



## Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee

LBPSB Parents' Committee

May 2, 2019

7:00 PM, LBPSB boardroom

1925 Brookdale Ave, Dorval

### **MEETING SUMMARY REPORT**

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**ATTENDEES:** Representatives of 17\* 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 and a member of the public were also in attendance. Please see attached attendance record for further details.

*\*Quorum was not established and thus no voting was able to take place*

#### **UPDATES:**

- **EPCA: The Future of School Boards:** EPCA wants guidance on whether they should partner with Appele-Quebec regarding the possible abolishment of school boards; a preliminary straw poll was taken of members present and the overwhelming majority – due to Appele-Quebec's stated objective of protecting school boards and not knowing who is funding the group – was in favor of EPCA keeping observer status while not being required to sign on to any Appele-Quebec decisions or initiatives; Appele-Quebec's website has been posted on Basecamp and the topic will be revisited once members have had a chance to research the entity
- **School Fees:** a regulation has been put forward by the government but has not yet been passed; principals have been advised that there will probably be a few changes and a meeting will be held at the beginning of May to go over the new law with them; it is anticipated that this will be brought to GBs during the month of June; those GBs who have already approved their school fees for next year should revisit them to make sure they follow the new rules
- **PC Structures:** Parent Structures subcommittee will meet to discuss the structure of the PC going forward; there are pros and cons to both the current structure and also the previous incarnation as the CPC; conversation will be taken to Basecamp; if a new structure were to be decided upon, Council would have to approve it and the item would have to be on the agenda for the PC AGA in September
- **Environmental Awareness subcommittee:** the finalized resolution from last meeting – regarding field trips to recycling plants for 7<sup>th</sup> graders – is in the kit; the two other draft resolutions (formulation of an environmental awareness committee and banning of single-use plastic bottles) will be made available on Basecamp for reps who wish to take them back to their GBs



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- **AB/AV / Tell Them From Me surveys:** the TTFM is comprised of three different reports – Bullying & Safety, Engagement, and Generalized – all of which should be posted on the school's website; results for the individual schools should be posted by the end of April; discussions to conduct the survey once per year instead of twice; mentioned that GBs are not privy to all of the student feedback; the board does not own the survey, therefore does not have all of the questions, but principals have the ability to pull up certain results (i.e. homework habits) as well as the questions; any parental feedback can be directed to T. Rhymes; when the board puts the contract out for tender, it will ask for text-to-speech features for students with special needs; admin is requesting that principals undergo training in order to better implement the TTFM survey; the board has implemented some of the suggestions from the PC; once results are revealed, action plan templates are created to address any issues
- **PC Newsletter:** it is expected that an edition of the PC newsletter will be sent out to all LBPSB parents in mid to late June; the Environmental Awareness subcommittee wishes to submit pieces for the newsletter; PC intends to print a list of the activities it was involved in this year; PC members were invited to provide content; SNAC would like to advertise its AGA in the newsletter; it was emphasized that high schools break for the summer before the end of June and that ultimately, it would be better to disseminate the newsletter before that

### NEW TOPICS:

- **Consultation: Director General Selection Criteria:** given the very short window (responses due May 7<sup>th</sup>), PC member comments were noted by the CRPCs in attendance to take back to Council
- **PC End-of-Year dinner:** at next meeting June 6<sup>th</sup>; suggestions for venue to be made on Basecamp; a venue must be capable of accommodating 20 -30 people and preferably a separate room as there will be a few "housekeeping" items that will need to be discussed that evening
- **PC AGA 2019-2020:** two-part Annual General Assembly to be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>; part 1 typically covers explanations of the roles and responsibilities of the various positions up for election, with members being elected to hold those positions during part 2



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### **VARIA:**

- A moment was taken to acknowledge Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Joint subcommittee meeting to be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, hopefully with a presentation highlighting the results of last year's survey regarding high school
- SNAC sent a letter to the Minister of Education regarding the additional 20 minutes of recess
- SNAC's next meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup>
- SNAC's AGA will be September 25<sup>th</sup>
- PEF's Comedy Benefit Show raised nearly \$6000
- The board is holding a Parent Information Session on LBPSB High School WOTP PROGRAMS on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30
- The newly formed Green Committee met for the first time and reviewed their mandate, the Green Policy, and board environmental initiatives; the board is reviewing the number of water fountains installed in all its facilities with the goal of having sufficient water fountains installed so that single use plastic water bottles can be eliminated; the committee will also provide input into the tender on sustainable cafeterias including the materials used to serve food and beverages
- A Pilot project is commencing at Birchwood elementary school (the school has an onsite cafeteria) where instead of using paper serving dishes and plastic utensils the school board will purchase reusable cutlery and dishes to be run by their green team; Birchwood is working with the City of St Lazare to have composting (including food) picked up on a regular basis
- The Intercultural Advisory Committee dictated its position on Bill 21 and how it runs counter to certain board policies
- The Policy on Video Surveillance Consultation – due June 19, 2019 – was launched
- Council adopted the board's policy on Major School Change, as well as the resolution opposing Bill 21, by-laws 1 and 1E, and PCHS' deed of establishment under the new name 'Pierrefonds Community High School'
- LBPSB Director General, Mr. Michael Chechile, has announced his intention to retire from his position effective September 3, 2019; his replacement is being sought (hence the Director General Selection Criteria Consultation)
- The LBPSB wishes to thank all parents in the system for their patience and understanding as we try to manage through the flooding crisis alongside municipal officials, emergency services personnel and community leaders

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Joint Subcommittee – May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Parents' Committee - June 6<sup>th</sup>



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Attendance Report		
Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion		
Beacon Hill		
Beaconsfield	OvidiuBurlec	
Beechwood	DiandraYoselevitz	David Zerkler
Beurling Academy		
Birchwood		
Children's World	Susan Mintzberg	
*Christmas Park	Cassandra Bazos	
Clearpoint		Allison Saunders
Dorset	Wendy Longlade	
Dorval		
Edgewater		
*Evergreen		
Forest Hill Jr		
Forest Hill Sr		
John Rennie		
Kingsdale		
Lakeside Academy	Natasha Drysdale	Helene Charbonneau
Lasalle Community Comprehensive	Roland Schubert	
Lasalle Jr	Shonda Giddens	Robert Thomas
LasalleSr		
Lindsay Place	Marie-Claire Hogan	
MacDonald		
*Maple Grove		
Margaret Manson		
*Mount Pleasant		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau		
Pierrefonds Comprehensive		
Riverdale		
Riverview	Ariana Winn	Linda Dalterio
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	Joseph Valenti	
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.		
*Soulange		
Springdale		
St. Anthony		
St. Charles	Jason Doan	
St. Edmund		
St. John Fisher Jr		
St. John Fisher Sr	Kathleen McAdams	
St. Patrick		
St. Thomas	Sharad Bhargava	Bobbi Brown
Sunshine Academy		
Terry Fox	Brenda Tremellen	
Verdun		
Westpark		
Westwood Jr	Sean Connell	
*Westwood Sr		
Wilder Penfield		
SNAC	Jennifer DiMarco	
CRPC elected by SNAC	Angela Berryman	

**Other distinguished attendees:**

Thomas Rhymes (Administration)

Chris Eustace (public)

**17/48 Member Schools + SNAC Represented**

\*Representative or Alternate unconfirmed