



**Lester B. Pearson High School**  
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**2018-2019**  
**GOVERNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

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**CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE**

As parent volunteers, we learn first-hand the importance of our implication in our school community and how our dedication can teach our children that working together can create positive differences in the future. As Governing Board Chairperson and Regional Delegate, I have worked alongside a strong team of administrators, teachers and parents throughout my journey while at Lester B. Pearson High School.

**INFORMING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

The agenda and minutes from every meeting were sent via email to all Governing Board members as well as being found on the Lester B. Pearson High School website. All information received from the different Regions, the Central Parent Committee, the EMSB and other organizations was forwarded by email to the Governing Board members and discussed at meetings to transmit the messages clearly to Lester B. Pearson High School parents. Representatives were present at the school's Open House and Orientation Evening to answer any questions that parents and visitors to the school may have.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Governing Board (together with parent volunteers) and Administration at Lester B. Pearson High School must continue to work together to foster the success of the entire student body. We must work at increasing the interest of parents in the school's activities and programs, such as the Sport-Études program available at the school.

The webmaster of the school's updated website should continue to keep all information current for parents and students. This forum is a beneficial means to distribute a wide variety of information to parents in the most innovative means possible.

Lester B. Pearson High School went through a few administrative changes once again this year, including the change of two vice-principals. We were informed of the new administrative changes for the 2018-2019 school year and the Governing Board intends to work alongside the administrative staff to ensure that the transition is seamless and that the positive efforts continue within the school community.

**MEMBERS AND ATTENDANCE REPORT:**

Name	Position / Group Represented									TOTAL	
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>		
1.	J. Vitantonio	*Principal/Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		6
2.	A. Caruso	VP/Administration				X			X	X	3
3.	P. Tummillo	VP/Administration									0
4.	L. Triestino	VP/Administration				X					1
5.	B. Berneti	Member / Chairperson & Delegate	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	7
6.	F. Mazzariello	Member / Vice-Chairperson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
7.	J. Biunno	Member / Secretary & Treasurer	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	7
8.	A. Antonacci	Member / Teacher		X	X			X			3
9.	C. Antonacci	Member / Teacher	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
10.	C. Clarabut	Member / Teacher	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
11.	M. Fiore	Member / Teacher	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
12.	L. Garofalo	Member / Parent	X	X	X	X	X		X		7
13.	C. Gagné	Member / Sports Études Coord.	X				X	X	X	X	5
14.	S. Greco	Member / Parent	X	X		X	X		X	X	6
15.	P. Karpontinis	Member / Teacher	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	7
16.	P. Labrecque	Member / Teacher	X	X	X	X	X				5
17.	L. Lacourse	Member / Teacher	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
18.	M. Papillo	Member / Parent	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	7
19.	J. Patronostro	Member / Teacher	X	X							2
20.	R. Verrillo	Member / Parent	X	X		X	X		X	X	6
21.	L. Zarlenga	Member / Parent		X		X		X	X	X	5
22.	S. Lo Bianco	Non-Member / Commissioner									0
23.	T. Aversano	Alternate Parent					X		X		2
24.	P. Gaudio	Alternate Parent	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	7
25.	N. Posteraro	Alternate Parent			X	X					2

**MEETING DATES:**

1. September 25, 2018
2. October 23, 2018
3. November 20, 2018
4. December 18, 2018
5. January 22, 2019
6. February 19, 2019
7. March 26, 2019
8. May 21, 2019
9. June 13, 2019

All meetings held were regularly scheduled Governing Board meetings, as voted upon at the first group meeting. At each meeting, an agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were presented, reviewed and adopted. Final Governing Board minutes were provided and posted

onto the website. Our April meeting was cancelled due to the principal on the NYC trip with the secondary 5 students.

### **SUB-COMMITTEES AND THEIR MANDATES**

A sub-committee was formed to assist with the EMSB Uniform Supplier Contract that was not fulfilled according to the original arrangements.

BRIEF:

### **ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, SERVICES & ACTIONS TAKEN**

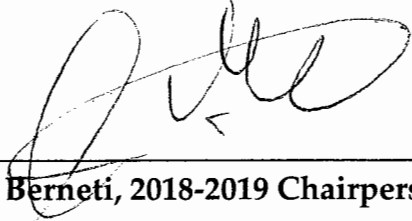
The school participated in numerous community activities including the following:

- The Breakfast of Distinction celebrated students on the Honour Roll and those who have been selected by teachers for their improved efforts. They were gathered at a distinction assembly, received an honour roll certificate or a diligence certificate and an invitation to the breakfast held the following week.
- Multiple fundraising initiatives benefitting the Terry Fox Foundation.
- Participation as a “We School” initiative raising awareness and funds to combat social issues in underprivileged countries. The chosen charities provided funds for clean water in Ethiopia.
- We Scare Hunger Walk to collect non-perishable food items and raise awareness to poverty within our community.
- Green Community recycling program within the school to collect and recycle plastic bottles, paper, batteries and aluminum cans.
- Seedling Club worked together to plant seeds and then sell seedlings for planting (herbs and vegetables).
- Christmas and Easter food drive to collect non-perishable food items.
- Students participated in We Day.
- Anti-bullying initiatives, including Empathy Day and Pink Shirt Day were held.
- Mental health awareness week activities were organized to raise awareness.
- Workshops to raise awareness on the dangers of substance and alcohol abuse and gambling.
- Multiple GSA activities.
- Student Council organized numerous fundraising activities to raise funds for Free the Children, The Montréal Children’s Hospital Foundation, the Terry Fox Foundation, and The Cure Foundation.
- Production of the student and teacher variety show.
- Exchange program YounG7 with Italy
- CLAN program: student council members mentored elementary students at GMS
- A sub-committee was formed to write a brief concerning the possibility of our school (Lester B. Pearson) swapping with Jean Grou

The following items were all presented to the Governing Board prior rendering decisions:

- outings, trips and activities;
- rules, policies and procedures;
- fundraising activities by members of the Governing Board; and
- Principal Selection Criteria.

**ADOPTED BY THE LESTER B. PEARSON HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD ON  
JUNE 13, 2019.**



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**Benny Berneti, 2018-2019 Chairperson**