

**PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022
7:00 P.M., ONLINE (ZOOM)**



AGENDA

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1. Call to Order

S. Ross called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Quorum was established with 31 members out of 47 LBPSB schools and SNAC being represented. S. Ross invited O. Kouyoumdjian to recite the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. Approval of the Agenda

S. Ross pointed out that the agenda had been included in the meeting kit. He asked if there were any proposed changes to the agenda. There were none. It was moved by L. Mancini to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by F. Henry. S. Ross asked if there were any opposed or any abstentions. None were opposed, and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

S. Ross 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. A member of the PC asked if it was necessary to list members of the public on the attendance list at each meeting. S. Ross agreed to table the discussion and to subsequently consult the Advisory on this matter. He then called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2022. It was moved by K. de Forest to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by L. Mancini. S. Ross 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.

4. Questions from the public

S. Ross invited members of the public to pose their questions.

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

- Member of the public stated that he sent out correspondence to the PC Chair, the Advisory, Commissioners as well as politicians regarding the fact that an Ethics Commissioner can be appointed by a School Board itself
- A member of the public requested that the second email he sent out be forwarded to members of the PC. S. Ross agreed to review the email with the Advisory and make a decision as to whether or not the email will be forwarded. The Chair explained that the content must be within the purview of the PC and he agreed to advise on the final decision.

5. Business Arising

5.1. Covid-19 & General Update from Administration

S. Ross invited T. Rhymes to speak to this item on the agenda. (Report in the kit)

The following was highlighted:

- As of the time of this meeting, a public announcement was made on the mask mandate, however the School Board had not yet received any official word regarding the lifting of the mask mandate
- The School Board will continue to supply masks as long as they are supplied by the government. Students are invited to wear them if they wish.
- As of the day before this meeting, there were under 160 Covid related cases within the Board. It seems as if the April wave is over.
- It is anticipated that these numbers will probably hold until the end of the school year as speculated by Public Health. It is expected that the numbers will increase in September with the start of the new school year
- Based on EDDI recommendation, questions related to race and ethnicity went out to Secondary 5 students during the week of this meeting. The School Board will continue to monitor it. If it goes well, it will be rolled out to all Secondary students next year.

T. Rhymes apologized for the inclusion of the St. Thomas and LPHS section of the report which was from last May. S. Ross then invited members of the PC to ask questions. Included were the following:

Q. What is the policy regarding masking in classrooms?

A. The same as before. Once an official word is received from the government, the school community will be notified. The messaging will be something along the lines of the following: These are the directives from the government. If a student chooses to wear a mask they will not be discouraged from doing so. This update is based on a decrease of the number of Covid cases very recently.

Q. Is there a chance that the LBPSB can keep the masking policy?

A. As of now, the majority of students have been continuing to wear masks. Students have been living with them for almost two years. The School Board will not go against the government but will not stand in the way of a student wanting to wear a mask.

Q. Are we supporting any student who wants to wear a mask?

A. That is the message that we will send to teachers. There will probably be an adjustment period.

Q. Are schools still going to be handing out masks past May 14, 2022?

A. It is difficult to answer as we do not know if the government will continue to ship masks to the School Board, but it is probably likely that they will.

The government has been sending the School Board Rapid tests which have then been sent to the schools. Once the School Board hears from the government that they will no longer be shipping masks, parents will be notified.

5.2. Budget Consultation Feedback and Response

S. Ross explained that technically the PC was not able to put together a response to the Budget Consultation. The Chair and the Advisory had discussed it and the Chair stated that it is an important consultation and should be discussed with the PC. S. Ross emphasized that he was in touch with the LBPSB Secretary General Geneviève Dugré and that even though the PC did not submit a response by the deadline, the PC would be allowed to submit their ideas. S. Ross invited members of the PC to share their thoughts. The following are highlights of the discussion:

- Environmental Awareness/Climate Change, Green Initiatives, Electric buses should be included
- Prioritize gaps in learning
- Continue to decentralize the budgets to allow school Principals to use funds as they see fit
- Major focus should be on Mental Health especially in light of the impact of the past two years which will have long term effects on a whole generation
- School Board directed initiatives for activities such as: lunch clubs, after school clubs, coding clubs, robotics and LEGO clubs, STEM activities should be encouraged for those who are interested
- Focus on the latest technology with special attention to ensure that every student has access to it
- Increased training for staff members to ensure that they have the tools to support students through this transition
- Funds to allow for more psychologists to be in the schools
- Resumption of field trips (including additional funding) to help with Mental Health

It was mentioned by Administration that over the past two years, the School Board has formed a close bond with the CIUSSs and Public Health. Discussions with these partners have been ongoing and they are well aware of the long term effects of the pandemic. S. Ross noted that he will speak to the Advisory on how to consolidate the information and send it to the PC and then to the School Board. He invited Reps/Alts to post their comments on BASECAMP.

6. New Business

6.1. End of the Year Dinner

S. Ross mentioned that the Advisory has had some discussions and would like to get back to in person meetings as of September. As well, the Advisory would like to propose holding an in person end of the year dinner in June to acknowledge everyone's efforts. S. Ross initiated a poll to gauge interest in holding an end of year dinner. It was suggested that if a decision is made to hold a dinner that perhaps a private room could be reserved. Another comment included the idea of holding it at the School Board in a safe way. Another suggestion was made to perhaps hold it outdoors. It was emphasized that should the PC meet in person, it will be set up in such a way so that those who cannot attend can participate virtually. It was noted that PC Reps/Alts can be reimbursed for travel and babysitting expenses as per the PC Internal Rules. The Poll question was the following: "Would you be open to having an in person meeting/dinner?" Reps/Alts were both invited to vote. The results of the vote were as follows: 19- Yes, 10- No. S. Ross stated that the PC will communicate the final plans to PC members.

6.2. Consultation: Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2022-2025 (June 17th)

S. Ross explained that the Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables concerns how the School Board manages its buildings. He mentioned that in the past this discussion has taken place on BASECAMP. He noted that the PC has not always sent in a response. He stated that he will post the consultation on BASECAMP. S. Ross proposed to strike a sub-committee to review it. It was moved by S. Ross to create a sub-committee in order to review the Consultation: Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2022-2025 and to post it on BASECAMP. The motion was seconded by L. Lobaton. S. Ross asked if there were any opposed or any abstentions. None were opposed, and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously. A member of the PC inquired as to how the spaces in schools are calculated. Administration agreed to get a clarification.

6.3. Parent Structures

S. Ross explained that in a typical year, time would have been devoted to having discussions about how the PC is structured. He made reference to the fact that about six years ago, this committee was called the CPC

(Central Parents' Committee) and was comprised of up to twenty members. S. Ross noted that he would post a few meeting dates in order to review Parent Structures. He emphasized that the first meeting would most likely take place in June with subsequent meetings to take place during the summer.

7. Reports

7.1. Council of Commissioners

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

- Administrative staffing to come to Council in late May
- Budget will probably come to a vote at the June meeting

7.2. SNAC

S. Ross invited L. Mancini to speak to this item on the agenda. (Report in kit) The following was highlighted:

- New SNAC logo was launched. Thanks to K. de Forest for inspiring it.
- Thanks was expressed to the schools for putting the new SNAC logo and SNAC link on their website

7.3. EPCA

S. Ross invited D. Bentley to speak to this item on the agenda. (Report in kit) The following was highlighted:

- Rally against Bill 96 to take place on Saturday, May 14, 2022 @ 10:30 am, starting at Dawson College ending at the Premier's office (approx. 25 minute walk). All are encouraged to attend.
- Keynote speakers will be present at Dawson as well as in front of the Premier's office. Representatives from the Education sector as well as representatives from several other groups are expected to be in attendance.
- Training session on May 28th in collaboration with the FCPQ. Some free tickets will be made available. Topic: What influence a parent can have with their kids especially during Covid times. More details to be posted on BASECAMP
- Request for PC to bring back the Anti-racism motion discussed last year

Comments from members of the PC included the following:

- Impact of the amendment of Bill 96 regarding additional French courses to be taken in CEGEP as well as the capping of students, thus inhibiting any future growth in the English CEGEP system
- Concerns from Indigenous communities were noted as well
- Teachers will be adversely affected by this bill (especially at the CEGEP level)

8. Adjournment

S. Ross took the opportunity to thank everyone for their participation. He noted that everyone will be advised with regards to the plans for the June meeting. He adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Barbara Schnider
Recording Secretary

Attendance Report		
Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion	Annette Banton	
Beacon Hill	Ian Chuprun	
Beaconsfield	Ovidiu Burlec	
Beechwood		
Beurling Academy	Julius Taube	
Birchwood		
Children's World		Mark Calla
*Christmas Park	Lisa Mancini	
Clearpoint		
Dorset		
Dorval	Patricia Ottoni	
Edgewater	Jeremy Zafran	
*Evergreen		
Forest Hill Jr	Richard Allen	
Forest Hill Sr	Tanja Minisini	
Horizon		
John Rennie	Shane Ross	
Kingsdale	Adam Feldstein	
Lakeside Academy	Sarah Campeau	
Lasalle Community Comprehensive	Janette Ho	
Lasalle Jr	Nicole Clayton	
Lasalle Sr	Franca Henry	
Macdonald	Kris de Forest	Michael Dugdale
Maple Grove		
Margaret Manson		
*Mount Pleasant		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau		
Pierrefonds Community		Brenda Trellemen
Riverview		
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	David Barbiero	
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.		
*Soulange		
Springdale		
St. Anthony	Shane Ross	
St. Charles	Steve Orenbach	
St. Edmund		
St. John Fisher Jr	Naomi Proctor	
St. John Fisher Sr		Nadia Lawland
St. Patrick	Doug Bentley	Michael Barron
St. Thomas		Tifanie Valade
Sunshine Academy	Leah Lobaton	
Terry Fox		Karyne Dion
Verdun		
Westpark	Alaina Charszan	
Westwood Jr	Tanja Minisini	
*Westwood Sr	Tanja Minisini	
Wilder Penfield	Onnig Kouyoumdjian	
SNAC	Lisa Mancini	
CRPC Designated by SNAC		N/A

Other attendees:

Thomas Rhymes (Administration)
 Judy Kelley (Council of Commissioners)
 Barbara Schneider
 Angela Berryman
 Chris Eustace (public)

31/47 Member Schools + SNAC Represented