



# Lester B. Pearson High School

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## GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 30TH, 2008

### Present:

Administration: T.Quinn C. Chilelli  
S.P. Furlanetto

Community Representative J. Barbagallo

Parents: P. Bellan T. Odracci  
P. Harmat S.Savoca  
M. Montanaro S. Stone

Professional Staff: A. Lambrinos

Students: J. Gendron

Support Staff: none

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

PPO: A. Salvatore

Regrets: N. Diaz F. Reda  
S. Lo Bianco A. Simoneau  
V. Pirollo A. Velasquez

Meeting began at: 7:40 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

**Motion:** To adopt the agenda as presented with an addition under Varia of point 10 a) uniform tryout.

**Moved by:** T. Odracci

**Seconded:** S. Rebelo

**Vote:** adopted unanimously

2. Correspondence

- a) The EMSB will be offering a workshop for parents, Building Effective Discipline with Your Child, on February 27, 2008. The presenter, Ron Moorish, will be giving the same workshop locally to both parents and staff of Lester B. Pearson later this year.
- b) The EMSB Annual Report has been received for anyone wishes to peruse it.

3. Approval of the Minutes of December 18, 2007 meeting

**Motion:** To approve the minutes with the following corrections

- i. point 2 a) the training was held on January 29<sup>th</sup> rather than the 27<sup>th</sup>
- ii. the next governing board meeting has been postponed to January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Moved by:** T. Odracci

**Seconded:** M. Montanaro

**Vote:** approved unanimously

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007

a) Marketing Committee

The marketing committee has thus far met three times, December 12<sup>th</sup>, January 9<sup>th</sup>, and January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The major items of discussion have been:

- To begin addressing the issue of public perception of Lester B. Pearson, the committee will draw up a survey to be answered by the entire student population.

The survey will include sections on Student Background, Academics, Building Atmosphere and Facilities, and Extra Curricular Activities. Survey results will analyzed by the committee.

- A subcommittee will explore ways to use displays in the plaza more effectively.
- Future endeavors include an LBP Newsletter and a “parent version” of the survey to be distributed with the third term report cards. In the future, the survey may be included with the August registration mailing.

#### b) Beautification Projects

Several projects to refurbish the gymnasium area have been negotiated as a result of the Bell Regional Science Fair to be held in March. Work will begin in the next two weeks.

After a building tour with Mr. R. Tremblay, a “wish list” of projects has been submitted to the board. These projects include painting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor plaza walls, all doors and elevators boxes, a larger Honor Roll board, work on the auditorium, replacing cabinetry on drinking fountains and removal of the concrete blocks at both student entrances. In terms of security, projects include exterior lighting, removal of the concrete structure in the Dijon parking lot and installation of a gate and buzzer system at the gymnasium entrance ramp on P.M. Favier. There is as yet no commitment from the EMSB, but Mr. Quinn hopes there will be a request for prioritization of the list submitted.

### 5. New Business

#### a) Standard Master Curriculum

Mr. Quinn summarized significant changes to the Master Curriculum that are necessary due to the Pedagogical Renewal. The majority of the changes are at the Secondary IV level. (subject selection forms attached)

**Motion:** To approve the Standard Master Curriculum as presented.

**Moved by:** T. Odracci

**Seconded:** M. A. Ledo

**Vote:** approved unanimously

b) Carnival Day – February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Carnival Day activities are planned for February 22<sup>nd</sup>. A day at the Récréathèque will cost \$20 and outdoor activities range in cost from \$25 to \$40. At present, student participation is low with only about 300 tickets sold. The deadline for ticket purchase has been extended to Friday, when it will be decided whether the participation level is acceptable for the cancellation of classes. Students have been told that lack of participation may unfortunately lead to cancellation of Carnival Activities.

c) LBP/HB Project Dress Down Day

As part of the collaboration between the two schools a joint charitable donation will be made to a charity yet to be determined. The donation was to be funded by monies collected from the sales of a jointly produced newspaper. Mr. Quinn suggests, as an alternative, that we hold a dress down day to collect money and all students would receive a copy of the newsletter.

**Motion:** To approve the collection of funds on dress down day in support of the LBP/HB Project

**Moved by:** M. Montanaro

**Seconded:** T. Odracci

**Vote:** approved unanimously

d) English Play: Sec I & II trip to Saidye Bronfman Theatre

The school has been provided with free tickets to the Saidye Bronfman Theatre. The English Department would like to take advantage of this opportunity to organize a field trip with the Secondary I and II students.

**Motion:** to approve the field trip to the Saidye Bronfman Theatre

**Moved by:** M. Montanaro

**Seconded:** T. Odracci

**Vote:** approved unanimously

e) History Field Trip – April 18<sup>th</sup>

A field trip has been proposed for Secondary III and IV students to Quebec City and Ottawa, respectively. The trip would be approximately twelve hours in duration, involve all students on the same day, the itinerary to be planned by the History Department. The cost of the trip will be \$40 to \$45 per student and school would subsidize \$10 for every student. If all students participate, the cost to the school would be about \$7000.

**Motion:** To approve field trip planned by the History Department for April 18<sup>th</sup>

**Moved by:** T. Odracci

**Seconded:** S. Stone

**Vote:** approved unanimously

f) Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal

The school board requests that the governing board consult on the Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal. A great deal of work was put into the profile submitted in previous years.

**Motion:** To accept the current profile with the date changed.

**Moved by:** P. Bellan

**Seconded:** T. Odracci

**Vote:** accepted unanimously

6. Report from Student Council

i) The LBP student council hosted students from HB on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Corresponding student council members were paired and followed the LBP students' schedules. The students were liberated from their last period class to work on the peace declaration. It was a good experience and it went well. Identical murals have been completed in both schools.

ii) Valentine activities such as Matchmaker and the sale of roses are being planned.

iii) Plans for another school dance are underway.

## 7. Report from the Principal

### a) Academics:

- i. The second term report cards are to be issued on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Parent-Teacher Conferences. Those not picked up will be mailed.
- ii. Invitations to the Parent-Teacher Conferences have been mailed to parents of students experiencing difficulty.
- iii. A general notice of the Parent-Teacher Conferences has been issued to all students via their homerooms.
- iv. The Parent-Teacher Conferences will be from 3:30 to 5:00 and 6:30 to 9:00.
- v. Reporting has changed for Secondary I, II, and III students. Exact percentages will be reported for each competency and weighting will be used to produce a subject result.
- vi. The second term marks will be used to begin programming the school until the final marks are available in June.
- vii. Supplemental exam tutorials have been organized. 10 students registered for the History tutorial on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 25 students registered for the Physical Science tutorial on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

### b) Activities:

- i. An anti-smoking week kiosk is being organized for the plaza by the School Health Educator, Mme. Clement and the Spiritual and Community Involvement Animator, Mr. Oliveira.
- ii. Secondary III and IV students will attend performances to increase understanding and awareness of HIV/AIDS on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, respectively.
- iii. Literacy Orientation activities continue with plays put on by the Shakespeare Theatre Company. Secondary II students will attend Romeo and Juliet on March 26<sup>th</sup>, and Secondary III students will see The Merchant of Venice on March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- iv. All students who participate in NANS surveys will take part in an Academic survey and a Psych-social survey on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- v. The LBP science fair will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

c) Calendar

- i. To accommodate the Montreal Bell regional Science Fair (March 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>) we will have an additional professional day on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- ii. The snow day (additional professional day granted when there are emergency school closures) is cancelled.

8. Report from the PPO

Unfortunately members of the PPO did not want to be responsible for organizing meals for the Regional Science Fair. The teachers' appreciation dinner will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The graduation committee is working on a proposal for t-shirts for graduates as well as a new venue for the Commencement Exercises.

9. Report from the Delegate

The regional Delegate Meeting was held on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The major items of discussion revolved around the EMSB budget building process for 2008-2009.

Delegates for the region were asked to set priorities for the educational services and other needs among the schools, to list the items that are the most important for budget planning purposes.

Agreed to Priorities (in order of priority):

- i. Education: Resource Teachers ( Science and Math Specialists ), classroom materials, tutorials (after school)
- ii. Health and Cleanliness: renovations to school washrooms (crisis situation in some schools); ventilation systems (cleaning) and overall general maintenance
- iii. Safety and Security : cameras, public address systems, alarm systems
- iv. Adequate maintenance of building and grounds: paint, playgrounds etc.
- v. Professional Development: QEP, keep teachers up to date with training
- vi. IT Technology: IT Systems upgrades.
- vii. Marketing: programs to keep children in school.

10. Varia

Mr. Reda has established agreements with two new suppliers who will provide uniforms to dress eight students total, four from each company, two boys and two girls each.

After some discussion it was decided that this approach does not address the issues at hand. The survey conducted indicated that parents are basically satisfied with the current supplier. A better approach would be to determine from survey results what is lacking from the current supplier and to find out whether the new companies would be able to rectify the problems.

11. Public Question Period

None

12. Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn

**Moved by:** M. A. Ledo

**Seconded:** T. Odracci

**Vote:** Adopted unanimously

Meeting ended at 9:30.

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Terrence Quinn  
Principal

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Santi Savoca  
Chairperson