



## Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee

LBPSB Parents' Committee  
November 2, 2017  
7:15pm, Boardroom  
1925 Brookdale Ave, Dorval

### **MEETING SUMMARY REPORT**

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**ATTENDEES:** Representatives 29 of 48 member schools were in attendance, as well as Commissioner Nan Beaton, and Assistant Director General Thomas Rhymes from the LBPSB Administration. Commissioners and Administration were each extended independent and formal invitations to future Parents' Committee and subcommittee meetings.

*The meeting began with a brief statement regarding the unceded Aboriginal territory we were occupying.*

#### **KEY TOPICS:**

- **Communications:** introduction to GAFE accounts and Basecamp for new members.
- **Meeting dates:** PC meeting dates for the year were set (the first Thursday of every month with January being the exception: December 7<sup>th</sup>, January 11<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>).
- **Food and Nutrition Policy Consultation:** an ad hoc subcommittee was approved to formulate a response by November 24.
- **Evaluation of Student Learning Consultation:** tabled to December meeting
- **Student Success:** an ad hoc subcommittee was initiated to examine current learning programs and how effective they are at preparing our students for the job market of the future; and to make recommendations based on the subcommittee's findings to the PC and to suggest the most appropriate means to promote/pursue the realization of these recommendations.
- **Face-Covering Ban Discussion:** the School Board has only had very preliminary discussions as the government has yet to set the parameters.
- **US Travel Ban Update:** nothing has been set by the board; principals are free to make their own decisions regarding trips to the U.S. No students in the LBPSB have been turned away at the border since the implementation of the US Travel Ban.
- **QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association):** concerns were noted from the public as well as from parent representatives regarding LBPSB's membership in QESBA which costs approximately \$210,000 yearly; it was noted that QESBA is not financially transparent, has not adequately represented its members, and is in the process of hiring a consultant to clarify its mandate.



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### **UPDATES:**

- **Internal Rules Subcommittee:** a draft copy of the revised Internal Rules should be ready to be presented to the PC at the December meeting.
- **Communications Subcommittee:** no one attending the subcommittee meeting on October 27. This committee is responsible for the web site, FB page, and the Parent2Parent newsletter. The subcommittee needs more members.

### **VARIA and REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Clarified that Bobbi Brown's term as Director at EPCA is two years, not one.
- A third parent member was elected to the Intercultural Advisory Committee.
- The lack of equality between French and English students was noted by a member of the public; citing the lack of proper translation and the delay of the new History textbooks; administration noted that the LBPSB pushed the Ministry and the books will be available early in the new year.
- The "Where Is My Bus" app should be available in the very near future.
- The Ministry is asking for feedback from parents regarding school fees, so EPCA is preparing a survey for all parents in the English School Boards; please encourage all Governing Boards and parents to submit feedback.
- It was noted that parents are unfamiliar with the Board and the representation of services available to them. This was brought to the attention of the Parents' Committee by the Commissioner Representing Parents, Angela Berryman. Commissioner Berryman suggested that Parent Reps and Alternates assist with the dissemination of this information to their parent population in conjunction with highlighting this topic in the Parent2Parent newsletter and website.
- The next SNAC meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00pm at the School Board; Dr. C. Finn will make a presentation on Educating Students with Special Needs in Quebec.
- The PC Budget will be available for the December meeting.

### **REPORTS (and upcoming meeting dates):**

- Elementary West Subcommittee Report (none)
- Elementary East Subcommittee Report (none)
- High School Subcommittee Report (none)
- Parent Commissioners Report to PC (none)
- SNAC Report (none)

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** December 7, 2017

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Attendance Report		
Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion		Shiana Warren
Beacon Hill	Brett Hillgartner	Cindy Plante
Beaconsfield	Ovidiu Burlec	
Beechwood	David Zerkler	
Beurling Academy		
Birchwood	Derek Kenny	
Children's World		Susan Mintzberg
Christmas Park		
Clearpoint	Allison Saunders	
Dorset		
Dorval		
Edgewater	Kris de Forest	
Evergreen	Pamela Gareau	
Forest Hill Jr		
Forest Hill Sr		
John Rennie	Shane Ross	
Kingsdale		
Lakeside Academy	Natasha Drysdale	
Lasalle Community Comprehensive	Roland Schubert	
Lasalle Jr		
Lasalle Sr		
Lindsay Place		Robert Lafave
MacDonald	Mike Besner	Kris de Forest
Maple Grove	Marie-Helene David	
Margaret Manson	Renee Aspiotis	
Mount Pleasant	Sean Connell	
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Angela Berryman	
Pierrefonds Comprehensive		
Riverdale		
Riverview		
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	Sabrina Thind	
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.	Robert Craft	
Soulange		
Springdale		
St. Anthony	Vanessa Ventura	Shane Ross
St. Charles		Marcus Hamaker
St. Edmund	Paul Kininmonth	Robert Costain
St. John Fisher Jr		
St. John Fisher Sr		
St. Patrick	Ryan Getty	
St. Thomas	Sharad Bhargava	Bobbi Brown
Sunshine Academy		
Terry Fox	Sophie Paré	
Verdun		
Westpark	Alaina Gross	
Westwood Jr	Normand Gagnon	
Wilder Penfield	Onnig Kouyoumdjian	Len Podgurny
SNAC		

**Other distinguished attendees:**

Thomas Rhymes (Administration)  
 Nan Beaton (Council of Commissioners)

Chris Eustace (public)

**29/48 Member Schools Represented**