



Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee

LBPSB Parents Committee

February 06, 2020

7:00 PM, LBPSB Head Office - boardroom

1925 Brookdale Ave, Dorval

MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

ATTENDEES: Representatives of 32 of 48 member schools as well as 1 SNAC representative, and the CRPC (SNAC) were in attendance. Thomas Rhymes, representing the administration; and 2 members of the public were also in attendance.

UPDATES:

- **Basecamp:** Is maintained for internal PC discussion and feedback between PC meetings. The goal of the tool is to engage people and not to dissuade them from being involved. We encourage the sharing of insight and expect respectful interactions in order to maintain a constructive platform.
- **PEF Grants and Planned Fundraisers:** Grants for schools are back for S.T.E.A.M. related activities. *Comedy Nights hosted by Neil Jenna fundraising for Westwood High-School Concert Band — Saturday February 15, 2020 at St. Lazare Community Center and Friday March 20, 2020 at PCHS.*
- **School Board Consultations being launched:** 2020-2021 School Budget Consultation sent to GB Chairs for response by school governing boards and Principal Selection Criteria will be issued for GB review and reply as well.
- **Bill 40:** News media announced February 6, 2020, that the Provincial Government plans to invoke closure on Bill 40 on Friday February 7, without all stakeholders having fairly reviewed the changes proposed by the MEES to the National Assembly of Quebec on Monday February 3, 2020. Bill 40 is over 300 updated line items within the Education Act and close to 100 changes were identified by the MEES on Monday without explanation or publication to all stakeholders affected by and debating the bill. The LBPSB PC has not taken a final position on Bill 40 as we have not been informed of the most recent changes to the document. The PC will send the government a letter opposing and denouncing their use of the invocation of closure to this bill because of lack of due process or fair debate with all stakeholders involved - this is the 4th invocation of closure to a bill being negotiated in the National Assembly under the C.A.Q. government since fall 2019, approximately 4 months.



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UPDATES:

- **Bill 40:** The last outline of changes identified in the LBPSB Secretary General's PC presentation to GB Chairs and PC members is still the PC's reference document as MEES has not transmitted the documents to parent and school stakeholders. GB's will dissolve June 2020, new rules will be enacted in September 2020 when GB's are re-elected at school AGAs. Commissioner elections are expected to still be held in November 2020 as the last election of this kind.

AD-HOC SUB-COMMITTEES

- **Major School Change Ad hoc Sub Committee:** MSC final decisions announced December 17, 2019 - Beurling Academy Verdun, Lakeside Academy will remain open in their facilities. St. Thomas High-School will be moved to Lindsay Place and will become St. Thomas. Sources Adult and Career Centre Pierrefonds, Place Cartier Beaconsfield will be moved to the original St. Thomas facilities.
- **Environmental Awareness Ad hoc Sub Committee:** The resolution was proposed, amended and accepted for the PC to request that EPCA lobby the provincial government to include Environmental Awareness education for all grades in the curriculum, and to fund and support effective recycling and composting programs in all schools (including the ban of single use plastics and the use of reusable resources for school events) to ensure long-term sustainability. It is asked the H&S and PPO continue to support GREENING their schools and activities.
- **Marketing Schools to Public Ad hoc Sub Committee:** The Communications and Marketing committee meeting members were very pleased to have had the opportunity to collaborate with parents. Social media posts had more than expected rates of shares, one definitive increase in shares was from a post concerning eligibility. Registration turn out and exposure from local elementary school marketing initiatives in Beaconsfield and areas of LaSalle was positive. PC encourages parents to work with their GB's and principals to promote their schools within their communities, every little bit helps spread the word. Parents want to focus next on high school marketing initiatives.
- **Bill 40 Ad hoc Sub Committee:** Elaboration on the PC position, further discussion relating to Bill 40 and identification of next steps will take place on February 12, 2020 at Christmas Park School at 7 PM and the discussion will continue on Basecamp.



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AD-HOC SUB-COMMITTEES:

- **Internal Rules & Procedures Ad Hoc Sub Committee:** IRP document is being updated.
- **Appropriate Use of Digital Technology Ad Hoc Sub Committee:** Present policy review and technology discussion meeting to be held 3rd week of February. This policy is being opened for review by school board a subcommittee including several commissioners has been formed.

NEW TOPICS:

- **EPCA:** Opposes Bill 40 and calls for a comprehensive consultation as a prerequisite for any substantial reform to the educational system. Asserts that parents want a high quality bilingual educational system that will ensure that its graduates can flourish in Quebec. Commends the Minister for seeing the importance of offering greater control to parents. Concerned about the resources that would be available to enable parents to succeed in the roles being created with Bill 40. Concerned that “special needs” students, and students outside of the Greater Montreal Area could potentially be heavily, and negatively impacted.
- **SNAC:** The date has been set for Forum 2020! Thursday April 30th from 1:30-8:00pm. Many resources will be available in one location to present to parents and students what the programs have to offer. More details to come. PC asks PC reps to please share the January SNAC meeting summary information on IEPs, special needs identification process and the services LBPSB offers students.
- **Teacher Negotiations:** Teachers are currently in sectorial negotiations with the government. More information can be found at the following link:
<https://qpat-apeq.qc.ca/mobilization-negotiations-2020/>
- **20 Minute Recess:** PC members are encouraged to inquire among their GB and Principals and Teachers how the addition of a 20 minute recess in elementary schools is affecting students and the school. Does it prove to have a positive or negative affect on students so far, what are the biggest hurdles and advantages?
- **Intercultural Advisory Committee:** RELIGIOUS CULTURE citizen survey from the provincial government has now been issued in English. The C.A.Q. government wants to replace the current Ethics and Religious Culture (ERC) course with a course focusing on 21st Century themes.



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NEW TOPICS:

- **Intercultural Advisory Committee:** It is recommended that PC member share this survey with their communities as it is the opportunity for families to have a voice in what their children are learning at school.
 - <http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/parents-and-guardians/consultations-on-the-ethics-and-religious-culture-program-of-study/>
 - https://formulaires.education.gouv.qc.ca/dev ti/online_consultation_erc/en

VARIA:

- The meeting continues to open with the acknowledgement of this being Mohawk land
- Thank you to all members who were able to attend this meeting as snowy weather conditions were not very conducive for travel.

DATE OF NEXT PC MEETING: March 12, 2020 @ 19h00



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Attendance Report		
Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion	Shiana Warren	
Beacon Hill	Nirij K	
*Beaconsfield	Ovidiu Burlec	
*Beechwood	Diandra Yoselewk	
Beurling Academy	Jay Taube	
*Birchwood		
*Children's World	Susan Mintzberg	
*Christmas Park	Cassandra Bazos	
*Clearpoint	Marc Lucke	
*Dorset		
Dorval	Hanz Z	
*Edgewater		
*Evergreen		
*Forest Hill Jr	Tanja Minisini	
Forest Hill Sr	Tanja Minisini	
John Rennie	Shane Ross	Mike Wilson
Kingsdale		
Lakeside Academy	Helene Charbonneau	
*Lasalle Community Comprehensive		
Lasalle Jr		
*LasalleSr	Christopher Eaton	
Lindsay Place	Melanie D'Lima	
MacDonald	Todd Nelson	Kristoffer de Forest
*Maple Grove	Ashley McLellan	
Margaret Manson	Nadia Iacino	Mark Michel
*Mount Pleasant		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau		
Pierrefonds Community	Greg Piggins	
Riverview	Ariana Winn	Linda Dalterio
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	Joseph Valenti	
*Sherbrooke Academy Sr.	Scott Henderson	
*Springdale		
St. Anthony	Shane Ross	
St. Charles	Jason Doan	
*St. Edmund		
St. John Fisher Jr	Naomi Proctor	
St. John Fisher Sr	Sarah Campeau	
St. Patrick	Doug Bentley	Michael Barron
St. Thomas	Sharad Bhargava	
*Sunshine Academy		
Terry Fox	Brenda Tremellen	
Verdun		
Westpark	Alaina Gross	Michelle Sternszus
Westwood Jr	Tanja Minisini	
Westwood Sr		
Wilder Penfield		Alizahra Chunara
SNAC	Lisa Mancini	
CRPC Designated by SNAC	Angela Berryman	

Other distinguished attendees:

Thomas Rhymes (Administration)
 Dayo Odubayo (Outgoing EPCA Director)

Chris Eustace (public)

32/46 Member Schools + SNAC Represented