

**St. John Fisher Elementary – Junior Campus
Governing Board Minutes April 3, 2013
7:04 – 9:22 PM
Junior Campus – Room 16**

Type of meeting: Governing Board – Regular 2012-13 #5

Participants:

Parents: Josie Campisi, Christina Forest, Julie Smith, Allison Saunders, Marie Maguigad

Teachers: Martine Létourneau, Sue de Graff, Lyne Bérubé

Support Staff:

Principals: Sylvie Martin

Commissioner: Linton Garner

Community Rep:

Visitor(s):

Absent:

Regrets: Yolanda Galvez, Ruta Krauza

5.1 Call to order & Welcome

Julie Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

5.1.1 Adoption of Agenda

12-13-34 *It was moved by Martine Létourneau, seconded by Lyne Bérubé, that the agenda be approved with the addition of 5.4.7 'Allergy Info'. The motion was carried unanimously.*

5.1.2 Adoption of the Minutes of February 6, 2013

The following edits to the minutes were requested:

- 4.4.3 remove the double 'the'
- 4.5.1 2nd field trip, 'Bizzard' has one z

12-13-35 *It was moved by Sue de Graff, seconded by Lyne Bérubé that the minutes of February 6th be approved with changes as noted. 7 in favor, 0 against, the motion was carried.*

5.2 Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public.

5.3 Business Arising

5.3.1 Community Rep

The person who was interested in sitting on the board as the community rep has not been available to attend the meetings. As the year is drawing to a close, there will be no further discussion this year. The person will be contacted again in the fall to see if they are interested/available to sit on the board .

5.3.2 Capital Project approval/(email)

12-13-36 *It was moved by Josie Campisi, seconded by Martine Létourneau that the resolution approved by email (to remove a project (to move the library upstairs) from the list and have the Capital projects' list approved with this change) be approved. The motion was carried unanimously.*

5.3.3 Social Media Sub-committee

Allison Saunders provided an update on the discussion that took place at the Senior School Governing Board. Julie Smith will send a letter to the members of both Governing Boards inviting them to attend the first meeting, which will take place on April 24, 2013.

5.4 New Business

5.4.1 3 year plan Allocation and Destination... Consultation

Julie Smith led the discussion around the review of the Three Year Plan Allocation and Destination.

5.4.2 Student with Special Needs: Policy... Consultation

Julie Smith led a discussion around the Student with Special Needs Policy.

5.4.3 School Name Policy Consultation

Julie Smith led a discussion around the School Name Policy Consultation. A recommendation was noted and will be submitted by the GB Chair.

5.4.4 GB Composition Consultation

Julie Smith presented the GB Composition Consultation.

5.4.5 By-Law 1 and 1E Consultation

Julie Smith led a discussion around the By-Law 1 and 1E Consultation.

5.4.6 Safe and Caring School Consultation

Julie Smith led a discussion around the Safe and Caring School Consultation.

5.4.7 Allergy Info

Allison Saunders presented that the Regional Parents Committee (RPC) are working to form an allergy sub-committee with a possible mandate of creating a centralized policy for all schools in the Board. Details about the school's practices related to Allergies were gathered to provide back to the RPC and Central Parents Committee towards this initiative.

5.5 Field Trips

5.5.1 Field Trips Approval

There was one field trip to approve:

- Grade 1: Stewart Hall on April 25 & 26. Partial day activity by bus, \$5/child, ratio 1:5

12-13-37 It was moved by Josie Campisi, seconded by Allison Saunders that the field trip be approved as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

5.6 Reports

5.6.1 Parents' Committee Report

Allison Saunders presented the Parents' Committee Report, see Annex 1.

5.6.2 Council of Commissioners' Notes

The Unofficial notes from Council from March were presented, see Annex 2. Linton Garner highlighted the positive response the news media had to the School Boards' presentation to the Bill 14 consultation committee.

5.6.3 Home & School Report

There was no Home & School meeting in March, as they did not have quorum.

5.6.4 Teachers' Report Sue

Sue de Graff presented the Teachers' Report, see Annex 3.

5.6.5 Daycare Report

Ruta Krauza presented the Daycare Report, see Annex 4.

5.6.6 Principal's Report Sylvie

Sylvie Martin presented the Principal's Report, see Annex 5.

5.7 Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public.

5.8 Correspondence

The following correspondence was received:

- An email was received confirming the receipt of the feedback to the budget consultation
- The Principal Selection was submitted

5.9 Varia

There were no items presented as varia at this meeting.

Adjournment

12-13-38 *It was moved by Allison Saunders, seconded by Lyne Bérubé that the meeting be adjourned at 9:22pm.*

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 1st, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Forest
/CF

Attachments (5)

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We were provided with an update on the Bill 14 petition and hearings at the National Assembly

- FCPQ priorite education petition
- Bill 14 – Rally (about 200 people)
- Bill 101

If you would like more information about any of these activities, please visit the Board's website here:
<http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/main.asp> [in the news]

Budget Consultation – we will submit a letter representing the parents of region 3. Letter simply asked that the board continues to be fiscally responsible in light of upcoming budgets. We put forth technological suggestions that would see a long term saving. I.e- online report cards and the ability to make online payments for services and fees.

Safe and Caring schools Policy. Changes required in light of Bill 56 (Bill 56 + first aid protocol). Parental responsibilities as defined by the law are outlined. We were asked to please review/discuss this policy with GB

Public are invited to attend Council of Commissioners. Policy for Dates for next year's meeting. Webcasts are also available.

Three Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovable. Should be discussed at GB. Due April 19th.

School Name Policy: suggested some changes to the wording of item #3. Would like the criteria expanded to include consideration of a person who has made a global contribution

All consultations are available on the LBPSB website

*** all parents should be consulted on the Students with Special Needs: Policy on the Organization of Services. Deadline is an issue.

***Photography and Video waiver form. David Meloche suggests that the bigger issue is what Parents do with the images of other children. SUGGEST THAT OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY BE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL.

D. Meloche report:

- Pleasure to attend school events. Reading week @ St. John Fisher. You could go to any school and it was all incredible. Pink Shirt day was empowering. Hoping to make it a board wide initiative next year.
- Robotics competition. We did great and made it to the finals. Barriers were broken down. Region 3 is the only one represented at the robotics competition.
- Admin appointments

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- Impact game was well attended
- Snow day was great, except that schools have to give up a local ped day to
- New teacher interviews. Over 150 potential teachers and some really great candidates.
- SLAM poetry contest at Lindsay Place.
- Partners of Prevention. Grade 5 + 6
- TOPS tickets are going on sale in a week. April 26 and 27
- Mini-day (for grade 6 parents)

Parent Commissioner Report

Commissioner's Report

Allergy policy—some Regions are opting out of participating.

EPCA meeting – disorganized. All decisions are made by the directors with no room for delegates to participate.

*****intercultural opportunity: Northern schools need libraries*****

If we want EPCA to be an effective group, we need to examine what they do and how they do it.

UNOFFICIAL NOTES FROM COUNCIL



March is the month when the annual migration of springs starts. These cute coiled creatures leave their winter home in Colorado Springs and start their perilous journey to their summer mating grounds in the Radium Hot Springs pool, located in British Columbia's Kootenay National Park, obviously in need of Radium to replenish themselves after a long winter. These elusive "tensile-coilibrates" travel only at night, stopping pre-dawn at any available Quality Inn to embed themselves in mattresses for a well deserved rest after "boinging" (Their means of travel) for 8 hours during the night, attaching themselves to the suspensions of cars and trucks (that stop at all-night diners) throughout the evening to hitch a ride that brings them ever closer to their destination. Of course any migration is fraught with dangers, and for springs the danger is hitching a ride on vehicles headed south, attaching themselves to pogo sticks always leads to a quick demise, and then there is poaching... A horrible fate in the case of the species known as the "Slinky", as they are captured, shoved into boxes and sold on the Black Market to toy stores across North America as "Farmed" Slinkys. If you ever see a Slinky trying to escape down the stairs, you know you have a "Wild" one captured by poachers. Once they reach their goal, fever-pitched mating starts immediately. Coilologists who have observed mating rituals state that once they are twisted together it is impossible to separate them. In an evolutionary twist, it's the male that births their offspring, usually in 30 seconds, and extrudes at least ten thousand baby springs. The litter is called a "Torsion". A birthing male can be identified by his stretched appearance around the midriff. At first all the newborns are bouncy and bright-coiled, but there is danger here as well. Thousand upon thousands are trapped by the companies that make ballpoint pens, hundreds more are used in remote control cars and wind-up toys. The premature fetch a prime dollar for use in Swiss watches. So, the next time you go to throw out a "click" pen, remove the spring and place it in tall grass near a Quality Inn. Happy Spring! - Jim Hendry

Meeting of March 18th, 2013

Summer School 2013:

Approval was given to the Educational Services Department (ESD) to operate a Summer School Program, where the numbers warrant, at the following two locations:

- Lindsay Place High School
- LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School

The Summer School Program will operate between the dates of July 8th and August 2nd, 2013 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Additional approval was given, *where numbers warrant*, to provide transportation to students attending the Lindsay Place High School site and who reside within the School Board's territory further west off the Island of Montreal.

Supplemental exams will be offered from July 29th, 2013 to August 2nd, 2013.

Administrative Appointment – Head Office; Director of Schools:

Thomas Rhymes was confirmed by Council as the Interim Director of Schools for Region 2 as of March 19, 2013, with interim status retroactive to November 5, 2012.

Capital Projects (Contracts Awarded):

The contract for the roofing, boiler and fire alarm system replacement project at **Allancroft School** (project #1219), in accordance with the tender documents, be awarded to the lowest compliant bid, *Couverture Montréal Nord Limitée*, for the amount of \$575,700.00 (plus taxes)

The contract for the masonry repair and replacement project at **Macdonald High School** (project #1203), in accordance with the tender documents, be awarded to the lowest compliant bid, *Maçonnerie Rainville & Frères inc.*, for the amount of \$209,944.00 (plus taxes).

The contract for the gym ceiling and lighting, flooring and washroom partitions project at **Sunshine Academy** (project #1207), in accordance with the tender documents, be awarded to the lowest compliant bid, Gaston Champoux (1973) for the amount of \$256,229.62 (plus taxes).

The contract for the cafeteria service line renovations project at **John Rennie High School** (project #1229), in accordance with the tender documents, be awarded to *Le Groupe St-Lambert* for the amount of \$247,971.00 (*plus taxes*).

The contract for the generator project at **Lindsay Place High School** (project #1145A), in accordance with the tender documents, be awarded to the lowest compliant bid, A. *Lecompte et Fils inc.* for the amount of \$182,724.00 (plus taxes).

EcoEnergy Project Phase 3 - Resolution Amendment:

The council approved a \$1.4 million increase to the EcoEnergy Project Phase 3 from the estimated \$4.9 million to \$6.3 million with the additional \$1.4 million in funding coming from the 2014-2015 AMT capital budget.

Consultations:

BY-LAW 1(2013) – A BY-LAW TO FIX THE DAY/TIME/PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

Article 1 – Public meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board are normally held on the last Monday of each month. These meetings shall be held in the Board Room (C101) at 1925 Brookdale Avenue, Dorval, and shall commence at 7:30 p.m.

Article 2 – The necessity of holding a meeting during the month of July will be at the discretion of the Council of Commissioners.

Article 3 – For the 2013-2014 school year, the meeting dates for the Council shall be:

2013	2014
Monday, August 26	Monday, January 27
Monday, September 30	Monday, February 24
Monday, October 28	Monday, March 31
Monday, November 25	Monday, April 28
Monday, December 16 (Exception)	Monday, May 26
	Monday, June 23 (Exception)

BY-LAW 1E(2013) – A BY-LAW TO FIX THE DAY/TIME/PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 1 – Public meetings of the Executive Committee of the Lester B. Pearson School Board are normally held on the second to last Monday of each month. These meetings shall be held in the Board Room (C101) at 1925 Brookdale Avenue, Dorval, and shall commence at 5:30 p.m.

Article 2 – For the 2013-2014 school year, the meeting dates shall be:

2013	2014
Tuesday, July 2(Exception)	Monday, January 20
Monday, August 19	Monday, February 17
Monday, September 23	Monday, March 24
Monday, October 21	Wednesday, April 23 (Exception)
Monday, November 18	Tuesday, May 20 (Exception)
Monday, December 9 (Exception)	Monday, June 16 (Exception)

Review - Safe and Caring Schools Policy:

Council approved for consultation the draft Policy on Safe and Caring Schools.

The consultation document will be distributed to the consultative partners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board on March 19, 2013 with responses to be returned to the Director of Secretariat no later than May 17, 2013 for consideration of responses.

The final draft of the policy is slated for adoption at the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners to be held on June 25, 2013.

Notes prepared by Jim Hendry

Teachers' Report

April 3rd, 2013

- February 11th-15th
Our most sincere thanks for the Teacher Appreciation Week that was organized for the staff. Goodies, Zumba class, placemats, luncheon, even more goodies filled our hearts not to mention our stomachs
- February 25th-March 1st
Aside the outdoor skating that had to be cancelled due to poor conditions, our Winter Carnival was fabulous: hockey, sledding, snowshoeing, hot cocoa and more
- February 27th
Anti-bullying Lindsay Place Student-led activities were well planned out and very entertaining for our little guys
- March 21st
Teachers had a ½ day workshop to further familiarize themselves with I-pads
- March 28th
Tennis Québec ran a full day of introduction to Tennis. Dairy Bureau also offered some Nutrition activities at lunch time and after school that same day
- March 13th and April 18th
Our second report cards were sent home on March 13th and teachers had individual interviews with some parents. All parents will be invited to come to celebrate their child's accomplishments during our Portfolio Night on April 18th
- April 22nd
Our Earth Day Committee is organizing some hands-on and awareness activities to celebrate this special event

Daycare report for Governing Board – April 3rd, 2013

Ped Days:

Friday April 19th

Registration form will be going home this week. We have Blair Marshall coming in to do a Magic Show in the morning and Wendy from AAR Ceramics will bring some magical pieces for the children to complete the rest of the day.

Extra Curricular Activities

Due to the snow day CSEP has extended the extra curricular activities that take place on Tuesdays. Instead of ending on April 16th they will now end on April 23rd.

Daycare Week

The daycare and lunch staff will be participating in another workshop with Dianne Bradshaw. It has been scheduled during Daycare Week and will be a treat for everyone.

Income Tax Receipts

Our second and final run will take place on April 12th for any 2012 payments received between January 1st and April 11th 2013.

Tennis Quebec

March 28th was a busy, busy day, but the children in daycare thoroughly enjoyed making their wraps in the nutrition portion of the day filled with activities.

First Aid / CPR

Our 8 hour refresher course has been scheduled and 12 of our lunch and daycare staff that are due to update their certificates have been registered. Course takes place on Wednesday, August 28th, 2013, just before the students return to school. The course will be provided by the city of Pointe Claire's CPR Program.

Principal report for GB pril 3rd, 2013

- The Winter fair was held on Feb 9. A great success! Money was raised by a book sale and it supported Pack for a Purpose in India.
- Teacher Appreciation was the week of Feb 10, Teacher were very appreciative for all the treats and nice words received.
- Feb 25 was a dental survey for some grade 2. All the outside people from the CSSS were impressed with the returned papers and the condition of the dental health of the 10 students they surveyed.
- The week of Feb 25 was our carnival with sliding, skating, snowshoeing, or hockey. Lots of activities with many parents volunteering: Thank you to all!
- Report cards went home after the March Break.
- As a staff we did the Safe and Caring School Survey. Results will be coming from the board shortly.
- We had an unexpected snow day on March 19. We will replace that school day by removing June 3rd ped. day. That Monday will be a regular day 3.
- Home and school meeting on March 20 had to be cancelled; we had no quorum. A first in the history of the sjf association.
- March 28, we had Tennis Quebec visiting our school they did different workshops with students during school day, lunch time and daycare time.
- Our invitation for the Portfolio night will be sent home tomorrow. The event is on Thursday April 18th.
- April 10, our whole school has been invited to the Sr for a play called: The rocking Tale of Snow White.
- On April 22 for Earth Day we are in the planning stage of different activities, one of them being "L'autobus Pedestre" more info to come.
- April 19th will be a ped. day.
- From April 29 to May 29, we will take part of "Leve-toi et Bouge" from Defie Pierre-Lavoie
- 2 classes participated in a month of LEGO Robotic and it was very successful! We have asked Home and School to help us to buy kits for this initiative to continue next year. This year, the kits were from the School Board.
- We will invite our new Kindergarten students for May 17, we are at 86 students.
- So far, we have 287 students registered for next year, this year we are at 288.

The grouping will probably be: 5 kindergartens

5 grade 1

5 grade 2

Mme Picard is retiring at the end of this school year. The rest of the staff should be quite stable.