

**Lester B Pearson High School
Governing Board Meeting
October 15, 2009**

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

| Name | Function | Attendance | Name | Function | Attendance |
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| M. Palmieri | Administration | P | C. Chilelli | Administration | P |
| B. Tsatoumas | Administration | P | S. Rebelo | Administration | P |
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| P Bellan | Parent | P | A. Fiore | Parent | P |
| S. Stone | Parent | P | P. Smyth | Parent | P |
| G. Felice | Parent | P | F. Reda | Parent | R |
| D. Conte | Parent | P | G. Sirignano | Parent | P |
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| C. Clarabut | Teacher | P | J. Genovezos | Teacher | P |
| P. Karpontinis | Teacher | P | J. Ste. Croix | Teacher | P |
| G. Chan | Teacher | P | N. Colella | Teacher | P |
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| G. Felice | PPO | | S. Lo Bianco | Commissioner | A |
| C. Florio | Student | P | P Iannatone | Student | A |
| | Community Rep | A | | Prof Staff | A |
| | Support Staff | A | E. Pellicone | Support Staff | P |
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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
Mr Bellan **motioned** to adopt the Agenda. Ms Stone **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

2. **Approval of the September 24th minutes**
No corrections were made to the minutes.
Mr Bellan **motioned** to adopt the minutes and Mr Chan **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

3. **Business Arising from September 24th Minutes**
 - A. **Rules of Internal Management**
The only change made to the proposed set of rules of internal management is the start of all future Governing Board meetings; all meetings will be held from 19:00 to 21: 30. Mr Bellan **motioned** to adopt the set of rules with the

time change indicated above. Mr Karpontinis **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

B. Overnight trips, Ottawa

This trip is geared towards Secondary 5 students in the advanced Arts program. The trip is planned for May 5-6 and opened to 60 students for a cost of \$250 each.

C. Community Representative

Mr Bellan invited all Governing Board Members to feel free to suggest a candidate or invite a special guest speaker.

4. New Business

A. Annual Report

Mr Bellan presented the Annual Report. After review of the report contents, Mr Bellan **motioned** to accept the report. Ms Smyth **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

B. Activities/Outings

i) Leadership retreat will be held on November 19-20 and is open to Secondary 1-5 students currently in leadership positions. A maximum of 20 students will participate and the cost is \$156 per student.

ii) Secondary 1-2 students will be going to Toronto on May 6-8 for a cost of \$375 per student.

iii) The Robotics competition is open to all Secondary 3-5 students. Should our students succeed, there is a possibility to take the students and projects to Boston or New York.

iv) Secondary 5 students will be attending the Holocaust Museum. The date has yet to be confirmed. The cost will be \$20 per student.

v) A trip to Radio Canada is planned for Secondary 3-4 students. Fund 3 will be used to subsidize \$3100 of the cost, which includes transportation.

Mr Bellan **motioned** to accept all the proposed outings. Ms Stone **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

C. Uniform Supplier Contract

Mr Bellan **motioned** to send a registered letter to Loft Des Enfants indicating Lester B Pearson's intention not to renew the existing contract. The importance of this letter is to ensure LBP will be protected against an automatic contract renewal. For the May 2011 season, LBP may chose to invite Loft Des Enfants in the bidding for the new uniform contract. Should Lester B Pearson receive a letter from Loft Des Enfants, a second registered letter will be sent. Mr Sirignano **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous

D. Snow Removal On Stairs

Ms Palmieri will meet the school caretakers and emphasize the importance of proper shovelling of snow. Ms Palmieri will also validate the possibility of increasing student fees to pay for snow removal work. Lastly, Ms Palmieri will also validate the possibility of contracting the snow removal work with an independent contractor.

E. Cement Benches

Quotes received to remove the cement benches range from \$12,000 to \$27,000. To date, no contract has been awarded. Ms Palmieri will resume the search for a contractor in the spring. Ms Palmieri invited the Governing Board members to contact her should they have any knowledge of possible contractors who can do the job.

F. School Bags

This item was dropped from the Agenda and will be brought forward to the next uniform discussion.

5. Reports

A. Commissioner, S. Lo Bianco

- No report this month.

B. Principal, Ms Palmieri

- There are signs on all doors to remind people to go to the main office. A pass is required in order to circulate around the building.
- More cameras will be installed. Currently, cameras cover the first floor entrances but not the interior of the stairwells.
- Fire drill exercise went well. Another fire drill exercise is planned.
- A complete lock down exercise is planned in early January 2010.
- The school is in the process of getting colored cards for situation identification.
- Thanksgiving breakfast went well. Decoration of table contest went to Secondary 4 and the winners will receive yet another free breakfast.
- Open House will be held October 29th. Tables will be made available for both the PPO and Governing Board committees.

- Placement exams will be held on November 14th. This year, students wishing to enter the Sport Etudes program will also be given an exam.
- Convocation ceremonies for this year's graduating class will be held on November 22nd.
- A workshop for new Governing Board members will be held on October 27th at the EMSB.
- A Marketing Committee consisting of teachers has been formed. Ms Palmieri suggested the Governing Board members form a committee as well. Eventually both committees can meet.

C. Chair, Mr Bellan

- As of September 24th, the new issue of The Suburban is available.
- Received a pamphlet from the Association Canadienne Pour La Santé Mentale
- Received a letter from Assemblée Nationale for Secondary 3-4 students to participate in a parliamentary simulation to be held February 3-5. Bursaries of \$8000 can be won.
- Received publicity from Air Tech 2001 to clean ventilation system.
- Received publicity from Prestige Services for fund raising ideas.
- Received a memo from EMSB dated July 2nd, 2009 regarding the Strategic Plan 2009-14. The main goal in the plan is to increase student success rates.
- Received publicity from Janna Sports for complete gym uniforms with logos.
- Received memo from EMSB dated June 22nd, 2009 concerning the dates for the regular monthly Board meetings and those of the Executive Committee.
- Received the June issue of the Quebec Home and School News currently celebrating their 65th year.
- Received publicity from Pavage Cima for asphaltting the parking lots.
- Received publicity from Fundget.ca, fundraising ideas for selling subscription to access online library.
- Mr Simoneau is now with the Galileo Adult Center as Vice-Principal.
- Any Governing Board member wishing to partake in this year's Open House is requested to contact Mr Bellan.
- Any Governing Board member wishing to be on the Marketing Committee is requested to contact Mr Bellan.

D. Delegate, F Reda

- Laurier McDonald Community Centre will be holding a book of the month club as well as a workshop to improve literacy.

E. PPO, G. Felice

- At the October 13th meeting, Mr Felice was voted Chair of our PPO.
- Mr Felice plans to bring the PPO goals at the next PPO meeting.

F. Student Council, Patrick Iannatone or Caterina Florio

- 600 students participated in this year's Student Council election
- Student Council will be participating at the Open House
- Many activities are planned for Halloween at lunchtime the week of October 26th.
- Future lunchtime activities under consideration include movies in the auditorium.
- Members of Student Council will be attending the Leadership Workshop
- A big beach party is planned at the end of the school year. Super Aqua Club will replace the La Ronde outing.

6. Varia

7. Public Question Period

No questions at this meeting.

8. Adjournment

Mr Sirignano **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 21:30. Ms Clarabut **seconded** the motion. The **vote** was unanimous.

Minutes Submitted by
Dina Conte

Governing Board Chairman
Peter Bellan

Principal
Maria Palmieri
