



## PIERRE DE COUBERTIN

### Governing Board 2022-2023 Meeting no. 4

**DATE:** February 16, 2023  
**TIME:** 7:00 pm - 8:30pm  
**PLACE:** Virtual Microsoft Teams meeting

#### Attendance:

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

X = Present

R = Regrets

4.1 Additions to the Agenda 1 min.

- Ida Pisano proposed to add “Family Fun Night” to varia

4.2 Approval of the Agenda 1 min

- Rosanne Loggia moved to approve the agenda
- Nathalie Somma seconded the motion

4.3 Approval of Minutes -December 6, 2022 2 min

- Maria Corsi moved to approve the minutes from December 6, 2022
- Rosanne Loggia seconded the motion

January 19 meeting - cancelled

4.4 **BUSINESS ARISING** - December 6, 2022 5 min.

4.4.1 Criteria for Selection of School Principal

- Tania Decobellis only received feedback from Maria Corsi on the criteria
  - No other feedback received from GB
- Tania Decobellis to finalize the document

4.4.2 Asphalt - playground 5 min.

- Ida Pisano mentioned that ADL asked via email for more information around the requirements for digging in the playground
- Ida Pisano clarified that the Material Resource department at the school board is the one that sets the criteria for the project
  - They will be assigning a contact to take charge of the project moving forward and the school does not have the liberty to make decisions on the requirements of the project

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

4.5 ACGC 15 min

- Ida Pisano advised that this is the Academic and Career Guidance Content initiative
  - Starts at Grade 5 and helps the students to explore different options in terms of career paths

- Objective is to broaden the horizons of the students in terms of career options beyond what the students typically think of
- Eric Maddalena moved to proceed with the implementation of this initiative
- Maria Corsi seconded the motion

4.6 Safe School Policy 15 min

- Ida Pisano presented the action plan for the year 2022-2023
- Maria Corsi suggested the Disciplinary Measures section be expanded for parents to be better informed
  - Ida Pisano mentioned this is outlined in the agenda however it can be expanded in this document as well
- Eric Maddalena moved to accept the Safe School Policy taking into account the feedback provided by Maria Corsi
- Maria Corsi seconded the motion

4.7 Budget Building Process 15 min

- Ida Pisano explained that this is a yearly process to provide feedback to the school board around where they should be allocating funds
  - Ida Pisano surveyed the staff and the following feedback was provided
    - Suggestion to have a resource allotted for early literacy skill development – this is a trend that is noticed amongst new students who are coming in with a lower skill level compared to the past
    - Sabrina Boukdjadja suggested would also be great to have an increase to the capital budget for teachers to be able to purchase more resources to meet the varied needs of different students even within the same grade level
      - Adamo Di Lembo asked if there is an amount that would be needed to meet the needs of the school
      - Ida Pisano explained that this process is more to provide direction and feedback back to the school board to help them better allocate funds based on the needs of the school
    - Ida Pisano believes we still need to increase French resource teacher allotment to 100% to help students who are struggling
    - Tania Decobellis asked if we need to increase resources around tutoring

- Ida Pisano advised we have a fairly strong tutoring program supported by the MEQ program
  - EM moved to submit these priorities to the board
  - SB seconded the motion
- 4.8 Photographer 5 min
- Ida Pisano met with PPO around photographer for the next school year
  - Proposal is to stay with Green Apple - if we sign, we will get 15% of sales back
  - Maria Corsi moved to continue with Green Apple
  - Eric Maddalena seconded the motion
- 4.9 Principal, Delegate and Chairperson Report 20 min
- Ida Pisano advised that next parent/teacher meetings will happen on March 2
    - Mainly initiated by the teachers and not for all students at large
  - School story telling festival is being planned for March and regional festival will be held on March 30
  - Science Fair will take place on March 21 (judging) and 22 (parents invited)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> session of MEQ tutoring has started
  - Extra curricular activities have started
  - Standardized testing has planned for grades 3, 4 and 5 in spring
    - Gives us a good indication of where the students are i.e. excelling, average, requiring support etc.
  - Playground \$19,620 has been raised so far
    - Ida Pisano responded to Joe Sousa's email from Jan 18
  - Maria Corsi provided her EMSB PC Delegate update
    - January 12 meeting
      - Attended a presentation on Bill 96 and how it would impact the Anglophone community
      - The PC was consulted on the appointment of the Student Ombudsman and Substitute Student Ombudsman
      - Review internal rules for the committee
    - February 2 meeting
      - Discussed the EMSB PC parent conference which will likely take place between May 28 and June 4
      - Sub-committee on EMSB PC Social Media Marketing held a brainstorm on how they can reach out to stakeholders who would like to share their positive enrollment experience

- Discussed drafting a statement on Bill 96 under the topic of “Concern for the Future of our Children in Quebec”
- PC is also being consulted on the budget building process
- Consulted on the 2023-2024 school calendar with the following recommendations:
  - Consider aligning Spring Break to other French Service Centers and English School Boards
  - Place a Ped Day on November 1
  - No Ped Days directly following a Holiday break
  - That Ped Days don’t always fall on a Monday or a Friday
  - No half Ped Days (high schools)
- The ACSES sent a letter to the PC requesting support for a motion requesting Administration to make training sessions on bullying to be mandatory and conducted yearly for all staff
- Also discussed establishing a fund to help EMSB families in need
- Tania Decobellis advised staff appreciation week is planned and PPO is excited to recognize the teachers for all their hard work
- Mario Pietrangelo advised that a second Drug Awareness session was held at James Lyng which was also successful so these will continue to be rolled out in the high schools
- Maria Corsi also mentioned that enrollment rates in the English school board continue to drop and the PC is pushing for a targeted strategy to address this to be developed by the school board
  - Ida Pisano is also collecting feedback to pass along to the Director General of the school board around this same topic to help drive better enrollment in the school board

#### 4.10 Varia

- Family Fun Night
  - Ida Pisano advised this was discussed at PPO and we would like to bring back this annual activity
    - Usually held in June between 5pm-8pm
    - Parents buy tickets and there is food and activities for the children
    - Nice for parents to meet each other as well as the other students that their own children interact with daily

- Great initiative to bring home and school together
- Nice way to bring closure to the school year
- Eric Maddalena asked what participation has been in the past
  - Ida Pisano advised sold 500-600 tickets the last time this was done in 2019
  - Ida Pisano also mentioned as well that families who are registered for the upcoming school year are invited to join for free as an introduction into the PDC community
- Joseph Rainone moved to plan the Family Fun Night again for this school year
- Adamo Di Lembo seconded the motion

With no further business to be discussed, meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Date of next meeting: March 16, 2023

*J. P. Ono*

Principal

*Janice DeSabella*

G.B. Chairperson