



Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee

January 2017

Parent Commissioners report to the LBPSB Parent Committee.

After the recent tragic incident in Quebec City the LBPSB Council made resolution that included a Declaration of Solidarity within the Community: Lester B. Pearson School Board has long embraced the values of inclusivity, with an intercultural spirit present in our schools and centres. Our school communities embrace diversity and teach acceptance. Our community denounces acts and thoughts of hatred and violence for any reason, but especially based on race, religion or culture.

Reports to Council:

- **SNAC:** (input from Angela)
- **Executive:** made recommendations that concluded with resolutions being presented to Council as listed below.
- **HR:** No meeting in January. A request for a February & March meeting has been made.
- **Audit Committee:** Next meeting February 20th.
- **Governance and Ethics:** Committee will be making a comprehensive report in February.
- **Facilities & Security:** Met at the West Island Career Center (attached to Pierrefonds Comprehensive) where we toured the existing facility and viewed the upcoming improvements to be made this summer (in accordance with the Major School Change process). Discussions/presentations included –Entente with the municipalities – Air Quality (concerns at Kingsdale) – Sunshine (quality of drinking water) –Hall rental fee structure – Beurling air conditioning (selected labs and computer support area).
- **Central Students Committee:** Very well represented by represented by Emma Gauthier and Cierra Leitman.
- **School Tax Management Committee:** No meeting in January
- **Quebec English School Board Association:** A draft letter of complaint to the interim Commissioner of Official Languages was approved, as a response to Mr. Trudeau's refusal to respond in the preferred language of the public at recent town hall meetings. Professional development workshop is still to be announced and delivered. The official version of the Act was delayed by the on-going strike of government legal professionals. New History Program Interventions continue on this with a focus on the need to acknowledge and recognize the contributions of minorities in the history curriculum. Entente Canada-Quebec Concerns were shared about the distribution of these federal transfers –at the national level - but particularly with respect to the portion held back by the Québec government. A strategy is being developed to intervene on this for the next agreement to start in 2018.

- **Intercultural Committee:** (input from Sharad)
- **Pearson Education Foundation:** Fund raising activities include a comedy show March 31 and Montreal Impact game April 15.
- **Transportation Advisory Committee:** No meeting in January.
- **International Committee:** Items discussed: 1-the successful move of the International programs to the newly renovated premises (shared with the Verdun Adult & Career Center) from the downtown campus. 2- Dissociating from the past by rebranding (logos, review of all documents, new marketing material). 3- Integration of the Lester B. Pearson International Program (LBPIP). International program administration moved to head office. Now all other service departments oversee the International staff and student support. 4- Documents (agreements, contracts, admission forms, etc.) now subject to legal review. 5- Staffing – post and interview for positions following normal LBPSB processes. Review of all workloads and assignments. 6- Continued development of internal procedures respecting LBPSB processes. 7- Reviewing program prerequisites, services and protocols. 8- Updating website 9- Marketing (current and expanding markets). 10-Impact of news reports on marketing of LBPIP (bad news travels quickly and far). 11-Marketing competition. 12- How tuition fees are constructed. 13- How revenues and expenses are calculated over an extended period of time. 14-Election of a chair and vice chair of the International committee. For the 2016-2017 school year Frank Clarke will be chair, Frank DiBello vice chair
- **Resolutions:**
 - Group Purchasing – Grocery Products 2017-2020
 - Group Purchasing – Dairy Products 2017-2019
 - Group Purchasing for End of Lease Computers and Monitors
 - 2017-2018 High School Transportation Zones – Amendment zone 59
 - External Auditors 2016-2017 to 2018-2019
 - Intercultural Committee Survey