

# Governing Board Minutes

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary  
April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Participants:

Parents: Christina Forest, Balgovind Pande, Jennifer Pastor, Julie Smith  
Teachers: Rachel Éthier, Lise Lecompte, Aida Lukosevicius, Linda Néron  
Support Staff: Laura Sulano  
Principal: Tony Di Vittori  
Commissioner: Noel Burke  
Public: None  
Regrets: Karl Santaguida

- 6.1 Call to Order & Welcome  
Balgovind Pande called the meeting to order at 19:02.
- 6.2 Adoption of the Agenda  
15-16-43 *Motion to adopt the agenda proposed by Lise Lecompte, seconded by Jennifer Pastor and was carried unanimously.*
- 6.3 Adoption of the Minutes of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
15-16-44 *Motion to adopt the minutes proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Rachel Éthier, and was carried unanimously.*
- 6.4 Questions from Public  
No members of the public
- 6.5 Business Arising
- 6.5.1 None
- 6.6 New Business
- 6.6.1 Student Code of Conduct  
15-16-45 *Motion to approve of student code of conduct proposed by Jennifer Pastor, seconded by Christina Forest and was carried unanimously.*
- 6.6.2 Anti-Bullying & Anti-Violence Plan  
15-16-46 *Motion to approve the plan proposed by Rachel Éthier, seconded by Aida Lukosevicis and was carried unanimously.*
- 6.6.3 School Fees (2016-17)
- Discussion ensued about student activity books (math and French), which would increase school fees. Possibility of partially subsidizing the cost for the first year, or staggered payments for school fees in September. Discussion concerning additional student activity booklet will be revisited in the new school year.
- 15-16-47 *Motion proposed to approve school fees of \$72 proposed by Christina Forest, seconded by Laura Sulano and was carried unanimously.*

#### 6.6.4 AGM 2016

Discussion ensued regarding dates and timing. September 1<sup>st</sup>. Senior meet the teacher night September 7<sup>th</sup>, Junior is September 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### 6.6.5 School calendar (2016-17)

15-16-48 *Motion to approve the school calendar proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Lise Lecompte, 8 voted in favour, 1 against.*

19:42 – It was decided to bump up Noel Burke's report to before item 6.7.1 due to time constraints.

#### 6.6.6 Grad Trip (June 2016)

Grad trip scheduled for Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>, activities at CEGEP André Larendeau, cosmic bowling in LaSalle, then dinner at St Schubert in LaSalle, Return to the school around 6:00. Cost: \$45 per student, including transportation. 21<sup>st</sup> pool party, 22<sup>nd</sup> graduation, 23<sup>rd</sup> last day of school. 5 teachers + 4 parent volunteers as chaperones.

15-16-49 *Motion to approve grad trip proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Jennifer Pastor and was carried unanimously.*

### 6.7 Reports

#### 6.7.1 Regional Parents' Committee Report

See report attached.

#### 6.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Report

Discussion regarding find my bus GPS system coming later this year.

Pearson Electrotechnology Centre:

Pearson Electrotechnology Center Satellite Campus will be declared an independent Adult and Vocational Education Centre with its own deed of establishment.

Administrative Staffing Assignments:

All staffing assignment changes have been posted on the Lester B. Pearson School Board website

Coordinator of Finance:

Athmane Annabi will temporarily fill the position of Coordinator of Finance, effective May 2, 2016.

Sir Wilfred Laurier Foundation Dinner Fundraiser:

Funds will be made available for Chair Suanne Stein Day and Commissioner M. Sherman to participate in the Sir Wilfred Laurier Foundation Dinner Fundraiser on June 9.

Lindsay Place High School repairs:

The brick and concrete repair, the replacement of the fire alarm panel and the replacement of the administration AC unit at Lindsay Place High School was authorized. The total cost will be \$593,346.00 (before tax).

Place Cartier repairs:

The reconstruction of six roof basins and the replacement of windows in two wings at Place Cartier was authorized. The total cost will be \$402,000.00 (before tax).

Bell Canada Servitude Agreement:

The Lester B. Pearson School Board will accept \$8,000.00 as compensation from Bell Canada for

the installation of telecommunications equipment along Westminster Street in Dollard-des-Ormeaux on the Wilder Penfield property as per the servitude agreement.

St. Thomas High School repairs:

The land rehabilitation and pavement reconstruction at St. Thomas High School was authorized. The total cost will be \$141,054.00 (before tax).

Terry Fox Elementary repairs:

The exit and emergency evacuation upgrade and brick repair at Terry Fox Elementary was authorized. The total cost will be \$448,602.00 (before tax).

Water Meter Upgrades and Installations – 8 schools:

Water meter upgrades and installations will take place at the following eight schools for a total cost of \$398,000.00 (before tax).

Water Meter Upgrades and Installations – 11 schools and centres:

Water meter upgrades and installations will take place at the following 11 schools/centres for a total cost of \$389,000.00 (before tax).

Naming of merged Orchard and St. Lawrence Academy Jr. & Sr. Schools:

LaSalle Elementary Junior and Senior were the names chosen for the new schools created by the merger of Orchard and St. Lawrence Academy Junior and Senior schools.

Student transportation routing and management software:

The contract for a student transportation routing and management software was authorized, for the amount of \$87,920.04 (before tax) for the first three years with the possibility of renewal for two additional one-year terms, the first year for the amount of \$12,538.90 (before tax) and the second year for the amount of \$12,789.68 (before tax).

Classroom furniture:

Alpha-Vico inc., Alpha Tabco inc., Accent Canada inc. (doing business as Aquest Designs) and Brault & Bouthillier Ltée. were approved as exclusive suppliers of classroom furniture and other products for the schools and centres of the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

## 6.7.2

### Daycare Report

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Home & School & the parents involved with organizing a luncheon for the lunch & daycare staff on April 20, 2016 in honour of daycare week. Daycare week will be officially celebrated next week in the afterschool program with the students.

On our last PED day the students loved the bubble soccer & archery activity. They also enjoyed a pancake breakfast in the morning.

A few of the highlights in daycare are as follows:

Grade 3: Made pineapple upside down cupcakes, had a kite flying day, made tie dye t-shirts & made butter in science class.

Grade 4: Created the bulletin board to showcase the Grease Daycare Show, and in cooking class, made dirt-in-a-cup desserts.

Grade 5: Learned how to make soda in Science Class, and made strawberry crepes in cooking class.

Grade 6: Helped make the props & set for the daycare show, made spaghetti & garlic bread in cooking class.

We have 2 PED days for the 2016-2017 school year that need approval since we don't normally meet until October sometime.

September 23rd Clip & Climb Cost \$25

October 7 Cosmodome Cost \$25

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*Motion to approve two PED day activities proposed by Lise Lecompte, seconded by Jennifer Pastor, carried unanimously.*

### 6.7.3

### Principal's Report

- We had a very successful Portfolio Evening on April 21st with a great turnout.
- Book Fair held during portfolio evening. Sold \$4000 worth of books with a \$950 profit. Funds pay for author's visits. Thank you, Ms. Poirier.
- We had approximately 45 parents attend the Grade 2 Info evening. I'd like to thank Mr. D for his help with this evening.
- Author's visits organized by Ms. Debbie
  - Tiffany Stone (May 10th) - Grade 3
  - Simon Rose (May 10th) - Grade 4
  - Shane Peacock (May 31st) – Grades 5 & 6
- On Monday, we held our 4th Annual Storytelling Competition for Cycle 2 students. We had sixteen finalists (2 from each class) and they did a fantastic job. Congratulations go out to all finalists.
  - English stories:
    1. First place - Mackenzie Poleon (421)
    2. Second place - Matthew Cloutier (321)
  - French stories:
    1. First place - Maya Shah-Busby (424)
    2. Second place - Zoé Gregory (422)
- H&S volunteers visited all classes to talk about the community walk and who the fundraiser will benefit.
  - This year our Community Walk was awarded a Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award from the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations in recognition for our students' outstanding efforts towards a humanitarian cause. Thank you to Ericka Baron for highlighting this event to the QFHSA and many thanks to the QFHSA for their donation towards the Community Walk.
- Four Grade 3 students will be representing SJF-Sr at the LBPSB Aboriginal Day in Canada on May 18th. The event will take place at Greendale Elementary from 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Parents will be responsible for transportation and are welcome to stay.
- The student population for next year is currently at 383.
- Staff will be finalizing the supply lists for the 2016-17 school year.
- The Special Needs Committee met at the end of April to discuss current needs and a request was made to the Board for additional aide support. Additional aide hours were allocated by the Board.
- The School Success Team will be meeting on last time this year to discuss working objectives to present to the staff for the upcoming school year. The team has had very productive meetings at the Board and school.
- Garden Club with Ms. Allard and Grade 6 students.
- School choir to sing for the volunteers at the Volunteer Tea reception.
- LPHS Mural: Grade 6 students attending LPHS next year will be involved with the high school students in creating a mural. This is being planned for this June.
- We are in the process of putting together this year's yearbook. The yearbook will be free for grads, \$10.00 for all other interested families.
- Dress code: With the warmer weather coming, I have asked the Cycle 3 teachers speak to their students about appropriate school attire in warmer weather.
- Tech news:
  - Fifteen more laptops purchased
  - Two new iPads for Phys. Ed
  - Geocaching being introduced at school (borrowing 15 GPS units from the Board)
  - Media Tech & Phys. Ed initiative
- Pointe-Claire librarian visiting classes on May 30<sup>th</sup>
- Our spiritual animator, Ms. Quammie is retiring at the end of this year.
- H&S BBQ
  - IGA is donating 55 dz. hot dogs and buns for the BBQ and only charging us \$40 for 500 bottles of water for the Grad reception.
  - Sandra works very hard to get us these deals and we are very appreciative of all that she does for our school.

- Calendar
  - June 1st: LBPSB Track & Field
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  - June 6th: PED Day
  - June 8th: GB Meeting
  - June 9th: Grade 4 Medieval Feast
  - June 10th: 4th Annual Cycle 3 Public Speaking Competition
  - June 13th & 14th: Canoe Club
  - June 14th: Grade 6 Band Concerts – two groups (evening)
  - June 15th: H&S Meeting
  - June 16th: Grade 6 Band Concerts – two groups (evening)
  - June 16th: Student Talent Show
  - June 13th - 17th: Pool Days
  - June 20th: Grad Trip
  - June 21st: Grad Pool Party
  - June 22nd: Grad Ceremony
  - June 23rd: last Day of School

6.8 Questions from Public  
None

Correspondence

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 20:09.

15-16-51 *Motion to adjourn the meeting proposed by Rachel Éthier, seconded by Lise Lecompte and was carried unanimously.*

Next meeting June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 18:45.