



Lester B. Pearson High School
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GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

Date: Monday, June 6, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Café

Attendees:

Geraldine Anania

Benny Berneti

Joe Biunno

Catherine Clarabut

Grace Fanelli

*Daina Fonicolo**

Casey Gagné

Angelo Gallo

Demetrios Giannacopoulos

Gennifer Giardello

Sandra Greco

Renée Hardy

Paul Karpontinis

Natasha Krsteski

Stephania Mambro

Melissa Mastromonaco

Franco Mazzariello

*Cristina Mignacca**

Carmen Nicolas

Marisa Papillo

Rosanna Verrillo

Joseph Vitantonio (portion of the meeting)

Mauro Zampini

Welcome:

Benny Berneti and Carmen Nicolas welcomed everyone to the final Governing Board meeting. A special welcome was made to Mr. Joseph Vitantonio, who will be the new principal at Lester B. Pearson in the new school year as well as to the PPO members that joined the group for this year's final meeting and dinner.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Renée Hardy motioned to adopt the agenda and Casey Gagné seconded the motion. Everyone was in favour.

Approval of Governing Board Minutes – May 9, 2016:

The May 9th minutes were reviewed and a motion to adopt the minutes was made by Marisa Papillo and seconded by Rosanna Verrillo. The minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business:

There was no new business to report.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Nicolas congratulated Mrs. Fanelli on her appointment to vice-principal at John Grant High School, in addition to also mentioning the appointments of Mr. Zampini and Mr. Vitantonio, which were noted in the last minutes. Mrs. Nicolas welcomed Mr. Vitantonio to the meeting and to the school. A special thank you was also made to Mr. Giannacopoulos for his contribution throughout the course of the last school year. Mrs. Nicolas then thanked everyone for their support throughout the year in her role as interim principal. *Mrs. Nicolas has since been appointed as vice-principal at Willingdon Elementary School. We wish her continued success in her new role.*

Mrs. Nicolas thanked the Student Council for their role in the completion of the beautification project of the school entrance, also noted in detail in the last minutes. The new Fitness Centre was inaugurated on May 30th. The Secondary 5 students enjoyed their end-of-year Garden Party Brunch on June 2nd. Good luck to all students on their final exams.

Mr. Giannacopoulos presented the *Safe School Action Plan* for the 2016-2017 school year. Following review and questions, including additional comments by Mr. Karpontinis and Ms. Krsteski, Stephania Mambro motioned to adopt the plan and Melissa Mastomonaco seconded the motion. Everyone was in favour. The *Safe School Action Plan for the Year 2016-2017* was approved and signed by Carmen Nicolas and Benny Berneti.

Mrs. Nicolas presented the proposed changes to wording in the school agenda by Mr. Vitantonio. A motion to accept the proposed changes was made by Casey Gagné and seconded by Sandra Greco. Everyone was in favour.

Commissioner's Report:

Sylvia Lo Bianco was not present at the meeting.

Chair Report/Regional Delegate Report:

Benny Berneti thanked everyone for their help and support throughout the year. Thank you gifts were presented to Mr. Giannacopoulos, Mr. Zampini, Mrs. Nicolas and Stephania Mambro.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Stephania Mambro presented the Governing Board report of expenditures for the year ending June 30, 2016 and motioned that the funds received from the EMSB (\$250) be given towards student scholarships. Renée Hardy approved the motion and Casey Gagné seconded the motion. Everyone was in favour. The *Report of Expenditures* was approved and signed by Stephania Mambro and Benny Berneti. *Mrs. Nicolas forwarded the approved report to the EMSB on June 9th.*

PPO Report:

A motion was made by Stephania Mambro to all PPO members requesting that \$200 of PPO funds be used towards two \$100 scholarships to be distributed at Graduation. The motion was approved by all PPO members. The motion was presented at the Governing Board meeting by Renée Hardy. Renée Hardy thanked the PPO members present for joining the last meeting and dinner.

Student Council:

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

- A seedling sale took place on May 20th which was very successful.
- The final Coffee House was held on May 20th. There was a fantastic turnout.
- On May 25th, members of Student Council planted flowers and plants along the pathway leading up to the administration office. The work was completed over the weekend with the rolling out of new grass. Great job!
- The Senior Brunch took place on June 2nd and in line with the new tradition, all Secondary 5 students signed a ceiling tile which will eventually create a wonderful memorial mosaic.
- Students went to La Ronde on June 3rd. Despite the hot weather, everyone had a fantastic time!
- Student Council members unable to attend the La Ronde outing organized the Grade 6 workshops with the Nesbitt Elementary students. The activities are geared to help the students' transition into high school.
- The first fundraising car wash was held on June 4th and raised \$653.10. The funds raised will benefit the leadership program, as well as 10% of the total amount being given to Canadian Tire's charity.
- Student Council members have begun sorting through discarded locker clean-up items. Ms. Greco has collected school supplies and uniforms which will be used to support students in the new school year.
- Plans are being made to paint the door leading to the café, as well as an unfinished wall in the Student Council room.
- Student Council members will attend the annual leadership camp on August 22 – 23 to come together and become acquainted before the start of the new school year. The co-presidents

will meet over the summer to plan the Orientation Day activities with the new committee members. Congratulations to the new 2016-2017 Student Council presidents:

- Alysha Guarino
- Sindy Malaba

Daina Fonico and Cristina Mignacca thanked everyone for their constant support throughout the school year. Benny Bernetti congratulated them both on their great initiatives throughout the year and wished them both continued success.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DAINA FONICOLO & CRISTINA MIGNACCA

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!



The members of the Governing Board applaud your contributions to Lester B. Pearson High School, your dedication to the Student Council and the entire student body. You are both incredible women who have empowered themselves with inner strength, confidence and perseverance with all you have done as Student Council Presidents! Congratulations and all the very best for the future!

Teachers' Report:

Paul Karpontinis reported on the following topics:

- Locker cleanup and end of the year dismissal went very well.
- Joe Biunno gave his presentation to five classes of orientation project and the presentation may also be incorporated in the Secondary 5 economics class next year.
- Prom night will be featured on Breakfast Television by Catherine Verdon Diamond.
- The leadership camp proposal presented at the last meeting was presented at the commissioners meeting and will be returning as a project next year.

Sports Études Program:

Casey Gagné reported on the following:

- The Director General received a letter from the Ministry of Education on May 17 informing Lester B Pearson that the Sports Études Program will be recognized for another four years.

Guidance Initiatives:

Natasha Krsteski reported on the following guidance initiatives:

- Elementary school visits were held at Nesbitt to better prepare them for next year's transition to high school.
- GSA organized an activity for the May 17th International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia with 100 or so people present. This activity included the launch of the new safe space logo which is a symbol of diversity, acceptance and safety. Next year's plan includes the creation of a universal all-gender bathroom.

Varia:

Nothing new to report.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 20th in the Auditorium following the Parents' Orientation Night. Elections will take place.

Adjournment:

Daina Fonicolo motioned to adjourn the meeting and Cristina Mignacca seconded the motion. Everyone was in favour.

Personal Note: It was been a pleasure to have been part of the Governing Board for a third year. The benefits of volunteering for our children are unmeasurable!