



PIERRE DE COUBERTIN

Governing Board 2021 - 2022 Meeting no. 2

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DATE: Tuesday, **November 2, 2021**

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams meeting

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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, November 2, 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
Mary Lou Forgione	X	Michelle Santilli	R
Patrick Marcovecchio	X	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	R
Jessica Monti, Vice-Principal	X		

X = Present

R = Regrets

2.1 Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda. However, item 1.12 was changed to 2.8, and item 1.13 was changed to 2.9.

2.2 Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by , and seconded by , and it was unanimously resolved to approve the Agenda.

2.3 Approval of Minutes – October 5th meeting

It was moved by Rosanne Loggia and unanimously resolved to approved the minutes of the meeting held on October 5th.

2.4 Fundraisers 21—22

PPO is working on identifying potential fundraisers and will report back at the next PPO meeting. Standard fundraisers like dress down day will be held, as will the sock fundraiser. The money raised goes into the Parent Fund, and this year funds raised will go towards the renovations to the kindergarten yard, as well as other things that may come up throughout the year.

The annual Book Fair will be held as in past years with an English book fair scheduled for November (in conjunction with parent-teacher interviews) and a French book fair scheduled for February. Children will be able to browse through the books in the gym and parents will be able to place orders online. Ideas for improving the profitability of the online book fair were discussed. Schools are not allowed to send

home publicity for Scholastic Books as government prohibits using children to promote a private company. Teachers have stopped sending home flyers because very few families are ordering books and the company was becoming difficult to deal with. Ida will ask staff to set up an online account so parents can place orders that way; however, this might entail a lot of work for teachers. Members also noted that the books are expensive and can also be ordered through daycare.

The sock fundraiser is being organized through a parent at PDC who owns the company involved. PDC will receive 30% of all profits during the period of the fundraiser. There is free shipping for any order above \$50. This is the second year of this particular fundraiser and feedback about the product was positive last year. No resources are required from the school for the fundraiser (no cost and no effort).

It was moved by Maria Corsi to approve the fundraiser. The motion was unanimously approved.

2.5 Arbre de Joie

Ida explained the origin of this PDC holiday tradition, where we pair up with a school with less fortunate children and provide gifts for children who might not otherwise receive one at the holidays. PDC children are sent home with the first name, age, and gender of a child for whom they will provide a gift of up to \$15 in value. Gifts are collected at the school and delivered to our partnering school. Because of the pandemic, PDC wasn't able to organize the gift giving last year.

Eric commented that for PDC parents, it is a good opportunity to explain to our kids that not all children are as fortunate in what they receive for the holidays. Others commented that parents sometimes encourage their children to use their own savings to purchase the gifts, and Ida commented that parents who no longer have children at PDC will still call and want to contribute and purchase gifts.

It was moved by Tania Decobellis, seconded by Eric Brosseau, and unanimously resolved to approve participating in Arbre de Joie..

2.6 Educational Project Annual Report

Every year PDC undertakes an educational project and reports back on the outcomes. Typically, the end of cycle exam data are used for this purpose, but the exams were not held last year because of the pandemic. Therefore, due to extenuating circumstances stemming from the COVID pandemic, PDC does not have data to report on outcomes. Ms. Pisano and the GB Chair, Tania Decobellis will need to sign a resolution to this effect.

It was moved by Patrick Marcovecchio, seconded by Maria Corsi, and unanimously resolved to approve signing the resolution.

2.7 Daycare Representation

Maria Iacono requested \$2000 from Fund 3 fees to purchase small toys and rewards for the children, and coffee and treats for daycare staff and lunch monitors.

It was moved by Tania Decobellis, seconded by Eric Brosseau, and unanimously resolved to approve the use of \$2000 from Fund 3 for the purpose described.

2.12 Information (Principal, Chair, Delegate)

Ms. Pisano explained that the school received COVID rapid tests on October 28 and that eight staff members have volunteered to do the testing. Parents will be receiving another copy of the permission slip required by the Ministry to approve testing of their child. The wording on the permission slip has been modified slightly to read "... if child needs to be tested". Previously it had read "... if child has symptoms". The change was needed for the circumstance in which a child is in the same class as another child that tested positive. If an entire class requires testing, the school will call CIUSS and they will send St John ambulance staff to do the testing.

Testing will only be done if a signed permission slip is on file and the school will always call parents prior to testing, at which point the parent could decline the testing. In addition, if the child doesn't want the testing, they won't perform the test.

Ms. Pisano will be meeting ^{with} ~~will~~ project managers who will oversee updates to the school's corridors in the summer of 2022. All corridors will be a different color. The work is being paid for by the Board.

The Ministry tutoring program will begin shortly. Sessions will involve 4-5 students per level. Students will be identified by teachers and parental permission will be required.

Parent teacher interviews will be held November 25th and will be virtual.

Plans for an Open House in December are being finalized.

PDC applied for a \$1600 "Breakfast" grant last year to provide breakfast to daycare attendees. This funding will be supplemented by government funds. This will enable the school to offer a continental breakfast with two options per day.

The Board does not have any funds available for improving the PDC yard. The Ministry has a beautification grant with a December deadline that Ida will apply to for assistance.

Two PDC students in Grade 6 will be featured as Board "Students of the Month". During the past summer, they made and sold bracelets to raise funds for the Children's Hospital. Representatives from the Board Council of Commissioners will attend an event at PDC honoring the students.

A marketing team will be at the school on Friday to help with a promotional piece for PDC's Open House.

Ms. Pisano is hoping we can have a family fun night in June (if permitted).

Tania Decobellis discussed the Open House scheduled for December and explained that the Board has decided Open House must be virtual in all schools.

Tania asked about Christmas festivities and whether parents would be able to participate. Ida explained that they were planning to have the Christmas breakfast and that she will need to speak with the staff to see if they are comfortable having parents coming back into the school.

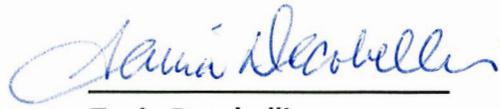
Tania commented to Maria Iacono that she has heard good comments from parents about how daycare is run and in particular about the sports activities and variety of activities that are offered to the kids.

Maria Corsi provided an update of EMSBPC activities. The last meeting of the PC was held on October 14th. There will be a Governing Board workshop on November 18th; any GB member who is interested to participate, should confirm with Ms. Brigida Stellato.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Ida Pisano, Principal



Tania Decobellis
Governing Board Chairperson