**Parents’ Committee Meeting**

**Thursday,** **June 2, 2022**

**7:00 p.m., Online (Zoom)**

**AGENDA**

Please login to assist us in starting on time.

1. Call to Order
2. Word from the Chair
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes
5. Questions from the Public
6. Business Arising
   1. Covid-19 & General Update from Administration
   2. Bill 96 Update
   3. Consultation: Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables (2022-2025 (June 17)
   4. End of Year Dinner
7. New Business
   1. PC External Representatives - Point of Information
   2. Parent Structures – Sub-Committee & Meeting Dates
   3. Summer PC Schedule
   4. Daycare Parents Committee
8. Reports
   1. Council of Commissioners
   2. SNAC
   3. EPCA
9. Adjournment

**PARENTS` COMMITTEE Meeting**

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**7:00 P.M., Online (Zoom)**

1. Call to Order

O. Kouyoumdjian, PC Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Quorum was established with **???** members out of 48 LBPSB schools and SNAC being represented. O. Kouyoumdjian then asked S. Campeau to recite the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

1. Word from the Chair

O. Kouyoumdjian welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation. He noted that S. Ross, PC Chair was unable to attend the meeting and that he would be chairing in his absence.

1. Approval of the Agenda

O. Kouyoumdjian mentioned that the agenda had been included in the meeting kit. He invited members to review the agenda and asked if there were any proposed changes. There were none. He then called for a motion to approve the agenda. It was moved by B. Tremellen to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by N. Lawand. O. Kouyoumdjian then asked if there were any opposed or any abstentions to the agenda. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The agenda was unanimously approved.

1. Approval of the Minutes

O. Kouyoumdjian indicated that the minutes were included in the meeting kit and he invited participants to review them. He then asked if there were any proposed changes to the minutes. There were none. He then called for approval of the minutes of April 14, 2022. It was moved by L. Lobaton to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by D. Pierera. O. Kouyoumdjian asked if there were any opposed or any abstentions to the minutes. None were opposed, and no abstentions were noted. The minutes were unanimously approved.

1. Question from the public

O. Kouyoumdjian invited members of the public to pose their questions. Initially, there were none, however some participants who joined the meeting later were given the opportunity to ask questions just before the meeting adjourned. (See item #8.3, after EPCA)

1. Business Arising
   1. Covid-19 & General Update from Administration

O. Kouyoumdjian invited T. Rhymes, Assistant Director General of the LBPSB to speak to this item on the agenda. The following was highlighted:

* We are coming to the end of a very difficult year. All members of the school community are tired.
* The understanding and flexibility of parents has been much appreciated
* The School Board is getting back into holding more regular events such as track and field days, grads, end of year celebrations, etc…
* Many comments from parents thanking T. Rhymes for his updates and collaboration throughout the year
  1. Bill 96 Update

O. Kouyoumdjian mentioned that D. Bentley had sent his regrets. It was noted that D. Bentley is the Chair of the EPCA Communications Committee which is where the idea for the rally against Bill 96 got started.

O. Kouyoumdjian invited members of the PC to speak to this item on the agenda. Comments included the following:

* Even though Bill 96 has passed there are a lot of groups that will challenge it
* We should not give up
* We should take the opportunity to have our voices heard
  1. Consultation: Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables (2022-2025 (June 17)

O. Kouyoumdjian mentioned that at the last meeting the PC discussed a potential response to the Three-Year Plan. The following comments were made:

* There were no discussions posted on BASECAMP
* There was a comment from Administration to get a clarification after the last meeting
* O. Kouyoumdjian asked T. Rhymes how space in a school is calculated
* T. Rhymes explained that it has to do with square footage
* It was noted that this question often comes up at GBs regarding certain rooms such as staff rooms, resource rooms, etc…
* T. Rhymes explained that sometimes a room is presumed to be used outside of instructional space, (for example a library), but it can actually be used as an instructional space
* It was noted that the formula for calculating space has not changed
* O. Kouyoumdjian stated that he will let the School Board know that the PC received the consultation but has no official response
* GBs were encouraged to weigh in on this important consultation
  1. End of Year Dinner

It was noted that the RSVPs have closed and that the dinner will take place the week following this meeting. Those that are unable to attend the dinner were thanked for all of their efforts this year.

1. New Business
   1. PC External Representatives - Point of Information

O. Kouyoumdjian mentioned that one of the External Reps is no longer part of the PC therefore can no longer be an EPCA Rep. He noted that the PC will look into how to proceed.

* 1. Parent Structures - Sub-Committee & Meeting Dates

O. Kouyoumdjian highlighted the following:

* He explained that as per the Education Act, the committee representing parents at the LBPSB can be structured in one of two ways
* The first is a global PC as is the case with the current structure
* The second method would follow the structure of the old CPC (Central Parents’ Committee)
* More information on the former structure can be found on BASECAMP by following the thread within the BASECAMP history
* Comments regarding the pros and cons of the CPC vs the PC can be found on BASECAMP
* Essentially it allowed this body to elect reps from different regions to form a smaller committee
* There will be call for those wanting to join the Subcommittee posted on BASECAMP
* A comment was made as to whether or not people are anxious to go back to the old CPC structure
* It was noted that at this point no one has expressed interest in going back to the CPC structure
* A member of the PC made an inquiry as to why the structure was changed from the CPC to the PC
* It was explained that parents expressed an interest in being more present and having more people involved
* A lot of dialog took place regarding the pros and cons of both structures
* It was mentioned that at the PC level more global discussions take place, whereas at the regional level, more local issues are discussed
  1. Summer PC Schedule

O. Kouyoumdjian explained that all Parent Reps/Alts hold their current position into the beginning of the new school year. He informed members that if the PC is made aware of a pressing issue (ie. Bill 96 discussion, etc…) the PC might have to hold a meeting over the summer or hold some discussions on BASECAMP.

* 1. Daycare Parents Committee

O. Kouyoumdjian added this item to the agenda because a Parent Rep had expressed interest in this topic. He asked if anyone is involved in their schools’ Daycare Parent Committee and if so to please reach out to T. Chahinian, Rep from Beechwood.

1. Reports
   1. Council of Commissioners

O. Kouyoumdjian invited LBPSB Chairperson J. Kelley to speak to this item on the agenda. The following was highlighted:

* Administrative staffing for the 2022-2023 academic year was announced at the May Council meeting. The list can be found on the LBPSB website.
* The Transportation Plan was passed
* Parents are encouraged to consult the new plan
* Council passed a resolution to approve negotiations for buses. It was noted that it is challenging to keep bus drivers.
* J. Kelly reported that she attended the St. Thomas convocation held at John Abbott College and commented that it was nice to see the graduates and everyone in person
* It was noted that the report was in the kit and Reps/Alts were encouraged to share it with their GBs
  1. SNAC

O. Kouyoumdjian invited L. Mancini to speak to this item on the agenda. The following was highlighted:

* L. Mancini commented that the report was in the kit
* The last meeting of the year took place on May 18th
* The AGA will be held in the fall and SNAC will send out communications to parents in September
* Rep/Alts were invited to consult the new SNAC website and were asked to encourage their schools to put the new SNAC logo on their websites
  1. EPCA

O. Kouyoumdjian noted that D. Bentley was not able to attend the meeting and pointed out that the EPCA report was in the kit. The following additional items were discussed:

* O. Kouyoumdjian reported that the TAC report was include in the meeting kit
* Upcoming PEF Comedy Night at BHS (18+)- June 18th (see link on PEF Facebook page)
* An inquiry was made as to whether or not the Advisory has received any information about the Anti-Racism motion
* O. Kouyoumdjian stated that the Advisory did not receive any information about the motion

O. Kouyoumdjian then agreed to reopen the question period.

The following are highlights of questions/comments from the public:

* Q. Will the PC stop listing members of the public in the minutes?
* A. We are still listing them. The PC had put people under “distinguished guests”.
* Q. Do you know if the Chair had a chance to read the email that was sent to him? Do you know if it was forwarded to the Advisory and or the PC?
* A. If it is relative to the purview of the PC and the agenda, then the question will get forwarded.
* Comment was made that soon the judgment on the Bill 40 case will be rendered and nothing will change with regards to education of students
* A comment was made by a PC member who learned that they were no longer a SNAC Alt to the PC
* O. Kouyoumdjian said decisions made by SNAC are out of the purview of the PC
* O. Kouyoumdjian expressed appreciation to Administration and Council for their collaboration this year. Thanks were also expressed to the Advisory for all of their hard work this year.
* It was suggested that the PC look for ways to get more parents involved. It was noted that virtual meetings help to increase parental participation. O. Kouyoumdjian encouraged Reps/Alts to be active in their schools.
* He reported that the PC decided to hold the last meeting on a separate date from the end of year dinner

1. Adjournment

O. Kouyoumdjian adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Barbara Schnider

Recording Secretary

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| **Attendance Report** | | |
| **Member School** | **Parent Rep Present** | **Alternate Rep Present** |
| Allion |  |  |
| Beacon Hill |  |  |
| Beaconsfield |  |  |
| Beechwood |  |  |
| Beurling Academy |  |  |
| Birchwood |  |  |
| Children’s World |  |  |
| Christmas Park |  |  |
| Clearpoint |  |  |
| Dorset |  |  |
| Dorval |  |  |
| Edgewater |  |  |
| Evergreen |  |  |
| Forest Hill Jr |  |  |
| Forest Hill Sr |  |  |
| John Rennie |  |  |
| Kingsdale |  |  |
| Lakeside Academy |  |  |
| Lasalle Community Comprehensive |  |  |
| Lasalle Jr |  |  |
| Lasalle Sr |  |  |
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| Macdonald |  |  |
| Maple Grove |  |  |
| Margaret Manson |  |  |
| Mount Pleasant |  |  |
| Pierre Elliott Trudeau |  |  |
| Pierrefonds Comprehensive |  |  |
| Riverdale |  |  |
| Riverview |  |  |
| Sherbrooke Academy Jr. |  |  |
| Sherbrooke Academy Sr. |  |  |
| Soulange |  |  |
| Springdale |  |  |
| St. Anthony |  |  |
| St. Charles |  |  |
| St. Edmund |  |  |
| St. John Fisher Jr |  |  |
| St. John Fisher Sr |  |  |
| St. Patrick |  |  |
| St. Thomas |  |  |
| Sunshine Academy |  |  |
| Terry Fox |  |  |
| Verdun |  |  |
| Westpark |  |  |
| Westwood Jr |  |  |
| Westwood Sr |  |  |
| Wilder Penfield |  |  |
| SNAC |  |  |