. Bentley nominated himself. S. Ross called for any further nominations. There being none, D. Bentley was acclaimed as PC Rep to the GREEN Committee for 2021-2022.

7. Election of External Representation

7.1. EPCA Delegate (2-year term)

S. Ross emphasized that EPCA is the PC's lobbying arm. Meetings are held once per month on Saturdays from approximately 10:00 am-12:00 pm. EPCA also has many subcommittees. G. Piggins stated that has completed his 2 year mandate as one of the PC's delegates and that he would not be seeking re-election due to time constraints. S. Ross then called upon Reps to put forth their nominations for EPCA Delegate. J. Ranger nominated himself. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, J. Ranger was acclaimed as EPCA Delegate for a 2-year term.

7.2. Pearson Educational Foundation (PEF)

S. Ross 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. G. Piggins nominated himself. S. Ross called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, G. Piggins was acclaimed as PC Rep to PEF for 2021-2022.

8. Standing Subcommittee Elections

S. Ross explained that breakout rooms had been created and were divided by region. He invited Reps/Alts to refer to the slides to verify which region their school is in and to join the appropriate breakout room. During the breakout session Reps/Alts would be electing a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Communications Officer to each Region Subcommittee. *At 8:45 pm, S. Ross invited Reps/Alts to end their breakout session and re-join the main meeting.* He then requested that the Chairs of each Region Subcommittee report who had been elected. S. Ross thanked everyone for attending the meeting and announced that a communication would be going out to request that each Rep and Alt send their name, the name of their school and their position (Reps/Alt) to him. S. Ross noted that he had done some work to reset some GAFE accounts and if there were any issues to please contact him and he would reset it. He reminded everyone that GAFE accounts are not allowed on BASECAMP. S. Ross explained that school Principals have the capacity to reset GAFE accounts but that he would be happy to do so. It was noted that there will be upcoming training scheduled for new Governing Board members with the message to be sent through BASECAMP.

8.1. Regional Subcommittee Elections

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair
- c. Secretary/Communications Officer

• Region 1:

- a. Chair-D. Bentley
- b. Vice-Chair-W. Eet
- c. Communications Officer-D. Bentley

• Region 2:

- a. Chair-G. Piggins
- b. Vice-Chair-B. Tremellen
- c. Communications Officer-O. Burlec
- d. Secretary-L. Jasinski

• Region 3:

- a. Chair-A. Banton
- b. Vice-Chair-E. Kotecki
- c. Communications Officer-H. Van Regan

9. Date for Standing Subcommittees

S. Ross announced a tentative date of November 18, 2021 for the Standing Subcommittee meeting. He emphasized that he will be speaking to the Standing Subcommittee Chairs and the Advisory regarding the possibility of moving the meeting date up. He mentioned that all Reps/Alts will be receiving an email with all of the meeting dates. They will also be asked what their top three priorities would be for 2021-2022. S. Ross reiterated that the primary mandate of the PC is to promote parental participation. He stressed that it is important that the PC voice be heard so that parental concerns can be communicated.

10. Adjournment

S. Ross adjourned the AGA at 9:03 pm. He expressed his thanks to all participants.

**NOTES**

**Next PC meeting: November 4, 2021**

Respectfully submitted by  
Barbara Schnider  
Recording Secretary

Attendance		
Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion	Annette Banton	
Beacon Hill		
Beaconsfield	Ovidiu Burlec	Adrian Leggett
Beechwood	Talar Chahinian	Diandra Yoselevitz
Beurling Academy	Julius Taube	
Birchwood	Derek Kenny	
Children's World		
Christmas Park		
Clearpoint	Marc Lucke	
Dorset	Jeff Labelle	
Dorval	Patricia Ottoni	
Edgewater		
Evergreen	Corey Pacitto	
Forest Hill Jr	Richard Allen	
Forest Hill Sr	Tanja Minisini	
John Rennie		Shane Ross
Kingsdale		Greg Piggins
Lakeside Academy	Sarah Campeau	
Lasalle Community Comprehensive	Janet Chung Man HO	
Lasalle Jr	Nicole Clayton	
Lasalle Sr	Franca Henry	
Macdonald	Kris de Forest	
Maple Grove		
Margaret Manson	Anthony Morello	
Mount Pleasant		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Wendi Feet	
Pierrefonds Comprehensive	Greg Piggins	Brenda Tremellen
Riverview		Ariana Winn
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	David Anthony Barbiero	
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.		
Soulange		
Springdale		
St. Anthony	Shane Ross	
St. Charles		Ross McLean
St. Edmund		
St. John Fisher Jr	Naomi Proctor	Angela Kovalak
St. John Fisher Sr	Christine Archambault	Nadia Lawland
St. Patrick	Douglas Bentley	Michael Barron
St. Thomas	Sharad Bhargava	
Sunshine Academy		
Terry Fox	Lillian Jasinski	Karyne Dion
Verdun		Heidi Van Regan
Westpark	Alaina Gross	
Westwood Jr		Tanja Minisini
Westwood Sr	Tanja Minisini	
Wilder Penfield	Onnig Kouyoumdjian	
SNAC	Lisa Mancini	John Ranger

**Other distinguished attendees:**

**Thomas Rymes**  
**Barbara Schnider (secretary)**  
**Judy Kelley**  
**Susana Lazaro**

**Unknown Attendees**  
**Steve Orenbach**