

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES/INFORMATION TO SHARE

Parent Commissioner Report from Council meeting Feb.27, 2017

LBPSB and Michael Chechile receive award

C21 Canada presented its Shifting Minds Learning and Innovation System Award to the Lester B. Pearson School Board, Michael Chechile, Director General of LBPSB. For more information on C21 visit <http://c21canada.org/lester-b-pearson-school-board-presented-with-c21-canadas-shifting-minds-learning-and-innovation-system-award/>

Special presentations during council meeting

A scholarship was awarded to a former Mac student, who is now at John Abbott, and is now studying to be a teacher. Springdale Elementary choir gave a touching musical presentation and Westwood Sr. Band gave an outstanding performance.

Comment from the public:

Member of the public requested that the council members rescind their letter supporting the chair of council.

Enriched Entrance Exam:

It was reported that the original decision to hold entrance exams in May, has been taken off the table and will not happen for this school year. The board will look at implementing this for the 2018-19 school year.

Policy on the Evaluation of Student Learning

A sub-committee has been formed by the Programs and Services committee to look at a review of this policy. A draft should be ready by the end of this school year and a consultation launch in the fall.

Summer School 2017

Summer school program will be held from July 3rd, to July 28th at LCCHS and St. Thomas. Where the numbers warrant, transportation will be provided for those students off island who will be attending classes at St. Thomas.

St. Anthony IB School Request

Resolution passed supporting the gradual implementation of the IB program at St. Anthony Elementary. IB fee at \$50.00 with a gradual implementation to a maximum of \$150.00. IB is a delivery model. Part of the costs will be covered by the board and some by the parents.

On line registration is being piloted at Beechwood elementary and PCHS. If all goes well, full implementation will take place for the next school year

New Communications Officer

The process of hiring of a Communications Officer is underway. This position will report directly to the Director General and will focus on marketing LBPSB successes and programs locally and internationally.

Central Student Committee:

Last met on the 9th. This month's questions is the same as last months: "How could funds be most effectively distributed amongst LBPSB schools? What do you feel we need to spend more money on in schools? "Some of the ideas thus far include improvements to bathrooms, allocating more money towards late busses, handing out personal hygiene kits, and softer lights.

PEF EVENTS:

Comedy Show: March 31st \$25, tickets on sale now <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/comedy.htm>
Impact Soccer Game, April 15th \$14, tickets on sale now.
<https://cs.impactmontreal.com/en/cslbp/>

Correspondence from the Minister

Council received a letter from the Minister of Education, Leisure & Sports, stating that the practice of weighing students in Québec schools is not part of the physical education and health curriculum and must not be included in said curriculum. The Ministry is also offering online training to give an overview of their program. It was reported that this is not something that has been reported as happening at LBPSB.

Request for two more electoral divisions

Council passed a resolution to request the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports to authorize the Lester B. Pearson School Board to establish two (2) more electoral divisions than provided for in section 6 of the *Act Respecting School Elections*. This is something that the LBPSB does every election because of the size of the board. It is a request to maintain the status quo with respect to the number of commissioners.

Representative of Teacher's Union Comment

Grade 6 ministry exam is now being compressed into one week; was previously 2 weeks. Some teachers are concerned with having an exam of this length (especially at the elementary level), as well as the lack of clarity with regards to what to do in cases of student absences. High School ministry exams are no longer than 3 hours. Teachers are concerned with this added stress not only on them, but mostly on the students having to take this very lengthy exam.

Support staff Representative: it was mentioned that there is no specific funding envelope from the ministry for the hiring of integration aids and support staff.

By-law 5 – Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct of Commissioners – Consultation Launch

Consultation document will be distributed to its consultative partners for a consultation period of 60 days prior to its adoption: February 27, 2017, with responses to be returned to the Secretariat no later than April 28, 2017, for consideration.

Transition to Highschool Parent workshop

SNAC is in the process of organizing an information session on the transition to highschool, specific for students with IEP's and special needs

Extra support for parents of students with IEPs and Special Needs

SNAC has recently been invited to attend a school open house, kindergarten orientation and H&S meeting. SNAC welcomes these types of invitations and opportunities to reach out to the community. If you would like to have a SNAC member attend an event, please contact SNAC at snac@lbpearson.ca.