

**Lester B Pearson High School
Governing Board Meeting
December 16, 2009**

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

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

In keeping with holiday spirit, a buffet dinner was served to celebrate the upcoming holidays. Many thanks to Ms Smyth for organizing the event for us.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Correction to the agenda, Item 3 should read November 26, 2009 not October 15, 2009. Include Item 3.sub item 4A Budget Report .Mr Bellan **motioned** to adopt the Agenda. Ms Clarabut **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

2. Approval of the November 26th Minutes

No corrections noted. Mr Bellan motioned to adopt the minutes and Ms Stone **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was not unanimous, one abstention, Ms Fiore.

3. **Business Arising from November 26 Minutes**

Item 4A Budget Report

Ms Palmieri provided clarification on the money raised last year through the PPO fund raising efforts. Approximately \$2000 was raised. This amount was added to the opening balance of \$471 less expenses incurred to print the donation tickets, the current balance is \$2204.97.

Item 4D Budget Building Process

The 2009-10 Budget Priorities for the school board were as follows: 1) Literacy, 2) Resource materials for Math and Art, 3) Budget for special needs students, 4) Technology ICT, 5) Subsidy per student, 6) School maintenance.

After discussion Mr Bellan **motioned** to submit the following priorities for 2010-11: 1) Per capita student allocation indexed to the cost of living, 2) Literacy, 3) Resource materials for Math and Arts, 4) Budget for special needs students, 5) Technology ICT, 6) School maintenance. Mr Reda **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

For the 12 Guiding Principles, Criteria, and Related Orientations the following comments were noted: Item 2, We strongly agree. Item 4, We suggest there be an automatic indexation. For the remaining Guiding Principles, Criteria, and related Orientations, no additional comments noted, therefore we agree. Mr Bellan **motioned** to accept these comments and Mr Reda **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

Item 4F PPO Fundraiser

Mr Bellan provided information regarding eligibility to obtain a licence for fundraising through the sale of raffle tickets. Given the laws governing, Lottery Schemes Regulations, we are not eligible. Therefore, no raffles will be held in order to raise funds for the PPO

4. **New Business**

A. **School Pictures**

Illusion is the provider for school pictures. The pictures must be ordered on-line through Illusion's website. Students have been informed of this change through the school bulletin, Plaza TV, and special announcements.

5. **Reports**

A. **Commissioner, S. Lo Bianco**

- No report for this meeting.

B. Principal, Ms Palmieri

- Movie night was a success approximately 250 students attended the viewing of Transformers II.
- English and French exams are currently in process.
- The Body exhibition outing was a success.
- FLM Secondary 5 students attended the December production at Place des Arts.
- Santa Pictures also a success.
- Monies previously allocated for transportation to the ballet, National Film Board, and Radio Canada outings will be returned to Fund 3 since a grant has been received.
- 123 students took advantage to go to the A H1N1 vaccination clinic.
- 4 bake sales were held to raise money to buy new toys for this year's toy drive.
- Our students were extremely generous in collecting canned goods for the needy families in our community.
- Secondary 5 ERC classes sponsored families for Christmas.
- There was a break-in at the school. Five students, not all from LBP were involved. The video footage has been given to the authorities for further investigation. LBP students have been dealt with accordingly.
- Cameras in the basement have been installed.
- The November 27th Region 1 workshop held in our school was a success. Approximately 40 students were involved in making the event a success.
- Christmas activities are currently under way.
- On December 6th, Ms Pellicone brought 8 students to do volunteer work at a soup kitchen.
- Ms Palmieri mentioned our students/teachers receive positive feedback regarding our student's behaviour on outings.

C. Chair, Mr Bellan

- A registered letter from Loft Des Enfants was received questioning our decision not to renew the contract.

D. Delegate, F Reda

- The Budget Building Process was discussed.
- Internal rules reviewed.
- Committee formed to review Bill 104 with the school board and CPC.
- Subcommittee formed to review traffic around school areas.
- Many dossiers regarding elementary schools discussed.

E. PPO, G. Felice

- Due to the legalities, the PPO members voted not to hold raffle ticket fundraisers. As for other fundraising initiatives, Mr Felice will give us an update in 2010.
- Parents were not aware of the changes introduced for ordering school pictures. Ms Palmieri's clarification will be communicated to the PPO.
- Parents concerned about procedures regarding early dismissal and late arrivals. Ms Palmieri reiterated the school's position. The new rules are also printed in the school agenda.
- The PPO plans to begin a PPO Newsletter for parents providing information updates and clarifications.

F. Student Council, Patrick Iannatone or Caterina Florio

- Movie night was a success and the event will be repeated.
- Christmas activities are currently in process during the two lunch periods.
- Student Council is brainstorming suggestions for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- The Student Council Secretary and Treasurer attended the Student Advisory Committee.
- Next school dance will be held on January 16th.
- A Habs' night will be held on January 23rd.

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7. Public Question Period

Are early dismissal notes required?

Yes, and must be brought to the office at the beginning of the day.

When will the yearbooks be distributed?

The yearbook for 2008-09 is not quite ready. Pictures from the November convocation ceremony will be included. Students will be informed once the books.

Feedback regarding snow removal is positive. The snow has been cleared and walkways salted.

8. Adjournment

Mr Reda **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 21:06. Mr Bellan **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

Minutes Submitted by
Dina Conte

Governing Board Chairman
Peter Bellan

Principal
Maria Palmieri
