

**PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021**  
**7:00 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  
S. Ross called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Quorum was established with 37 members out of 46 LBPSB schools and SNAC being represented. S. Ross then proceeded to recite the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
2. Word from the Chair  
S. Ross welcomed members of Council, Administration, and all other participants including Reps/Alts. He thanked everyone for volunteering their time to help enhance the educational experience of students of the LBPSB. He noted that the meeting kit had been sent out earlier in the week.
3. Approval of the Agenda  
S. Ross asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There being none, he called for approval of the agenda. It was moved by K. de Forest to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by A. Feldstain. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. Approval of the Minutes (AGA Parts 1 & 2)  
S. Ross directed Reps/Alts to the minutes from both Part 1 and Part 2 of the AGA which were included in the meeting kit. He specifically requested that participants consult the attendance lists attached to both sets of minutes in order to ensure that everyone's name, school and position were accurately reflected. He emphasized that this list aids the PC with respect to communicating with everyone. M. Dugdale (Macdonald HS) asked that his name please be added to the attendance list. S. Ross invited attendees to change their name and add their school and position within Zoom. He then called for approval of the AGA minutes Part 1. It was moved by A. Charszan that the minutes of the AGA Part 1 be approved. The motion was seconded by F. Henry. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously. S. Ross then called for approval of the AGA minutes Part 2. It was moved by S. Campeau that the minutes of the AGA Part 2 be approved. The motion was seconded by M. Lucke. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. Correspondence  
S. Ross invited attendees to review the correspondence file included in the meeting kit and noted that they could continue to send him pertinent documents that could be added after the meeting.
6. Business Arising
  - 6.1 Communication Reminders  
S. Ross invited S. Campeau to speak to this item on the agenda. S. Campeau reported that the first Communications Committee meeting will be taking place on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 8:00 pm. Details have been posted. S. Ross reported that Reps/Alts should have received an invitation to join BASECAMP and if they have not, they should contact him. He explained that BASECAMP is used as a discussion platform as well for e-votes when necessary. He also invited Reps/Alts to contact him if they are having issues with their GAFE account.
  - 6.2 Administration Update  
S. Ross invited T. Rhymes to speak to the administration report. T. Rhymes highlighted the following:
    - As of November 2<sup>nd</sup> there were 13 active Covid cases in the system but as of the date of this meeting all cases have been resolved. Today marking the first time since September with no active cases.
    - Covid Vaccinations for 5 to 11 year olds have not yet been approved by Health Canada however plans are being made within the 3 CIUSSs to organize the vaccine rollout in order to hit the ground running
    - Target is to administer the first dose to 50% of the 5 to 11 age group of the student population before Christmas Break with a target of 80% by March Break
    - The School Board will be disseminating pertinent information to the school community regarding the vaccine rolloutS. Ross then invited Reps/Alts to ask T. Rhymes questions. T. Rhymes clarified that the School Board would not be sending out a specific message regarding the lifting of masking wearing protocols in high school classrooms only as of November 15. He emphasized that high school students may continue to wear masks in the classroom if they wish. T. Rhymes mentioned that masks will continue to be provided for common areas as well as for buses. He reported that Rapid testing protocols are still in place for those students who show symptoms. He noted that with regards to vaccinations (once approved by Health Canada), the CIUSSs in collaboration with the LBPSB could return to a school to vaccinate some students after the initial rollout in the event that a parent changes their mind. This would help ensure that targets can be reached.

### 6.3 Bill 40 Update

S. Ross reported that the PC has received an update with respect to Bill 40. It was reported that the courts are in the process of deliberating on this case. He noted that J. Kelley had joined the PC meeting and if necessary she could provide further information. S. Ross pointed out that Reps/Alts will be advised as soon as there are any further developments with respect to the Bill 40 case.

## 7. Questions from the Public

S. Ross outlined the following guidelines regarding the public question period:

- Each member of the public who wishes to speak would be given three minutes
- Questions posed must be in the form of a question and not a comment
- All questions raised must be on topic and respectful
- The PC Chair must be able to move forward constructively
- Participants are encouraged to engage in the meeting but must keep decorum at all times

S. Ross then proceeded to invite members of the public to ask questions. They were as follows:

Q. Can a document that was sent to the Chair be sent out to Reps/Alts? Is the list of Reps/Alts up to date?

Regarding the new Culture and Citizenship course, is the PC planning to weigh in on it?

A. The email that was sent to the PC was based on an update on Bill 40. As per the new Culture and Citizenship course, the PC will discuss this and decide how they wish to proceed. With regards to a document being added to the kit and sent out, S. Ross noted that unfortunately he is not always able to add items to the kit, especially if they were received the day of the meeting. He indicated that if the information was pertinent he would add it.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1. Bill 96 Intro & Discussion

S. Ross invited J. Kelley to speak to this item on the agenda. The following items were highlighted:

- Bill 96 was brought to the table last spring
- The overall sentiment of this bill is to tighten up how and where French is used in society
- The Anglophone community is currently looking very closely at it keeping in mind how important it is to use French
- With Bill 96, restrictions will be tightened
- Many Anglos are upset that some of our access to services will be restricted
- In this bill English speaking Quebecers are to be categorized as "Historic Anglos" if you or your children have eligibility to attend English school in Quebec. This narrows down who fits into this category and creates a class that has a lot of restrictions.
- Reference was made to a letter drafted by the QCGN (Quebec Community Groups Network) and signed by many Anglos
- Bill 96 is currently in committee in the National Assembly
- Hearings were held with many presentations taking place
- The document is 100 pages long and touches on many other laws which will have to be amended
- Some believe that French is in decline in Quebec although some statistics show that this is not the case as all children of immigrants must attend French school
- There are articles in the bill that will eliminate the opportunity of those coming to Quebec from another country to work and study here
- In this bill this derogation will not be renewable in three years
- It remains to be seen if Bill 96 will affect the School Board enrolment

J. Kelly encouraged Reps/Alts to refer to Bill 96 which was included in the meeting kit. S. Ross noted that there was a Facebook post regarding a letter sent to Premier Legault. The PC is being asked to support the letter.

S. Ross invited S. Campeau to read the letter. He stated that there had been discussion on BASECAMP and in the post S. Ross noted that the PC would be discussing this letter. He emphasized that this letter cannot really be changed. S. Ross mentioned that he would like to discuss if the PC supports the letter. J. Kelly indicated that it was mostly the QCGN which composed the letter. It was initially signed by 96 people but many more have added their signatures since.

PC Rep/Alts made the following comments:

- It was noted the perhaps the PC should send the letter in French as well as English and that it should be more direct
- The PC is an independent body and could support the letter but also write another letter
- Keep in mind there are time constraints. If the PC constructs a letter then it still has to be approved.
- Suggestion that the PC support the letter but construct another letter later on
- Member were reminded that on October 27<sup>th</sup> the QCGN letter was posted on BASECAMP and individuals are invited to sign it if they wish

It was moved by L. Dalterio for the PC to support this letter, strike a subcommittee and construct a letter from the PC. It was suggested that the motion to support the letter should be stated as its own motion. S. Ross then

asked for a friendly amendment to the motion. L. Dalterio agreed to the friendly amendment and proposed a motion for the PC to support the letter. The motion was seconded by J. Taub. S. Ross then invited Reps/Alts to ask questions. Discussion ensued and included the following highlights:

- To support the letter means that the PC signs the letter
- Comment about signing the letter of support in addition to formulating a new letter from the PC
- Suggestion to write a bilingual letter from the PC and attach the QCGN letter
- Comment that endorsing the QCGN letter shows solidarity and that a letter from the PC would only strengthen the message

S. Ross then proceeded to call for a vote. Six were opposed, five abstentions were noted, and twenty-five were in favor. The motion was passed.

## 8.2. Call for Ad hoc Subcommittees

S. Ross emphasized that Ad hoc Subcommittees are created as needed. The mandate will be to respond as Subcommittees see fit.

### 8.2.1. Bill 96

S. Ross asked Rep/Alts if they wish to create a Bill 96 Subcommittee and compose a letter. He reminded everyone the PC meets monthly so a Subcommittee may want to meet before the PC meeting in order to bring forth any documents beforehand.

It was moved by L. Dalterio to create a Bill 96 Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by C. Pacitto. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously.

S. Ross stated that a post will go up on BASECAMP inviting Rep/Alts to sign up for the Bill 96 Subcommittee.

### 8.2.2. Internal Rules & Procedures

S. Ross emphasized that as per the Internal Rules, Internal Rules & Procedures must be reviewed on an annual basis. It was moved by S. Ross that an Internal Rules Subcommittee be formed in order to review them. The motion was seconded by S. Campeau. None were opposed and no abstentions were noted. The motion was carried unanimously. S. Ross reported that a post will go up on BASECAMP inviting Reps/Alts to sign up to join the subcommittee.

### 8.2.3. Others

S. Ross invited O. Kouyoumdjian to speak to this item on the agenda. O. Kouyoumdjian noted that often when subcommittees prepare materials to present to the PC, the PC then attempts to re-write it. He emphasized that if Reps/Alts are passionate about a topic then they are encouraged to participate in that subcommittee rather than deconstructing the document later. S. Ross noted that generally the PC asks that subcommittees prepare the materials in advance with discussions taking place on BASECAMP.

## 8.3. CONSULTATION: Policy on Student Representation at the LBPSB

S. Ross invited members to review the meeting kit which included the Consultation: Policy on Student Representation at the LBPSB which discusses the involvement of students at the committee level. He noted that the GBs are working on this but that the PC could include a short letter. This policy is not new but being revised. It was pointed out that SNAC has already weighed in on this. S. Ross mentioned that in discussion with the Advisory the PC could strike a subcommittee, however the timeline is very short with responses being due by November 30<sup>th</sup>. S. Ross noted that members of the GB represent the population of their school, but at the PC table parent Reps/Alts are also representing all parents. It was emphasized that individuals may also respond to consultations. S. Ross suggested that the PC respond with a short letter to the Consultation: Policy on Student Representation at the LBPSB. It was moved by L. Dalterio to review this consultation along with the SNAC response. The motion was seconded by L. Mancini. Three were opposed, eight abstentions were noted, and eighteen were in favor. The motion was passed. L. Dalterio agreed to take the lead. With the timeline being so short it was suggested that the finalized copy be posted by November 18.

## 8.4. Priorities for the 2021-22 School Year

S. Ross indicated that he will create a post on BASECAMP in order for members to submit their priority items for this school year. He noted that at the next PC meeting there will be a discussion based on the feedback compiled on BASECAMP. He also invited Reps/Alts to contact him by the Thursday a week prior to the meeting if they have a topic they wish to submit for consideration at the next meeting.

## 9. Council & External Reports

### 9.1. Transportation Advisory Committee

S. Ross invited S. Campeau to speak to this item on the agenda. S. Campeau noted that she would not give an in-depth report at each PC meeting. She indicated that the report was in the kit and encouraged Reps/Alts to read it as transportation affects everyone. She noted that she attended the first TAC meeting of the year which was an important one. The following points were highlighted:

- Every school is affected by transportation
- Covid-19 restrictions limit the amount of riders on school buses
- Mass migration off island causes issues with transportation

- There has been an increase in traffic
- The industry is experiencing a driver shortage
- Each bus has to travel farther with less students
- If there is no STM service in a certain area school buses are essential
- Parents were reminded that they must wait at the school bus stop after school for their younger children otherwise the school bus driver must take the child back to school
- LBPSB has access to two electric school buses as part of a pilot project

*At this point in the meeting, it moved by S. Ross that the meeting be extended by 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by S. Campeau. One member was opposed, no abstentions were noted. The motion was passed.*

9.2. Council of Commissioners

S. Ross invited J. Kelley, LBPSB Chairperson to briefly speak to this item on the agenda. J. Kelley reported that Council held a meeting the week prior to the PC meeting. The webcast has been archived and can be found under the Council of Commissioners tab. It was mentioned that both the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Programs and Services Committee have recently met.

9.3. SNAC

S. Ross invited L. Mancini to speak to this item on the agenda. She indicated that the SNAC report was in the kit. She mentioned that SNAC worked on a response to the Consultation: Policy on Student Representation at the LBPSB. SNAC will be updating their website shortly.

10. Upcoming Important Dates (Joint Subcommittee & GB Training)

S. Ross advised Reps/Alts that the PC will be hosting a Governing Board Training Session on Thursday, November 18, 2021. All GB members as well as School Administrators will be invited to participate in a presentation from LBPSB Administration. The invitation containing all pertinent information will be sent out shortly.

S. Ross reported that a Joint Subcommittee meeting will be taking place on Thursday, November 25, 2021. Details to follow.

11. Varia

S. Ross invited Reps/Alts to speak to any varia they might have. He also encouraged members to join Basecamp but reminded everyone that they need to join with their personal account and not their GAFE account.

It was reported that the following Pearson Educational Foundation (PEF) events have been scheduled. Everyone is invited to participate. A portion of the proceeds from scheduled events go to PEF which in turn directly benefits the students of the LBPSB. Please refer to the PEF website and Facebook page for further details.

- Comedy Crawl- Part 2- Vaudreuil- Saturday, November 6, 2021
- CF MTL Game- Stade Saputo- Sunday, November 7, 2021
- Montreal Canadiens Games- Thursday, November 11 and Monday, November 29, 2021

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Barbara Schnider  
Recording Secretary

Attendance Report		
Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion	Annette Banton	
Beacon Hill		
Beaconsfield	Ovidiu Burlec	Adrian Leggett
Beechwood	Talar Chahinian	Diandra Yoselevitz
Beurling Academy	Julius Taube	
Birchwood	Derek Kenny	
Children's World		
*Christmas Park	Lisa Mancini	
Clearpoint	Marc Lucke	
Dorset	Jeff Labelle	
Dorval	Patricia Ottoni	
Edgewater	Jeremy Zafran	Tracy -Ann Curtis
*Evergreen	Corey Pacitto	
Forest Hill Jr		
Forest Hill Sr	Tanja Minisini	
John Rennie	Shane Ross	Erin Kotecki Vest
Kingsdale	Adam Feldstein	
Lakeside Academy	Sarah Campeau	
Lasalle Community Comprehensive	Janet Chung Man HO	
Lasalle Jr	Nicole Clayton	
LasalleSr	Franca Henry	
Macdonald	Kris de Forest	Michael Dugdale
Maple Grove		
Margaret Manson	Anthony Morello	
*Mount Pleasant		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Wendi Eeet	
Pierrefonds Comprehensive	Greg Piggins	
Riverview	Linda Dalterio	Ariana Winn
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	David Anthony Barbiero	
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.	Tania Shand	
*Soulange		
Springdale		
St. Anthony	Shane Ross	
St. Charles	Ross McLean	
St. Edmund		
St. John Fisher Jr	Naomi Proctor	
St. John Fisher Sr	Christine Archambault	Nadia Lawland
St. Patrick		Michael Barron
St. Thomas		
Sunshine Academy	Leah Lobaton	
Terry Fox	Karyne Dion	
Verdun		Heidi Van Regan
Westpark	Alaina Charzan	Erica Cuthbertson
Westwood Jr		Tanja Minisini
*Westwood Sr	Tanja Minisini	
Wilder Penfield	Onnig Kouyoumdjian	
SNAC	Lisa Mancini	
CRPC Designated by SNAC	Suzanna Lazaro	N/A

**Other distinguished attendees:**

Thomas Rhymes (Administration)  
Judy Kelley (Council of Commissioners)

Chris Eustace (public)

**37/48 Member Schools + SNAC Represented**