

**Lester B Pearson High School
Governing Board Meeting
March 17, 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	P
S. Stone	Parent	P	P. Smyth	Parent	R
G. Felice	Parent	A	F. Reda	Parent	P
D. Conte	Parent	P	G. Sirignano	Parent	R
C. Clarabut	Teacher	P	P. Labrecque	Teacher	A
P. Karpontinis	Teacher	P	J. Ste. Croix	Teacher	P
G. Chan	Teacher	P	N. Colella	Teacher	P
G. Felice	PPO	A	S. Lo Bianco	Commissioner	R
C. Florio	Student	A	P Iannatone	Student	A
	Community Rep	A		Prof Staff	A
	Support Staff	A	E. Pellicone	Support Staff	R

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**
Uniform Suppliers was added to the Agenda Item 4F along with Tutorials under Varia item A. Mr Bellan **motioned** to adopt the Agenda. Ms Fiore **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

2. **Approval of the January 21st Minutes**
One correction noted. Item 5B should read 129 and not 120 computers picked up at McGill. Mr Bellan **motioned** to adopt the minutes and Ms Stone **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

3. **Business Arising from January 21st Minutes**
None.

4. New Business

A. Budget Update

Ms Chilelli presented the status of the budget.

B. Selection Criteria for Principal

No changes were made to the current criteria. Mr Karpontinis **motioned** to send the letter, dated March 17, 2010 to the School Board and to the attention of the Deputy Director General, Mr. Robert A. Stocker. Mr Reda **seconded** the motioned. The **vote** was unanimous.

C. Parent Teacher Interviews

The November interviews are open to all parents. Parents should make provisions to arrive early and plan their visit in order to meet the desired teachers. The February interviews are organized by invitation. Though open to all parents, this session is geared for the parents of the students having some difficulties. Parents can also contact the teachers via email, student agenda notes, or by telephone. If using the telephone option, parents should leave the numbers where they can be reached work and/or home.

D. Lockers

There is no space to add additional lockers. Students are assigned an individual book locker as well as a shared coat locker. Students are encouraged to keep their lockers tidy.

E. Cell Phones

Detentions are administered to students who are caught using cell phones in classes. For emergencies, parents should not be calling their children on their cell phones, but rather, call the school directly.

F. Uniform Suppliers

Ms Palmieri met with the School Board's representative for uniforms. Given the volume of business LBP generates for any given uniform supplier, the School Board representative will be sending out tenders for our next contract selection. This item will be carried forward to the next Governing Board meeting for further discussion.

5. Reports

A. Commissioner, S. Lo Bianco

- No report for this meeting.

B. Principal, Ms Palmieri

- Variety show is planned for April and the members of the Governing Board and PPO will receive a complementary ticket. The ticket will be sent home through the member's child.
- Carnival activities went well. Seventeen buses were filled with 800 students participating in the various activities offered. Activities were also held at the school.
- Over \$4000 was raised for the relief efforts for Haiti.
- The Fundraiser held on February 20th generated approximately \$10000 for the Terry Fox charity.
- The third term will end on March 26th. Students will be bringing home their report cards by April 16th.
- Some teachers are currently on maternity or sick leave, on loan to the Ministry, and 2 have recently been promoted to other positions within the school board. This situation has created a need for substitute teachers. The search has at times has been difficult specifically for some subject matters.
- There is a need to add clocks in every classroom Mr Reda **motioned** to allocate \$750 from Fund 3 to purchase the clocks. Ms Stone **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.
- Many fun and entertaining activities are part of the school spirit initiatives. Mr Karpontinis gave us a breakdown of some of the events that have taken place or will take place shortly. These activities include the following: St-Valentine's week activities; January school dance planned but unfortunately cancelled due to low participation; 2010-11 Student Council selection interviews planned for March; St-Patrick's Day musical chairs to the tune of Irish music; Leadership Camp in April.
- The EMSB Regional meeting will be held in our school on March 19th.
- Science Fair held in February.
- A play, Shakespeare Interactive Circus, is planned for the Secondary 5 students. The cost for the event is \$675 plus GST. Mr Reda **motioned** to pay for the play. Mr Bellan **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

C. Chair, Mr Bellan

- A letter from Triangulum Uniforms along with a publicity package was received on February 9th.
- A letter from Loft Des Enfants was received informing us of their name change, Loft Uniforms Inc and confirming the departure of Eva Baktis.
- A request from Loft Uniforms was received on February 19th requesting a meeting with the Governing Board to discuss the reasons for not renewing the contract with them.
- The April 15th meeting will be rescheduled due to the conflict with the variety show.

D. Delegate, F Reda

- Dates for the Christmas break have not been sent. Two options were discussed. Option 1, the break to begin on the Friday preceding Christmas and returning on Monday January 3rd. Option 2, the break to begin in the middle of the week preceding Christmas and returning the middle of the first week of January. The Governing Board members prefer Option 1.
- The EPCA, English Parents Committee Association has now been formed.
- Cluster meetings have been held to discuss the amount of French instruction to be given at the elementary school level. A document containing the Frequently Asked Questions, FAQ, regarding this issue has also been produced.
- The school board has made available a video on the dangers involved in driving with the use of cell phones. Teachers and administrators are welcomed to borrow the video.
- Bill 104 petition is available on the EMSB website. The students will be receiving information regarding this petition and the parents are encouraged to support the petition.

E. PPO, G. Felice

- In absence of Mr Felice, Ms Stone, Co-Chair of the PPO gave an update.
- Ms Chilelli attended the last meeting.
- Bill 104 discussed.
- Concerns regarding the amount of substitute teachers and the impact on the students were expressed.
- The Secondary 3 dress down petition along with the 30 detentions served also discussed.
- Variety show, the bat in the gym, and the amount of homework given were discussed.
- Some questions raised about the fine line between the students and teachers regarding the discussion of personal issues.

F. Student Council, Patrick Iannatone or Caterina Florio

- No report for the meeting.

6. Varia

Tutorial

Students are encouraged to attend the tutorials given by the teachers. Currently, the participation to these tutorials is low. Reviews of material taught, are covered during class time. Teachers' generally advise students who should attend the tutorials. Having separate tutors come to the school and offer after school services is difficult to organize and maintain since these tutors are typically older students who have their own study/school schedules.

7. Public Question Period

What percent of the final grade will the FLM provincial exams carry?

Ms Palmieri will get back to us.

8. Adjournment

Mr Bellan **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 21:45. Mr Reda **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

Minutes Submitted by
Dina Conte

Governing Board Chairman
Peter Bellan

Principal
Maria Palmieri
