



Lester B. Pearson High School

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19th, 2007

Present:

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

Commissioner: S. LoBianco

Community Representative: None

Parents: N.Diaz S.Savoca
 F.Redá P.Harmat
 S. Stone M. Montenaro
 T. Odracci P. Bellan

Professional Staff A. Lambrinos

Students: None

Support Staff: V. Pirollo

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

PPO: A. Salvatore

Regrets: M.Tetreault

Meeting started at: 7:30pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: “To accept the agenda as presented with the addition of point *8 a1* Commissioner Participation and point *9 a* under Varia Comedy Night & PPO Report”

Moved by: S.Rebelo

Seconded: S. Savoca

2. Opening Remarks

Mr.Quinn spoke about the role and importance of the governing board and the expected conduct of governing board members.

3. Introduction of the Members

The governing board members briefly introduced themselves

4. Election of the Executive

Governing Board Chairperson:

Mr Santi Savoca was nominated for the position of Governing Board Chairperson.

Mr Savoca accepted the nomination. Since there were no other nominations, Mr Savoca was proclaimed Governing Board Chairperson by acclamation.

Governing Board Vice-Chairperson

Mr Nestor Diaz was nominated for the position of Governing Board Vice-Chairperson. Mr Diaz accepted the nomination. Since there were no other nominations, Mr Diaz was proclaimed Governing Board Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.

Secretary

There were no nominations for the position of Secretary. After a brief discussion, Mr Rebelo suggested that the position of secretary be assumed on a rotational basis by the members of the governing board. After a brief discussion on the merits of this

proposal, the suggestion was retained. Members agreed that the order in which members would assume the position would be established through a lottery system.

Treasurer

Mr Frank Reda was nominated for the position of Treasurer. Mr Reda accepted the nomination. Since there were no other nominations, Mr Reda was proclaimed treasurer by acclamation.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

6. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Moved by: Mr Harmat

Seconded: Mr Rebelo

7. Business Arising from the Minutes of May 30, 2007

There was no business arising from the Minutes of May 30, 2007

8. New Business

a1) Commissioner Participation

Mr Bellan suggested that the local commissioner be permitted to participate during the meetings of the governing board. A brief discussion on the merits of this suggestion ensued.

Motion: To approve the participation of the local commissioner during the meetings of the governing board

Moved By: Mr Diaz

Seconded: Mrs Odracci

Vote: approved unanimously

a) Governing Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Quinn suggested that in order not to interfere with other meetings that take place at the school board level the Governing Board should adopt the 3rd Wednesday of the month as the regular meeting date bearing a few exceptions. Mr Quinn submitted a calendar of meeting dates for adoption

Motion: To adopt the calendar of meeting dates as presented

Moved by: Mr Diaz

Seconded: Mrs Odracci

Vote: adopted unanimously

b) Rules of Internal Management

Mr Quinn submitted the internal rules of management that were used in previous years by the governing board and suggested that these same rules be adopted for this school year.

Motion: To adopt the Rules of Internal Management as presented

Moved by: Mr Reda

Seconded: Mr Diaz

Vote: adopted unanimously

c) Community Representatives

Mr Quinn spoke about the role of the community representative on the governing board and provided some clarification as to who can be approached for the position. After a brief discussion, the board agreed that the DBYLC should be approached regarding the position

d) Governing Board Annual Report for 2006-2007

Mr Savoca presented the annual report for the 2006-2007 school year. The report was accepted as read. Mr Karpontinis made a presentation on the progress of the school's web site. Mr Savoca announced that the school's web site would officially be launched during the Orientation Evening. Furthermore, Mr Savoca thanked the web site committee for their work on this project.

e) Overnight Co-Curricular Trips:

Mr Quinn submitted documentation regarding 4 co-curricular trips that the school would be offering to the students and spoke about the merits of each of the trips submitted for approval.

The first trip proposed is Italy. This trip would take place from March 14th, 2008 to March 22nd, 2008 over 5 school days and would be offered to secondary IV & V students. This trip can accommodate 18 to 40 students. It would require 2 to 5 supervisors depending on student participation. The estimated cost per student is \$3100

Motion: To approve the Italy trip as presented

Moved by: Ms Ledo

Seconded: Mr Rebelo

Vote: approved unanimously

The second trip proposed is Orlando. This trip would take place from March 20th, 2008 to March 29th, 2008 over 4 school days and would be offered to secondary III & IV students. This trip can accommodate up to 40 students. It would require up to 4 supervisors depending on student participation. The estimated cost per student is \$1000

Motion: To approve the Orlando trip as presented

Moved by: Mr Reda

Seconded: Mr Rebelo

Vote: approved unanimously

The third trip proposed is New York. This trip would take place from April 22nd, 2008 to April 25th, 2008 over 2 school days and would be offered to secondary V students. This trip can accommodate up to 40 students. It would require up to 4 supervisors depending on student participation. The estimated cost per student is \$400

Motion: To approve the New York trip as presented

Moved by: Ms Clarabut

Seconded: Mr Rebelo

Vote: approved unanimously

The fourth trip proposed is Toronto. This trip would take place from October 18th, 2007 to October 20th, 2007 over 2 school days and would be offered to secondary I & II students. This trip can accommodate up to 40 students. It would require up to 4 supervisors depending on student participation. The estimated cost per student is \$375 to \$425

Motion: To approve the Toronto trip as presented

Moved by: Mr Harmat

Seconded: Mrs Genovezos

Vote: approved unanimously

f) Secondary V ELA Centaur Theater Outing

Mr Quinn spoke to the merits of the Centaur Theater outing and recommended that the board approve this activity. This outing would take place on October 24th, 2007 and would involve the secondary V students in the English Language Arts program. The cost of this activity is \$8 per student.

Motion: To approve the Centaur Theater Outing

Moved by: Mr Rebelo

Seconded: Ms Ledo

Vote: approved unanimously

g) Wellness Program & Go Program

Mr Quinn spoke to the merits of both the Wellness Program and the Go Program and recommended that the board approved both programs

The Wellness Program will be funded through a grant from the MELS. The program will be conducted by Bartimaeus and will be geared towards secondary I students.

The focus will be on such things as the transition to high school for students and

parents, academic preparation, organizational skills, time management, note-taking, test-taking, and study skills. This program would involve 3 presentations to the students over the course of the year as well as a presentation to the parents.

Motion: To approve the Wellness Program

Moved by: Mr Rebelo

Seconded: Mr Reda

Vote: approved unanimously

The Go Program will be funded through the NANS budget. The resources for this program will be obtained from Premier Agenda in the form of a workbook that will be distributed to the students and will be conducted through the Moral & Religious Education classes. The cost of the workbook, which will be absorbed by the school, is \$10. This program will focus on supporting social transition, character development, behavior support, values orientation, citizenship, social responsibility, leadership and creating a safe school environment.

Motion: To approve the Toronto trip as presented

Moved by: Mrs Odracci

Seconded: Mr Reda

Vote: approved unanimously

9. Varia

a) PPO Report & Comedy Night

Mrs Salvatore reported that the PPO had their first meeting on September 13th, 2007 and that a new executive was elected for the 2007-2008 school year:

Chairperson: Mrs Athena Marinakis Salvatore

Vice Chairperson: Mrs Rosa Mazzone Calla

Treasurer: Mrs Anna Iannalfo-Iannattone

Secretary: Mrs Matilde Angellillo-Arcieri

The PPO will be hosting a Comedy Night fundraiser at Buffet Il Colosseo in Rivière-des-Prairies on Friday October 19th, 2007 at 7:30pm.

10. Principal's Report

Mr Quinn reported that the school had a very positive start to the current academic year.

i) Academics:

The school will hold its annual Orientation Evening on September 20th, 2007.

ii) Report Cards:

Report cards for students under the QEP will now use percentages in order to report student achievement in the various course competencies.

iii) Activities:

Numerous activities are taking place in the school. Several trips will soon be announced to the students. The Student Council will be elected shortly.

iiii) Report to Stakeholders:

Mr Quinn submitted the report in question to the Governing Board. In this report he outlines 3 main orientations for the school:

- 1) to establish good citizenship in the school community
- 2) to increase literacy competencies
- 3) to orient the school community towards greater success

Following the presentation of the report a discussion ensued about promoting the school in order to attenuate a projected drop in enrolment over the next few years. Several suggestions were brought forward such as attending the upcoming Family Matters Event in order to distribute a promotional pamphlet, approaching our Sport-Études Program alumni to act as spokespersons and to create a marketing committee for the school. Members agreed such options need to be further explored

11. Public Question Period

No questions were brought forward

12. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Moved by: Mr Reda

Seconded: Mr Diaz

Vote: unanimously in favor