

St. John Fisher Senior Elementary
Governing Board Minutes 11/11/2020
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting (COVID 19)

Type of Meeting: Governing Board – Regular 2020-2021 #2

Parent Members: Sarah Campeau, Christina Forest, Mark Sankoff, Marie-Claire Caillard, Nadia Lawand

Parent Substitutes: Andrea Borrelli, Tiffani Wheeler, Carla DaSilva

Staff: Linda Neron, Marie-Hélène Mondor, Laura Sulano, Aida Lukosevicius, Rachel Ethier (arrived 7:55pm internet issues)

Community Representative: Daphne Daifas, Tom Fullerton

Ex-Officio: Deborah Shizgal, Judith Kelley

Regrets: David Arless

2.1 AGENDA TOPICS

2.1.1 CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Christina Forest called the meeting to order at 7:08pm and welcomed everyone.

2.1.2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda was duly proposed by Sarah Campeau, seconded by Marie-Claire Caillard and approved unanimously. **Resolution: 20-21-12**

2.1.3 ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2020 MINUTES

Carla DaSilva emailed Tiffani Wheeler with typographical errors and formatting changes for the October 14, 2020 minutes. These changes will be made as soon as possible. A motion to adopt the minutes of the October 14, 2020 meeting, with the updates, was duly proposed by Nadia Lawand, seconded by Laura Sulano and approved unanimously. **Resolution: 20-21-13**

2.4 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

2.5 BUSINESS ARISING

2.5.1 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Christina Forest extended a warm welcome to the two new Community Representatives, Daphne Daifas and Tom Fullerton and thanked them for accepting our invitation.

2.5.2 INTERNAL RULES OF MANAGEMENT

This point will be discussed later on in the meeting when we talk about Territorial Acknowledgement.

2.5.3 DAYCARE LETTER RE: PARENTS' COMMITTEE

Deborah Shizgal explained to the Board that typically we do not have a Daycare Parents' Committee. There has not been a request or a need for our school to have this type of committee. Daycare is managed in a way that we do not need a committee. If a committee were formed, it would need to be a minimum of three parents from each Campus putting in a

request in order to have a committee. Laura Sulano commented that the information regarding how to form a committee is located in the Daycare Handbook, which is posted on the SJF website. A motion for St. John Fisher to not have a Daycare Parents' Committee was duly proposed by Mark Sankoff, seconded by Nadia Lawand and approved unanimously. **Resolution: 20-21-14**

2.5.4 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN REVIEW

Each year the Emergency Preparedness Plan is presented to the Governing Board. Deborah Shizgal explained the basics of what is in the document, which is located in a 3" binder kept on the school premises. Yearly changes include: new school bus listings, updated phone numbers, updated staff lists, updated student lists, updated maps for evacuation and updated staff positions for executing the plan. The main details of the plan remain the same however; the more precise details are updated. A motion to approve the 2020-2021 Emergency Preparedness Plan was duly proposed by Sarah Campeau, seconded by Laura Sulano and approved unanimously. **Resolution: 20-21-15**

2.5.5 POLICIES ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

Christina Forest addressed the Zip file sent to the Governing Board entitled, *Policies Adopted on September 21, 2020*. In this zip file were six policies that were adopted by the Lester B. Pearson School Board. She wanted to make sure the Governing Board received these files and that we were aware of the decisions made by the School Board.

2.5.6 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR BUDGET 2020-2021

Christina Forest addressed the Q&A document that had been forwarded to the Governing Board concerning the 2020-2021 Budget. She informed the Board that the questions we asked during the consultation period were answered.

2.6 NEW BUSINESS

2.6.1 VIRTUAL GB MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

Christina Forest explained that this document sent to the Governing Board was a copy of the e-mail that was circulated to all Governing Boards concerning the procedures of holding virtual meetings. She wanted to make sure that the Board was aware that these instructions had been communicated to us. She also confirmed that we are following the correct procedure.

2.6.2 INTERNAL RULES OF MANAGEMENT AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Christina Forest commented that we are a well run Governing Board however there is always room for improvement. There are a few things that we do that are not actually documented in our Internal Rules of Management; there are also some that are documented that no longer apply to us and there are items that need to be added. Christina Forest had forwarded a copy of the current rules to the Governing Board with changes that had been suggested by the Board. At the last meeting members suggested that verbiage be added concerning Zoom meetings. The Board is not ready to complete the new wording until the Parent Committee meets. This meeting will be held on November 12, 2020. Once this meeting takes place Sarah Campeau will send out the finalized version for the Board to read. The second change that was being discussed was the position of Vice Chair. Our Governing Board has always elected this position

however; the Education Act does not list a necessity for a Vice Chair. Christina Forest proposed that either we keep our Internal Rules of Management as is concerning this section or we amend them to include the election of a Vice Chair. Sarah Campeau commented that being the Governing Board Chair without having previous experience, as a Chair, might be difficult. She suggested that interested members of the Governing Board could be given the opportunity to Chair a meeting throughout the year. Nadia Lawand also commented that this is a good point, not to lock it in to one Vice Chair. It was decided that Nadia Lawand, Sarah Campeau and Christina Forest would work together on properly wording the section in the Internal Rules of Management. A discussion ensued whereby Tom Fullerton discussed the typographical changes that need to be made to the document. Christina Forest took note of these changes and will update the document and present it again at the next meeting. A discussion ensued concerning the section titled *Standard Invitation to the Commissioner to Attend Meetings*. Christina Forest suggested that we amend this section to include a standing invitation to the Commissioner of the Ward, the Parent Commissioner who represents Elementary Schools, the Parent Commissioner at large and the Co-opted Commissioners. The next point of discussion was a proposal to amend the Internal Rules of Management to state that we will start our meetings with a Territorial Acknowledgement and that we agree what the verbiage will be. A decision was made to create a sub-committee to put together the proper wording. This committee will be comprised of four Governing Board members; Daphne Daifas, Tom Fullerton, Nadia Lawand and it will be led by Sarah Campeau. This discussion will be tabled until the next Governing Board meeting in December where it will be discussed again.

2.6.3 GOVERNING BOARD OPERATING FUNDS 2020-2021

Christina Forest informed the Board that two of the documents we received prior to the meeting were notifications about the allocation of money to our Governing Board and a flyer outlining the potential uses of the money. **Appendix 1 & 2**

2.6.4 PEARSON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Christina Forest informed the group of the October newsletter. **Appendix 3**

2.6.5 DECEMBER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING (Dec. 2 or Dec. 9)

Christina Forest commented on how typically the Senior Governing Board collaborates with the Junior Governing Board for the December meeting and after the meeting, they hold a social event. Nadia Lawand, Chair of the Junior Governing Board, commented that they will be holding their meeting on December 2 over zoom and the social will not be taking place. Therefore, the Senior Governing Board decided to keep the date of December 9, 2020 for their zoom meeting.

2.6.6 MANDATE FOR HOME AND SCHOOL TO MANAGE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

Christina Forest informed the Board that each year a motion is passed to nominate our Home and School Association to manage our annual fundraising campaigns. Carla DaSilva explained the fundraisers that the Home and School are currently organizing. All the information can be found on their website at www.sjfhands.ca/staff. A motion was put forth to mandate the Home and School Association to manage the annual fundraising campaigns for St. John Fisher by Nadia Lawand, seconded by Marie-Claire Caillard and approved unanimously. **Resolution: 20-21-16**

2.6.7 ENCOURAGE WEARING MASKS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Sarah Campeau announced that there is an ongoing discussion at the Parents Committee that parents on other Governing Boards have approved a letter that would be sent from the Governing Board via the school principals to the parents where we recommend the parents to encourage their children to wear their masks all day. A discussion ensued with pro-mask and not pro-mask remarks. It was decided that Sarah Campeau would go back to base camp with what was discussed and bring it back to an email thread that she can include parents and collaborate with Daphne Daifas to rework the wording in the letter. This will be done over the next month and then discussed again at the December board meeting.

2.6.8 CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021 (youth sector amendment)

Deborah Shizgal announced that there have been three additional PED days added to the school calendar therefore reducing the number of school teaching days to 177 days. The first PED day will be January 25, 2021, the second one will be on January 8, 2021 and the third one has not been decided yet. However, there is a conflict because January 25, 2021 is already a PED day for St. John Fisher. These three days have been assigned by the government as days to be used to prepare for the possibility of online learning. Concerning the consultation, the Governing Board will ask that if there is a date available in December that we see value in moving the PED day up a little bit in the calendar year. Christina Forest motioned that she will draft a response to this consultation and submit it on our behalf before the deadline of December 3, 2020. Points to include: what to do when the PED day falls on a PED day and the suggestion of moving one of the days to earlier in the calendar year. This motion was seconded by Nadia Lawand and approved unanimously. **Resolution: 20-21-17 Appendix 4**

2.6.9 CONSULTATION ON BY-LAW 1 AND 1E (2020), Day, Time and Place of Council

Christina Forest informed the Board of a resolution by the Lester B. Pearson School Board concerning the Student Ombudsman Annual Report. **Appendix 5**

Christina Forest also informed the Board of the change in dates and times of the public meetings for the Executive Committee of the Lester B. Pearson School Board. **Appendix 6**

2.6.10 CHANGE TO SJF SCHOOL CALENDAR

Deborah Shizgal informed the board that since the Ministry of Education has changed the school year from three terms to two terms that our calendar must reflect this change. She is proposing that the first term end on December 18, 2020, results submitted by January 12, 2021 and report cards issued on January 18, 2021. A motion was put forth to amend the calendar by Marie-Claire Caillard, seconded by Mark Sankoff and approved unanimously. **Resolution: 20-21-18**

2.7 REPORTS

2.7.1 REGIONAL PARENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Sarah Campeau read her report and it can be found at the end of the minutes. Sarah Campeau asked for a motion to send this report to parents. This motion was put forth by Christina Forest, seconded by Nadia Lawand and approved unanimously. **Resolution: 20-21-19 Appendix 7**

2.7.2 HANDS REPORT

Tiffani Wheeler read the Hands Report. The report can be found at the end of the minutes.

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2.7.3 COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Judith Kelly read highlights from her report. The report can be found at the end of the minutes.

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2.7.4 DAYCARE REPORT

Laura Sulano presented the Daycare Report. This report can be found at the end of the minutes.

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2.7.5 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Deborah Shizgal presented the Principals' Report. This report can be found at the end of the minutes. **Appendix 11**

2.8 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

2.9 CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion at 8:59 pm by Christina Forest that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Nadia Lawand.

Resolution: 20-21-20

Respectfully submitted

Tiffani Wheeler

Appendix 1



The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board at its virtual Meeting held on September 21, 2020.

Resolution number 2020-09-#06

2020-2021 Allocations to Governing Boards and Other Committees

WHEREAS in accordance with Education Act, the Governing Board of each school and centre, the Special Needs Advisory Committee, and the Parents Committee, are responsible for the management of the financial resources allocated to them by the School Board; and

WHEREAS a fair and equitable distribution of the funding designated by the School Board in the 2020-2021 operating budget has been recommended, with a special provision for the funding of the Central Students' Committee:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner N. Beaton AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT approval be given to the following allocations:

- \$1,000 to the Lester B. Pearson School Board Central Students' Committee;
- \$2,000 to the Lester B. Pearson School Board Special Needs Advisory Committee;
- \$5,000 to the Lester B. Pearson School Board Parents' Committee; and


THAT approval be given for funding for each of the Governing Boards of the School Board based on the following formula determined by the number of Governing Board members;

- Between 8 and 12 members:
 - an allocation of \$225, plus 30¢ per student in the youth sector or 30¢ per FTE in the Adult & Voc Ed Centres;
- Between 13 and 16 members:
 - an allocation of \$325, plus 30¢/student in the youth sector and 30¢/FTE in the Adult & Voc Ed Centres;
- Between 17 and 20 members:
 - an allocation of \$425 plus 30¢/student in the youth sector and 30¢/FTE in the Adult & Voc Ed Centres;
- And an allocation of \$150 for the Governing Board of Soulanges School; and

THAT any surplus funds as of June 30, 2021, be returned to the School Board.

I certify that this document is an extract from the minutes of the Lester B. Pearson School Board Council of Commissioners' meeting held on September 21, 2020; this text is subject to ratification by approval of the minutes of said meeting at the next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners to be held on November 9, 2020.

This 22nd day of September, 2020


Me Geneviève Dugré, Secretary General

Appendix 2

Governing Board Operating Funds

According to the Education Act, school boards must allocate an amount for the operation of governing boards. At the beginning of each year, the governing board prepares and adopts, then oversees its operating budget.

How can the allocation be used?

The allocation received from the school board is intended **for the operation of the governing board** and to help carry out the functions and powers conferred on it by law. Allowable expenses are:

- Meeting expenses (refreshments, babysitting)
- Printing
- Postage and stationary
- Secretary (recording and preparing minutes)
- Brochures, publicity, public information meetings (projects aimed at increasing awareness of the school)
- Travel expenses
- Training for governing board members
- Projects pertaining to the functions and powers of the governing board

All expenses must have supporting vouchers/receipts.

Funds may not be used for items such as textbooks, capital expenditures, entertainment, bursaries, scholarships, donations and community ventures, or for items/activities normally financed by the school or school board.

According to law, the governing board must render an account of its operating budget to the school board.

This is done at the end of the year when governing boards adopt their annual report and financial statement, by resolution, and send a copy of both to the school board.

Governing boards are required to meet a minimum of five times per year.

For more information on governing boards, please visit the board's website at www.lbpsb.qc.ca

GB Functions and Powers (Youth Sector)

Acts

- Analyze school's situation and oversee educational project
- Inform parents and community of services provided and their quality
- Make public the educational project and success plan
- Report on the evaluation of the implementation of the success plan
- Evaluate results of the school's anti-bullying/anti-violence plan
- May organize other educational services
- Establish principles for school supplies
- May solicit funds (compatible with the school's mission)

Adopts

- Educational project
- School budget
- Annual activity report
- Governing board operating budget

Approves

- Success plan
- Anti-bullying/anti-violence plan
- Educational success agreement
- Subject time allocation
- Approach for implementing the basic school regulation
- The enrichment or adaptation of programs of study and development of local programs
- Rules of conduct and safety
- List of objects/supplies based on school board's policy
- Approach for implementing student services and special educational services
- Use of premises
- Field trips

Consults

- GB parents may consult parents of children in the school on any matter relating to educational services, in particular on report cards and any other way parents are to be informed of their child's progress

Is consulted

- Selection of textbooks and instructional materials
- How parents are to be informed of the academic progress of their child
- Physical needs of the school
- Objectives/principles governing allocation of board revenues
- Deed of establishment
- Criteria for selection of principal

Gives advice

- On any matter the school board is required to submit to the governing board
- On any matter likely to facilitate the operation of the school
- On any matter likely to improve the organization of services provided by the board

Appendix 3



Fondation Pearson Pour l'Éducation Pearson Educational Foundation

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Newsletter October 2020

The Pearson Educational Foundation Annual General Meeting

PEF wrapped up the fiscal year 2019 – 2020 on October 20th, 2020 with Zoom attendance of Associate Members, Life Members and Guests.

We proudly present the Board of Directors for the coming year, here to serve and support the LBPSB schools and students:

Donnalynn Rainey – President
Richard Meloche – Secretary
Michel Belleville – Director
Tom Merson – Director

Lorne Brotman – Vice President
Jesse Rémillard Steiner – Treasurer
Barbara Freeston – Director
Rafat Noor Khan – Director

First Order of Business for the new Board of Directors



Every year, The Rona Cupak Fund provides warm winter clothing to our most vulnerable in the student population. This year, we believe the demand may be higher. With PEF's own downturn in operation revenues, we have devised a simple and easy way for anyone who can, to directly support the kids in need. From November 1st, you will be able to **"Buy a Bauble"** on <https://www.facebook.com/PearsonEducationalFoundation>

By buying a bauble, your sponsored child will receive a much-needed snowsuit, boots, or hat and mitts. You will be eligible for a full tax receipt, and a **Thank You** shout out from us, which should make you feel warm too.



Another Way to Make a Big Difference!

November is the month most employees receive an invitation from their employer to contribute to their favourite charity. By opting in, through your HR department, a small portion of your pay is automatically deducted and sent to support your chosen cause, with a tax receipt provided to you at the end of the year.

The Pearson Educational Foundation would be honoured to be your chosen charity this year. You would be directly responsible for making sure PEF continues the vital support of our students and teachers. Our fundamental mandate is to provide our dedicated teachers with the tools to give their students the very best education.

The New Equity and Inclusivity Fund

PEF has one more exciting bit of news. Alexandra Begin, a John Rennie High Alumnus, has worked toward the launch of a program to help our schools teach and promote equality in our communities. To learn more, and support this initiative, please visit [Http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/EIF.htm](http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/EIF.htm)

Are you interested in helping our schools with PEF? Call us today!

Appendix 4



The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board at its virtual meeting held on November 9, 2020.

Resolution number 2020-11-#15

Calendar 2020-2021 (Youth Sector) - Amendment

WHEREAS in accordance with section 238 of the *Education Act*, every School Board shall establish the school calendar of its schools, taking into account the provisions of the *Basic School Regulation*; and

WHEREAS due to the pandemic, the *Basic School Regulation* was amended on October 28, 2020, to determine that the school calendar shall consist of at least 177 days of educational services in order to add 3 additional pedagogical or training days to the 2020-2021 school calendar; and

WHEREAS regarding the 3 additional allocated PD days, the proposed amendments are as follows:

- a) School level: 1 additional PD day to be determined at the local level;
- b) Board level: a distance learning PD on January 25, 2021, and a distance learning PD on February 8, 2021;
- c) Daycare level: a PD for Daycare and Lunch employees on February 15, 2021 (no daycare services offered on that day).

WHEREAS as per sections 193 (7) and 244 of the *Education Act*, the Parents' Committee and the teachers are to be consulted on the school calendar; and

WHEREAS Governing Boards are consulted on the schedule of the Daycare Services; and

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners also wishes to consult the Central Students Committee;

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Doan AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

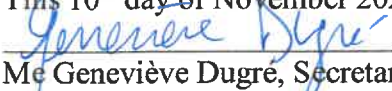
THAT the Parents' Committee, teachers and the Central Students Committee be consulted on the proposed amendment to the LBPSB 2020-2021 school calendar; and

THAT the schools' Governing Boards be consulted on the proposed amendment to the Daycare schedule; and

THAT responses be provided to the Secretary General by Thursday, December 3, 2020, for adoption of the amended calendar at the Council meeting of December 7, 2020.

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This 10th day of November 2020


Me Geneviève Dugré, Secretary General

Appendix 5



The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board at its virtual meeting held on November 9, 2020.

Resolution number 2020-11-#13

Student Ombudsman Annual Report 2019-2020

WHEREAS, as per section 220.2 of the *Education Act*, the Student Ombudsman must send the School Board an annual report stating the number of complaint referrals received and their nature, the corrective measures recommended, if any, and any action taken:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner S. Lazaro AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the 2019-2020 Annual Report presented by the Lester B. Pearson School Board's Student Ombudsman be received.

I certify that this document is an extract from the minutes of the Lester B. Pearson School Board Council of Commissioners' meeting held on November 9, 2020; this text is subject to ratification by approval of the minutes of said meeting at the next meeting of the Council of Commissioners to be held on December 7, 2020.

This 10th day of November 2020


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Appendix 6

BY-LAW 1E (2020): 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. or at 7:30 p.m. [FINAL DECISION OF COUNCIL PENDING].**

*** EXCEPTION: BY VIRTUE OF ORDER IN COUNCIL 1039-2020, ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD BY VIRTUAL MEANS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Article 2 – For the 2020-2021 school year, the meeting dates shall be:

2020	2021
Monday, August 24	Monday, January 18
➤ Electoral Period	Monday, February 15
Monday, November 30 (Exception)	Monday, March 15 (Exception)
	Monday, April 19
	TUESDAY, May 25 (Exception)
	Monday, June 21

Appendix 7

St John Fisher



SR. Campus

Hello Parents of St John Fisher Sr.,

My name is Sarah Campeau, I have a son in grade 6 and this year I have volunteered to be your parent representative on the Lester B. Pearson Parent Committee. My responsibility is to filter information from the school board to the parents of SJF SR. With this in mind, here are a few things that may be of interest to you.

High School Open Houses

Grade 5 and 6 Parents take note! The High School Open Houses are a little different this year. The LBPSB has invested in promotional videos showcasing each school and their merits. To see these videos you can visit the LBPSB Facebook page or their website.

Renaming the old St Thomas location

A motion was presented and passed for the Parents' Committee to support the renaming of the old St Thomas location (which will become the location for the Adult Learning Centre) to be a person from a minority group or of indigenous descent. If the school board agrees to this it will be the first public building in our system with this claim.

School Elections

Our school ward will be electing a new councilor however due to the Covid RED ZONE situation on the Island of Montreal, our elections have been postponed until further notice. Stay tuned for news on when these elections will be taking place.

SNAC

The Special Needs Advisory Committee

SNAC is represented by a body of individuals encompassing parents, teachers and school board representatives whose main focus is to support families of children with special needs. A wide array of students on I.E.P.s are represented, from ADHD to learning disabilities, sensory and physical challenges, autism spectrum disorders (ASD), intellectual disabilities and speech and language disorders.

Interested in how SNAC can help your child?

The next SNAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 6:30pm. It will be held virtually on Google Meet.

If you would like the link to join as public, please write the SNAC Chair at snacchair@lbpearson.ca

COVID-19

There was a discussion with school administration about the Covid-19 response and what schools will do when the colder weather comes and our schools environments become more closed. The response was that each school has had their ventilation systems optimized to be opened to the fullest capacity of intake of fresh air. As well individual classrooms will be able to open the windows in 15 minute intervals to allow a complete exchange of fresh air in the classroom. The Parents' Committee also broke off into smaller groups to discuss experiences of how the return to school went in their schools. This was an opportunity for parents to share stories and to discover how things were done in their schools as oppose to other schools in the LBPSB. It was interesting to know how many parents found homeschooling a HUGE challenge and discovered a new appreciation for our teachers. Many schools have had great support from their schools during this pandemic but felt that the overall communication from the government a little lacking.

Additional PED Days for 2020/2021 ONLY

The CAQ government has included 3 additional PED days this (and ONLY this) school year for schools and administration to deal with COVID related issues. No word yet on which 3 days of the year these days will be but that information will be posted on the Parents' Committee web and Facebook page once announced.

Keep in touch

The Parents' Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at the school board. These are public meetings that anyone can attend, the next meeting will be Thursday Dec. 3rd at 7 PM. and you will be able to find the Zoom link on the Parents' Committee Facebook page in the days leading up to the meeting.

As your rep, I will be in attendance each month so feel free to reach out to me with your questions st_john_fisher_sr_pr@lbpearson.ca

Appendix 8



ST. JOHN FISHER
HOME AND SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION



H&S Report to GB

November 2020

- Second H&S meeting took place on October 21st over zoom and was well attended
- Working on plan to grow HandS membership
- HandS is now on instagram, as well as facebook
- Quarterly H+S Newsletter is back- we hope to have it sent out this week
- Fall fundraiser with DFS ongoing until Nov 12, 2020
 - Online catalogue and information can be found here:
<https://sjfhands.wordpress.com/#dfs>
- Fundraiser with Clio Bookstore in Pointe-Claire Plaza
 - November 27th to 29th in store
 - November 27th to December 3rd online
- We plan to set up a yearbook committee meeting this month. Anyone wanting to join can contact sjfhands@gmail.com.
- **Next Meeting Wednesday, November 18th at 7pm**

Appendix 9

- I have hardly had to adjust my message to you that I sent out in the spring. It is clear that our entire LBPSB Community has been navigating an uncharted social landscape for the last several months. I hope you have all been coping as best you can considering the circumstances. From a commissioner's perspective, I have still been working on committees (with the exception of a short break for an almost election) and have been communicating with my colleagues as I also follow the daily news and developments at the Board as those at the helm respond to and manage a winding path of Ministerial directives. I cannot express to you in just a few words how proud and impressed I am with our administrative teams, and all of the LBPSB staff, who have been working behind the scenes and on the front lines trying their best to stay on top of all of the issues related to the reality of spring and now fall 2020. As we all adjust to the school year, I still feel unsettled with so many unknowns but am so proud of our entire LBPSB community for adjusting as best they can and for doing whatever we can to keep our students, staff, families, schools and centres as safe as possible so that our students can continue with their education. I would like to offer some personal advice, though, which is this: do hope, every day, for the best scenario possible, but also, do be prepared to make concessions and adjustments. I think we are all getting used to this!
- Really good news: With the latest success rate data from 2018-2019, the LBPSB had the highest 5-year cohort results in the Province, at 85.1%. Congratulations!
- Appointments: Alana Quinn-Leroux was appointed Director of the Human Resources Department of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, effective January 4, 2021 (permanent probationary status). And, Darren Becker was appointed Director of the Communication and Community Development Department of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, effective November 23, 2020 (probationary status).
- Task Force on Equality and Inclusivity : Its works include the gathering of evidence-based literature to support recommendations on issues of Race and Ethnicities, Religions, Sexualities, Abilities and Genders; it has been actively undertaking its mandate. Council received a status report which can be viewed on the LBPSB website. (Go to the Commissioners tab and you will find information about the task force in detail.)
- Student Commissioners: Finn Poirier and Sophia Pasia presented a verbal report. They are off to an excellent start managing their dossier. We are proud to have our student commissioners sit at the Council table.

- Facilities: This resolution is extremely important for the LBPSB community. I am proud our Board has taken this step ahead of directives from the Ministry:

Purchase of Air Purifiers with HEPA filters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHEREAS due to the current ongoing COVID-19 health crisis and the arrival of the cold season, it was determined after thorough analysis by the Material Resources Department that naturally ventilated classrooms must urgently be equipped with air purifiers containing high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and WHEREAS in accordance with section 13 (1) of the Act respecting contracting by public bodies, a contract involving an expenditure above the public tender threshold may be entered into by mutual agreement if there if there is an emergency that threatens human safety;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and WHEREAS it was concluded that the purchase of 420 air purifiers with HEPA filters is required to protect the safety of the students and staff in naturally ventilated classrooms:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the contract for the purchase of 420 air purifiers with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters be entered into by mutual agreement between the Lester B. Pearson School Board and Novexco inc doing business as Hamster for \$518,600.54 (plus taxes); and THAT the Director General of the Lester B. Pearson School Board be authorized to sign the contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

In addition, all mechanical ventilation systems in our schools are being updated with higher calibre MERV filters.

School Board Elections: The elections have been postponed until further notice, perhaps, we understand (vaguely), until the spring. In the meantime, we have a hybrid model of new commissioners who were appointed during the original election process and “old” commissioners who will be in elections for their Wards. Noel Burke remains Chair (even though he intended to retire) until a new chair is elected by universal suffrage. I will keep you posted and will be urging every eligible voter to vote for your commissioner (Ward 4 is up for election) and for Chair. In the meantime, we are back to Council business with a diverse team of committed individuals.

- Please consult the LBPSB website for general information and Council business updates.
- Transition Committee – MSC – The next meeting will be December 2 at 5:30. (All on Zoom, of course!)

Please feel free send me questions and concerns any time.

Respectfully, Judy Kelley

I have attached the Council Committee chart for your perusal.

Appendix 10

November Governing Board Report

1. October were very busy in daycare with a variety of activities in all grades.

IN GRADE 3: The students made lava lamps with Ms. Marina & decorated our entrance with apples on a branch. They are also loving the playground here at SJFSR which is a little different than the one at Jr. Ms. Matilda's grade 3 class decorated the main bulletin board with community themed artwork. Additionally their craft activities included hanging skull ornaments and in Science they learned about Thaumatrope motion.

IN GRADE 4, The students made pita pizzas in cooking and tried the skittles in milk experiment as they watched the colors soak in and became a rainbow. In craft they decorated our halls with skeletons, fall hedgehogs and popsicle stick scarecrows. Bingo is one of the favorite activities and our Xbox Dance day keeps them moving.

THE GRADE 5's All the kids received 14-inch skip ropes in the outdoor toy baskets. The grade 5's have been introduced to skip rope game of double dutch and are loving it. They tried a capillary action science activity where they placed celery pieces in colored water. The expectation was that the water would change the color of the leaves however the experiment failed. We've been able to manage cooking & science activities while socially distancing by providing individual cutlery, plates, cookware and even recipes. The grade 5's made individual portioned snickerdoodles in October. Their crafts included pastel colored Halloween scenes.

THE GRADE 6's in Ms. Elissa's class made homemade guacamole and individual nacho plates to go with it. They spent many afternoons at the park while the weather was exceptionally warm. With Ms. Lori they made bacon & cream cheese pinwheels. To celebrate Halloween, they made t-shirts by drawing on sandpaper with crayons then ironing their art onto their t-shirt. In Gym class they played frisbee tag & soccer on scooters. They've also taken advantage of the great weather by taking walks around the neighbourhood.

On Thursday October 29th we had our Halloween Party where all classes enjoyed a variety of yummy treats our famous pumpkin science experiment where we placed as many elastics around a pumpkin till it sliced in half and then watched spooky Halloween movies.

October 30th was a ped day. In the morning the students made homemade pizza from scratch which they had for lunch and in the afternoon, they participated in an Amazing Race where they had a list of items to capture in a photograph. The grade with the most items photographed in a 2-hour window won a prize. The Grade 6 group were the winning team for this event. They even got photographs of SJFSR alumni like Lucas Bernardino a former student and Ms. Louise Morency our former secretary.

Appendix 11

GB Principal's Report

November 11th, 2020

- **Terry Fox Week** took place during Phys. Ed. in October. We asked that you help us honour Terry Fox with a toonie or donation of your choice. Over \$1100 was raised by our school.
- Fridays have been and will continue to be **Spirit Fridays** where students are encouraged to dress in their school apparel, house shirts or in green (school colour). Our first Spirit Friday was on October 9th.
- Interim Reports went out on Wednesday Oct 14th. They went out hard copy as there are still kinks in the Mosaic/Fusion transition.
- October 16th was a stay at home **PED Day** for staff.
- We celebrated Halloween on Thursday October 29th.
- Grad Sweatshirts have been ordered. This year's colour is light blue.
- October 30th - was a PED Day and the grade 6 entrance exam that was postponed from the spring. Students wrote in their bubble.
- The first term has been extended until January 22nd. There will be only two terms this year rather than three.
- Garden clean-up took place thanks to graduate Massimo Caro and his mom
- Our Instagram page is up and running
- The retake for Photo day was November 9th.
- Today, Nov. 11th - Remembrance Day. each class commemorated this day on their own with an announcement made by some of our grade 6 students.
- Construction is ongoing
- Next year's construction project plans are underway. The unfinished part of the building along with some brickwork is forecasted along with completion of this past summer's work.

Coming Up

- P/T Interviews will take place on Nov. 19th and 20th