

**PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 2025
6:30PM on ZOOM**



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10. Varia
11. Adjournment
 - Presentation by Alloprof 7:15-9pm

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1. Call to Order with Land Acknowledgement
D. Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:36pm. All participants were asked to name themselves, their school, and whether they were a Rep or Alt. Quorum was established with 28 out of 46 LBPSB schools and SNAC being represented. He then invited C. Michaud to recite the acknowledgement of Mohawk land.
2. Word from the Chair
D. Bentley welcomed all attendees and thanked them for joining the meeting. He acknowledged the presence of the Chair of LBPSB, J. Kelley as well as Regional Director, K. O'Reilly (Secondary), representing V. Marin in her absence. D. Bentley highlighted the fact that in the spring of 2022, along with K. Korakakis, he met with the Minister of Education, Bernard Drainville and his attaché. They spoke about important issues including the concern regarding a deficit in core learning that was evident after the pandemic. No policy had been implemented to address this. It was emphasized that teachers, students and their parents all need help.
3. Approval of the Agenda
D. Bentley called for any proposed changes to the agenda. There were none. He then called for a motion to approve the agenda. It was moved by C. Michaud that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by F. Chaput. None were opposed, and no abstentions were noted. The motion was unanimously resolved.
4. Approval of the Minutes (December 2024)
D. Bentley emphasized that Roberts Rules clarify that even if someone was not present at the meeting, they may vote on the minutes if they have read them. He then invited Reps/Alts to propose any changes they may have to the minutes. There were none. He then called for approval of the minutes of December 2024. It was moved by C. Michaud that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by E. Olsthoorn. None were opposed, no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried.
5. Correspondence
D. Bentley noted that no correspondence had been received.
6. Business Arising
 - 6.1. Website Subcommittee
D. Bentley invited M. Kashetsky as Chair of the Communications Committee to provide an update. It was reported that the old platform had been modernized as much as possible and that steady progress was being made. A comment was made expressing the fact that it would be helpful if a list of the Advisory members was posted on the PC website. D. Bentley noted that it was there but perhaps it could be made more obvious
 - 6.2. Internal Rules Subcommittee
D. Bentley reported that the subcommittee is in the process of going through the Internal Rules. Recommendations will be brought to the PC in March or April. Sections that are highlighted are the ones that will be changed.
7. Questions from the Public
D. Bentley noted that he had not received any questions from the public in advance of this meeting. He invited members of the public to pose their questions. He reminded everyone that each member of the public would be allotted three minutes to present their question. The following items were highlighted:
A comment was made about the agenda, MSR and minutes not being posted.
Q. Do any members of the PC or EPCA have any information regarding potential budget cuts from the government?
A. No, the PC has not received any information regarding the budget cuts. The topic will be addressed during the Admin report.
8. New Business
D. Bentley reported that the LBPSB Budget is out for consultation. The document will be shared on BAND. Stakeholders including the PC and GBs are invited to submit their recommendations. The deadline to submit a response is the end of March.

9. Reports

9.1. Administration

D. Bentley invited K. O'Reilly to speak to V. Marin's Administration report in her absence. The report was included in the kit. The following items were highlighted:

- Elementary Open Houses to take place beginning January 13 with more information to be found on the LBPSB website
- Registration period for new students runs from January 13- February 12
- Re-registration period will begin on January 20 on the Mozaik Parental Portal
- Grade 7 Enrichment acceptance letters went out this week
- High School parents were sent an email regarding the new directives from the Ministry with respect to back-crediting and subject promotion. A virtual information session is planned for January 27.

D. Bentley invited parents to ask questions. There were none.

9.2. School Board Committees

It was noted that due to the fact that the committee reports are confidential until they are submitted, some of the information could not be shared at this time. M. Kashetsky asked all Reps to committees to please submit reports on the Monday before the PC meeting. Reports will be added to the meeting kit as they are received.

Transportation Advisory Committee- No report was available

Communications Committee- No report was available

Facilities and Security- No report was available

Intercultural Advisory- No report was available

Programs and Services: A webinar for parents of High School students regarding back-crediting will be taking place on January 27.

Safe and Caring Schools- No report was available

Green Committee- No report was available

SNAC- No report was available

D. Bentley invited J. Kelley to speak to provide a School Board update. The following items were highlighted:

- In December, the School Board received notice from the government that significant budget cuts would have to be implemented
- Instructions were given to all School Boards/Service Centres that the cuts cannot affect students
- School Boards/Services Centres were not specifically told where the cuts should be made
- The DG of the LBPSB is meeting with all departments to discuss where budget cuts can be made

D. Bentley invited Reps/Alts to ask questions. An inquiry was made as to whether the SEED Programs (Daycare) would be affected. J. Kelley noted that to her knowledge, no cuts to SEED would be made. An inquiry was made as to whether there would be any cuts to field trips. J. Kelley mentioned that she did not think that field trips would be affected.

9.3. External Committees

P.E.F

D. Bentley invited G. Piggins to provide a brief report. The following items were highlighted:

- A meeting was held the day before the PC meeting
- Information to go out to schools for project applications
- Lots of great initiatives have been planned
- Some changes at the PEF Board level will take place in the near future

EPCA

D. Bentley provided a report from EPCA. The following items were highlighted:

- Several upcoming workshops including: Parent Governance, Effects of Concussions, Digital Literacy, The Anxious Generation, AI, etc...
- EPCA will be asking the PCs which workshops they would like to see
- A post will be created on BAND in order for Reps/Alts to contribute their suggestions regarding potential workshop topics
- Members of the PC were encouraged to sign up to receive EPCA Newsletters and to join the EPCA Facebook group in order to stay well informed regarding upcoming events and important information
- Alloprof writes a monthly column for EPCA
- Several years ago, Alloprof was only available in French but EPCA lobbied very hard to get it translated into English

10. Varia

D. Bentley invited Reps/Alts to present items under Varia. There were none.

11. Adjournment

D. Bentley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. It was moved by M. Kashetsky to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Michaud. None were opposed, and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried. He indicated that the presentation from Alloprof would begin after a ten minute break.

Respectfully submitted by
Barbara Schnider
Recording Secretary

Attendance Report

Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion		
Beacon Hill		
Beaconsfield		
Beechwood	Robert Sutherland	
Beurling Academy	Ahysha Frederick Durant	
Birchwood	Derek Kenny	
Children's World		
Christmas Park		
Clearpoint	Aba Simpson	
Dorset		
Dorval		Madeleine Steinmetz-Wood
Edgewater	Wendy Pearson	
Evergreen		
Forest Hill Jr	Amy Spinelli	
Forest Hill Sr	Erik Olsthoorn	
Horizon		
John Rennie	Francis Chaput	Sara Hossaini
Kingsdale	Adam Feldstein	
Lakeside Academy	Cathenna Michaud	
Lasalle Community Comprehensive		
Lasalle Jr	Zahra Ibrahim	
Lasalle Sr		
Macdonald High	Tracey-Ann Curtis	Adriana Lanza
Maple Grove	Aaron Totton	Joanne McGee
Margaret Manson		
Mount Pleasant		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Stacie Bouchard	
Pierrefonds Community	Greg Piggins	
Riverview		
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	Demetrios Hadjis	
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.		
Soulanges		
Springdale		
St. Anthony	Zach Meltzer	
St. Charles	Ross MacLean	
St. Edmund	Tessa MacLean	
St. John Fisher Jr	Tom Fullerton	
St. John Fisher Sr	Kellie George-Bernard	Erica Follon
St. Patrick	Doug Bentley	
St. Thomas	Kenny Mandel	
Sunshine Academy		
Terry Fox		
Verdun		
Westpark	Mark Kashetsky	Kenny Mandel
Westwood Jr	Derek Kenny	
Westwood Sr		
Wilder Penfield	Peter Giser	
SNAC	John Ranger	Sara Hossaini