



Lester B. Pearson High School

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GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES April 16th, 2008

Present:

Administration: T.Quinn C. Chilelli
 S. Furlanetto A. Simoneau

Community Representative J. Barbagallo

Parents: P. Bellan T. Odracci
 S. Savoca S. Stone
 M. Montanaro F. Reda
 N. Diaz

Professional Staff: A. Lambrinos

Students: J. Gendron, A. Velazquez

Support Staff: V. Pirollo

Teaching Staff: C. Clarabut A. Lal
 J. Genovezos M.A. Ledo
 P. Karpontinis S. Rebelo

PPO: A. Salvatore

Regrets: V. Pirollo
 P. Harmat

Meeting began at: 7:40 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by: T. Odracci

Seconded: P. Karpontinis

Vote: adopted unanimously

2. Correspondence

- i. A Thank You card was sent to Mr. Spina, thanking him for organizing the Regional Science Fair.
- ii. A request made from CPC asking the governing board for suggestions to improve and increase turnout for the next school board elections.
- iii. OPCR – Book Launch to take place at Laurier Mac, Monday, April 21, at 9am.
- iv. Received invitation to a workshop entitled How To Help You and Your Special Needs Child, beginning April 8 and ending in June, every Tuesday at the cost of 30\$ per session. Location and Time of workshop- Donald Burman Centre- 8pm.
- v. Reminder : to hand in Governing Board Financial Statement.
- vi. Reminder : The Year End Annual Report is to be submitted by October 31, 2008. Mr. Savoca will submit.
- vii. Invitation to Janice Sellato Lacroix's (Communications Consultant) retirement – June 6, 2008, at Le Baron. Tickets - 65\$. RSVP

Motion: To send the delegate and chair to the gala to represent LBP and that their tickets be paid by the school.

Moved by: F. Reda

Seconded by: T. Odracci

Vote: Approved unanimously

3. Approval of the Minutes of March 19th ,2008 meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes with the following corrections:

- i. Mr.Diaz was present at the last meeting.
- ii. Correct spelling : should read Velazquez

Moved by: M. Ledo

Seconded: S. Stone

Vote: approved unanimously

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of March 19th, 2007

1. Marketing Committee

i. Survey:

- The survey was distributed and completed on March 26th.
- A total of 284 students completed the survey. Most students completed it during first period; others were asked to complete it on the following day.
- Mr. Harmat tabulated the responses from Sections A through E. The PPO will tabulate the responses from the Open Ended questions.
- All tabulations have been received, but the Marketing Committee has not yet gone through the responses, therefore we are unable to give complete feedback at this time. We hope to have a summary of results and feedback for the next Governing Board meeting.

ii. Reorganization of Plaza

- Mr. Karpontinis and Ms. Ledo have begun editing and re –organizing the Plaza display cases.

iii. Virtual Tour:

- Is progressing.
- We hope to have it up on the LBP website before the end of the year.

iv. New Items:

- We are looking at the LBP brochure and may make changes to its layout and text in an effort to make it more appealing.
- We are having a new *Sports Etude* banner made to be placed at the back of the school (track) to better advertise our program.
- We are pursuing other avenues directed at the students our Feeder schools.

2. Beautification Projects

i. Mr. Quinn met with the PPO to discuss PPO donations: whether to fund auditorium repairs or to spend funds on other projects. Mr. Quinn recommended that the available funds (\$ 7484.00) go toward underwriting the cost of the La Ronde trip and that Fund 3 be used to pay for the cost of the auditorium seat repairs.

Motion: To approve that Fund 3 pay for the auditorium seat renovations.

Moved by: N.Diaz

Seconded by: P.Karpontinis

Vote: approved unanimously

Motion: To approve PPO funding to underwrite cost of part of the La Ronde trip fees.

Moved By: S. Rebelo

Seconded by: P Karpontinis

Vote: approved unanimously

3. LBP/HB Project

i. Joint Mural to be varnished.

ii. Joint Newspaper funding approved and is being printed.

iii. A press conference will be held at our school with Media and members of the community present, to enhance the positive collaboration that has been taking place between the two schools.

5. New Business

A) April 18th, 2008 Sec. V Law/Art Trip:

A trip organized by Art and Social Studies teachers to take Secondary V students to Ottawa: Museum, Court House and Parliament.

Motion: To allow the Sec V trip to Ottawa.

Moved by: A. Lal

Seconded by: T.Ordacci

Vote: Approved unanimously

B) Terry Fox Walk Non Uniform Day

A non-uniform day is being planned for April 30th - \$2.00 per student.

Specific guidelines will be given to students regarding dress code for the non uniform day.

Motion: To allow a non uniform day to be held on April 30th, 2008.

Moved by: P. Karpontinis

Seconded by: F. Reda

Vote: Approved unanimously

C) Cell Phone Recycling Project:

Our school has been approached to have a Project: Recycling of Cell Phones, through the Science Department. Proceeds of project to go the Sun Youth Organization (\$3.25 per phone)

Purpose: to sensitize students to the importance of recycling and to contribute to a worthy cause (Sun Youth).

Motion: To allow Recycling of Cell Phones Project to take place through the Science Department.

Moved by: S. Rebelo

Seconded by: M. Montanaro

Vote: Approved unanimously

D) End of Year La Ronde Fun Day Trip

Planned for June 6th, 2008

Cost - \$ 25.00 per student

The balance is to be paid by PPO Donation.

Motion: To approve La Ronde Trip for Friday, June 6th, 2008

Moved By: S Stone

Seconded by: A. Velazquez

Vote: Approved unanimously

Motion: For students to pay \$ 25.00 toward LaRonde cost and for PPO Donation to subsidize the balance of \$ 15.00.

Moved by: J. Gendron

Seconded by: S. Stone

6. Report from Student Council

- i. A successful school dance was held on April 4th, with approximately 360 students in attendance. Much Music supplied the music.
- ii. Student Council from HB and LBP met at HB to discuss potential activities for next year:
 - a) A parking lot fair
 - b) BBQ
 - c) Mini Olympics
 - d) Sporting Event Competition
 - 5) Joint Newspaper
 - 6) Intramural Ball Hockey League

7. Report from the Principal

A) Academics:

- i. Report Cards: To be mailed at the end of the week- together with Marketing Newsletter.
- ii. Exams: June 9 – 20 - English, Lab Exams held prior.
- iii. Final Report Cards - Issued June 26, 2008
- iv. Summer School Registration: June 27th and 30th, 2008

B) Activities:

- i. Variety Show:
 - Great success- 5 shows over 3 days.
 - Problem: Having a show during a school day – we must re evaluate this.
 - Thanks to Mr. Desormeaux and Ms. Morabito, Mr. Poon , Mr. Darling for a great effort and the other staff members who pitched in.
- ii. I Claudia – Sec I and II – Great Performance- Positive Feedback.
- iii Indoor Soccer – No Championships but Semi – Finalists in 3 Categories.
- iv. Track and Field: 2 indoor Championships and looking forward to Outdoor season.
- vi. Dance: Very successful – Thanks to Student Council and Moderators – Mr. Rebelo, Mr. Barba and Mr. Karpontinis.
- vii Coffee House – Another excellent event -
Thanks to Student Chairs and Moderators – Ms. Genovezos and Mr. Desormeaux.

C) Special Events:

- i. April 30th – EMSB Appreciation Evening
- ii. April 24th – Ron Morrish Presentation to Parents
- iii. May 8th – LBP Volunteer Appreciation Evening – Library , 7 p.m.
- iv. May 14 th – Book Launch – Learning For a Cause – Directed by Mr. Sweet-Title – Down To Earth.
Justin Trudeau co wrote the Introduction and will speak to the guests in the auditorium.

8. Report from PPO:

- i. Distribution of PPO Minutes
- ii. The committee finished transcribing information regarding the open ended questions of the Student Survey..

9. Report from the Delegate:

No report – neither member was able to attend the meeting.

10. Varia:

i. Student Activity Fees: Presently at \$50.00 per student. Mr. Quinn requests that activity fee be raised to \$ 60.00 per student.

Motion: To raise the student activity fee from \$ 50.00 to \$ 60.00 effective next year.

Moved by: A. Lal

Seconded by: M. Ledo

Vote: 1 against

ii. Security Piggy Back –

The EMSB is investing approximately \$ 800 000 into its schools for security equipment.

We will be getting:

- a computer based security camera system as opposed to the existing VCR one.
- A front door camera
- 1 other camera
- A buzzer
- A speaker system

There are three groups of schools that will be receiving security equipment, our school is part of the 1st group.

This is what the board is financing and on which we can add to later on.

Mr. Quinn requests from the governing board, that 20 000 \$ from Fund 3 be added on to what the board is giving us in order to add on where necessary.

Motion: That the governing board approve that \$20 000 from Fund 3 be added to the funds we will be receiving from the board to fund security equipment in order to use where necessary to add to the already aforementioned items.

Moved by: P. Bellan

Seconded by: T. Odracci

Vote: Approved unanimously

iii. Mr. Quinn announced his retirement, at the end of this school year, after 37 years of service in the field of Public Education.

11). Public Question Period

None

10. Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 29th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Year End supper and meeting.

Motion: To adjourn this meeting.

Moved by: S. Rebelo

Seconded: J. Gendron

Vote: Adopted unanimously

Meeting ended at 9:30.

Terrence Quinn
Principal

Santi Savoca
Chairperson