

École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes for the Meeting on June 11, 2024 In person in the school building

Attendance	Present (x)
Voting Members	
Sandra Gabriele, Parent	
Christi Milsom, Parent	х
Evelyn Tsang, Parent	х
Geoffrey Nairn, Parent	х
Darcy Kiefer, Parent	х
Mark Carras, Parent	х
Victoria Grosko, Parent	x
Nadia Di Mattia, Teacher	
Melinda Franceschini, Teacher	х
Maxime Mallette-Champoux, Teacher	х
Dina Simec, Teacher	х
Carissa Valente, Teacher	х
Mara Filippone, Daycare staff	x
Maria De Palma-Nitti, Support staff	х
Non-Voting Members	
Tanya Alvares, Principal	х
Agostino Cannavino, Commissioner	x

1. Call to order - Mark calls the meeting to order at 18h34

**2. Adoption of Agenda -** Carissa motions to adopt the proposed agenda for this meeting, and Melinda seconds. Unanimous approval.

**3. Approval of Minutes** - Geoff motions to approve the minutes for the last meeting, and Christi seconds the motion. It carries with unanimous approval.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes - nothing to report.

**5.** Question Period - A parent from the school is present at the meeting to raise a question - "Is there anything that this governing board is capable of doing to address the perceived safety issues with the pedestrian crosswalk at Cartier/Belanger?" The questioner outlines their own personal efforts to attract attention to the issue and mobilise change on the street over the course of the last year, which affects a great number of PET families on a daily basis: calling 311 and opening a file, contacting the school principal to encourage community engagement, and attempting to contact the two borough mayors who might have an interest due to it's location. The questioner is frustrated with the lack of progress and requests any help available. A member of the GB relates their own crusade on the exact same issue, with no further advancements to report. Unfortunately there is little help to be offered on the part of the governing board concerning this matter.

**6.1 - New school consultation -** a question is asked: "why was the consultation period shortened?" a plausible answer is unavailable at this time, but the deadline for the period is August 15, 2024. What is the effect on PET? Losing our seeds classes may be detrimental to the quality of the school community, according to some teachers present. Additionally, losing seeds students to another institution, likely alongside their siblings, would further diminish the student population which in itself would have some negative effects, notably on the budget. As there doesn't seem to be much agreement on the comments we would like to send to the consultation, Victoria motions that a draft be created so that it can be readily modified and worked upon. Christi seconds the motion and a vote carries unanimously. Victoria, Christi, and Mark are selected to begin a draft.

**6.2 - Anti Bullying Anti Violence Report -** Carissa motions to adopt the report and Evelyn seconds. Unanimous approval.

**6.3 - Academic Year 2024/2025** – Information provided on the staffing, number of students & classes for the upcoming year.

**6.4 - Budget 2024/2025 -** A reading of the budget is lovingly provided by Tanya. Geoff motions to adopt the proposed budget and Christi seconds. Unanimous approval.

**6.5 - Lunch supplier -** Mark motions to renew the contract with <u>Le Doral</u> for the supply of catered lunches to the student population, Max seconds. Unanimous approval.

**6.6 - Student Handbook -** Recently updated and ready to launch. Carissa motions to adopt and Max seconds. Unanimous approval. Christi motions to adopt a change on page 11 to the school year typo, and the subject allocation times on page 11. Darcy seconds and it carries unanimously.

## 7. Reports

- 1. Parent's Committee Last meeting had some inspirational speakers, who encouraged members to spread the word about the positive benefits of the EMSB and generally to help attract new students to the school board.
- 2. Commissioner's report upcoming this month will be the approval of the budget, which is likely to be a deficit due to the legal entanglements. Our commissioner worked on a proposal to allocate extra funds directly to each school to boost the quality of their programs but the proposal was denied. Commissioner elections coming up in november.
- 3. Treasurer's Report this meeting cost \$433 at Pinocchio catering.
- 4. Principal's Report A great year. Thank you to the staff for making it happen.
- 5. Teacher's Report Classe verte Gr 4 was a big success and should be repeated next year. The spring concert also went very well despite the heat. We hosted a hockey tournament which was fun even though we lost. HALO race took place. Track and field for the first time. Welcome to kindergarten day was a great success.
- 6. PPO Purchased a subwoofer and speaker as approved last meeting. Max motions to approve the following list of PPO requests and fundraisers, and Geoff seconds. The following list received unanimous approval and a thundering applause:
- \$400.00 for PPO appreciation at the next meeting in June
- Dress down days, 5 paid and 5 unpaid
- pizza days
- TCBY fundraiser
- book fairs with scholastic in french and english
- coffee fundraiser in September
- welcome back activity
- Pumpkin fundraiser in October
- Cheese fundraiser in November
- bake sale
- BoSapin fundraiser in December
- breakfast with santa
- Scone fundraiser in January
- bowling activity
- Seed packet fundraiser in February
- staff appreciation week

7. Grad Committee - decorations have begun, with classes taking part in making them. A photographer is booked. Cinema beaubien activity planned

8. Daycare - 94 children attended the last PED day, big success. 214 expected next year, which is a lot. Mara will be able to hire an assistant to help.

## 8. Varia -

**9. Adjournment** - Geoff motions to adjourn the meeting, and Dina seconds. Unanimous approval.