

**Lester B Pearson High School
Governing Board Meeting
September 24, 2009**

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

Name	Function	Attendance	Name	Function	Attendance
M. Palmieri	Administration	P	C. Chilelli	Administration	A
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	J. Genovezos	Teacher	P
P. Karpontinis	Teacher	P	J. Ste. Croix	Teacher	R
G. Chan	Teacher	P			
	PPO	A	S. Lo Bianco	Commissioner	A
	Student	A		Student	A
	Community Rep	A		Prof Staff	A
	Support Staff	A	E. Pellicone	Support Staff	P

1. Adoption of the agenda

Additions to the agenda include Item 8gii Terry Fox and Item 9a Bathrooms. Item 8 should read sub items a through h and not a through g. Ms Palmieri **motioned** to adopt the Agenda. Ms Clarabut **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

Prior to proceeding, all the Governing Board members, new and returning, introduced themselves. The Executive was then elected. Mr Bellan re-elected as the Chairperson, Ms Stone elected as Vice Chair, Mr Felice elected as Treasurer, and Ms Conte elected as Secretary.

2. Approval of the June 3rd minutes

No corrections were made to the minutes.

Mr Bellan **motioned** to adopt the minutes and Mr Karpontinis **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous for the members present at the June 3rd meeting (9).

3. Business Arising from June 3rd Minutes

No outstanding issues.

4. New Business

A. Governing Board Meeting Dates

Meetings will be held every third Thursday of the month. The proposed meetings for the 2009-10 calendar is as follows: October 15th, November 19th, December 17th, January 21st, February 18th, March 18th, April 15th, May 20th, June TBA. Mr Bellan **motioned** to accept the proposed dates. Ms Stone **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

B. Rules of Internal Management

These rules reflect the reality of our school. Mr Bellan will give Ms Palmieri the final copy with some minor modifications. Ms Palmieri will table the document in an upcoming meeting.

C. Community Representatives

All Governing Board members are welcomed to make candidate suggestions to either Ms Palmieri or Mr Bellan. Ms Palmieri suggested having guest speakers on specific topics come to address our Governing Board.

D. Governing Board Annual Report 2008-09

Due to technical difficulties, the report will be made available at the next Governing Board meeting. The report must be submitted by October 31, 2009.

E. H1N1

In preparing for the next flu season, all Staff and Administration members have attended workshops to familiarize themselves with the symptoms. Special materials have been purchased such as forehead strips for measuring fever. Thirty hand sanitizers have been installed in the school. All communications regarding the status of school attendance/absenteeism or new measures put in place for the prevention of the H1N1 flu will be initiated by the School Board.

F. Overnight Trips

i) Walt Disney World ``Edutainment``

Trip geared for Secondary 3-4 students and planned for April 2-8. The price is \$1560.50 per student and there are 24 places available.

Mr Bellan **motioned** to approve the trip. Ms Stone **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was unanimous.

ii) Ottawa

Trip geared for all students in the Arts program. The price is \$337.42 per student and there are 120 places available. Final details regarding this trip will be available at the next meeting. The vote will then follow.

iii) New York

Trip geared for Secondary 5 students and planned for April 28-30. The price is \$525 per student and there are 48 places available. Mr Bellan **motioned** to approve the trip. Ms Clarabut **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was unanimous.

iv) Normandie-Paris

Trip geared for Secondary 4 and 5 students and planned for March 31-April 10. The price is \$2695 per student and there are 35 places available. Mr Reda **motioned** to approve the trip. Mr Bellan **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was unanimous.

Mr Reda **motioned** to have insurance mandatory for all trips outside Canada. Mr Bellan **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was not unanimous, one abstention.

G. Out of School Activities

i) Grands Ballet Canadiens

On October 23 Secondary 3 students will have an opportunity to attend the Romeo and Juliet production at Place des Arts for a cost of \$10 per student. There are 80 places available. Mr Bellan motioned to approve the outing. Ms Fiore seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

ii) GMAA

GMAA games enable the school to send students, sports teams, to various types of sporting events such as volleyball. Mr Bellan **motioned** to approve the student participation to the GMAA outings and Mr Reda **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

The cost to send our students to these events is \$300 for bussing, return trip, plus the registration fee for the event. The proposition tabled is to pay for one-way bussing and the registration fee. The expenses are charged to Fund 5. Mr Bellan **motioned** to have the school pay one-way bussing and registration fee. For the return trip, assurance to all parents no student will be left at the event without arrangements for the return trip home. Furthermore, review this alternative after the first 2 outings, if necessary readjust the transportation arrangements. Ms Comte **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was not unanimous, 6 in favour and 5 abstentions.

H. In School Activities

i) English Language Arts Play ``Smokescreen``

On October 28th and 30th Secondary 2 students will have the opportunity to view the Geordie Production of this play in the school auditorium. The cost will be \$675. There is a possibility that the play will also be shown to the students in Secondary 3, Ms Palmieri will confirm. Mr Reda **motioned** to present the play to the Secondary 2 students. Mr Sirignano **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was not unanimous, 10 in favour, 1 against, and 2 abstentions.

ii) Terry Fox

The Terry Fox committee submitted a list of activities proposed for this year's fundraising event. The activities include the walk-a-thon, penny war, one \$2 non-uniform day in March; bake sales, and many others. Mr Karpontinis **motioned** to accept the package of activities. Mr Bellan **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was unanimous.

5. Reports

A. Commissioner, S. Lo Bianco

- No report this month.

B. Principal, Ms Palmieri

- Enrolment this year is 1274 students with 75.5 teachers.
- Registration went extremely well.
- Orientation evening for the parents was also a success.
- Opus bus passes were done on September 22nd and 23rd.
- Student identification cards will be done shortly.
- School is considering bracelets for the upcoming Open House event.
- In recognition of the upcoming holiday, Thanksgiving, all students will be treated to breakfast.
- The dance and drama rooms have been redecorated and reconfigured. Much appreciated by the students.
- The roof is currently being redone.
- Tenders for the removal of the cement seats outside the school, on both sides, is currently underway.
- Student Council elections will be taking place shortly.
- All Governing Board members are welcomed to participate in the Marketing Committee.

C. Chair, Mr Bellan

- No new correspondences received.

D. Delegate, F Reda

- No report this month.

E. PPO, TBA

- No report this month.

B. Student Council, TBA

- No report this month.

6. Varia

- Bathrooms

The bathroom facilities need improvements. Many irritants exist for the students such as lack of soap dispensers, toilets out of order, and toilet paper dispensers empty. Ms Palmieri explained how the students abuse the facilities such as clogging the toilets with paper, removing the soap dispensers from the walls, and the frequency in which the Plumber needs to be called in to repair the toilets.

7. Public Question Period

No questions at this meeting.

8. Adjournment

Mr Reda **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 22:15. Mr Sirignano **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

Minutes Submitted by
Dina Conte

Governing Board Chairman
Peter Bellan

Principal
Maria Palmieri
