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## **GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES**

**Date:** Monday, February 22, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Library

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### **Attendees:**

*Geraldine Anania*  
*Catherine Clarabut*  
*Grace Fanelli*  
*Daina Fonicolo\**  
*Casey Gagné*  
*Demetrios Giannacopoulos*  
*Sandra Greco*  
*Renée Hardy*

*Paul Karpontinis*  
*Sylvia LoBianco*  
*Stephania Mambro*  
*Franco Mazzariello*  
*Cristina Mignacca\**  
*Carmen Nicolas*  
*Marisa Papillo*  
*Eric Ward*

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### **Welcome:**

Frank Mazzariello and Carmen Nicolas welcomed everyone to the Governing Board meeting in Benny Berneti's absence.

### **Adoption of the Agenda:**

The following items were added to the agenda under Varia:

- Sports Études Program

Marisa Papillo motioned to adopt the revised agenda and Paul Karpontinis seconded the motion. Everyone was in favour.

### **Approval of Governing Board Minutes – January 26, 2016:**

The January 26<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed and a motion to adopt the minutes was made by Eric Ward and seconded by Grace Fanelli. They were approved unanimously.

### **New Business:**

There was no new business to report.

### **Principal's Report:**

Mrs. Nicolas reported that LBP received a budget of \$23,000 for the improved Fitness Centre project. Work will begin during Spring Break and is expected to be completed by the end of April.

Congratulations were extended to Cristina Mignacca for her participation in the Montreal WE Day as a spokesperson for the school.

Hooked on Schools Week activities were a great success.

The Honour Roll level assembly will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> and the Breakfast of Excellence will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A practice lockdown will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Top Marks Uniforms will be holding their in-school fitting sessions on April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. See attached poster.

A Performing Arts Show will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Auditions for singers, dancers and the fashion show will be held following Spring Break.

#### **Commissioner's Report:**

Sylvia Lo Bianco reported on the following topics:

- Bill 86 and the recent cabinet shuffle with announcement of new Education Minister;
- Update on the 21+ program for special needs students;
- Upgrades planned at Pius Culinary Institute; and
- "Corridor Vert" project around the school grounds (March 9 meeting is planned at LBP to discuss the "Dijon Plan" – closure of street to cars).

#### **Chair Report/Regional Delegate Report:**

Frank Mazzariello reported in Benny Berneti's absence of the following topics that were discussed at the last Regional meeting:

- Bill 86;
- "Walking school bus" – elementary school level project for students living within walking distance from the school;
- West-end fundraiser;
- Schools submission of MESA and budgets to the Board.

#### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:**

Stephania Mambro reviewed the proposed items for submission regarding the Budget Building Process for 2016-2017. Following a group discussion the budget building priorities for LBP are as follows:

1. Staffing: Maintain the number of resource teachers, Child Care Workers (CCW), Administrators and increase the professionals (i.e. Psychologist and Guidance Counselors) for all students.

2. Technology: Improve infrastructure, equipment and professional development in order to enhance student learning and success including an increase in the number of technicians to maintain the technology systems.
3. Maintain the budget for literacy and increase the budget for numeracy and for technological literacy in all cycles.
4. Maintain spending for educational materials and educational programs (i.e. texts, software, subscriptions).
5. Environment, Health and Safety (i.e. building improvements, security, maintenance).

Motion to approve the Budget Building Process priorities list for 2016-2017 was made by Paul Karpontinis and seconded by Renée Hardy. They were approved unanimously.

#### **PPO Report:**

Renée Hardy reported that Teacher Appreciation activities will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> for all teachers and staff with baked goods sent in by the parents. The February meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

Paul Karpontinis requested the help of PPO in order to obtain funds to help pay for the purchase and improvement of the Coffee House. The request is for an addition \$500 (approximately) to complete the purchase of an electronic piano and a Foosball table. Following the second bake sale which will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the parent-teacher sessions, Renée Hardy will ask the PPO members to approve the use of the PPO funds for the requested purchase. Currently, PPO funds collected this year amount to \$373.

#### **Student Council:**

Daina Fonicolo and Cristina Mignacca were present and each reported on the following topics:

- Dance: On February 12<sup>th</sup> the first school dance of the year was held with 280 students in attendance.
- On February 12<sup>th</sup>, a non-uniform day was held.
- Empathy Day: On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the anti-bullying committee met to plan the Secondary 4 students' activities which will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> to show them the impact of their words and actions on others. They will also post inspirational post-it notes on the lockers and give out free hugs.
- Staff Appreciation: Student Council has prepared and will deliver small gifts to teachers and staff throughout the week.

- On February 19<sup>th</sup>, the first Coffee House of the school year took place. It was a great success. Stephania Mambro added that all performers were fantastic and congratulated students and teachers on their talent showcased throughout the evening.
- On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 17 members of Student Council attended We Day Montréal. Cristina Mignacca was in the spotlight and her performance can be seen on the school website.
- On February 24<sup>th</sup>, the annual Pink Shirt Day will be held to stand in solidarity against bullying. Pink shirts will be sold for \$5 and bracelets will be sold for \$1. A Student Council member will be speaking on Breakfast Television.
- Vermont: Students from Fairhaven Union High School in Vermont will be visiting Montreal on February 25 & 26. They will engage in various activities with Student Council members on the Thursday and outings around the city and skating at the Atrium are planned for the Friday.
- Parent-Teacher Session: 15 Student Council members will be present on February 25<sup>th</sup> to help direct parents as well as distribute coffee and water to teachers.

### **Teachers' Report:**

Paul Karpontinis reported on the following topics:

- Hooked on Schools Week included many activities ranging from performances, a chess meet self-defence class, workshops, competitions and a staff versus students soccer game that resulted in a 4-2 loss for the staff for which a rematch should be planned.
- On February 19<sup>th</sup>, the SPVM (Station 39) joined the Secondary 1 & 2 Sports Études students for a hockey game which resulted in a win for the SPVM.
- Coffee House was held on February 19<sup>th</sup> which was a great success and is truly one of the school's best kept secrets.
  - Ms. Koranteng will be going to Bordeaux with two students from March 21 – 27 to compete in the *Europe Art Competition Trip – AbiOlympics Bordeaux 2016*. This is a special trip for two educationally-coded students who will be participating in a Magrit-style painting competition in Bordeaux, France.

### **Guidance Initiatives:**

Paul Karpontinis reported on behalf of Natasha Krsteski on the following guidance initiatives:

- Anxiety Workshops for School Perseverance Week: Together with Ms. Zappitelli, educational workshops were facilitated to all Secondary 1 and 3 students. Workshops

focused on helping students better understand anxiety as it relates to school pressures and develop healthier coping strategies. Students responded well to the workshops and were open to sharing opinions and experiences.

- GSA Activity during School Perseverance Week: An interactive activity was held during lunchtime to help students understand *The True Colors of Balancing it All*. Activities included keeping balance on a balancing equipment while trying to juggle different props which symbolized different areas of their lives, all while circus music played in the background. It was a great turnout. Candies were handed out to spectators and prizes were given to the participants.
- GSA will “hang up their pink t-shirts” on a clothesline in the Plaza showcasing important statistics regarding bullying and the LBGTQ community in order to draw attention and raise awareness about this important day.

**Varia:**

*Sports Études Program:* Casey Gagné reported that the Ministry requires a renewal of the Sports Études Program every 4 years; therefore, the request to review protocols has been completed and contracts are being evaluated for the 2016 – 2020 program renewal. The deadline for renewal submission is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

**Adjournment:**

Geraldine Anania motioned to adjourn the meeting and Marisa Papillo seconded the motion. Everyone was in favour.