



Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee

LBPSB Parents' Committee
December 7, 2017
7pm, LBPSB boardroom
1925 Brookdale Ave, Dorval

MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

ATTENDEES: Representatives of 30 of 48 member schools were in attendance. Thomas Rhymes, representing the administration, was in attendance. Some members of the public and the media were also in attendance. Please see attached attendance record for further details.

UPDATES:

- **Internal Rules Review Subcommittee:** Mandate extended to January 11 meeting due to other matters taking precedence.
- **Evaluation of Student Learning Policy Consultation** (due January 19th, 2018): the pertinent documents, previously included in the meeting kit of November 2nd, have also been posted on Basecamp; feedback will be accepted and the struck subcommittee will present a response at the January 11th meeting; if any members are interested in taking part in the formulation of the response they can contact S. Ross or reply to the Basecamp thread.
- **Acknowledgement of Mohawk land:** discussion thereof; motion passed to at the beginning of each meeting recite the acknowledgement as follows:
We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk), a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations.
- **Addressing of concerns regarding the Food and Nutrition Policy Response E-Vote:** a clerical error – in which the motion was originally deemed failed due to a misinterpretation of the number of votes required to pass – was promptly corrected with the response submitted in time for the Council meeting; the board's Director General was consulted and it was confirmed that the appropriate actions had been taken.
- **Food and Nutrition Policy Consultation Response:** the response passed via e-vote was ratified (copy attached).
- **Replacement of Council Chair Consultation Response:** a special meeting was called (see MSR of November 9th) in order to submit a response by the required date; the response passed via e-vote and was ratified; a copy can be found (copy attached).



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- **Replacement of Commissioner for Electoral Division 4 Consultation Response:** a special meeting was called (see MSR of November 30th) in order to submit a response by the required date; the response passed via e-vote and was ratified; a copy can be found (copy attached).
- **Communications Protocol:** rules of engagement were reviewed with an emphasis on respectful discourse across all PC communication platforms.

NEW TOPICS:

- **Commissioner Replacement Process Post-Mortem:** a subcommittee was struck to examine the process of replacing commissioners, with recommendations (if any) to be submitted to Council as several committee members expressed concern regarding the process.
- **Bullying in the LBPSB:** discussion prompted by recent events; no board-wide practices; suggested that a list of best school practices to be created from the various independent policies within the LBPSB schools.
- **School Fees Class Action Lawsuit:** discussion on the details of the class action lawsuit and both the immediate and long-term effects; the board (as outlined in Council's Resolution number 2017-11-#08) is seeking info, from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES), clarification surrounding what 'tomorrow' looks like/ what fees will be acceptable to charge in the future; PC voted to request Council to ask administration to request each school to send a communication home with each student requesting parents to complete the survey, which is scheduled to close on January 15; more information to come.
- **Transparency within the LBPSB:** concerns voiced about the Chair and Commissioner replacement processes after the new Chairman, Mr. Noel Burke, pledged increased transparency; concern that Basecamp discussions are monitored by the board was also voiced; Committee members were assured that Basecamp is paid for by the PC and moderated solely by members of the PC's Advisory.

VARIA:

- Regarding putting the Truth and Reconciliation recommendations into action, the board cannot change the curriculum but does support and encourage its teachers in their efforts to provide the information to their students.
- EPCA was mandated by MEES to consult their members regarding school fees; they have created a survey that is available on the PC website and both PC's and EPCA's Facebook pages.



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REPORTS (and upcoming meeting dates):

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: January 11, 2018

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November 27, 2017

Geneviève Dugré
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Re: PC consultation on the LBPSB Food & Nutrition Policy

Me Dugré,

Please excuse the delay in our response. I kindly request that you accept the following as the Parents' Committee's consultation response regarding the Lester B. Pearson Food & Nutrition Policy:

▪ **Canada Food Guide**

Health Canada will be updating Canada's Food Guide in 2018. The LBPSB should ensure that the Food & Nutrition Policy will be updated to be compatible with the revised Canada Food Guide.

See <https://passport2017.ca/articles/new-food-guide-canada>

▪ **Food Labelling**

We recommend that the food sold in cafeterias be labelled to include the ingredients, where possible. This enables people with allergies to select what they can eat.

▪ **Environmental concerns**

We recommend that our Food & Nutrition Policy be environmentally friendly. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Discourage the use of single use water bottles
- Discourage the use of unnecessary food packaging, using a minimal amount of environmentally friendly packaging whenever necessary
- Encourage the use of biodegradable cutlery

- **Food related fundraising activities**

We recommend that food related fundraising activities be limited to twice a month. This limitation excludes fundraisers done by students, as in high schools there can be many student clubs fundraising for different activities. Food related fundraisers done by students should not be limited to twice per month.

- **Management of portion control**

We recommend that portions be adjusted in a manner that is appropriate for the age level or grade of the intended recipient (i.e., the portion set forth for a grade 5 student should not be the same as the portion for a student in kindergarten).

Thank you for your consideration,

Shane Ross
Chair, LBPSB Parents' Committee

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November 13, 2017

Geneviève Dugré
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Re: Consultation of the Parents' Committee - s. 199 of the School Elections Act

Me Dugré,

In response to the request received on November 7, 2017, regarding the Consultation of the Parents' Committee - s. 199 of the School Elections Act, the LBPSB Parents' Committee (PC) recommends that the Chair of the Council of Commissioners should be selected from the current Council of Commissioners in order to promote stability and reduce the training needed for an outside appointment.

In addition, the PC recommends the Chair of the Council of Commissioners should be capable of and committed to:

- fostering a good relationship with administration and council;
- demonstrating fiscal literacy and financial responsibility;
- following procedure, with a firm commitment to transparency and accountability;
- managing confrontation with decorum;
- communicating effectively, in English and French, with stakeholders and media;
- prioritizing innovation, continuous improvement, and development; and
- being an advocate for the board, its students, its staff, its success plan, its vision, and the community at large.

In closing, the LBPSB Parents' Committee is looking forward to the appointment of a new Chair and is committed to continue working collaboratively with Council.

Respectfully,

Shane Ross
Chair, LBPSB Parents' Committee



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December 12, 2017

Geneviève Dugré
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Re: Consultation of the Parents' Committee - s. 199 of the School Elections Act (Position of Commissioner)

Me Dugré,

In response to the request received on November 15, 2017, regarding the Consultation of the Parents' Committee - s. 199 of the School Elections Act (Position of Commissioner), the LBPSB Parents' Committee (PC) recommends that the Commissioner for Electoral Division 4 should be capable of and committed to:

- maintaining a constructive and collaborative relationship with administration and council;
- demonstrating fiscal literacy and financial responsibility;
- following procedure, with a firm commitment to transparency and accountability;
- communicating effectively, in English and French, with stakeholders, while following the communications protocol;
- prioritizing innovation, continuous improvement, and development;
- being an advocate for the board, its students, its staff, its success plan, its vision, and the community at large;
- supporting the current multi-program approach, the individuality of each school, and new program possibilities;
- acting impartially and in the overall best interest of their constituents; and
- engaging with the stakeholders of and understanding the nuances and dynamics of the member schools of Electoral Division 4.

The LBPSB Parents' Committee also recommends that, consistent with the qualifications of the former Commissioner representing Electoral Division 4, and in line with a request voiced by the member schools of the same ward, it is both preferable and advantageous that the replacement have a background in education.

In addition to the above characteristics, we may be sending a follow-up recommendation regarding the processes for selecting a commissioner.

In closing, the LBPSB Parents' Committee is looking forward to the appointment of a new commissioner and is committed to continue working collaboratively with Council.

Respectfully,

Shane Ross
Chair, LBPSB Parents' Committee

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Attendance Report		
Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion		Shiana Warren
Beacon Hill	Brett Hillgartner	
Beaconsfield	Ovidiu Burlec	
Beechwood	David Zerkler	
Burling Academy	Jay Taube	
Birchwood	Derek Kenny	
Children's World		Susan Mintzberg
Christmas Park		
Clearpoint	Allison Saunders	
Dorset		
Dorval		
Edgewater	Kris de Forest	
Evergreen		
Forest Hill Jr		
Forest Hill Sr		
John Rennie	Shane Ross	Flora-Lee Bendit
Kingsdale		
Lakeside Academy	Natasha Drysdale	
Lasalle Community Comprehensive	Roland Schubert	
Lasalle Jr	Dominic Martin	
Lasalle Sr		
Lindsay Place	Myret Smith	
MacDonald		Kris de Forest
Maple Grove	Marie-Helene David	
Margaret Manson		
Mount Pleasant		Iain Dalgarno
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Angela Berryman	
Pierrefonds Comprehensive	Dayo Odubayo	
Riverdale		Sheila Moody
Riverview		
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.		
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.		
Soulange		
Springdale		
St. Anthony	Vanessa Ventura	Shane Ross
St. Charles	Jason Doan	
St. Edmund	Paul Kininmonth	
St. John Fisher Jr	Carole Choiniere	
St. John Fisher Sr		
St. Patrick	Ryan Getty	
St. Thomas		
Sunshine Academy		
Terry Fox	Sophie Paré	
Verdun	John Ranger	
Westpark		
Westwood Jr	Normand Gagnon	
Westwood Sr	Frank Clarke	
Wilder Penfield	Onnig Kouyoumdjian	Len Podgurny
SNAC		

Other distinguished attendees:

Thomas Rhymes (Administration)
Chris Eustace (public)

Robert Frank (media – The Suburban)
30/48 Member Schools Represented