

**PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2023  
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1. Call to Order with Land Acknowledgement  
C. Downer called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Quorum was established with 30 members out of 48 LBPSB schools and SNAC being represented. All were welcomed. Reps/Alts were reminded to include the name of their schools upon sign in. Thanks were expressed to Administrators and Regional Directors for their participation. The Chair remarked that she would go through the meeting quickly in order to allow time for the regional meetings. C. Downer noted that the minutes of February will be approved next month. It was emphasized that the PC will need to vote on items 6.3, 6.4. and 6.5. Reps to External Committees were asked to give brief one minute highlights of their reports.
2. Word from the Chair  
C. Downer expressed the hope that everyone had a healthy and restful spring break. She acknowledged the tremendous amount of time and dedication put in by all. She emphasized that the suggestions for Consultation responses posted on BASECAMP were appreciated. C. Downer then invited D. Bentley to recite the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
3. Approval of the Agenda  
The agenda was sent out in advance and was posted during the meeting. With the removal of the approval of the February minutes, C. Downer called for a motion to approve the agenda. It was moved by A. Feldstain. The motion was seconded by O. Burlec. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously. The agenda was approved.
4. Approval of the Minutes (Jan 12)  
C. Downer called for approval of the minutes of January 12. It was noted by Z. Ibrahim that under Region 3 Co-Chairs it should read N. Lawand and S. Campeau. The correction was noted. Z. Ibrahim also pointed out that she was listed as being absent on the attendance page at both the December and January meetings. C. Downer then called for a motion to approve the minutes. It was moved by S. Campeau. The motion was seconded by D. Bentley. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously. The minutes were approved.
5. Correspondence  
C. Downer reported that Rep/Alts received the Budget Consultation and the Youth Calendar. As well, the PC received a letter asking for Endorsement for a letter from English Montreal School Board PC, which will be covered under item 6.5 on the agenda.
6. Business Arising
  - 6.1. Communication Reminders  
C. Downer invited D. Bentley to speak to this item on the agenda. D. Bentley highlighted the following:
    - Reps/Alts were directed to look at the GB Consultation and the Budget Consultation and were reminded that each schools GB will also be looking at the Budget Consultation
    - A request was made to Reps/Alts to "Like" the PC Facebook page and to share important info that is posted on BASECAMP with regards to activities pertaining to Bill 96
    - Reps/Alts were also encouraged to engage in discussions on BASECAMP especially between meetings
  - 6.2. Administration Update Véronique Marin, ADG  
C. Downer invited V. Marin to speak to the Administration Update. The following was highlighted:
    - V. Marin apologized that she was unable to attend the January and February meetings due to previous commitments
    - Having completed the student registration period, Admin is looking at staffing for the 2023-2024 school year
    - Planning for next year is taking place regarding services to be offered
    - Recent Admin changes include:
      - o Nathalie Knott will be assuming the Vice-Principal role at St. Patrick on an interim basis
      - o Nancy Potvin moved from St. Patrick to PETES
      - o France Poirier moved to LaSalle Jr.
      - o Lucy Glaze, a retired Principal will be helping out at Westpark
    - Admin is beginning to work on the Budget for next year

- At this time of year, School Boards and Service Centres are invited to Quebec City to receive information to begin understanding what the budgets might look like for next year
- PEF Fun Run will take place Sunday, May 7, 2023
- Thanks were expressed to all regional Directors

6.3. Budget Consultation -\*\*vote\*\*

C. Downer invited B. Tremellen to speak to this item on the Agenda. She noted that all information, including the proposed wording in the PC response to the Budget Consultation had been posted on BASECAMP. Pertaining to Question 2 in the Budget Consultation –“Do you have any suggestions”, it was noted that objectives are: to encourage Principals, Center Directors and Teaching Professionals to include EDDI based activities on a regular basis. As well, to focus on Green Initiatives and Environmental issues within our schools. It was suggested that these initiatives be given priority when selecting extra-curricular activities such as field trips, and special speakers. Under “Other Comments” it was suggested that funds be made available to provide training and/or information sessions on EDDI for the PC specifically related to the various consultations that the PC will be asked to comment on. C. Downer then called for a motion to approve the PC response to the Budget Consultation. It was moved by K. de Forest. The motion was seconded by D. Bentley. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.4. Academic Youth Calendar -\*\*vote\*\*

C. Downer remarked that the different Academic Youth Calendar options were posted on BASECAMP and were shared along with additional information. She noted that Option 1 is the main recommendation and the one that will be submitted by the PC.

C. Downer then called for a motion to approve the PC response to the Academic Youth Calendar. It was moved by S. Campeau. The motion was seconded by B. Tremellen. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.5. Letter of Endorsement from English Montreal School Board \*\*vote\*\*

C. Downer invited D. Bentley to speak to this item on the agenda. D. Bentley highlighted the following:

- The EMSB PC passed a resolution endorsing an open letter to the Ministry of Education
- EPCA requested that all PC Chairs of English School Boards bring it to their PCs in order to endorse/approve/ show support
- The document can be modified if necessary

D. Bentley asked that the LBPSB PC endorse the letter from the EMSB PC as a response to Bill 96. It was moved by S. Campeau. The motion was seconded by O. Burlec. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously.

7. Questions from the Public

C. Downer invited members of the public to pose their questions.

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

- It was pointed out that Kids Help Phone is a valuable resource and a request was made (prior to this meeting) to the PCHS GB to include info about the Kids Help Phone on their website
- The same request was made of the PC
- The Chair remarked that additional resources are important and that the Advisory would be consulted on this request
- It was noted that correspondence will be shared with the Advisory
- Additional funding was received from the Government which allowed for increased visibility of this organization
- Two years ago Alloprof established a service for tutoring and at that point there was not much English content. Since that time there has been a marked improvement.

8. Council & External Reports

8.1. Council of Commissioners – Judith Kelley, Chair of the Council of Commissioners.

C. Downer invited J. Kelley to speak to this item on the agenda. The following was highlighted:

- Admin. and Council will meet on Saturday, March 25, 2023 for a workshop
- The School Board is consulting on its upcoming Strategic Plan with Mat Canavan. It will be an opportunity to share ideas.
- At the present time Council has two Ad hoc Subcommittees: New EDDI Policy and revision of the Safe and Caring Schools Policy
- Elections Quebec is asking the School Board to look at Electoral Wards. LBPSB is given 10 wards automatically but in the past, our SB asked for 2 extra wards.
- This will be discussed at Governance and Ethics
- Elections are slated to take place in the Fall of 2024 during which time a Council Chair, as well as Commissioners will be elected

- 8.2. SNAC – Sara  
C. Downer invited S. Hossaini to speak to this item on the agenda. She remarked that a meeting had not taken place recently therefore there was no report.
- 8.3. TAC  
C. Downer invited T. Curtis to speak to this item on the agenda. She noted that a meeting had not taken place recently therefore there was no report. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in April.
- 8.4. Programs and service  
No report was available.
- 8.5. EPCA  
C. Downer invited D. Bentley to speak to this item on the agenda. D. Bentley highlighted the following:
- Bill 96 and the Education Ministry were discussed
  - EPCA will be co-hosting (along with various partners) a series of workshops for parents including the following:
    - Grade 6 Transition to High School
    - A Parents Role in Their Childs' Friendship
    - Social Media and Internet Safety
    - Risky Business-Protecting Your Kids
    - Body Image and Self Esteem
    - Consent and Boundaries
  - Workshop dates will be posted on BASECAMP
- 8.6. PEF  
C. Downer invited G. Piggins to speak to this item on the agenda. G. Piggins highlighted the following:
- PEF is the middle of a switch over
  - PEF is working through its Strategic Plan
  - Fun Run to take place on May 7, 2023
  - Other small fundraising events to come
- 8.7. Safe & Caring  
C. Downer invited D. Bentley to speak to this item on the agenda. D. Bentley highlighted the following:
- D. Bentley reported that he attended the last Safe & Caring Schools Subcommittee meeting and will be the Parent Alt on that subcommittee. S. Campeau is the Rep.
  - The Subcommittee will review the entire Safe & Caring Policy paragraph by paragraph
  - It takes into consideration the ABAV Plan
  - Feedback from Rep/Alts was requested
  - The next meeting will take place on March 22
9. Meeting with Chairs/Assistant of the Regional Subcommittee  
C. Downer advised that Reps/Alts will be divided up into Breakout Rooms based on their schools' respective region to get an update from their Regional Directors and share info. She noted that after the breakout sessions the chair of each Regional Subcommittee will be asked to give a brief synopsis.  
*At 7:40 C. Downer announced the opening of the Breakout Rooms.*
- 9.1. Feedback  
At 8:27 pm, C. Downer announced the closing of the Breakout Rooms.  
She thanked all Regional Directors for their time and hoped that everyone had a chance to ask their questions. Reps/Alts were switched back to the main PC meeting where feedback from the Regional Subcommittee breakout sessions were shared as follows:
- Region 1 (Chair-D. Bentley / Vice-Chair/Communications- K. de Forest)
- It was reported that everyone got to meet K. O'Reilly
  - There was great participation with 14 people in attendance
  - Issues pertinent to Region 1 and the School Board were discussed
  - These matters will be brought back to other Regional Directors and ESD and SSD
  - Importance was placed on how to best support the staff and how to educate the students with regards to the issues highlighted
- Region 2 (Chair- T. Chahinian / Vice-Chair- L. Kao / Communications- L. Mancini)
- C. Galley- Director Region 2 participated in the subcommittee meeting
  - Several common questions about daycare activities came up
  - Are there extra- curricular Daycare activities planned?
  - Are there PED Day Daycare activities planned?
  - It seems that not all schools have the same Daycare activities
  - Discussions ensued regarding the fact that any activities planned need to be accessible to all students

- Questions were asked revolving around security at drop-off and pickup and what can be done about this
- It was noted that GBs can strike a subcommittee to deal with this issue
- Interesting advancements regarding EDDI were reported from some schools
- Inquiry was made as to whether there are any Special Needs Programs available across the School Board

Region 3 (Co-Chairs- N. Lawand and S. Campeau)

- It was reported that everyone got to meet D. Dixon
- Inquiries were made regarding IEPs and making space in our schools for students who need OT/Speech Therapy, etc...
- Some schools are busting at the seams and concerns were expressed at the lack of space

C. Downer thanked everyone who came prepared with questions and comments demonstrating the level of engagement of Rep/Alts. She stated that the PC hopes to be able to hold another Regional Subcommittee meeting this year.

The following is a summary of discussions that took place:

- It seems that the St. Thomas website does not reflect the fact that their Region has changed
- Discussions at a schools' Governing Board meeting regarding language laws and eligibility certificates took place
- It was clarified that those who are living in Quebec temporarily are eligible to attend English school for a limit of two years
- Currently there is no possibility of getting their certificate renewed
- It was noted that there is a three year limit to an English eligibility certificate but it takes six weeks to get the paperwork. If the certificate is submitted before June 1, then the old rules apply.
- In light of the tragic incident regarding a bus driving into a daycare, an inquiry was made with respect to any safety and security measures that the LBPSB might consider implementing
- Council Chair J. Kelley reported that this issue was brought forth to the DG and to Facility and Security and that given current budgetary constraints, there are no plans to take action to block access to schools
- The PC will not be holding a meeting in April as there are many holidays being celebrated during the month
- Any important issues that arise prior to the May meeting will be posted on BASECAMP

10. Adjournment

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation. It was moved by C. Downer to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm.

Reminder that there will be no April meeting.

Respectfully submitted by

Barbara Schnider

Recording Secretary

Attendance Report		
Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion	Annette Banton	
Beacon Hill		Katherine Malard
Beaconsfield	Ovidiu Burlec	Ian Chuprun
Beechwood	Talar Chahinian	
Beurling Academy	Charline Downer	
Birchwood	Derek Kenny	
Children's World		
Christmas Park		
Dorset		
Dorval		
Edgewater	Tracey-Ann Curtis	
Evergreen		
Forest Hill Jr	Antonia Shegalov	
Forest Hill Sr		
John Rennie		Colleen Boyarchuk
Kingsdale	Adam Feldstein	
Lakeside Academy	Sarah Campeau	
Lasalle Community Comprehensive		Julia Gregory
Lasalle Jr	Zahra Ibrahim	
Lasalle Sr		
Macdonald	Kristoffer de Forest	

Maple Grove	Oumy Dia	David Marcogliese
Margaret Manson		
Mount Pleasant	Natasha Menard	
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Stacie Bouchard	
Pierrefonds Comprehensive	Brenda Trellemen	
Riverview		
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	Kristen Anderson	
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.	Natalie Mountain	
Soulangue		
Springdale		
St. Anthony	Shane Ross	
St. Charles	Steve Orenbach	
St. Edmund		
St. John Fisher Jr	Nadia Lawand	
St. John Fisher Sr		Nadia Lawand
St. Patrick	Doug Bentley	Michael Barron
St. Thomas		Loretta Kao
Sunshine Academy	Carla Valerio	
Terry Fox		
Verdun		
Westpark		Tiffany Uman
Westwood Jr		
Westwood Sr	Peter Roy	
Wilder Penfield	Raffi Alexanian	Eric Thibault
SNAC	Sara Hossaini	