



*École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School*  
**Annual General Assembly**  
**Minutes of the meeting**  
**Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:00PM**

**PRESENT:**

**Voting members**

**Parents:** Mark Carras, Gesua Catalano, Sandra Gabriele, Victoria Grosko (arrived late), Christi Milsom, Leslie Ning

**Teachers:** Dina Simec, Jennifer Lacroix, Nadia Di Mattia, Patty Foschi, Rola Soueidan

**Other Staff:** Mara Filippone, Mary De Palma-Nitti

**Non-voting members**

Principal: Tanya Alvares

Com. Reps: (absent)

Commissioner (absent)

Guests: none

**ABSENT:**

Hajar Bahir-Lapierre (parent)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by T. Alvares.

**2. Principal's Presentation**

What is a Governing Board? A governing Board is a body established in each school according to regulations in Bill 180, an act to amend the Education Act. It is composed of:

- Principal
- 7 Parents
- 5 Teachers
- 1 Support Staff
- 1 Daycare management staff
- 2 Community Reps

**3. Presentation of the PET staff members on Governing Board:**

Staff members on Governing Board are (teachers) Ms. Dina Simec, Ms. Jennifer Lacroix,

Ms. Nadia Di Mattia, Ms. Patty Foschi, Mme. Rola Soueidan, (daycare) Ms. Mara Filippone and (support staff) Ms. Mary De Palma-Nitti

#### **4. Election of four parent members to serve on the Governing Board for a two-year term**

The newly elected parent members are Christi Milsom, Gesua Catalano, Hajar Bahir-Lapierre, Leslie Ning. Returning parent members are Mark Carras, Victoria Grosko, and Sandra Gabriele.

#### **5. Discussion of PPO, membership, plan of activities for the year & meetings**

It was established that Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School would have a PPO (Parent Participation Organization). This organization would be responsible for organizing the volunteer parents for activities and fundraising.

#### **6. Election of Executive**

6.1 Sandra Gabriele elected as Governing Board Chairperson by acclamation

6.2 Mark Carras elected as Governing Board Vice-Chairperson by acclamation

6.3 Mark Carras appointed Parent Delegate on the Regional Parents' Committee

6.4 Gesua Catalano appointed Alternate Parent Delegate on the Regional Parents' Committee

6.5 Christi Milsom appointed secretary

#### **7. New Business**

7.1 Motion 1: Be it resolved that all outings that do not require use of the PPO (Parent Participation Organization) and/or parent contribution funds that take place within walking distance of the school and have been approved by the School Council are hereby approved in advance. All such outings will be brought to the Governing Board for information in advance of them taking place, at which time questions by the parents may be raised.

Motion to approve by M. Carras - Seconded by N. Di Mattia - Unanimous approval.

#### **7.2 GMAA & Physical Education Outings and Activities:**

##### **Soccer play day**

Thursday, September 26th for students in Gr. 5-6. 60 students will participate. The registration fee is 25\$ per team = 125\$ Two buses have been reserved for an estimated total cost of 800-900\$.

**(Tentative) Terry Fox Run** - AM only - all students Oct. 4. Donations will be collected

##### **Cross Country Run**

Thursday, October 10th on Mount Royal (mountain). Approximately 40 students (selected in advance) from Gr. 4-6 will participate. One bus has been reserved for an estimated total cost of 600-700\$. Registration fee of 3.00\$ per student = 120\$.

**Volleyball playday**

November 20<sup>th</sup> for students in Gr. 5-6. Two buses have been reserved at a total cost of approx. 600-700\$.

The registration fee is 25\$ per team for 10 teams = 250\$

**Motion to approve Grade 5 Ski Trip**

Proposal from physical education teachers to take the grade 5 students on a ski trip, for 3 days and 2 nights, to Base de Plein Air in Tremblant. Date TBD – possibly Feb. 19-20-21, 2025

P. Foschi motions to approve the trip, seconded by N. Di Mattia, motion unanimously resolved.

P. Foschi motions for PPO to cover the cost of the bus transportation, approximately \$1275 ( the remainder of the cost to be covered by parents), seconded by N. Di Mattia, motion unanimously resolved.

**Motion for Grade 4 outing to Camp Mariste**

Proposal from physical education teachers to take the grade 4 students on an outdoor trip to Camp Mariste, for 2 days and 1 night, May 15-16, 2025.

P. Foschi motions to approve the trip, seconded by R. Soueidan, motion unanimously resolved.

P. Foschi motions for PPO to cover the cost of the bus transportation, a confirmed amount of \$1380. The remainder of the cost to be covered by parents. Seconded by R. Soueidan, motion unanimously resolved.

**8. Next meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7 at 6:30pm (on Teams)

**9. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm on a motion by M. Carras, seconded by D. Simec; carried unanimously.

*Minutes taken by Christi Milsom*