

**PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022
6:30 P.M., ONLINE (ZOOM)**



AGENDA

Please login to assist us in starting on time.

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1. Call to Order with Land Acknowledgement
C. Downer called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Quorum was established with 25 members out of 46 LBPSB schools and SNAC being represented. C. Downer then invited D. Bentley to recite the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
2. Word from the Chair
C. Downer welcomed members of Council, Administration, and all other participants including Reps/Alts. She thanked everyone for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend this meeting. It was noted that parents want to have a voice and emphasized that everyone would receive answers to their questions as soon as possible keeping in mind that parents are volunteering their time.
3. Approval of the Agenda
C. Downer invited Reps/Alts to review the agenda and asked if there were any additions. She noted that a topic would be addressed after the report from Administration. She mentioned that sub-committee meeting dates would be discussed. There being no additions, she called for approval of the agenda. It was moved by A. Feldstain to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by D. Bentley. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. Approval of the Minutes (AGA Parts 1 & 2)
C. Downer directed Reps/Alts to the minutes from both Part 1 and Part 2 of the AGA which were included in the meeting kit. She then called for approval of the AGA minutes Part 1 and Part 2. It was moved by K. de Forest that the minutes of the AGA Part 1 and Part 2 be approved. The motion was seconded by S. Ross. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. Correspondence
It was noted that the QFHSA Fall Conference had been scheduled to take place on November 12, 2022 but that the event had been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
6. Business Arising
 - 6.1 Communication Reminders
C. Downer invited D. Bentley to speak to this item on the agenda.
D. Bentley reported the following:
 - The PC will be striking up Regional subcommittees and will define priorities
 - The PC meeting dates for the rest of the school year are as follows: December 8, January 12, February 9, March 16, April 13, May 11, June (TBD). Dates will be posted on BASCAMP.A. Charszan then requested that the April PC meeting date be changed so as not to conflict with the end of Passover.
C. Downer asked if there were any further questions regarding Communication reminders. There were none.
 - 6.2 Administration Update
C. Downer invited T. Rhymes to speak to the Administration report. T Rhymes highlighted the following:
 - A parent workshop facilitated by Dr. Michael Unger, world renowned resilience expert will take place on January 19, 2023 from 7:00- 8:30 pm. The topic: "How to Make Kids More Resilient by not Over-protecting Them". Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Registration is required. Please consult the following link for more details.
<https://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023-01-19-Ungar.pdf>
Teachers and Administrators will also have the opportunity to hear Dr. Ungar speak at a separate presentation.
 - As outlined in the Administration report, Alloprof is a non-profit organization offering an academic support platform for students, parents and teachers, initially available only in French Mother tongue. During the pandemic however, English and French Second Language content was added. Alloprof is in the process of increasing its English content and is interested in making a presentation to parents. They are available to make a presentation on December 8 if the PC wishes.
 - It was emphasized that the day before this meeting, the School Board had received a communication from the government regarding the lifting of Covid protocols. Administration is sifting through the directives and will be sending out information to parents. It seems that the government is moving toward a common sense approach as opposed to obligatory measures.

- T. Rhymes announced that as of January 6, 2023, he will be retiring after spending 34 years in the field of Education. PC members wished T. Rhymes the best of luck in his future endeavors and remarked that the PC has been very fortunate to have such a great liaison with Administration and that there will be big shoes to fill.
7. Questions from the Public
- C. Downer invited members of the public to pose their questions. They were as follows:
- Q. A member of the public sent out information to the Advisory and was inquiring as to whether the information was forwarded to members of the PC.
- A. The Chair acknowledged receipt of the information, mentioned that some of it had been reviewed and that a brief discussion with the Advisory had taken place, however it had not been sent to Reps/Alts.
- Q. A member of the public asked if the PC website will be updated.
- A. The Chair responded that it will be updated shortly. It was pointed out that the Advisory is in a transition period and will do their best to try to get the agendas out in as timely a manner as possible as well as to update information.
8. New Business
- 8.1. Call for Ad hoc Subcommittees
- 8.1.1. Internal Rules & Procedures
- C. Downer invited Vice-Chair S. Ross to speak to this item on the agenda. He pointed out that it is the responsibility of the Vice-Chair to ensure that the Internal Rules are followed. He emphasized that as per the Internal Rules, Internal Rules & Procedures must be reviewed on an annual basis. E-voting as well as other procedures are all covered in the Internal Rules. A meeting will need to be held in order to review them. S. Ross indicated that a post will go up on BASECAMP inviting Reps/Alts to sign up to join the subcommittee.
- 8.2. CONSULTATION: School/Center Name and External Property Name Policy (Nov 15)
- C. Downer reported that this consultation has been brought to the PC for review and has been posted on BASECAMP and sent out to Reps/Alts by email. It was sent out in advance in order to give people time to review it. The Chair indicated that it seemed to be fairly straight forward. Reps/Alts were invited to ask questions. She noted that perhaps the PC could indicate that they agree with the recommendations outlined in the policy. Highlights of the discussions are as follows:
- Some GBs discussed concerns about how to define an external space
 - The topic of re-naming libraries was another point mentioned (why does the Board not have the authority to allow or not allow the re-naming of a library)
 - It was mentioned that there was a concern if there happened to be a lot of little areas in a school that were named after different people
 - There seemed to be no indication in the Policy as to when it is time to change the name of a school
 - The Chair agreed to try to obtain further clarification on several points
 - T. Rhymes noted that there have been local decisions to re-name inside spaces and lately the School Board has been approached about dedicating outdoor spaces
 - J. Kelley encouraged the PC to mention their concerns in a potential Consultation response
 - S. Ross suggested that the discussion be moved to BASECAMP in order to get further perspectives
- At this point, C. Downer indicated that the vote would be tabled at the moment but would be posted on BASECAMP where a vote would take place.
- 8.3. Priorities for the 2022-23 School Year
- C. Downer indicated that she is currently becoming familiar with her new role and in collaboration with the Advisory is looking at what the PC may want to focus on this year. One member of the Advisory made a suggestion to look back and see if there were a few previous priorities that had not yet been covered. The Chair invited Reps/Alts to email any potential priority items they may have to her.
9. Council & External Reports
- 9.1. Council of Commissioners
- C. Downer invited J. Kelley to speak to this item on the agenda. J. Kelley noted that Council will be welcoming the new CRPC's at the next meeting on November 28, 2022. She invited Reps/Alts to join the next Council meeting. She pointed out that the latest edition of the Pearson News has been posted on the School Board's website. She thanked T. Rhymes for his many years of dedication to the field of education, the School Board and his collaboration with the PC. C. Downer reminded everyone that Council meetings are webcast.
- 9.2. SNAC
- C. Downer invited S. Hassaini to speak to this item on the agenda. She mentioned that there was no formal report but that a Webinar was held on October 26, 2022 outlining how to prepare for an IEP. More information can be found on the SNAC website.

10. Varia

C. Downer pointed out that there were some items to discuss. The first one being Alloprof. The Chair would like to extend an invitation to Alloprof to present at the next meeting. T. Rhymes reiterated that Alloprof is a great resource and that if PC members are made more aware of it, they can spread the word to GBs and parents. He noted that the presentation would likely be between 30-45 minutes. A. Charszan mentioned that her many years of involvement in the PC has allowed her to communicate with other parents to inform them about what is happening at the School Board level and that she would welcome a presentation by Alloprof. S. Ross added that the PC is the platform where parents hear about resources that are available. It was mentioned that LEARN has boosted their hiring process due to increased need of support for students. C. Downer indicated that she is on board with the presentation. T. Rhymes pointed out that another shipment of Rapid tests would be going out to students. C. Downer mentioned that the PC requires a member to join the Green Committee. She indicated that a Rep will be chosen at the next PC meeting on December 8, 2022. The Green Committee will be meeting in February. S. Ross noted that he has posted the link to the GB training seminar in the chat section.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

12. GB Training Link provided by Genevieve

Respectfully submitted by
Barbara Schnider
Recording Secretary

Attendance Report

Attendance		
Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion	Annette Banton	
Beacon Hill	Katherine Malard	
Beechwood	Talar Chahinian	
Beurling Academy	Charline Downer	
Birchwood	Derek Kenny**	
Children's World		
Christmas Park		
Clearpoint		
Dorset		
Dorval		
Edgewater		
Evergreen		
Forest Hill Jr		
Forest Hill Sr	Tanya Minisini	
John Rennie	Sara Hassanien**	
Kingsdale		
Lakeside Academy		Cathenna Boyarchuk
Lasalle Community Comprehensive	Amrit Grewal	
Lasalle Jr	Zahra Ibrahim	
Lasalle Sr	Marc Sebag	
Macdonald	Kris de Forest	Jacqueline Barbieri
Maple Grove		
Margaret Manson		
Mount Pleasant	Natasha Menard	
Pierre Elliott Trudeau		
Pierrefonds Comprehensive	Brenda Trelleman	Chris Pearson
Riverview	Marcos Arteaga	Ariana Winn
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	David Barbiero	
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.	Natalie Mountain	
Soulange		
Springdale		
St. Anthony	Shane Ross	
St. Charles		
St. Edmund		
St. John Fisher Jr	Nadia Lawland **	
St. John Fisher Sr		
St. Patrick	Doug Bentley **	
St. Thomas	Tifanie Valade	Loretta Kao
Sunshine Academy	Carla Valerio	
Terry Fox	Karyne Dion	
Verdun		
Westpark	Alaina Charzan	Tiffany Uman
Westwood Jr	Tanya Minisini	
Westwood Sr		Tanya Minisini
Wilder Penfield	Raffi Alexnanian	
SNAC	Sara Hossaini	

Other distinguished attendees:

**Thoma Rhymes
Judy Kelley**

Members of the Public:

**Chris Eustace
Diandra Yoselevitz
Susan Mintzberg**

Note Taker:

Barbara Schneider