



École secondaire LESTER B. PEARSON High School
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Governing Board Minutes - May 17, 2021

PRESENT:

Administrators

Tony Pita
Mark Della Posta
Patricia Tumillo

LBP Staff

Paul Karpontinis
Catherine Clarabut
Joseph Monachino
Sergio Greco
Angela Antonacci
Clorinda Antonacci

Parents

Franco Mazzariello
Marisa Papillo
Joe Biunno
Pierre Gosselin
Pina Di Stefano
Caterina Tamburino – Alternate for Tony Aversano

Student Council
Claudia Staniscia
Elizabeth Tilona

1. Welcome

Meeting started at 7:08 p.m.

Franco welcomed and thanked everyone for being present

Mr. Karpontinis took this opportunity to welcome the student teachers. Ms. Cecere and Ms. Santolella.

2. Attendance/Voting Count

See above

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Greco moved to adopt the agenda seconded by Mr. Gosselin
All were in favor.

4. Approval of the Governing Board Minutes of April 17, 2021

Mr. Karpontinis moved to adopt the minutes and it was seconded by Mr. Biunno with corrections to the word Commissioner and a correction to the spelling of Mr. Della Posta's name.
All in favor

5. 1st Question period

No questions

6. Business Arising from minutes

n/a

7. New Business

7.1 – School Calendar 2021-2022 – As part of the calendar we are approving a mini day for 1st parent teacher meeting.

Mr. Karpontinis moved to adopt the mini-day and it was seconded by Ms. Clarabut
All in favor

7.2 – Approve student school fees for all levels 2021-2022

School activity fees will not be charged to parents; therefore, the school fees will go down per level.

Mr. Greco moved to adopt the school fees and it was seconded by Mr. Biunno. All in favor.

8. Reports

8.1 - Principal

Activity Fee Reimbursement

Students received a \$50.00 cheque for their parents on Thursday or Friday. This amount accounts for 100% of the activity fee paid by parents for the 200-21 school year. Cheques were not mailed because their will not be a paper mailing in June this year. We will only be sending out information electronically this June. This will save the school over \$1.500.

Transportation Allocation

\$180 cheques were distributed at the same time as the activity fee reimbursement. Parents with unpaid fees did not receive a reimbursement. All parents were told when to expect their cheque so they can ask their child for it.

Covid Update

All our students returned to school in all grade levels. The isolation of Sec 4 students seemed to identify the remaining cases. We hope for the improved results continue with the improving weather.

Class of 2021 Convocation

Students and parents have been informed that Convocation has been moved to Sunday, October 24 so we may accommodate the 800+ guests while respecting safety protocols. Most schools have fall convocation ceremonies.

Class of 2021 Prom

We continue to hope that Santé Publique will improve sanitary restrictions so the class of 2021 can celebrate their Prom. Give the vaccination schedule, we feel that this is still possible given a class size of 192 students. Despite the final decision, activities are being planned for seniors in June.

CO2 Testing

LBP had 4 classes tested in February to determine whether we have safe levels of CO2 in our classrooms. 2 of the 4 classes reported levels below the acceptable standard and 2 were slightly above the 1000 units standard. A second testing will be completed in the coming days in the same rooms to confirm results after adjustments were made to the ventilation system at the Board level.

Enrollment

The enrollment for the 2021-22 school year continues to grow steadily. Going from 1001 to 1015 since our last meeting in April. Meetings continue to discuss incoming students from each of the area elementary schools

8.2 – Teachers

Not much to report apart from the year has gone pretty fast. Teachers are now in the process of tabulating grades and finalizing teaching lessons.

8.3 - Student Council

- The Green Committee meets once a month to sort through plaza recycling and once a week to recycle masks.
- The Green Committee has built an outdoor garden for the whole neighbourhood to enjoy. We began by weeding the area, removing any dead foliage, added new shrubs and spread-out fresh cedar mulch. In order to add a new interactive element, we built and planted garden beds for a community vegetable garden (with seedlings from our indoor greenhouse).
- Our Seedling Club began selling their plants on Monday, May 10th to staff and council members after school for 1\$ each, we have already sold close to 300 plants during a pre-sale to staff and student council members, we hope to sell off the rest on Thursday afternoon following dismissal.
- Student council started a community library so that people can drop off/pick up books to enjoy for free. We hope that this helps build interest in reading and improve our sense of community.
- Dress down day held on April 30th. 698\$ raised and split between the Canadian red cross' effort in India and the Canadian Mental health association.
- Our annual Denim day held on May 11th, 387\$ was raised and donated to the cure foundation.
- Pearson Pride day was held on Friday, May 14th. On Monday, May 17th students were encouraged to wear purple shirts to celebrate gender & sexual diversity.
- We are currently taking applications for next year's Student Council; we hope to be able to introduce them at next month's GB meeting.
- Student Council bought Mr. Freeze and will be giving them out to each grade during a designated lunch hour when the weather cooperates.
- Secondary 5 council members began planning the Garden Party for the secondary 5 students held towards the end of June.

8.4 - Commissioner

Not present.

8.5 - EMSB Delegate's Report

Last meeting was basically discussing Covid-19 and if schools are ready.
EMSB also presented programs offered at different schools.

8.6 – Community Rep

Not present

9 Varia

n/a

10 Second Question Period

n/a

11 Next Meeting

June 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

12 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7.36 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting was moved by Mr. Karpontinis, seconded by Mr. Biunno. All were in favor.

Tony Pita –Principal

Franco Mazzariello – Chairperson