



# Lester B. Pearson High School

## GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 18th, 2007

### Present:

#### Administration:

T.Quinn

C. Chilelli

S.P. Furlanetto

A. Simoneau

#### Parents:

N.Diaz

S.Savoca

T. Odracci

S. Stone

M. Montanaro

P. Bellan

P. Harmat

F. Reda (left at 9:15 p.m.)

#### Professional Staff:

none

#### Students:

A. Velasquez

#### Support Staff:

V. Pirollo

#### Teaching Staff:

S.Rebelo

C. Clarabut

M. Ledo

A. Lal

P. Karpontinis

#### PPO:

A. Salvatore

#### Regrets:

A. Lambrinos

S. Lo Bianco

J. Barbagallo

J. Gendron

J. Genovezos

Meeting started at: 8:00 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

**Motion:** “To adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of points 4 e) École Secondaire Henri Bourassa, 5 b) Scoliosis Research Project and 5 c) Uniforms.

**Moved by:** T. Odracci

**Seconded:** N. Diaz

**Vote:** adopted unanimously (15 For-0 Against, 0 Abstentions)

2. Correspondence

a) Workshop for new GB members, training session re-scheduled for January 27, 2008 at Laurier Macdonald High School from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

3. Approval of the Minutes of October 17, 2007 meeting

**Motion:** To approve the minutes as presented.

**Moved by:** T. Odracci

**Seconded:** A . Lal

**Vote:** approved unanimously

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007

a) Marketing Committee

The marketing committee met last week and explored what we do and what we can do; analyzed statistics concerning declining enrollment, and reviewed the number of students from the feeder schools now attending LBP. The committee will draw up a survey to determine what the students feel is marketable and problematic about LBP.

b) Verification of co-ordinates

A revised list was circulated for final correction.

c) Volunteer Appreciation Event

A list of names of volunteers, submitted to the EMSB, was given to S. Savoca and A. Salvatore.

d) Website Update

P. Karpontinis spoke about the spike of hits on snow days, the traffic from the EMSB link and Google, and it is operating smoothly. A summary activity report was distributed..

e) École Secondaire Henri Bourassa.

The Chairs and two representatives of each school met and the meeting went well. Thirty percent (30%) of HB students were unaware of the events. The representatives agreed to support the student councils, have monthly meetings, and open dialogue. T. Quinn will report to the parents at the end of January 2008.

5. New Business

a) Beautification Projects

This is an on going process to improve the school, which S. Savoca wants to continue and spoke of fundraisers to do so. T Quinn is asking for monies to refurbish the gym considering LBP is hosting the Bell Regional Science Fair. It would cost \$30,000 to remove the concrete benches outside and promote an open air concept. T. Quinn will talk to Central Management about whether Council money will be available again this year. Discussion took place as to whose responsibility it is to do certain things, the EMSB or the school. It was suggested that “Beautification” be handed over to the marketing committee.

b) Scoliosis Research Project

Scoliosis (a lateral curvature of the spine) affects 2% to 6% of the population. T. Quinn received a package of information, concerning the testing of the students on a volunteer basis accompanied with parental consent.. A physical exam and blood samples are necessary.

**Motion:** “To approve the distribution of documentation about scoliosis and the consent form to the parents via the students”.

**Moved by:** N. Diaz

**Seconded:** V. Pirollo

**Vote:** approved unanimously

c) Uniforms

F. Reda contacted other suppliers. S. Savoca asked why change suppliers when the recently conducted survey showed that the parents were basically satisfied with the present supplier who attended and displayed their goods at the school.

6. Report from Student Council

- i) The LBP student council went to HB on Dec.4, 2008 to spend the day, follow classes and integrate into the school. It was a good experience and it went well. On Jan.22, 2008, the HB student council will spend the day at LBP like our Student Council had done. There will also be a journal published between the 2 schools which will be sold to make a charitable donation. A common mural in each school, followed by an orchestrated press release promoting good relations between the 2 schools, is also planned.
- ii) Three hundred twenty (320) tickets were sold for the school dance.
- iii) The food drive for charity was a success.

7. Report from the Principal

a) Academics:

- i) T. Quinn reported that parent's night attendance was 78%,67%,64%,55% and 48% for sec.1, sec.2, sec.3. sec.4. and sec.5 respectively.
- ii) The end of term is January 18,08 with mid term exams taking place from January 14 to January 18, 2008 inclusively. The exam schedule has been distributed which was set by the EMSB and the Ministry to which the school adds its local exams.
- iii) The graduation ceremony for the class of 2007 was an excellent event coupled with tremendous positive feedback. There were two hundred (200) students whereby thirty one (31) students had obtained eight five percent (85%) or better, the best in five (5) years. It was a well organized event, coordinated by S.P. Furlanetto but which involved many others.

b) Activities:

- i) The coffee house concluded our fall literacy activities.
- ii) The student council spent the day at HB.

iii) Plans for the mural are underway. The key to maintaining harmony is to ensure we maintain the momentum.

iv) The holiday baskets are to be picked up tomorrow by St. Brendan's and St. Gabriel's.

#### 8. Report from the PPO

i) A. Salvatore reported that on November 27, 2007 they met the school uniform supplier, Loft Des Enfants and also met with S. Savoca, our Chair.

ii) Thank you letters are to be sent to all the sponsors in comedy night.

iii) It was proposed that the PPO assist Mr. Spina in the organization of planning a meal during the Regional Science Fair..

#### 9. Report from the Delegate

i) M. Montanaro reported on the issue of enrollment forecasts versus the number assigned to school capacity.

ii) The likelihood of more special programs at different schools. LBP loses potential students attracted to specialty programs offered at other schools.. T. Quinn referred to article 240 of the Education Act, R.S.Q.,c.I-13.3, that it is by way of exception to establish a school for the purposes of a specific project and that the conditions or criteria for participation in a special project may not serve as criteria for enrollment in a school.

iii) A major topic has been the report cards concerning mistakes, but this can and will be corrected, where necessary.

#### 10. Varia (none)

#### 11. Public Question Period

i) Concerns were expressed about grades with the use of percentages on report cards, and how it does not coincide with the Quebec Educational Plan.

#### 12. Adjournment

**Motion:** "To adjourn"

**Moved by:** P. Harmat

**Seconded:** A. Lal

**Vote:** Adopted unanimously

The next GB meeting is January 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

The holiday supper prior to the GB meeting was enjoyed by all.

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Terrence Quinn  
Principal

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Santi Savoca  
Chairperson