



# Lester B. Pearson High School

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## GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES March 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

Professional Staff:                A. Lambrinos

Students:                                J. Gendron

Support Staff:                        V. Pirollo

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

PPO:                                        A. Salvatore

Regrets:                                A. Velasquez  
   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:** M. Ledo

**Vote:** adopted unanimously

2. Correspondence

- i. Mr. Tirelli acknowledged receipt of the Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal.
- ii. We are in receipt of statistical results from a CPC survey of activities.
- iii. Mr. Savoca has touched base with his counterpart at Ecole Secondaire Henri Bourassa

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

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

- i. Point 3 i. At the time of the last meeting we were unaware that the governing board meeting would be postponed to the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. Point 4 a, we will be using a sample and not surveying the entire student body.
- iii. Point 8, The PPO was unable to provide meals rather than not wanting to.

**Moved by:** P. Bellan

**Seconded:** M. Montanaro

**Vote:** approved unanimously

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

- i. Marketing Committee
  - a. Survey:
    - The Marketing Committee has completed the student survey.
    - To be completed on Wednesday March 26th in their 1<sup>st</sup> period class.
    - Students from Sec. I to Sec. IV will be asked to participate. They will be chosen from their first period class that morning. I.E. every 4th student will be given a survey to complete. If a selected student is absent, the next

- name on the list will be given the survey to complete.
  - There will be approximately 250 students completing the survey.
  - The survey should last approximately 20-25 minutes.
  - The results will be processed by the Marketing Committee.
- b. Newsletter:
- Mr. Quinn is writing a newsletter to be sent to parents with the Third Term report card. We hope to issue it on a timely basis.
  - The goal is to keep parents informed of important events that have happened in the school as well as important upcoming events. The newsletter will also describe the changes made to the school (i.e. bathrooms, Phys. Ed. complex, auditorium, etc.)
  - It was decided to send the newsletter with the report card so that we can better ensure that the newsletter will be received by parents.
- c. Re-organization of Plaza:
- It was decided that the Plaza required some changes as some of the displays are quite dated and dusty and some are no longer applicable.
  - Step 1: Clean display cases. Done by the PPO prior to the March Break. Everything from the display cases was removed, cleaned and re-organized. As yet, nothing has been removed.
  - Step 2: "Distribute" the display cases to the various departments and invite teachers to submit items to be placed in the various display cases.
  - Mr. Karpontinis & Ms. Ledo have volunteered to undertake the re-organization project and will be the lead teachers involved.
  - A new Honor Roll board will be built and placed in the Plaza, beside the Auditorium doors. We have met with the carpenter who will be constructing the case. We are awaiting his sketches and price quotations.
  - Eventually, the plan is to stain or paint the existing displays so that all are the same colour.
- d. Virtual Tour:
- A "Virtual Tour" of the school is being created by to add to our website.
  - The goal is to give visitors a cyber-tour of the school, highlighting the facility and areas of interest.
  - It will incorporate video segments and still images of the school. The media component will be undertaken by Mr. Karpontinis, Mr. Cucuzzella and Mr. Timpano. The accompanying script will be written by Mr. Panetta.
- ii. Beautification Projects
- a. Several projects to refurbish the gymnasium area have been completed.
  - b. Discussion of future work on the auditorium to refurbish or replace seats that have fallen into disrepair.

- c. With help of an additional allocation from the council of commissioners and use of school's fund 3 Mr. Quinn discussed renovation projects including painting elevator boxes, doorways in plaza as well as refurbishing water fountain counters.

**Motion:** To authorize adding to the 20,000\$ allocation in order to complete the proposals in Point ii. c

**Moved by:** S. Rebelo

**Seconded:** F. Reda

**Vote:** approved unanimously

- d. The marketing committee also has a plan to beautify the cabinetry in the plaza area. This would involve staining the existing cabinets, building new cabinets if necessary and construct an honour roll board.

**Motion:** To allow use of fund 3 for marketing committee to realize its project.

**Moved by:** F. Reda

**Seconded:** T. Odracci

**Vote:** approved unanimously

iii. LBP/HB Project

- a. HB and LBP students will be attending a workshop on March 20<sup>th</sup> concerning racial tolerance in schools.
- b. Newspaper is continuing to be developed, content has been created proceeds will go to local charity sponsoring youth groups.
- c. Advising media is still to come.

5. New Business

i. Budget

- a. Mr. Furlanetto presented an update of the budget, summarizing changes to various accounts. Budget is on par with previous budgets.

- b. There was discussion as to why certain accounts are so high, response was some budgets are discretionary while others are specific.
- ii. Uniform Rules
  - a. Discussion of ability to police uniform policy in light of numerous uniform infractions, need to prioritize most important elements.

**Motion:** To Alter school uniform to remove mention of shoes in notice of uniform tryouts.

**Moved by:** F. Reda

**Seconded:** C. Clarabut

**Vote:** approved unanimously

#### 6. Report from Student Council

- i. A dress down day was held to raise funds for joint HB/LBP newspaper project, surplus will go to joint charity.
- ii. Valentine activities such as Matchmaker and the sale of roses were successfully held.
- iii. Carnival Day activities were held with a large participation rate.
- iv. Plans for another school dance are underway.

#### 7. Report from the Principal

##### a) Academics:

- i. Subject Selection
  - a. Forecasting 1383 students for the 2008 / 2009 School Year
- ii. Second Term Parents night statistics, as a percentage of the cohort not the parent's invited.
  - a. Level 1 38%, Level 2 40%, Level 3 40%, Level 4 34% Level 5 25%
- iii. Third Term ends on April 6<sup>th</sup>, reports will be issued with a newsletter as well as an announcement concerning uniforms. Secondary 4 and 5 students will receive a traditional weighted report card and Sec I, II & III students a

progress report( P = Progressing, D = Having difficulties, S = Difficulties may require summer school)

b) Activities:

- i. Secondary III and IV students attended performances to increase understanding and awareness of HIV/AIDS on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, respectively and was very well received.
- ii. Local science fair was held on February 7<sup>th</sup> to determine school representatives to the Montreal Bell Regional Science Fair.
- iii. Bell Regional Science Fair
  - a. Held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Very successful, positive feedback was received on our school and our effort in hosting.
    - School board was very supportive financially especially.
    - We deserve to be congratulated for our efforts
    - Great thanks to Mr. Spina, those who helped out, our students (Big Brothers and Sisters) who acted as hosts and hostesses, special thanks to caretakers who prepared the school to receive our guest and to parent volunteers.
- iv. 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>. Enriched secondary I & II students will attend I Claudia at the Sadie Bronfman centre on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- v. Variety Show “Spray Net – High School Edition” will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.
- vi. 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>.

i. Report from the PPO

- i. Distribution of PPO Minutes

- ii. PPO hosting teacher appreciation dinner February 14<sup>th</sup>
- iii. PPO members cleared and cleaned showcases in Plaza area.

ii. Report from the Delegate

- i. Delegates were host to GRICS workshop on online resource VODzone.
- ii. Commissioners are undertaking town hall meetings in each region in order to discuss enrollment and get feedback from parents on what they would like to see in the public school system. Dates have no yet been determined.

8. Varia

None

9. Public Question Period

None

10. Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn

**Moved by:** F. Reda

**Seconded:** A. Lal

**Vote:** Adopted unanimously

Meeting ended at 9:30.

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Terrence Quinn

Principal

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Santi Savoca

Chairperson