



## Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee

LBPSB Parents' Committee

April 4, 2019

7:00 PM, LBPSB Boardroom

1925 Brookdale Ave, Dorval

### **MEETING SUMMARY REPORT**

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**ATTENDEES:** Representatives of 26 of 48 member schools as well as SNAC, and Commissioner Representing the Parents' Committee (elected by SNAC), Angela Berryman, were in attendance. Thomas Rhymes, representing the administration, Noel Burke, representing the Council of Commissioners, EPCA President Rhonda Boucher, and a member of the public were also in attendance. Please see attached attendance record for further details.

### **UPDATES:**

- **School Fees and Field Trips:** PC requested a directive from Senior Admin that would clarify this issue for Governing Board members moving forward, as there does not appear to be any consistency between GBs as to what is allowed to be charged to parents and what isn't. T. Rhymes said the direction was intentionally vague because Admin did not want to place restrictions on the governing boards interpretation and plans as it pertained to the proposed law, he also stated that he would look at the directive that was sent out to Principals in order to determine if any further clarifications are required.
- **Internal Rules ad hoc subcommittee:** the final draft of the PC Internal Rules was presented and approved.
- **Environmental Awareness subcommittee:** A resolution was presented to be brought to council asking that admin support each grade 7 class being educated about recycling, be it by a trip to a recycling facility or in-school presentations (SFER was presented as an option) as part of their science curriculum; the resolution passed. Two sample resolutions – one regarding a ban on single-use plastic bottles and one on the formation of an environmental awareness committee – were provided for PC reps to bring back to their GBs.
- **Policy on Major School Change Consultation subcommittee (due April 22<sup>nd</sup>):** on Basecamp for comments; very important consultation; preliminary comments are that the timeline in schedule B is not good for GB members as it is split between two school years; a draft response will be presented on Basecamp with an e-vote to approve it for submission.



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- **AB/AV subcommittee:** an emphasis on the 'Tell Them For Me' surveys; survey responses **are** to be presented to the GB – if this is not being done the GB chair has the right to ask it of the principal. Admin has directed that going forward GBs receive a written report as a standard.
- **Budget Consultation subcommittee:** a budget consultation response was passed via e-vote on Basecamp and ratified at this meeting.
- **PCHS/Riverdale merger:** the PCHS GB has passed a resolution to change the name on the school's deed of establishment from Pierrefonds **Comprehensive** High School to Pierrefonds **Community** High School; this modification to the name whilst keeping the initials is seen as a compromise embodying the coming together of two communities.

### NEW TOPICS:

- **Upcoming MSC:** Chairman Noel Burke explained that the School Board is in the process of looking at the organization of the high school network and that several propositions may be put on the table regarding the schools concerned; it is highly likely that an MSC will be initiated before the end of the school year, with a formal public consultation would be launched allowing for responses to be submitted by the end of October; it is expected that by January 2020, Council would pass a resolution regarding changes to take place for the following school year.
- **EPCA: The Future of School Boards:** EPCA President Rhonda Boucher gave a presentation underscoring the fact that the Governance Bill would be introduced soon, as well as Bill 3 – regarding taxation - and Bill 5 regarding 4-year-old kindergarten; EPCA looks to the PCs for guidance in what to do regarding the likely abolishment of school boards; PC reps and alts are to read the EPCA info and seek feedback from their GBs, PPOs, Home and School committees and parents of their school community; a subcommittee was struck to discuss and draft the PC's official position.

### VARIA:

- The meeting continues to open with the acknowledgement of this being Mohawk land.
- A moment was taken to acknowledge the recent mosque shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand.
- Council was thanked for their refusal to enact/enforce Bill 21 on religious symbols in its current incarnation.
- The ministry has instituted a mandatory twenty minutes of recess at the elementary level (without additional funds), which will impact transportation, start times, end times, and student supervision. Additional time needed will be added to the school day so as to not interfere with pedagogy. GBs will be consulted on scheduling.



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- March's joint subcommittee was cancelled. Next one to be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, hopefully with a presentation highlighting the results of last year's survey regarding high school.
- PC chose not to submit a response to the Consultations for By-law 1 (2019) and By-law 1E (2019) as there does not appear to be any issues with the meeting dates.
- The PC declined to strike a subcommittee concerning the Enrichment Exams; instead members are to gather information/opinions from their GBs.
- Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2019-2022 Consultation was put up on Basecamp to gauge interest in submitting a response.
- The Parent Structures Subcommittee was described and members were instructed to reflect on what does and does not work and offer up any ideas; a subcommittee will be struck.
- SNAC's information evening - Understanding the Influence of Stress & Anxiety in our Children and Ourselves – was a great success.
- SNAC's next meeting is April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- PEF Comedy Benefit Show- Friday, April 5, 2019 (doors open at 7pm, show at 8 pm) at Lakeside Academy.
- PEF Fun Run/Walk- Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 8-11am at Centennial Park, DDO; this event will also include particular celebrations tied to the LBPSB's 20th anniversary.
- John Rennie High School and Lasalle Community Comprehensive High School were chosen as the locations for summer school 2019.
- It was resolved that LBPSB re-establish a Green Committee to make recommendations on increasing environmental awareness, recycling and other environmental initiatives.
- Pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds will begin in September.
- March marked Nutrition Month and many LBPSB schools participated in nutrition challenges and activities, had special guest speakers and presentations over the course of the month.
- To show their solidarity with Swedish climate change activist Greta Thunberg, many high school and elementary schools took the opportunity to lead debates, creative projects, and demonstrations about the dangers of climate change inaction, and what needs to be done to protect the environment.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019



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Attendance Report		
Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion		Shiana Warren
Beacon Hill	Jeremy Asch	
Beaconsfield	Ovidiu Burlec	
Beechwood		David Zerkler
Beurling Academy	Jay Taube	
Birchwood		
Children's World		
*Christmas Park	Cassandra Bazos	
Clearpoint	Liz Lopez	
Dorset		
Dorval		
Edgewater		
*Evergreen		
Forest Hill Jr		
Forest Hill Sr		
John Rennie	Shane Ross	
Kingsdale		
Lakeside Academy	Natasha Drysdale	Helene Charbonneau
Lasalle Community Comprehensive	Roland Schubert	
Lasalle Jr	Shonda Giddens	Robert Thomas
LasalleSr	Christopher Eaton	
Lindsay Place	Marie-Claire Hogan	
MacDonald		Kristoffer de Forest
Maple Grove		
Margaret Manson	Nadia Iacino	
*Mount Pleasant		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau		
Pierrefonds Comprehensive	Dayo Odubayo	
Riverdale	Kristine Pino	Maria Colavita
Riverview	Ariana Winn	Linda Dalterio
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.		
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.		
*Soulange		
Springdale		
St. Anthony	Shane Ross	
St. Charles		
St. Edmund		
St. John Fisher Jr		Naomi Proctor
St. John Fisher Sr	Kathleen McAdams	
St. Patrick	Ryan Getty	
St. Thomas	Sharad Bhargava	
Sunshine Academy		
Terry Fox	Brenda Tremellen	
Verdun	John Ranger	
Westpark	Alaina Gross	
Westwood Jr		
*Westwood Sr		
Wilder Penfield		
SNAC	Jennifer DiMarco	
CRPC Designated by SNAC	Angela Berryman	N/A

**Other distinguished attendees:**

Thomas Rhymes (Administration)  
 Noel Burke (Chair, Council of Commissioners)  
 Rhonda Boucher (President, EPCA - public)

Chris Eustace (public)  
**26/48 Member Schools + SNAC Represented**  
 \*Representative or Alternate unconfirmed