



Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee

LBPSB Parents' Committee

January 11, 2018

7:00 PM, LBPSB Boardroom

1925 Brookdale Ave, Dorval

MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

ATTENDEES: Representatives of 29 of 48 member schools and SNAC were in attendance. Thomas Rhymes, representing the administration, and Nan Beaton, representing the Council of Commissioners, were in attendance. Some members of the public were also in attendance. Please see attached attendance record for further details.

UPDATES:

- **Evaluation of Student Learning Policy Consultation Response** (due January 19th, 2018): despite voting to form a subcommittee and submit a response, no one joined the subcommittee and no comments were made on Basecamp; PC voted to submit a response supporting the policy with no modifications.
- **Internal Rules Review subcommittee:** Mandate extended to February 1st meeting due to holidays and other matters taking precedence; a draft of the updated Internal Rules will be posted on Basecamp prior to that date.
- **Student Success Plan subcommittee:** formed in November 2017; posted to Basecamp for members; recommendations to be posted on Basecamp by March 29th; results to be presented at the April 5th meeting.
- **Commissioner Replacement Process Post-Mortem subcommittee:** recommendations to be posted on Basecamp by January 25th; final draft to be voted on at the February 1st meeting to be submitted to the board's Governance and Ethics Committee, which is also examining the process.
- **EPCA School Fees Survey Update:** at the December 7th meeting it was voted that the PC would request to Council that parents be sent (via their children) a communiqué advising of the survey and requesting they respond to it; unfortunately the government did not extend the deadline to January 15th (from December 15th) as expected, and so fulfilling the terms of this motion was not feasible.
- **Communications subcommittee:** the Parent2Parent newsletter is under way; modifications/updates to the website are under way.



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- **Sexuality Education Curriculum Update:** The Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) announced on December 14th that it is moving forward with the implementation of the curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year, and the board and schools will need to plan accordingly; more information can be found using the following links:

Program Overview

<http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/parents-and-guardians/sexuality-education/>

Program Content by grade-level:

<http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/references/publications/results/detail/article/learning-content-in-sexuality-education-1/>

NEW TOPICS:

- **Budgets:** the draft and actual budget was presented, discussed, and approved.
- **Daycare Fees:** increases were posted on the LBSB website on December 14th
[http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/admin/news_scroll/extra/img/63New\\$8.20-Jan.1-2018eng.pdf](http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/admin/news_scroll/extra/img/63New$8.20-Jan.1-2018eng.pdf)
- **Government Family Allowance modification:** parents will receive an additional supplement of \$100 per child per year to help offset the cost of school supplies; the 2017-2018 allotment will be received in January 2018, with the 2018-2019 allotment to be received in July 2018.
https://www.rrq.gouv.qc.ca/en/programmes/soutien_enfants/paiement/Pages/montant.aspx
- **2018-2019 Budget Consultation** (due March 30th, 2018): a subcommittee was created to respond to this consultation; the subcommittee's mandate is to review the budget content presented, construct, and post a proposed response on Basecamp by February 22nd; the response will be presented to the PC at the March 1st meeting for a vote; 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.
- **Extracurricular Activities and Field Trip Policy Consultation** (due March 30th, 2018): a subcommittee was created to respond to this consultation; the subcommittee's mandate is to review the existing policy presented, construct, and post a proposed response on Basecamp by February 25th; the response will be presented to the PC at the March 1st meeting for a vote; 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.



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- **Children's World Academy renewal of IB Certificate:** the PC voted to support the board's application to renew Childrens World Academy's (CWA) IB certificate; there were several questions surrounding the difference between CWA's IB program and other primary school IB programs within LBPSB and why CWA's program requires such renewal and an "entrance exam" as described in the request for acknowledgement.

VARIA:

- In early January a joint letter (signed by Director General Michael Chechile, Council of Commissioners Chair Noel Burke, and Parents' Committee Chair, Shane Ross) was sent to the Suburban taking issue with its coverage of the Chair and Commissioner selection processes and the PC's opinion with respect to said processes; a member of the public expressed their support of the Suburban's coverage and disagreement with the perspective of the joint letter.
- It was noted by a member of the public that in the process of electing a Commissioner recently, the Sir Wilfred Laurier School Board allowed candidates to introduce themselves to their Parents' Committee.
- PC members are encouraged to support our elementary schools by sharing their open house dates on social media.
- The school board is moving forward with Truth and Reconciliation initiatives.
- LBPSB is emphasizing Deep Learning; perhaps the PC will arrange a presentation in the near future.
- Upcoming QESBA Spring Conference - May 24-26.
- The Long Term Planning Committee has held several meetings and is looking at where the school board will be in 5 years and in 10 years with respect to student enrolment.
- Elections for Commissioners will be held in November 2018; the PC may organize a candidates evening as was done during the last election.
- The Joint Subcommittee meeting will need to be changed from January 25th due to a scheduling conflict; meeting will include presentations from Fusion and Learn QC; further details will posted on Basecamp. A request was made to publicly open the presentation to parents via the PC website and facebook.
- SNAC would be happy to be present at elementary school open houses – they can be contacted at snac@lbpearson.ca
- Parents can now and are strongly encouraged to pre-register for Kindergarten via Fusion.
- EPCA aims to release further surveys in order to adequately represent parents on a variety of issues.



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- The President of EPCA will be meeting with the Minister of Education to go over the results of the School Fees survey.
- Reps and Alts are asked to post their schools' GB meeting dates on the Basecamp calendar to ease scheduling conflicts.

REPORTS (and upcoming meeting dates):

None of the subcommittees met over the holiday season so no reports were submitted. We look forward to a resumption of regular reporting activity next month.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: February 1, 2018

Please note this document contains live hyperlinks. To access to electronic version, please visit: <http://parents.lbpsb.qc.ca/reports>



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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		
Beurling Academy		
Birchwood		
Children's World	Alvern Bunn	Susan Mintzberg
Christmas Park		
Clearpoint	Allison Saunders	
Dorset		
Dorval	Patricia Ottoni	
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		
LasalleSr		
Lindsay Place	Myret Smith	
MacDonald		Kris de Forest
Maple Grove	Marie-Helene David	
Margaret Manson	Renee Aspiotis	
Mount Pleasant	Sean Connell	
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Angela Berryman	
Pierrefonds Comprehensive	Dayo Odubayo	
Riverdale		
Riverview	Emilie Benoit	
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	Sabrina Thind	
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.	Robert Craft	
Soulange		
Springdale		
St. Anthony		Shane Ross
St. Charles	Jason Doan	
St. Edmund	Paul Kininmonth	
St. John Fisher Jr		Nadia Lawand
St. John Fisher Sr		
St. Patrick		Donnalynn Rainey
St. Thomas	Sharad Bhargava	Bobbi Brown
Sunshine Academy		
Terry Fox		
Verdun		
Westpark	Alaina Gross	
Westwood Jr		
Westwood Sr	Frank Clarke	
Wilder Penfield	Onnig Kouyoumdjian	Len Podgurny
SNAC	Donnalynn Rainey	Kathy Robinson

Other distinguished attendees:

Thomas Rhymes (Administration)
Chris Eustace (public)

Nan Beaton (Commissioner)
29/48 Member Schools + SNAC Represented