



## Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee

LBPSB Parents' Committee

March 14, 2019

7:00 PM, LBPSB boardroom

1925 Brookdale Ave, Dorval

### **MEETING SUMMARY REPORT**

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**ATTENDEES:** Representatives of 35 of 48 member schools, and Commissioner Representing the Parents' Committee (designated by SNAC), Angela Berryman, were in attendance. Thomas Rhymes, representing the administration, Noel Burke, representing the Council of Commissioners, and two members of the public were also in attendance. Please see attached attendance record for further details.

#### **UPDATES:**

- **PCHS/Riverdale Update:** parent reps from implicated schools and T. Rhymes were invited to speak and provide updates; members pointed out that initial communications between admin and schools was poorly handled and now the two schools are attempting to work together to determine next steps forward via an integration/merger committee; townhall meeting being held @ Riverdale on March 20 @ 7:00 PM.
- **Entrance Exams and Enrollment Criteria:** many parents expressed frustration for what they felt was a lack of communication regarding past years' exams; parents are also upset about the fees charged for the exam; T. Rhymes explained that this is a transitional year, therefore the entrance exam fee will stay for this year, but the Minister of Education has stated that next year, parents will not be charged.
- **School Fees - Proposed Bill 12:** not yet passed; consultation to come between March and April; the School Board will be advising principals that they should build a school fee proposal based on the expected legislation and adjusted later to follow the law that gets passed.

#### **NEW TOPICS:**

- **Consultation - By-law 1 (2019) and By-law 1E (2019):** consultation received regarding dates of Council meetings and Executive meetings of Council; tabled to meeting of April 4<sup>th</sup> pending review.
- **2020-2021 Budget Consultation:** the draft response was not ready in time so it will be moved to Basecamp and confirmed by e-vote.



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- **Consultation – Policy on Major School Change (MSC):** Chairman Burke relayed to PC the developments since Riverdale was ceded to CSMB, and explained that CSMB still needs room for 2000 students; MSC is usually based on school closure, but this one is based on a 3-year plan evaluating distribution of services; an MSC is likely to take place within the next six months, involving only high schools; the major change in this new policy/procedure is that viable plans are to be presented as part of the consultation rather than it being just an open-ended request for suggestions; as Council's mandate is slated to end, it would prefer to make decisions that leave the board in a more stable position because if CAQ follows through with service centers, Governing Boards will be accountable directly to the ministry.
- **English School Eligibility Subcommittee:** a subcommittee was formed to explore various ways to tackle the limitations on English school eligibility.

### **VARIA:**

- The meeting continues to open with the acknowledgement of this being Mohawk land.
- Next SNAC meeting is March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM.
- SNAC Parent to Parent Information night, entitled "Understanding the Influence of Stress and Anxiety in our Children and Ourselves," will take place on Wednesday April 3, 2019 at 7pm at the LBPSB boardroom.
- Ms. Rhonda Bouchard has been appointed Vice-Chair of Council at the Western Quebec School Board, marking the first time (as Bill 105 gave Commissioners Representing the Parents' Committee the right to vote) that the position is held by a CRPC.
- The Environmental Awareness Committee urges Home and School Associations to "go green;" St. Thomas has installed water fountains and their Home and School has put forth a resolution to the Quebec Federation of Home and Schools Association encouraging a reduction of the use of single-use plastics.
- Due to the resignation of the PC's previous PEF Director, Cassandra Bazos was elected our new PEF Director.
- Noted that QESBA is lobbying against CAQ proposal to eliminate school boards.
- **Joint Standing Subcommittee meeting scheduled on March 28 will be rescheduled.** Correspondence will be sent regarding rescheduling.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019



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Attendance Report		
Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion	Valerie Beaudet	Shiana Warren
Beacon Hill	Jeremy Asch	
Beaconsfield		
Beechwood		
Beurling Academy	Jay Taube	
Birchwood		
Children's World	Susan Mintzberg	
*Christmas Park	Cassandra Bazos	
Clearpoint		Allison Saunders
Dorset		
Dorval	Dave Clifford	
Edgewater		
*Evergreen		
Forest Hill Jr		
Forest Hill Sr		
John Rennie	Shane Ross	
Kingsdale	Greg Piggins	
Lakeside Academy		Helene Charbonneau
Lasalle Community Comprehensive	Roland Schubert	
Lasalle Jr	Shonda Giddens	Robert Thomas
LasalleSr	Christopher Eaton	
Lindsay Place		
MacDonald		Kristoffer de Forest
Maple Grove		
Margaret Manson		
*Mount Pleasant		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Jacqueline Barbieri	
Pierrefonds Comprehensive	Dayo Odubayo	Greg Piggins
Riverdale	Kristine Pino	Maria Colavita
Riverview		Linda Dalterio
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.		
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.	Michelle Fauteux	
*Soulange		
Springdale		
St. Anthony	Shane Ross	
St. Charles	Jason Doan	
St. Edmund		
St. John Fisher Jr	Phil Lambert	
St. John Fisher Sr		
St. Patrick		Donnalynn Rainey
St. Thomas	Sharad Bhargava	Bobbi Brown
Sunshine Academy		
Terry Fox	Brenda Tremellen	
Verdun	John Ranger	
Westpark	Alaina Gross	
Westwood Jr	Sean Connell	
*Westwood Sr		
Wilder Penfield	Len Podgurny	
SNAC	Jennifer DiMarco	Lisa Mancini
CRPC Designated by SNAC	Angela Berryman	N/A

**Other distinguished attendees:**

Thomas Rhymes (Administration)  
 Noel Burke (Chair, Council of Commissioners)

Two members of public  
**35/48 Member Schools + Commissioner**  
**(designated by SNAC)**