

**Lester B Pearson High School
Governing Board Meeting
October 26, 2011**

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

Name	Function	Attendance	Name	Function	Attendance
M. Palmieri	Administration	P	C. Chilelli	Administration	P
T. Beach	Administration	R	S. Rebelo	Administration	P
P Bellan	Parent	P	G. Felice	Parent	P
D. Medeiros	Parent	P	A. Pandolfo	Parent	P
S. Petrocco	Parent	P	F. Reda	Parent	P
D. Conte	Parent	P	G. Sirignano	Parent	P
V. Timpano	Teacher	R	R. Mucci	Teacher	P
P. Karpontinis	Teacher	P	S. Blumer	Teacher	R
G. Girardello	Teacher	P	N. Pomilio	Teacher	P
G. Felice	PPO	P	S. Lo Bianco	Commissioner	R
K. Vaccaro	Student	P	A.J. Gomes	Student	A
	Community Rep	A	C. Gagné	Prof Staff	R
	Support Staff	A		Support Staff	

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Item 4b should read Trips, Outings, Activities and under Varia item a. Facile was included: Mr Bellan **motioned** to adopt the Agenda. Mr Reda **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

2. Approval of the September 22nd Minutes

Mr Bellan **motioned** to adopt the minutes and Ms Petrocco **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

3. Business Arising from June 16th Minutes

Item 7b Governing Board meeting dates

The subsequent meetings will be held on December 5th, January 19th, February 16th, March 15th, April 19th, May 17th, and in June the date to be determined. All meetings are scheduled to start at 7pm with the exception of the December meeting will begin at 6pm Mr Bellan motioned to accept the given dates for the meetings and Ms Mucci **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

Item 7c Rules of Internal Management.

The delays indicated for items 2.1, 3.3, and 3.5 will change to 2 days. For item 3.5, the word minutes will be removed. Mr Reda **motioned** to accept the minor changes proposed. Mr Bellan **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

Item 7f Community Representative

In the absence of a Community Representative, Mr Bellan **motioned** to look for guest speakers to come address the Governing Board. Mr Sirignano **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was unanimous.

4. New Business

A. Buy-back sale

In order to liquidate the Loft inventory, the items will be offered for sale to the parents at the parent-teacher interview evening to be held on November 17th.

Ms Conte motioned to offer the items at a 50% and round up or down to the nearest \$5. The sale will be cash only and the information regarding items, sizes, and quantities will be made available on the school website. Mr Felice seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous

On November 3rd, a complete inventory count of the Loft items will take place. Mr Bellan will contact the individuals who volunteered for the task.

B. Trips, Outings, Activities

Literacy Committee proposed the following:

- Book fair November 21-24
- Literacy Mural (cafeteria is a possible location)
- Coffee house November 24th admission \$5 to be setup by Sec 5 students
- Junior Poetry Slam
- Plays

Sec 1 students (in school)

Geordie Production-Weapons of Peace

Sec 2 and 3 students (in school)

Montreal Shakespeare Company-Romeo and Juliette

Sec 4 students (Leonardo Da Vinci Center)

Bunker

Sec 5 (in school)

Youth Theatre-Pandora

- Gazette Spelling Bee

Mr Bellan **motioned** to subsidize all 4 plays from Fund 3 to a maximum \$5000 cost. Mr Sirignano **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was unanimous.

Terry Fox Committee proposed the following:

- Walk-a-thon April 27th including pledge sheets
- Band Aid after the walk-a-thon
- Penny war beginning in March
- A non-uniform day in March \$2/student
- Four bake sales
- Raffle tickets
- Freezy Fridays
- Two coffee houses
- Recipe book
- Tentative Terry Fox Dinner

Ms Conte **motioned** to approve the Terry Fox proposed activities,
Ms Girardello **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was unanimous.

Field Trip Proposals include:

- Anthony Theatre visit, 2 Sec 3 Drama classes. Admission is \$20/student.
- NFB visit for 2 classes in Sec 2. Cost is \$20/student

Mr Bellan **motioned** to approve these two field trips. Mr Felice **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was unanimous.

Overnight Trip proposals include:

- Quebec City Winter Carnival for Sec 1 and 2 students to be held February 10-12. Cost per student is \$360.
- Ski Mont Ste Anne for Sec 1 and 2 students to be held on January 18-20. Cost per student is \$350 plus \$70 for rental of equipment.
- Boston for Sec 3 and 4 students to be held on April 24-26. Cost per student is \$500.

Mr Bellan motioned to approve these overnight trips and Mr Sirignano **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

C. Graduation Ceremony

Prom night is tentatively set for June 28th. The committee is currently looking for venues. Suggestions are welcomed and should be addressed directly to Ms Girardello.

5. Reports

A. Commissioner, S. Lo Bianco

- Not available

B. Principal, Ms Palmieri

- Progress report cards completed and sent home October 14th
- Officer Stragnello has volunteered his time to the school and currently has an office in the plaza
- Thanksgiving lunches were served. A great success for the junior students, however, participation of the senior students is very low.
- OPUS cards program completed successfully

C. Chair, Mr Bellan

- Attended the October 2nd convocation ceremony
- Thanks to the parents who supported Angie Bertone as commissioner for Ward 12
- A detailed description of the Governing Board role was distributed to the members at the meeting. The sheet will be distributed at Open House as well on October 27th.

D. Delegate, F Reda

- One meeting held and all the elections took place
- Council of Commissioners will be making a decision as to who will fill the vacancy for Ward 12

E. PPO, G. Felice

- Parents would have preferred more detail on the Progress Report Cards especially in cases where the student is not performing to standard
- Parents feel that the new Polos sold by Triangulum seem to be more rigid in texture and seem to be less comfortable (sweater does not breathe). Mr Bellan offered to call Triangulum.
- Comedy night is approaching, November 18th. Tickets currently on sale for \$15 each.

F. Student Council, K. Vaccaro, A.J. Gomes

- \$750 raised on September 30th at the Jersey Day event Funds raised will be sent to “We School”
- October food drive currently undergoing with the collection going to the Free the Children organization
- 260 students attended the first school dance
- Many Halloween activities planned and currently under way. Our haunted house will have visitors from elementary school.

Mr Bellan **motioned** to permit the student Council to organize another dance before the Christmas break. Mr Sirignano **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was unanimous.

**6. Varia
Facile**

Facile is a science learning program. Given the benefits of the program, Ms Palmieri was able to negotiate a remarkable price reduction for the students. The cost per Sec 1-2-3 student is \$5 each. The cost for Sec 4 students is \$10 each and Sec 5 students have no charge. In order to make this service available to our students \$5902 is required.

Mr Reda **motioned** to subsidize the cost from Fund 3 and Mr Pandolfo **seconded** the motion the **vote** was unanimous.

7. Public Question Period

When will Facile begin?

Ms Palmieri will confirm once the program is in place and the teachers have been advised. Information will be given to the students via daily bulletin and website.

What is the purpose of the Progress Report Card?

It is now a requirement from the Ministry and must be issued by a given date.

8. Adjournment

Mr Reda **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 20:51. Mr Felice **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous. .

Minutes Submitted by _____
Dina Conte

Governing Board Chairman _____
Peter Bellan

Principal _____
Maria Palmieri

