

**Lester B Pearson High School  
Governing Board Meeting  
November 26, 2009**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
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	P	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	A	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 he Agenda. Ms Stone **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.
  
2. **Approval of the October 15th** <sup>minutes</sup>  
The following corrections were noted. Item 4C should read LBP may choose. Item 5F last bullet should read The Student Council suggested Super Aqua Club as a possible outing to celebrate the end of the school year. Mr Bellan **motioned** to adopt the minutes and Ms Ste. Croix **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.
  
3. **Business Arising from October 15th Minutes**  
None

#### 4. New Business

##### A. Budget Report

Ms Chilelli presented the Budget Report.

##### B. Proposal-School Activities

i) The Entrepreneurial Class will be holding a photo shoot for students at lunchtime on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The pictures will be taken with Santa, Mrs Claus, and the elves for a cost of \$2. Pictures will be distributed on December 8<sup>th</sup>. All money raised will be used to cover the expenses for the event and the left over money will be given to a charity. Ms Smyth **motioned** to go ahead with the Santa family picture shoot. Mr Sirignano **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

ii) On December 4<sup>th</sup>, hockey night with the Habs is planned in the auditorium. In the event the arrangements for viewing the game fail, a movie night will replace the hockey game. The cost for the viewing is \$1 per ticket and includes a snack. Mr Reda **motioned** to go ahead with the viewing of either the hockey game or movie. Ms Smyth **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

iii) The Secondary 3 students will be going to the Eaton Center to visit the exhibit on Human Bodies. The date is tentatively set for December 7<sup>th</sup>. The total cost per student is \$12.95 entrance fee and \$7.05 for transportation. Ms Pellicone **motioned** to go ahead with the outing and to subsidize the transportation cost from Fund 3. Mr Sirignano **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was unanimous.

iv) On December 2<sup>nd</sup> some students will be going to the National Film Board. Though there is no entrance fee for the students, transportation costs will be \$7 per student. Mr Reda **motioned** to subsidize the transportation cost from Fund 3. Mr Bellan **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was unanimous.

v) On February 20<sup>th</sup> a fundraiser dinner will be held at Buffet Chateaubriand. The cost per ticket is \$40. All are welcomed. The fundraiser will benefit the Terry Fox foundation.

##### C. Surveillance cameras/gym complex

Due to the vandalism, theft, and graffiti in the gym areas additional surveillance is required. Eagle DGI has submitted a proposal to install three cameras for a cost of \$3897 including labour. Mr Reda **motioned** to have the cameras installed. Mr Sirignano **seconded** the motion and the **vote** was unanimous.

##### D. Budget Building Process

This item will be brought forward to the next meeting.

**E. Remembrance Day/Ped Day**

Ms Symth inquired if it would be possible to exchange one of the November Ped days in order to observe November 11<sup>th</sup> as a statutory holiday. Though this is not possible, Ms Pellicone suggested next year, some students may be bussed to the Black Watch.

**F. PPO Fundraiser**

The PPO is considering accepting donations in exchange for the opportunity to win tickets for either a hockey game or airline tickets. The donations would be used to help fund the end of school year event. Mr Reda offered to inquire what other high school PPO fundraisers do and will report at the next meeting. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

**G. PPO Bylaw Amendment**

The PPO bylaws must be presented at the General Assembly for parents in September. It is at this assembly that changes to the bylaws may be introduced so long as they are consistent with the Education Act. Ms Palmieri, in her role to ensure all school committees are organized according to the Education Act, will be contacting our two volunteers currently participating at the PPO committee. A reminder to all, volunteers are welcomed however, they must give their names to Ms Palmieri and they become candidates for any school activity.

**H. Holiday Social**

The next meeting will take place on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All Governing Board members are invited for the dinner buffet. The meeting will then follow at 7:00pm.

**5. Reports**

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

- The school board is providing bussing for those students who wish to be vaccinated for the A H1N1 virus.
- Enrolment is down and Region 1 seems to be more affected than the other regions. This decline has a direct impact on monies allocated to the schools.
- Many elementary schools are undergoing a consultation process for programs. On January 13<sup>th</sup>, a meeting at the school board will be held to further discuss school boundaries.

## **B. Principal, Ms Palmieri**

- Book fair was held and a small profit was generated.
- The report card distribution went well. Many parents took the opportunity to meet the teachers.
- Geordi Production presented the play A Midsummer Night's Dream to two levels of students.
- Placement exams took place on November 14<sup>th</sup>. A total of 124 students wrote the Honours, Enriched, and Sport Etudes exams.
- Convocation ceremony was held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>
- The Thanksgiving Breakfast in October was a success. Level 4 students received a special breakfast on October 30<sup>th</sup> for their victory in decorating their table during the event held the week of October 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.
- On November 30<sup>th</sup> breakfast will be served to the 2 classes that won the Halloween door decorating contest.
- Due to lack of participation, the November school dance, trip to Toronto for Secondary 2 students, and the leadership retreat were all cancelled.
- Our school will receive a donation of approximately 120 computers.
- Letters were sent out to all parents regarding the registration for the bussing to the vaccination centers. Though our school had a couple of suspected cases, no student, staff member, and teacher have confirmed cases of the virus. No excessive absenteeism was noted.
- Our school will be used for a teachers' workshop on the November 27<sup>th</sup> Ped day.

## **C. Chair, Mr Bellan**

- The registered letter was sent to Loft Des Enfants stating our position on the contract renewal.
- A good attendance was noted at the Open House. Information regarding the Governing Board was made available to the parents.
- The Graduation Ceremony had many highlights including the Governor General award of distinction for one student who obtained an overall average of 94.5%.
- Marketing Committee members from the Governing Board include Gerry Felice, Susan Stone and Peter Bellan.
- Received a letter from, Bartimaeus offering their services in training, consulting, and support to schools.

## **D. Delegate, F Reda**

- Regarding consultation on enrolment policies, schools have the right to choose programs.
- Strategic plans were reviewed.
- There is a need to have a one shot review of school boundaries.
- Discussions on the A H1N1 virus took place

- Bathroom supply deficiencies also reported by other schools.

**E. PPO, G. Felice**

- For uniform selection, parents want to make sure of the selection criteria. Both price and quality must be considered.
- Fundraiser, refer to item 4F.
- Proper attention has been given to the A H1N1 virus.
- The graduation ceremony venue did not offer adequate ticket availability.
- Parents from the PPO would like to participate in the Marketing Committee.
- Ms Chilelli attended the last meeting. Her participation was greatly appreciated.

**F. Student Council, Patrick Iannatone or Caterina Florio**

- Halloween activities were held on the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>. Participation was good.
- Student Council helped out at the Open House and Grad Ceremony events.
- November 6<sup>th</sup> dance cancelled due to lack of participation.
- Ping Pong tables were setup during junior lunch. The event will be redone and offered to all students.
- Hockey or Movie night on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas activities to come.
- Student Council will be helping out at the teachers' workshop November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Varia**

**7. Public Question Period**

Regarding the choice of venue for the Graduation Ceremony, all suggestions are welcomed.

Magnetic school calendars were not issued this year due to cost and cannot be updated as changes occur.

Information for the website can be forwarded to Mr Karpontinis provided the information is in an electronic file.

**8. Adjournment**

Mr Reda **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 21:25. Mr Bellan **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

Minutes Submitted by  
Dina Conte

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Governing Board Chairman  
Peter Bellan

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Principal  
Maria Palmieri

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