

**PARENTS' COMMITTEE AGA MEETING (PART 2)**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019**  
**7:00 P.M., BOARDROOM**  
**1925 BROOKDALE AVENUE**



**AGENDA**

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1. Call to Order & Resumption of AGA
2. Word from the Chair
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Introduction of the 2nd Year Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee
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 (1 Rep)
  - 6.2. Facilities and Security (1 Rep)
  - 6.3. Intercultural Advisory (3 Reps)
  - 6.4. Programs and Services (1 Rep)
  - 6.5. Safe & Caring Schools (1 Rep)
  - 6.6. Transportation Advisory (1 Rep)
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. Consultation: Major School Change (Brief due November 15)
  - 8.3. Bill 40
  - 8.4. Consultation: Policy for the Rental of Facilities (Brief due December 1)
  - 8.5. Environmental Subcommittee
  - 8.6. Marketing
9. Varia
10. Breakout to Standing Subcommittees for Officer Elections
  - 10.1. Elections
    - a. Chair
    - b. Vice Chair
    - c. Secretary/Communications Officer
11. Adjournment

**NOTES**

**Next meeting: November 7, 2019**

**Parents` Committee Meeting  
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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 7:15 pm. Quorum was established with 31 out of 46 LBPSB schools and SNAC being represented. S. Ross then proceeded to recite the acknowledgement of Mohawk land.
2. Word from the Chair  
S. Ross welcomed all attendees and thanked them for dedicating their time to be at the AGA. He noted that the agenda was sent out by email with hard copies also being made available. He explained that this is the election portion of the AGA.
3. Approval of the Agenda  
S. Ross then called for a motion to approve the agenda. It was noted that the date on the agenda should read Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 and not Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. S. Bhargava proposed a motion to amend the agenda to include item 8.5 Environmental Subcommittee. J. Valenti proposed a motion to amend the agenda to include item 8.6 Marketing.  
It was moved by A. Gross that with the proposed amendments, the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by A. Winn and was carried unanimously. The Chair noted that a Meeting Summary Report (MSR) will be provided by the PC on the Tuesday following the PC meetings and it will be sent in both pdf and Word format to allow Reps to use it as they wish. The MSR will also be sent to the GBs Chair's group through BASECAMP.
4. Introduction of the 2nd Year Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee  
The Chair introduced A. Berryman (Parent Commissioner-Special Needs), S. Bhargava (Parent Commissioner-High School), J. Doan (Parent Commissioner-Elementary), and L. Podgurny (Parent Commissioner-At Large) as well as T. Rhymes, Assistant Director General of the LBPSB and Commissioner D. Olivenstein. He thanked them all for attending.
5. Election of Internal Advisory
  - 5.1. Chair - S. Ross invited N. Drysdale, outgoing PC Vice-Chair to preside over the election of the Chair. She spoke briefly about the role of the Chair. N. Drysdale invited Reps to put forth their nominations for the position of Chair. S. Ross was nominated by N. Drysdale. He accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, S. Ross was acclaimed as Chair of the PC for 2019-2020.
  - 5.2. Vice-Chair - S. Ross invited N. Drysdale to preside over the election of the Vice-Chair. She spoke briefly about the role of Vice-Chair. She invited Reps to put forth their nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. J. Doan nominated C. Bazos for the position of Vice-Chair. There being no further nominations, C. Bazos was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the PC for 2019-2020.
  - 5.3. Secretary - S. Ross defined the role of Secretary:
    - Assists the Chair and the Vice Chair
    - Helps with correspondence
    - Provides support to the Internal Advisory
    - Creates discussion forums ie. BASECAMPHe invited Reps to put forth their nominations for the position of Secretary. J. Ranger nominated L. Dalterio, however it was noted that she may not be able to hold this position because she is an Alt. A. Gross nominated C. Eaton who declined the nomination. J. Doan nominated himself. Concern was expressed that a CRPC holding this position could be construed as a conflict. In order to clarify, at this time, the Chair consulted with several members of the PC to verify the Internal Rules. It was determined that under Section 2 of the Internal Rules - "Advisors of the PC" that "the advisors of the PC will be elected by and from amongst the PC's membership". At this time, the Chair closed the nominations for the position of Secretary. He invited both J. Doan and L. Dalterio to speak about their involvement in the PC. The Chair then called for a motion for N. Drysdale and B. Brown to be designated as scrutineers in order to count the ballots. It was moved by A. Gross that N. Drysdale and B. Brown be designated as scrutineers. The motion was seconded by J. Valenti. The majority was in favor, none were opposed, and one abstention was noted. The motion was carried.

S. Ross then clarified that each school was entitled to one vote and SNAC was also entitled to one vote. At this point, the scrutineers removed themselves to count the ballots and the Chair explained which members could be involved in LBPSB Council Committees. Comments were made regarding the restrictive nature of not allowing Alts on Council Committees. A ballot vote was undertaken. The votes were tabulated and L. Dalterio was declared Secretary of the PC for 2019-2020.

5.4. Treasurer - S. Ross briefly described the role of Treasurer. Some of the duties include:

- Manages the finances of the PC
- Assists the Advisory in setting the policy regarding finances
- Assists in distribution of reimbursements (ie. babysitting, transportation, etc...)

S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations for the position of Treasurer. S. Bhargava nominated A. Gross for the position of Treasurer. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, A. Gross was acclaimed as Treasurer of the PC for 2019-2020.

5.5. Communications Officer - Some of the duties include:

- Helping the Chair and Vice- Chair
- Working to ensure that the External Communications from the PC are maintained
- Managing Social Media
- Editor in-Chief-for the Parent2Parent Newsletter
- Insures that items are posted on BASECAMP

S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations for the position of Communications Officer. C Bazos put forth a motion to nominate J. Doan. J. Doan respectfully declined the nomination. J. Doan then nominated C. Eaton. C. Eaton accepted the nomination. S. Ross then called for further nominations. L. Dalterio then nominated J. Valenti. J. Valenti respectfully declined the nomination. There being no further nominations, C. Eaton was acclaimed as Communications Officer of the PC for 2019-2020.

5.6. Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee - Some of the duties include:

- Assists the Chair with regards to being a liaison between Council and the Advisory
- Assists the Chair in relaying sensitive info to the PC
- Provides the PC report to Council

S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations for the position of CRPC. L. Podgurny nominated himself. S. Bhargava nominated himself. S. Ross then called for further nominations. There being none, he declared the nominations closed. S. Ross then invited L. Podgurny and S. Bhargava to speak to why they would like to fill this position. S. Bhargava gave a brief summary of his involvement. L. Podgurny then announced he would like to withdraw his nomination. Therefore, S. Bhargava was acclaimed as Commissioner Representing Parents' Committee for 2019-2020.

6. Election of LBPSB Committee Representatives

6.1. Communications (1 Rep)

S. Ross noted that the Communications Officer also serves as the Rep to the Communications Committee therefore, C. Eaton is declared as PC Rep to the Communications Committee for 2019-2020.

6.2. Facilities and Security (1 Rep)

S. Ross emphasized that this committee of Council studies the facilities & security needs of the School Board (ie. maintenance plans, capital projects, etc...) He highlighted the fact that the meetings generally take place at 5:30 in the evening and often rotate between different buildings within the LBPSB. It was noted that parents have a voice on this committee and not a vote, but nonetheless the parent perspective is brought to all Council Committees and the Council table. B. Brown mentioned that she has sat on this committee in the past, has gained an interesting perspective and has learned a great deal about facilities. L. Podgurny mentioned that he is on this committee. S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations. 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 Facilities & Security Committee for 2019-2020.

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. He noted that the mandate of the committee will be under review, but inclusion and accommodation are at the heart of what the committee is involved in. IAC typically receives an allocation in order to help run various activities. Meetings are generally held on a Monday at 5:30 pm. S. Ross invited Reps to put forth their nominations. A. Winn nominated L. Dalterio. She accepted the nomination. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. S. Warren nominated herself. A. Gross nominated M. Sternszus. She accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, L. Dalterio, S. Warren and M. Sternszus were all acclaimed as PC Reps to the Intercultural Advisory Committee for 2019-2020.

6.4. Programs and Services (1 Rep)

S. Ross invited T. Rhymes to speak to this item on the agenda. He emphasized that this is the committee that all policies relating to programs or services goes through. S. Ross invited C. Bazos to speak briefly about her experience on the committee. She commented that she learned a lot about the different programs in the Board. She noted that although this is a non-voting position, parental input is sought.

It was 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. S. Ross then called upon Reps to put forth their nominations.

J. Ranger nominated himself. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. D. Yoselevitz 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. The votes were tabulated and D. Yoselevitz was declared PC Rep on the Programs & Services Committee for 2019-2020.

6.5. Safe & Caring Schools (1 Rep)

It was reported that this is a committee that was created last year to review the Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Plan and to make recommendations on students well-being and safety. Last year the committee met four times with meetings being held on Thursdays. S. Ross then called upon Reps to put forth their nominations. L. Mancini nominated herself. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. S. Warren nominated J. Ranger. S. Ross then invited the nominees to present themselves. L. Mancini spoke briefly about her background. J. Ranger then announced that he would like to withdraw his nomination. Therefore, L. Mancini was acclaimed as PC Rep to the Safe and Caring Schools Committee.

6.6. Transportation Advisory (1 Rep)

S. Ross noted that this is the only Council Committee mandated by the Education Act. S. Ross invited G. Piggins to speak to this role. He indicated that the meetings are held every second month, on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. The committee looks at the transportation network, can recommend modifications to bussing plans and accommodation bussing. S. Ross then called upon Reps to put forth their nominations. M. D'Lima nominated herself. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. There being no further nominations, M. D'Lima was acclaimed as PC Rep to the Transportation Advisory Committee for 2019-2020.

7. Election of External Representation

7.1. EPCA Delegate (2-year term)

S. Ross noted that B. Brown is an outgoing Director on EPCA and D. Odubayo is in the second year of his two year mandate. He invited D. Odubayo to speak to this role. D. Odubayo noted that he has been a Rep on the PC for seven years. He mentioned that the EPCA offices are located in Montreal and that he is EPCA's Communications Director. D. Odubayo indicated that EPCA meets once a month on a Saturday all day, from approximately 8:30 am-3:00 pm. He emphasized that LBPSB has played a large role in the organization over the years. S. Ross then invited B. Brown to speak. She highlighted the fact that EPCA Directors bring forth information from the parents and encouraged PC Parent Reps/Alts to voice their opinions.

S. Ross then called upon Reps to put forth their nominations for EPCA Delegate. B. Cindric nominated herself. S. Ross then called for any further nominations. A. Winn nominated J. Valenti who accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, a ballot vote was undertaken. The votes were then tabulated and J. Valenti was declared as EPCA Delegate for a 2-year term.

7.2. Pearson Educational Foundation (PEF)

S. Ross invited D. Bentley (Rep from St. Patrick's) to read a message on behalf of D. Rainey, President of PEF. It was noted that PEF in recent years has headed in a new direction. It was mentioned that the parental perspective is of utmost importance on the committee. PEF is looking for a parent with knowledge of pedagogical practices and fundraising. The person taking on this role will help plan fundraising budgets. S. Ross opened the floor to nominations. 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 PEF for 2019-2020. S. Ross then called for a motion to destroy the ballots. It was moved by T. Minisini that the ballots be destroyed. The motion was seconded by C. Eaton and was carried unanimously.

8. Call for Ad hoc Subcommittee Participation

8.1. Internal Rules Review

S. Ross explained that the subcommittee level is where the real work is done. Recommendations from the subcommittees are then presented to the PC. Help from engaged parents is always needed. The Chair noted that he would give a brief intro for each subcommittee and then ask the PC if they wish to strike that subcommittee for 2019-2020. Reps/Alts were asked to sign themselves up to the subcommittees of interest to them at the end of this meeting.

S. Ross underscored the fact that there are always ways to improve the Internal Rules.

It was moved by S. Ross that the Subcommittee be tasked with putting forth a full set of Internal Rules in advance of the December 2019 PC meeting. The motion was seconded by L. Podgurny. The majority was in favor, none were opposed, and one abstention was noted. The motion was carried.

8.2. Consultation: Major School Change (Brief due November 15)

S. Ross suggested that rather than presenting an MSC Brief from the PC, perhaps a subcommittee could be struck in order to put together a newsletter informing parents about MSC. It was suggested that the subcommittee look at parental perspective with respect to priorities and eventual outcomes. (ie. Maintaining communities/buildings).

S. Ross emphasized that the subcommittee would have one month to come up with recommendations to present to the PC by the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting. It was noted that one school put together a brief based on parental feedback from their school community.

It was moved by L. Podgurny to form an MSC subcommittee. The motion was seconded by S. Campeau. The majority was in favor, none were opposed, and one abstention was noted. The motion was carried.

*At this point in the meeting, the Chair called for a motion to extend the meeting for an additional 30 minutes in order to cover the remainder of the agenda.* It was seconded by G. Piggins to extend the meeting for an additional 30 minutes. The motion was seconded by J. Ranger and was carried unanimously.

8.3. Bill 40

S. Ross invited D. Odubayo to speak to this item on the agenda. D. Odubayo highlighted the fact that legislation for Bill 40- (Proposed reorganization and governance of School Boards) was recently introduced and that parliamentary hearings will be held in January. He encouraged the PC to submit a brief and that talking points should match those of other school boards. He emphasized that EPCA is currently working on its own brief. He reminded the PC that EPCA Directors are available to the PC Reps. It was moved by S. Ross to form a Bill 40 subcommittee who will then bring back recommendations to the PC. The motion was seconded by L. Podgurny and was carried unanimously.

The following were comments made by Senior Administration as well as Parent Commissioners:

- How will Bill 40 affect Council/PC/GBs
- Impact that the structure will have on education of students
- New powers for the Ministry of Education
- Need a summary of the parts of Bill 40 that will affect GBs
- Importance of making sure voices are heard with respect to rights

It was emphasized that the PC should inform all LBPSB parents about how this Bill will impact students, GBs and decision making in Quebec.

8.4. Consultation: Policy for the Rental of Facilities (Brief due December 1)

S. Ross explained that the Policy for the Rental of Facilities Consultation has been launched. The largest change is that the GBs will have less input with respect to the Rental of Facilities in schools/centers and the school board will ultimately have the final say. It was noted that under the draft rental policy, the public would have access to several areas of a school, whereas in the past, GBs have determined whether or not certain areas would be accessible. The idea is to enhance access to the community.

S. Ross called for a motion to create a subcommittee to review the Policy for the Rental of Facilities.

It was moved by G. Piggins that a subcommittee be created in order to review the Policy for the Rental of Facilities. The motion was seconded by J. Ranger and was carried unanimously.

8.5. Environmental Subcommittee

S. Ross invited S. Bhargava to speak to this item on the agenda. S. Bhargava noted that this subcommittee was struck last year in order to recommend various green initiatives that could potentially be implemented throughout the School Board. He emphasized the importance of parental involvement in this area. S. Ross called for a motion to create an Environmental Subcommittee. It was moved by S. Bhargava that an Environmental Subcommittee be struck. The motion was seconded by L. Podgurny and was carried unanimously.

8.6. Marketing

S. Ross invited J. Valenti to speak to this item on the agenda. J. Valenti mentioned that in order to promote his child's elementary school and help increase enrolment, visits to daycares in his area were arranged.

*As a result, the Open House was very well attended, and enrolment in kindergarten increased.*

J. Valenti suggested that a marketing subcommittee be formed in order to make recommendations on various ways to increase enrolment in our schools.

S. Ross then called for a motion to form a marketing subcommittee. It was moved by J. Valenti to strike a Marketing Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by G. Piggins and was carried unanimously.

9. Varia

S. Ross encouraged Reps/Alts to consult the PEF Newsletter for information on PEF's two upcoming fundraisers:

- Alouettes game
- Beatles Tribute

10. Breakout to Standing Subcommittees for Officer Elections

S. Ross announced that Reps/Alts would be holding breakout sessions by regions in order to elect the officers for each of the standing subcommittees.

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

10.1. Elections

- Region 1:
  - a. Chair – C. Bazos - Christmas Park Rep
  - b. Vice-Chair – D. Bentley - St. Patrick Rep
  - c. Secretary – L. Mancini - SNAC Rep
- Region 2:
  - a. Chair – G. Piggins - PCHS Rep
  - b. Vice-Chair – L. Podgurny - Wilder Penfield Rep
  - c. Secretary – A. Chunara - Wilder Penfield Alt
- Region 3:
  - a. Co-Chair – S. Campeau - St. John Fisher Sr. Rep
  - b. Co-Chair – M. D'Lima - Lindsay Place Rep
  - c. Secretary – C. Eaton - Lasalle Sr. Rep

It was established that the Joint Standing Subcommittees (Region 1, 2 and 3) will meet at the Board on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7pm.

11. Adjournment

S. Ross then called for adjournment of the meeting. It was moved by C. Eaton to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm. The motion was seconded by L Podgurny.

**NOTES**

**Next meeting: November 7, 2019**

Respectfully submitted by

Barbara Schnider

<b>Attendance Report</b>		
<b>Member School</b>	<b>Parent Rep Present</b>	<b>Alternate Rep Present</b>
Allion	Shiana Warren	
Beacon Hill		
Beaconsfield	Ovidiu Burlec	
Beechwood	Diandra Yoselevitz	
Beurling Academy	Jay Taube	
Birchwood	Derek Kenny	
Children's World		
Christmas Park	Cassandra Bazos	
Clearpoint		
Dorset	Betty Cindik	
Dorval		
Edgewater		
*Evergreen		
Forest Hill Jr	Tanja Minisini	
Forest Hill Sr	Tanja Minisini	
John Rennie	Shane Ross	Mike Wilson
Kingsdale	Ben Pattison	Gregg Piggins
Lakeside Academy	Helene Charbonneau	Jennifer Miller
Lasalle Community Comprehensive		
Lasalle Jr	Shonda Giddens	Robert Thomas
Lasalle Sr	Christopher Eaton	
Lindsay Place	Melanie D'Lima	
MacDonald	Todd Nelson	
*Maple Grove		
Margaret Manson		Mark Michel
Mount Pleasant		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Julie Faucher	
Pierrefonds Community	Gregg Piggins	Markus Hamaker
Riverview	Ariana Winn	Linda Dalterio
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	Joseph Valenti	Kimberley Gell
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.		
*Soulange		
Springdale		
St. Anthony	Shane Ross	
St. Charles	Jason Doan	Steve Orenbach
St. Edmund	Shauna Spear	
St. John Fisher Jr		
St. John Fisher Sr	Sarah Campeau	
St. Patrick	Doug Bentley	
St. Thomas	Sharad Bhargava	
*Sunshine Academy		
Terry Fox		
Verdun	John Ranger	Alicia Mancini
Westpark	Alaina Gross	Michelle Sternszus
Westwood Jr	Tanja Minisini	
*Westwood Sr		
Wilder Penfield	Len Podgurny	Alizahra Chunara
SNAC	Lisa Mancini	

**Other distinguished attendees:**

Thomas Rhymes (Administration)  
 Natasha Drysdale (Outgoing Vice-Chair, PC)  
 Bobbi Brown (Outgoing EPCA Director)

Angela Berryman (Commissioner Representing PC)  
 Danny Olivenstein (Commissioner)

**31/46 Member Schools + SNAC Represented**

\*Representative and/or Alternate remain unconfirmed