



École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA
October 4th, 2022 @ 7:00PM
In Person at PET

1. Call to Order (Principal): 7:05pm

Present: Teachers: M. Carone, M. L'Altrella, D. Simec, C. Valente, L. Verrillo

Daycare: M. Filippone

Support Staff: M. De Palma-Nitti

Parents: D. Tatone, C. Milsom, J. Legatos, G. Nairn, D. Kiefer, E. Tsang, J. Barbieri

Absent: A. Cannavino, J. Marcanio

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 June 7, 2022 (3 minutes) - Corrections and modifications made; Approval: all in favour.

3.2 AGA Sept 15, 2022 (3 minutes) Approval: all in favour.

3.3 Sept 20, 2022 (3 minutes) Approval: all in favour.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 ~~GB Rules & PET Code of Conduct (10 minutes)~~ - discussed in a previous meeting. struck from agenda.

~~4.1.1 Review for approval at next meeting~~

4.2 Establishing Green Committee (5 minutes) - Approval: all in favour.

Members: J. Legatos, G. Nairn, D. Kiefer, E. Tsang

Nomination: J. Marcanio

- Green Committee to elect a chair and present their proposal of projects by the next meeting.
- Current projects as planned with the EMSB Green Initiatives representative, Shannon Holton includes having high school students (JFK) building garden boxes for each grade level with the materials that were purchased last year.
- G. Nairns asked about how the projects will be funded, maintained, proposed. T. Alvares explained that the projects are funded in part by PPO and other government program offers.

4.3 mTransport follow-up (5 minutes)

- D. Tatone to request information from the Transport Subcommittee after the Parents Committee upcoming meeting on Oct 20th, 2022.
- T. Alvares explained; communications to the PET parents on hold until the school board has addressed certain concerns brought forth by a parent.

5. Question Period

- 5.1 ~~Questions from Evelyn (5 minutes)~~ - discussed in a previous meeting. struck from agenda.

6. New Business

6.1 GB Community Forum - Leveraging teams to help with collaboration (8 mins)

- D. Tatone to create a Doodle for introducing MS Teams to the new parent members.
- Teams App includes file sharing and a chat tool.
- T. Alvares will create a subcommittee on the app for the Green Team.

6.2 PLCs – alternative activity funding for students during PLC days (5 minutes)

- Covid delayed this project, and it has now started for all grade levels in the school.
- Teachers include an extra 5 min of class time each day, and then use the accumulated 50 min in a Professional Learning Committee on alternative weeks.
- This is a positive project that provides teachers within the same cycle a formal moment to exchange with their colleagues on the global projects and discuss ideas and strategies, all following a PLC procedure.
- The students are given extracurricular instruction, this year, from playing flag football to playing chess, or learning about handling stress, developing study skills, or learning photography.
- **The funding for the PLC comes partially from accumulated funds by the previous principal.** It also comes from funds intended for extracurricular instruction, and requires more funding.
- J. Legatos, D. Kiefer, and E. Tsang all proposed that parents volunteer to share a skill with the students during the 50 minute periods. There could be cooking,

crochet, science, journalism, etc. E. Tsang suggested that volunteer parents fill in a template lesson plan as part of their preparation.

- E. Tsang suggested giving a shout out to this program in the next newsletter. J. Legatos suggested giving a shout out to all the programs and treats funded by PPO fundraising. M. De Palma-Nitti mentions she does this already, and T. Alvares mentioned that the fundraisers are already noted in the newsletters.
- T. Alvares will provide the cost in the next meeting and will motion that funds from PPO can be used to support this project.

7. Reports

7.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report: D. Tatone reported. The Parent Committee meeting has not yet met. The meeting is scheduled for Oct 20, 2022.

7.2 Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Cannavino is absent.

7.3 Treasurer's Report: C. Milsom reported. End of year expenditures 2021-22: \$1000 + \$250 - \$600 (Gr. 6 outing) = \$650

Approval: all in favour.

7.4 Principal's Report: T. Alvares reported.

- Current numbers in our school: 340 students, 30 teachers, 1.5 secretaries (1 shared), 2 caretakers, 9 daycare staff, 1 daycare technician, 5 lunch monitors, 7 CCW (need 6 more), 10 professional staff.
- Orientation Night was fabulous; it was great to have parents back in the school
- Picture Day; individual and group pictures were taken. Retakes scheduled for Oct 28.
- Attestation Day: Government counted our numbers. The rules for the Certificate of Eligibility have changed, and so we lost students. J. Legatos asked for the numbers of students who could be affected if the rules change again. T. Alvares to look into this.
- Day of Truth and Reconciliation: Ms Veronica is our spiritual animator. She guided the students for the past week about this day.
- Progress Report Cards to be delivered Oct 13. Request to the teachers to give an accurate, detailed account for every student.
- Fire Drill - practice will happen once a week for all this month, at different times of the day (in class, during daycare, during lunch).

- SPVM to give a presentation about Code Argent (lockdown). New activities with the practice - teachers must barricade the doors of their classroom. A police officer (T. Alvares in uniform) will give the safe signal instead of the principal.

7.5 Teacher's Report: M. Carone reported.

- Precycle students will be going on an outing to the Community Library la bibliotheque de La Petite-Patrie. This is close enough for the teachers and students to walk, so no budget required. Students will enjoy listening to a story and then participate in literacy games.

Dates: Ms Dina (hm 102) on Thursday November 3rd at 12:30

Ms Mary and Ms Julia (hm 116 & 117) on Thursday November 10th at 10:00

Mme Sandy (hm 104) on Friday November 11th at 12:30

Ms Alexandra (hm 103) on Friday November 18th at 12:30

- G. Nairn asked about parents as volunteers for outings. T. Alvares explained the procedure.
- A soccer playdate and cross-country run by the gr 5 and gr 6 classes was a success. The kids really enjoyed mingling with students from other schools.
- Approval: all in favour.

7.6 PPO Report: D. Keifer reported.

- **Upcoming event is Halloween.** The theme to decorate around the main office will be el dia de los muertos. PPO would like to work with the teachers on this theme. All classes to pass by the main office as the last stop of their parade to receive treats offered by PPO or perhaps by J. Marcanio.
- Pumpkins were offered to each class by J. Marcanio, but this year the Staff Council requested individual pumpkins per student. PPO has contacted two possible sources; (1) a family farm at the Jean Talon Market, or (2) J. Marcanio's store.
- A parent suggested selling pumpkins as a fundraiser, again through the family farm from the JT Market.
- Motion for estimated PPO funds for purchasing the individual pumpkins to be reported and approved by email. Darcy, seconded by M. Carone.
- **Dress Down days:**
 - Sept 30 - Orange Shirt (Truth & Reconciliation) Day (free)
 - Oct 31 - Halloween, wear a costume (free)

Nov 24 - \$2

Dec 15/16 (date to be confirmed), wear pyjamas - Breakfast with Santa

Jan 25 - \$2

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day, wear red or pink (free)

March 17 - St Patrick's Day, wear green (free)

April 17 - \$2

May 16 - Denim Day \$2

June 9 - \$2

- E. Tsang wondered about the last three months being paid dress down days. T. Alvares explained there are always 5 paid and 5 free dress down days. D. Tatone suggested explaining this in the newsletter.
- Approval: all in favour.

7.7 Grad Committee: (5 minutes). Not started.

7.8 Daycare/Lunch Report: M. Filippone reported. There are 175 students in daycare, with 37 sporadic attendees. The kids really enjoyed their outing on Oct 3 (bowling). Upcoming events include Oct 14, Apple picking, and an in-house activity on Nov 1.

8. **PET GB 2022-2023 Meeting Dates & Date of next meeting (5 minutes)**

Approval of virtual vs in person meetings

Tues. Oct. 4, (in person)

Tues. Mar. 14, (virtual)

Tues. Nov. 1, (virtual)

Tues. Apr. 4, (virtual)

Tues. Dec. 6, (virtual)

Tues. May 2, (virtual)

Tues. Jan. 17, (virtual)

Tues. June 13 (in person)

Tues. Feb. 7, (virtual)

- G. Nairn motioned for another in-person GB meeting, for Tues Mar 14. Votes 7 against, 1 abstention, 5 in favour. Motion stilled.
- Motion to approve with the modification that Oct 4 was held in-person - All in favour.

9. **Varia** (2 minutes)

- A parent asked when members can add points to this section. T. Alvares answered to ask during the adoption of the agenda.

10. **Adjournment 8:24 pm.**