

PIERRE DE COUBERTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GOVERNING BOARD 2021-22

Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Board (GB) of Pierre-de-Coubertin Elementary School held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, held virtually via MS Teams at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Eric Brosseau	X	Anna-Maria Abbate	X
Maria Corsi	X	Rosanne Loggia	X
Tania Decobellis	X	Tonia Nardi	X
Marylou Forgione	X	Michelle Santilli	X
Patrick Marcovecchio	R	Connie Vitale	X
Sylvia Martignetti	R	Cesidia DeCrescentis	X
Tania Romano	R	Maria Iacono	X
Mary Vasile	X		
Administration:		Commissioner Ward 8:	
Ida Pisano, Principal	X	Mario Pietrangelo	x
Jessica Monti, Vice-Principal	X		

X = Present

R = Regrets

1.3 Election of Chair

Ms. Pisano welcomed the members. As this was the first GB meeting of the 2021-22 school year, Ms. Pisano presided the meeting for the election of the GB Chair. Maria Corsi nominated Tania Decobellis for GB chair; Ms. Decobellis accepted the nomination and it was unanimously resolved that Ms. Decobellis is the Chair of the GB.

1.1 Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the Agenda. Maria Corsi accepted to take the minutes of the meeting.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Tonia Nardi to accept the Agenda, seconded by Mary Lou Forgione, and it was unanimously resolved to accept the Agenda.

1.4 Election of Treasurer

Tania Decobellis nominated Eric Brosseau for Treasurer; Mr. Brosseau accepted the nomination and it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Brosseau is the Treasurer of the GB.

1.5 CPC Delegate x2

Ms. Pisano explained that every school shall name a delegate and alternate to the EMSB Parents Committee. However, as Maria Corsi is serving a second year of a two-year term as Parent

Commissioner, the Education Act stipulates that in this scenario she would remain the delegate for this year. Eric Brosseau self-nominated to be the alternate. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Brosseau would be the EMSB PC alternate.

1.6 Selection of dates of GB meetings

The schedule of GB meetings is as follows:

November 2, 2021

December 7, 2021

January 11, 2022

February 8, 2022

March 8, 2022

April 5, 2022

May 10, 2022

June 14, 2022

All meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

1.7 GB Internal Procedures

Ms. Pisano presented an overview of the Internal Procedures. They are very similar to the 2020-21 version with the exception that GB meetings can be held virtually. Ms. Pisano also informed the GB that parents are welcome to attend the GB meetings and to ask questions during Question Period.

It was moved by Maria Corsi, seconded by Eric Brosseau, and unanimously resolved to accept the GB Internal Procedures.

1.8 School Fieldtrips

Ms. Pisano presented a document summarizing the field trips for each grade level. In general, there is at least one in-school activity and one external field trip per grade level. The objective is to create a sense of normalcy. Field trips are paid for with government funding; therefore, parents will not have to pay for bus transportation or entry fees.

During Carnival Week, all grade levels will be going tubing at GPAT (Groupe Plein Air Terrebonne). The site will be fully reserved for PDC and no other schools or groups will be present.

1.9 Day Care ECA & Field Trips

Ms. Iacono presented the list of field trips scheduled until the month of December. It was moved by Tania Decobellis, seconded by Tonia Nard, and unanimously resolved to approve the planned field trips as presented.

1.10 Day Care Handbook

Ms. Iacono presented the Daycare Handbook for 2021-22. It is similar to the Handbook for 2020-21, with the following updates: the fee has increased to \$8.55/day; activities and outings have been included. It was mentioned that the fee is set by the Ministry. Parents have also been enquiring about refunds due to COVID and it was confirmed that the fees will be credited. It was moved by Eric Brosseau, seconded by Mary Lou Forgione, and unanimously resolved to approve the Handbook.

1.11 Fundraiser – Epicure

Ms. Pisano was recently approached by an Epicure consultant regarding a fundraiser consisting of 6 spice packets for \$25 and \$10 per order would come back to PDC. The spice packets are pre-determined and cannot be customized per parent preferences. A vote was held and the Epicure fundraiser was not approved.

Other fundraising ideas were discussed. We will not be doing a chocolate drive due to COVID. A school in Laval is doing a gift card fundraiser which has 140 cards to choose from.

1.12 Information (Principal, Chair, Delegate)

Ms. Pisano informed the GB that the music program has been modified for the time being. PDC now has a keyboard lab. Because of COVID there were some concerns expressed about teaching the recorder. Although the MEES does allow the use of recorders and singing in elementary schools, it was decided that PDC students will not learn the recorder for now, due to the recent cases of COVID at the school. The decision will be revisited once the situation improves. In the meantime, Ms. Alongi will embark the younger students in learning to play the keyboard. The recorder will not be removed permanently from the music program, because it provides options in school performances for students who do not want to sing or act.

PDC applied for a grant for Music Therapy and it was awarded. Music Therapy will be available until April.

A Resource Aid was hired for French, English and Math, and will be available from 9:00 am to 3:30 every day.

Mr. Vince Lacroce, the new Spiritual Animator has initiated a Student Council among Grade 5 and 6 students. Students will elect new members every three months.

Chess will begin next week and sessions with each cycle will be longer. The funding for the Chess program was approved by the GB last year.

The Grade 6 students are pursuing their videogame projects with Youth Fusion. There will be a Gala where other schools will also participate, students will present their videogames, and prizes will be awarded.

The Library is open on Wednesdays and Fridays and Mr. Walker will be there along with 1 or 2 parents.

PDC has not yet received the kits for rapid COVID testing, but should receive them by the third week of October. Several staff members have volunteered to do the testing. A consent form has been sent to all parents, but even if consent is granted, children will NOT be forced to undergo the test if they are not comfortable with it.

The Wilson Program began on August 31st, and is being led by Ms. Framary.

Ms. Pisano also provided an update on the kindergarten playground upgrade project. PDC has received two bids thus far and is waiting for one more bid. The existing structure is in good condition, so it will be kept but it is proposed to add to it. The ground will also be resurfaced. It is hoped that construction will begin in the Spring. PDC will solicit donations from the community to help pay for the renovations. The Board has not yet committed funds to the project, and the MEES has not yet announced a school beautification fund.

A question was asked about the morning line-up and whether the new procedure was permanent. It was found to be a more efficient way for morning entry and is less stressful for the teachers and students.

Ms. Monti provided some information on PDC's Virtual Open House. The motto is "Today's Choice, Tomorrow's Success", whereby PDC will feature former students to showcase what tomorrow's success looks like.

The Chair informed the GB that she had high praise for the quality of online teaching for quarantined classes, and strongly commended the teachers on doing a great job.

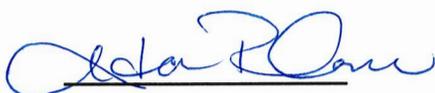
The Delegate mentioned that the first meeting of the EMSB PC is scheduled for October 14th, which will consist of elections of the key positions of the PC (Chair, Vice Chair, etc.).

The Commissioner did not have any updates at this time.

1.13 Varia

NIL

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Ida Pisano, Principal



**Tania Decobellis
Governing Board Chairperson**