



Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee

LBPSB Programs and Services Committee Meeting
5, December, 2016
5:30 p.m., Boardroom
1925 Brookdale Ave, Dorval

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees: *N. Beaton, E. Bender, D. Olivenstein, L. Derry, C. Berger, S. Balleine, V. Marin, T. Rhymes, N. Berk, C. Finn, C. Fuzessy, G. Clemenza, , L. Trepanier, S. Bhargava, and K. Philip*

Topics:

Presentation: by Mr. T. Rhymes on CEGEP Entry Statistics.

Special Projects:

- *Reseau Reussite Montreal (RRM) Partnership Projects 2016-1017* presented by Mr. Balleine.
 - *Youth Fusion Activities Project:* YF focuses on implementing innovative pedagogical projects in various fields, including robotics, video game creation, entrepreneurship and fashion design. Serving Riverview, Lakeside, LCCHS, Maple Grove Verdun Elementary.
 - *Alternative to Suspension:* aims to ensure rapid intervention for students experiencing academic and behavioural difficulties that often result in their being suspended from school. Serving LCCHS, Beurling, Lakeside, Verdun, Riverview, LaSalle Sr, Allion.
 - *Homework Zone:* is an after school mentoring program connecting McGill University student volunteers with elementary school students in under-served neighbourhoods. Serving Riverview, Verdun, LaSalle Sr.
 - *Coding:* this partnership works with teachers (k-12) who are interested in weaving code into their language, arts, math and technology curriculum. Serving Beurling, "other schools in progress."
 - *School of Music:* provides musical workshops, activities, and educational field trip, which encourage appreciation for music and excitement for learning. The program consists of 20 music lessons in groups or private sessions for schools in low socio-economic areas. Serving Kingsdale, LaSalle Jr., Riverview, Sunshine, Verdun, "other schools in progress."
 - *Welcome to Kindergarten:* Parents/caregivers and their children attend orientation sessions at their neighbourhood school where they receive early learning and literacy resources, and learn how to use them at home. Serving Kingsdale, LaSalle Jr., Riverview, Sunshine, Verdun, "others in proress."
 - *Let's Start Kindergarten:* Born to Read provides three parental workshops which help parents/guardians prepare for their child's first school experience. Serving Springdale, Sunshine.
 - *Verdun Youth Zone:* YMCA Youth Zone provides a variety of different programs for kids from the community. Academic Support, Youth Leadership programs, Youth travel and cultural exchanges, employment development and physical activities. Serving Verdun, Riverview, Beurling.

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- *Bounce Back & Youth Support Program*: helping at-risk students find strategies to succeed in the classroom. Serving PCHS, RHS.
- *Pathways to Education*: a multi-year commitment to youth and their families. Through a network of staff, volunteers, and partners, the Pathways Program helps youth overcome barriers to education, delivering after-school tutoring, and group and career mentoring, short-and long-term financial assistance, and one-to-one support from a staff member who encourages students and holds them accountable. Serving Lakeside.

Our House Project Presented by Mr. Balleine.

- Our House Project. Vocational training programs Habitat House; a semi-detached, LEED-certified Habitat (Green Building initiative) for Humanity House in Ormstown for 2 families!
- The Chateauguay Valley Career Education Centre (CVCEC) Carpentry Program will take the lead in this project, called the "Our House" project. They will be joined by Pearson Electrotechnology Centre (PEC) students and Verdun Adult and Career Centre (VACC) students. This project is a venture between NFSB, the Municipality of Ormstown, Écohabitation (LEED), Habitat for Humanity (province of Quebec) and the LBPSB.

Bill 105 Success Plan, presented by Mr. Balleine (highlights):

- The school/centre success plan and management and education success agreement are eliminated and will be replaced by an Educational Project (EP).
- **The EP must** be consistent with the school board's commitment-to-success plan, and must **respect students', parents' and school staff's freedom of conscience and of religion**.
- GBs will adopt with amendments possible, oversee, and periodically evaluate the schools EP (success plans).
- GBs must make EP public 60-90 days after sending it to the school board.

Educational Services: presented by Ms. Finn

- Peter Gilson will be leaving Dec. 23, 2016 the LBPSB and moving on.
- Feb 10th Professionals day, on digital workshop.
- On Wed. Nov 23 the Student services Dept. organized a prof. development, for the high school level, invited to come in the Board room.
- Nov 25th, community and spiritual animators organized 6 English school boards to share ideas, on the ****New Sex Education Program** ---Please see the Minister of Education's Website to view this program.

(***Special note to PC members - the Sex Education is from K to grade 11- Request to all PC members to please get informed. See,*

<http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/references/publications/results/detail/article/learning-content-in-sexuality-education-1/>

International Report: presented by Steven Colpitts

- January 13 2017, we will be opening our doors at the Adult Career Centre

Comments from the commissioners:

- Appreciation for Shane Ross's leadership, reports, and handling of sensitive matters was expressed by the Programs and Services Committee.

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Meeting ended at 7:35pm

Next Meeting: February 6th, 2017

Respectfully submitted by,

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