

PIERRE DE COUBERTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GOVERNING BOARD 2022-23

Minutes of the Governing Board (GB) meeting of Pierre-de-Coubertin Elementary School held on December 6th, 2022.

Attendance:

Parents:		Teachers:	
Tania Decobellis	X	Raquel Faustini	X
Eric Brosseau	X	Rosanne Loggia	X
Adamo Di Lembo	X	Nathalie Somma	R
Tania Conforti	X	Sabrina Boukdjadja	X
Eric Maddalena	X	Connie Vitale	R
Maria Corsi	X		
Joseph Rainone	X	Support Staff:	
Joe Sousa	X	Cesidia De Crescentis	X
		Maria Iacono	X
Administration:		Commissioner Ward 8:	
Ida Pisano, Principal	X	Mario Pietrangelo	X
Jessica Monti, Vice-Principal	X		

X = Present

R = Regrets

3.1 Additions to the Agenda

- Ida Pisano proposes to add Staff Appreciation and Winter Wonderland to the agenda

3.2 Approval of the Agenda

- MI moved to approve the agenda
- MC seconded the motion

3.3 Approval of Minutes

- November 10, 2022
 - MC moved to approve the minutes from November 10, 2022
 - SB seconded the motion
- November 21, 2022
 - JR raised that on Nov 21 GB meeting we agreed that the Google Doc was to be circulated again

- IP agreed to resend to GB
- MC moved to approve the minutes from November 21, 2022
- SB seconded the motion

NEW BUSINESS

3.4 Annual Budget

- IP reviewed the budget with the GB
 - The budget is a forecast based on previous year's expenses along with a view to what will be different in the upcoming year
 - Funds for caretaker supplies are already running low despite best efforts to be vigilant in the use of supplies
 - IP asked MP for support to raise this to the EMSB
 - Good stock of laptops and iPads available in the school
 - IP to discuss with the EMSB and raise different options for how to use the funds allocated
 - IP clarified that the chess teacher that was approved last year and will not be returning this year hence funds for him were not allocated in the budget
 - IP explained that there is a big deficit in Lunch Supervision due to the pandemic
 - Daycare monitors were continued to be paid while not collecting from the parents
 - Revenue is also not covering the salary expense as staff salaries were raised but subsidy from government did not
 - Fund 6 is to get additional support such as teacher's aides to support in the main subjects (English, French, Math)
 - EM asked if CCW is included here – IP clarified it is not
 - IP mentioned there is a lack of personnel in this employee group but we are well covered.
 - MC asked if there was a thought about getting parent volunteers
 - IP advised that there have been some bad experiences in the past where it raised conflicts between different parents and potential breach of confidentiality.
 - JR asked for clarification on other expenses under AMSFA
 - IP clarified it is used for supplies, professional development, etc.
- TD asked for motion to approve the budget
 - MC moved to approve the budget
 - EB seconded the motion

3.5 Holiday Breakfast - December 22nd

- IP met with PPO and they decided to have a Holiday breakfast
 - For \$9/student, will serve breakfast to all kids along with a pyjama day – total projected budget is \$4,700
 - EM moved to approve the Holiday breakfast and pay from fund 3.
 - JR seconded the motion

3.6 Fundraisers 22-23

- IP advised that a new initiative being discussed with PPO but waiting for more information so will not present any further details at this time

3.7 Base Day Care outings – January – June 2022

- MI presented the Day Care outings planned for the rest of the school year
- SB moved to accept the Day Care outing plan
- JS seconded the motion

3.8 Day Care Representations Fees

- MI advised that these fees are used to buy gifts for students and daycare educators/lunch monitors
- MI is asking for total of \$3000 (\$2000 from Fund 3 and \$1000 from Fund 6)
 - EB moved to approve the request
 - ADL seconded the motion

3.9 Information (Principal, Chair, Delegate)

- IP provided the following updates:
 - parent/teacher meetings returned to in-person and were successful
 - Pedro Sport sock fundraiser profited \$250
 - Started a new program called Exceptional Learner Program
 - Professor from McGill University works with students who fit this profile in grades 4-5-6
 - Grad students studying under this professor meet students once a week across different subjects
 - Parental authorization is obtained for participation in this program
 - Early Literacy programs started for Pre-K and K
 - Assessment that there is a weakness in vocabulary and sentence structure and the idea is to bridge the gap early on
 - Program uses gamification to help their mastery of vocabulary and sentence structure
 - Program is under an eight-week rotation
 - Holiday Week is coming and calendar has been distributed to all parents

- January is “Le mois de la francisation” – PDC will be highlighted in media for Connexion Cartier
- M.Corsi provided the following updates:
 - Advised who the elected members are for the Parents Committee
 - Over 50% of members are new
 - Attended a presentation on “Commitment to Success” plan for the EMSB – many challenges such as retention & recruitment, academic and social gaps for students, communication, and tasking, upgrading buildings and technology for 21st century learning and provided feedback through consultation period
- M. Pietrnagelo spoke with John Abbot College to have someone make presentations (ex-RCMP) to Laurier McDonald
 - Was a great presentation to improve awareness with Secondary 4 & 5 students about the risks about drug-use, drinking and driving, rape drugs etc.
 - School board is looking to expand this to all EMSB high schools
- T. Decobellis provided the following updates:
 - Will be circulating a letter to the GB members for feedback on the selection criteria for the principal of PDC
 - This is to determine what the quality and skills would be required for the principal at PDC
 - Will collect feedback and aim to finalize during the January meeting

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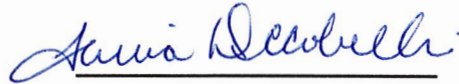
- Winter Wonderland
 - IP has been discussing with PPO the possibility of having a Winter Wonderland event similar to what we’ve done for Halloween where we can decorate the library, etc.
 - T. Conforti explained the plan for Winter Wonderland
 - Haunted House event was successful however it was short from the student’s point of view
 - For the Winter Wonderland, the expectation is to put more effort into it and also have the students spend more time i.e., the event will go on for 3 days where all students get to go twice
 - Already have many supplies donated by parents so budget required from Fund 3 is limited i.e. artificial snow, hand painting, ornament etc.
 - Expected budget is up to \$600 – proposal is to take from Fund 3
 - IP clarified that it will be used only if needed
 - JR moved to approve the request for funds
 - SB seconded the motion
- Staff Appreciation
 - TC advised previous budget for staff gifts was between \$8-10 a person
 - TD asked for an allocation of up to \$2000 from Fund 3

- JR moved to approve the request for funds
- EB seconded the motion

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Ida Pisano
Principal



Tania Decobellis
Governing Board Chairperson