



Meeting started at: 7:45pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

**Motion:** “To adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of point 4.2 Verification of coordinates, 4.3 Loft Des Enfant presentation, 5.1 Bell Regional Science Fair (thus pushing Budget update to 5.2, Volunteer Appreciation Event to 5.3 and Holiday Social to 5.4), change item 7 to Principle’s Report, item 8 to PPO report, item 9 to Delegate Report, item 10 to Varia, 10.1 to Website update, item 11 to Public Question Period and item twelve to Adjournment”

**Moved by:** S. Rebelo

**Seconded:** T. Odracci

**Vote:** adopted unanimously

2. Correspondence

- a) The survey conducted by Group PLURI-UQUAM. has been completed. It requested information on our school activities. It was submitted to J. LaCroix.

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

**Motion:** To approve the minutes with no change.

**Moved by:** Mr. Montanaro

**Seconded:** P. Karpontinis

**Vote:** approved unanimously

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of October 17, 2007

a) Marketing Committee

There has been a request that staff, teachers and parents work together on this committee in order to promote our school. The members are: C. Chilelli representing the administration, P. Karpontinis, G. Campbell, F. Cuccuzella, and J. Genovezos representing the staff, A. Salvatore representing the P.P.O., and P.Harmat , P. Bellan and N.Diaz representing the parents of the Governing Board Mr. Quinn will call a meeting of the marketing committee in the near future.

T.Quinn, P. Bellan and S.Savoca attended a meeting at Carlyle on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2007 about marketing schools. The governing board was informed of possibilities that could be put forward to market our school: these include creating a committee, have a website, creating a promotional D.V.D., to distribute school information in strategic locations in the community, beautification projects, seek out local sponsors, increase the amount of positive coverage in the media, take part in forums such as “Public School Education Week” where we can draw on graduates to act as ambassadors of our school. The Governing Board of each school will have to decide which strategies are best suited for their particular milieu. A brief discussion took place concerning identifying the target audience and possible changes we could make in our school more appealing to increase registration..

b) Verification of coordinates

The coordinates of all members were verified and corrected where applicable.

c) Loft Des Enfants

A presentation, that included samples, was made by the Loft Des Enfants to discuss uniform changes and ideas we are exploring for future change.

Student representatives seemed to be pleased with the new possibilities.

The Loft Des Enfants requested a copy of the results of the survey discussed extensively last meeting.

Mr. Quinn informed the Loft Des Enfants that a meeting would be held in conjunction with the PPO, to discuss possibilities for the future changes to the uniform and would then present this back to the governing board.

## 5. New Business

### a) Bell Regional Science Fair

The EMSB has asked our school to host the Bell Regional Science fair. This Annual event, sponsored by Bell, attracts participants from public and private schools of the greater Montreal area. Mr. Spina has been asked to be the coordinator on behalf of the EMSB.

Mr. Spina presented the tentative schedule of this event. He informed us that this would require much support and assistance from all members of our school community.

A. Salvatore has volunteered the PPO to help serve the buffet.

All information and volunteers should be forwarded to [GSPINA@EMSB.QC.CA](mailto:GSPINA@EMSB.QC.CA)

T. Quinn informed the Governing Board that he has discussed with the board the possibility of building improvements. T. Quinn stated that this event will provide positive coverage in the media.

### b) Budget Update

S.P. Furlanetto presented the Budget update for the 2007-2008 school year.

### c) Volunteer Appreciation Event

This annual event will take place on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Complexe Le Baron. Nominations for volunteers are being accepted at this time.

### d) Holiday Social

S.Savoca invited all members of the Governing Board to holiday dinner before the next meeting at 6:30 pm on December 18<sup>th</sup> 2007.

## 6. Report from the Student Council

Halloween activities were a success: Costume contest, door decorating and candy grams. 300\$ dollars was raised with the Candy Grams.

Upcoming events include student vs. teacher soccer games, a school dance on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. 2007 and a unity project with Ecole Secondaire Henri Bourassa.

This project will explore such possibilities as a joint declaration from both schools, collective art murals in both schools, the creation of a joint newspaper issue and a student exchange.

## 7. Report from the Principal

### (A) Academics

- Parents' Night: Nov. 14 – 15
  - There was a very good turnout
  - Parents have very positive feedback regarding the evening
- Sec. I, II, III – New Report Card
  - Provides Percentage
  - There was some confusion as to how the percentages are arrived at
  - Teachers put in a rating based on the accumulation of data within a competency.
  - The competencies have a weighing (not equal)
  - There is competency results reposted in percentages and a subject result which is arrived at through the weighing of the competencies evaluated in a given term
- III. Sec. IV & V
  - Traditional report card was issued
  - Some glitches but no confusion
- IV. January Exam Schedule
  - January 14 – 18
  - Will be distributed to staff & students soon
- V. Literacy Week Activities: November 5 – 9
  - Congratulations to the Committee for its organization and support.
  - Mural is great!
  - Book fair went well!
  - Plays for three groups.
  - Coffee House tomorrow night.
  - Reading Buddies (Seniors helping juniors) is being set up.

## (B) Open House / Placement Tests

- Turnout was down but the feedback was positive.
- There are some concerns about enrollment for next year

## (C) Activities

- Centaur Theatre / Holocaust Museum / Career Day all went well
- Toronto trip went great!

## (D) NANS-SEC I –

- Will take place on Dec. 5

## (E) Student Business Project

- Will take place on Dec. 6 for secondary 3 and 4 students

## (F)LBP/ HB Update

- Following the incident the following occurred.
- Initially the Director Generals', the Regional Directors', the communication departments and the Police met together with the school principles.

1. Visits to classes by guidance and health educators; availability of trauma team as might be requested.

2. Staff information meeting to insure that staff is fully aware.

3. General invitation to parents; approximately 350 attended

4. Student assemblies to emphasize respect, community, to emphasize the need for calm and order

5. Principal / Student Council meetings

6. Student Council / Moderator meetings

7. Anti-Racism / Multiculturalism workshop with staff

8. Meeting with Regional Directors and Principals

9. Feedback from police

10. Meeting of Student Councils to plan efforts

11. December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting between Principals and Regional Directors

12. Governing Board's Chairs to meet Thursday Nov. 22

### 8. Report from the PPO

Mrs. Salvatore provided copies of two letters from parents who seemed not to be satisfied with the actions taken in regards to the Lester B. Pearson and Henri Bourassa situation but informed the board that PPO is overall satisfied with the actions taken.

She also requested on behalf of the PPO a update on the camera situation.

A list of the scheduled PPO meeting was provided.

The fundraiser Comedy night on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2007 was a success, 252 tickets were sold! 4132.32\$ was raised!

The PPO thanks the governing board for its help in the success of the night.

An updated list of members was submitted to Mr. Quinn

### 9. Report from the Delegate

The delegate report was accepted as read

### 10. Varia

#### a) Website:

Mr. Karpontinis explained that the website committee is improving functionality. Media is being added. Over 100 hits a day after orientation night. Last minutes were added. The PPO website needs updates. A brief discussion was had about what else the website may be used for in light of recent events.

### 10. Public Question Period

A parent expressed concern about the lack of lighting around the school premises at night time. M. Mortanaro expressed that Ms. Lo Bianco has informed him that she is committed to resolving the situation. Mr. Quinn explained that he has already identified the specific areas that need improvement, but emphasized that it may be more beneficial to concern ourselves with things that may improve our daytime situation.

P. Bellan asked about the number of fire drills that take place each year. Mr. Quinn informed him that it is difficult to have the required 6 a year however, that the ones we do have are very successful.

A suggestion was made that the school install a banner for Science Fair outside the school to promote the event.

6. Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn

**Moved by:** M. Ledo

**Seconded:** J. Genovezos

**Vote:** Adopted unanimously

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Terrence Quinn  
Principal

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Santi Savoca  
Chairperson