

**Lester B Pearson High School
Governing Board Meeting
April 29, 2010**

Legend: P=Present, A=Absent R=Regrets

Name	Function	Attendance	Name	Function	Attendance
M. Palmieri	Administration	P	C. Chilelli	Administration	P
B. Tsatoumas	Administration	P	S. Rebelo	Administration	P
P Bellan	Parent	P	A. Fiore	Parent	R
S. Stone	Parent	P	P. Smyth	Parent	P
G. Felice	Parent	P	F. Reda	Parent	P
D. Conte	Parent	P	G. Sirignano	Parent	P
C. Clarabut	Teacher	A	P. Labrecque	Teacher	P
P. Karpontinis	Teacher	P	J. Ste. Croix	Teacher	P
G. Chan	Teacher	P	N. Colella	Teacher	P
G. Felice	PPO	P	S. Lo Bianco	Commissioner	P
C. Florio	Student	P	P Iannatone	Student	P
	Community Rep	A		Prof Staff	A
	Support Staff	A	E. Pellicone	Support Staff	P

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr Bellan **motioned** to adopt the Agenda. Ms Stone **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

2. Approval of the March 17th Minutes

One clarification noted for the amount collected for the Haiti relief initiatives. The exact amount should read \$4369. Mr Bellan **motioned** to adopt the minutes and Ms Stone **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

3. Business Arising from March 17th Minutes

A. Uniform Suppliers

The list of uniform items selected for the tender process was presented by Ms Palmieri. The list includes: 3 types of pants for girls, 3 types of pants for boys,

unisex polo sweaters in long and short sleeves, unisex shirt, shoe bag, unisex gym clothes (shorts, T shirt and jogging pants), unisex three quarter pants, and a unisex long sleeve zippered fleece sweater. Mr Reda **motioned** to accept the list as presented and the motion was **seconded** by Mr Chan. The **vote** was unanimous.

Ms Palmieri will submit the list to the school board and the school board will in turn provide the list to the tenders.

Ms Palmieri will be setting up an appointment with Loft to determine the buy back inventory. According to the contract, the ceiling for the inventory is \$10000. Mr Bellan will contact the Governing Board members regarding the date and time of this appointment. Members wishing to attend this meeting will inform Mr Bellan.

4. **New Business**

A. Guest Speaker Officer Antonio Cardazzi

Youth Intervention Officer, Mr Cardazzi from Station 39 in Montreal North, addressed the Governing Board. He responded to the many questions asked by the members. Mr Cardazzi explained the good working relationship with the LBP Administration and the mutual adoption of zero tolerance for drug use and inappropriate behaviours. The most important elements that needs work with our students is their incivilities such as littering, loitering, disturbing the peace in the neighbourhood, and drug use on school and surrounding grounds. To date, LBP has suspended students for using drugs outside the school and remitted tickets for littering. Hopefully these sanctions will discourage students from participating or contributing to improper behaviours.

B. Trips/Outings

La Ronde:

The trip will be held on June 4th for all students. The cost per student is \$29.50 plus \$10 for transportation. Mr Reda **motioned** to subsidize \$14.50 per student from Fund 3. The motion was **seconded** by Mr Bellan. The **vote** was unanimous.

Beach Party for Secondary 5 students:

The outing will be held on June 3rd at Cap St-Jacques. The transportation cost is \$10 per student. Mr Bellan **motioned** to permit the school to take these students to the outing. Mr Sirignano **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

Car Wash May 22nd:

The event will take place in the Canadian Tire parking lot on Maurice Duplessis. The cost is \$5 per vehicle and all funds will go to the Student Life program.

Denim Day:

On May 11th a denim day will be held to raise money for cancer research. Students are encouraged to donate \$2. Students must wear their uniform tops. Mr Bellan **motioned** to hold the event and Mr Sirignano **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

Student Life Leadership Retreat:

A maximum of 20 students will participate in the retreat which will be held before the start of the next school year. The retreat is organized by Dynamics. The cost per student is \$25 plus transportation. Mr Reda **motioned** to let the students participate in the retreat. The motioned was **seconded** by Mr Labrecque and the **vote** was unanimous.

C. Bathrooms

The current plan is to redo one of the two bathrooms during the summer months. Our students need to learn to be more respectful of these facilities.

D. Labour Relations

Every Wednesday students are allowed to serve an additional 10 minute recess in class. To date, no pleasure tactics have disrupted classes. Teachers are within their rights.

E. Bill 104

The letter to Line Beauchamp, MNA for the Bourassa-Sauvé riding was endorsed by all the members of the Governing Board. Mr Bellan **motioned** to approve the resolution. Mr Reda **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was as follows: 19 members for the resolution, 0 against, and 0 abstentions. On behalf of the Governing Board, Mr Bellan will mail the letter to Ms Beauchamp.

5. Reports

A. Commissioner, S. Lo Bianco

- Bill 104 petitions are available both on-line and hardcopy. Parents are strongly encouraged to sign the petition and to encourage as many people as possible to do so.
- The Long Range Planning meeting took place last week at Laurier MacDonald high school. There are concerns for both declining enrolment and budget deficient for the coming and subsequent school years. Many elementary schools are currently operating with less than 200 students. School closures are imminent.
- French program surveys are currently underway at the elementary schools. These surveys must be submitted by May 29th. At the June Council meeting, a decision is expected regarding the selection of which French program will be offered, either emersion or bilingual. Core schools will continue to exist.

B. Principal, Ms Palmieri

- Enrolment for the 2010-11 school year is at 1198 students.
- Three teachers have been identified as excess.
- The Europe trip to France was a great success. No incidents were reported. Students were well behaved. A souvenir video will be provided to the students.
- Students that attended the Florida trip also had a blast and again no incidents reported. Students were well behaved.
- Fourteen students participated on the trip to Camp Kinkora which included a total of 210 students from the EMSB.
- Ms Chilelli provided information on upcoming Secondary 5 events which include: trip to NYC next week; Shakespeare Interactive Circus; and a guest speaker on Image Discrimination (also for Sec 3 and 4). The recycling of water bottles and juice boxes is a secondary 5 initiative which is proving to be very successful. With the collection of 2000 bottles students will be rewarded with 2 cookies each, 5000 units will translate into an ice cream/student, and the collection of 10 000 units will result in a meal/student.
- Mr Rebelo provided information on Secondary 1 and 2 activities which include: Poetry Slam presented to all Sec1-2 students at lunch time in the auditorium; Secondary 1 registration completed along with the placement of students in the Honours program (one class each for French, English, and Math).
- Ms Tsatoumas confirmed the feedback from students who attended the Leadership camp was very positive. New clocks will be arriving next week. The clocks have useful pictograms to remind the students what not to use in class examples cell phones and Ipods.
- Ministry exams for English will begin in May.
- The LBP success rate in 2007-08 was 77.5% LBP ranked 6th amongst the 14 EMSB high schools. Important to remember LBP has approximately 350 coded students.
- Public speaking contest will be held on April 30th for 5 students, one from each level.
- Robotics competition will be held on May 1-2.
- Mock lockdown will be held next week; the students have been advised of this exercise.
- Twenty minutes Poetry reading for the whole school took place

C. Chair, Mr Bellan

- Thank you letter received from Mr M Tirelli regarding our letter concerning the selection criteria for principal.
- Did not attend the Variety show in April.
- Received an invitation to attend the teachers' lounge on March 17th.
- Received publicity from Francofete en education which took place from March 5th-28th

- Received the Quebec Home and School News in March.
- Attended the Long Range Planning Committee on April 27th: enrolment is down from 25,611 students in 2005-06 to 22,258 students in 2009-10. Elementary schools need at least 200 students per school. In Region 1 there are 2 schools currently with less than 200 students and in Region 2 there are 5 schools with enrolment below 200 students per school. In Region 3, 4 schools are below the magic number of 200 students. The fixed costs in operating a school are approximately \$250,000. The adult education and vocational training centers for the moment are not at risk. Proposed recommendations for consultation will take place in March 2011 and changes can be expected for the 2012-13 school year.
- Volunteer night was a success.
- Next Governing Board meeting is tentatively set for May 20th.

D. Delegate, F Reda

- Much discussion took place regarding Bill 104.
- A decision confirming which French program will be introduced is expected soon.
- Boundaries for schools will be limited to territories and not programs.

E. PPO, G. Felice

- Last meeting took place last week and new members have joined the PPO.
- Bill 104 discussed.
- Bathroom deficiencies discussed.
- Fundraising projects for 2010-11 will be presented at the next Governing Board meeting.

F. Student Council, Patrick Iannatone or Caterina Florio

- Tricycle race was held in the plaza at lunch time.
- Musical chairs will be held again.
- One more movie night is planned before the end of the school year.
- The variety show was a great success.
- Intramural hockey seems to be a success.
- Secondary 5 students attended the Spiritual Retreat
- The sale of Secondary 5 hoodies is underway and going well.
- Considering the possibility of holding a Sock Hop
- SPC cards will be sold in the coming week.
- Currently in the process of selecting the members of the Student Council for the 2010-11 school year.
- Attempting to include one activity per week for the remaining month.
- Considering announcing student birthdays in the bulletin.

- 6. Varia**
Ped Day
The May 14th Ped Day will be switched to May 21st since the English Ministry exams are now scheduled on May 14th.
- 7. Public Question Period**
None
- 8. Adjournment**
Mr Bellan **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 22: 11. Mr Reda **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

Minutes Submitted by
Dina Conte

Governing Board Chairman
Peter Bellan

Principal
Maria Palmieri
