

**Minutes of the Forest Hill Junior Elementary School
Governing Board Meeting**

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Present: L. Larente, M. Cecere, R. Allen, K. Beardsell, P. MacNeil, A. Spinelli, W. Entwistle,
K. Bishop, L. Cormier, C. Gareau, D. Myles, R. Sherstone

Absent: D. Olivenstein, M. Calo, N. Pillay

Administration: Principal L. Larente

Commissioner: D. Olivenstein

Recording Secretary: C. Bordo

Community Representative: -----

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and quorum established at 6:32 p.m. by M. Cecere.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented proposed by P. MacNeil and seconded by A. Spinelli.

Motion carried

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes as presented proposed by P. MacNeil and seconded by A. Spinelli.

Motion carried

4. Public Question Period – None

5. Reports

5.1 Principal's Report

- We participated in Global Play School Day on the afternoon of February 2nd. All students were given time for free play to highlight the importance of the learning that takes place during free play time.
- The This 360 Program training has taken place. Staff members Kim Geiring, Kassy Bishop and Leana Carfagnini attended. They reported back that the training was very engaging and that they are excited about the potential of this program. We will be launching this program on March 17th with Madame Dominique's class and Madame Chantal's class.
- The second Covid vaccination clinic took place on February 3rd. Everything ran very smoothly.
- Our Grade 2 students participated in online workshops with Le Nichoir.
- Term 1 reports were issued on February 11th.
- Author Akilah Newton did a zoom presentation to our Grade 2 students on her book.
- Parent Teacher Interviews were held on February 17th.
- Our second Pink T-Shirt Day was held on Wednesday February 23rd.
- Andre Clerin, Professional Mime, did workshops with our Grade 2 students as part of the Culture in Schools Program on Feb 24th and 25th.

5.2 H&S Report

- Food fundraisers that were missed due to the school closures in January have been rescheduled. Pizza will be in May (date still TBD with the supplier) and ice cream will be rescheduled to Friday,

June 10th.

- A virtual bookfair is planned for the beginning of May.
- Pizza 900 was a great success. We sold 139 kits to FHJR families. We are planning on holding another Pizza 900 fundraiser sometime in April.
- The Scavenger Hunt was successful again this year, with approximately 50 families participating.
- Plantables was launched this week, and the teacher wish list was distributed to parents who would like to contribute towards the school garden once again this year.
- We are looking to revamp our association logo, and have launched a challenge to the Forest Hill community for their ideas. An email with the details was sent out to parents this week.
- On February 24th, Moshi Poke bowls were provided to all staff for lunch. They were also gifted a coffee cart during the month of February.
- We would like to request a vote for a new fundraiser that would take place sometime before the end of the school year (likely just before Mother's Day). This is a collaboration with the Hudson Soap Company, who will offer a 10% return on all sales.
- We would also like to request a vote for a collaboration with Dairy Queen. This would be held throughout the next month, ending approximately on April 20th. Dairy Queen will provide a code, and parents are invited to purchase ice cream cakes from the DQ website directly, picking up their purchase at the store. Dairy Queen will then return 15% of the sales to the school.
- We would also like to request a vote on a collection of books through the organisation PenserDemain, which would be held at the same time as our Super Recycleurs event in May. The collection of books, both English and French, is a non-profit initiative working towards building libraries for children aged 3-12 in 2 villages in northern Sénégal.
- Home & School would like to organize an end-of-year BBQ for the students. This would be held during class time, on a date to be determined by the school administration, sometime in June. All costs will be covered by the Home & School committee.
- We would also like to bring a Samajam event to the school on June 2nd. This is an interactive percussion event which would be done in 3 presentations, one for each grade level. The cost for this event would be covered by the Home & School committee.
- Our next meeting will be April 4th.

5.3 Daycare Report – none

5.4 Sector Parents' Committee Report – none, meeting was cancelled.

5.5 Commissioner's Report

1. Chair and Director General's Report

- Both Judy Kelley and Dr. Cindy Finn addressed the sad circumstances involving the death of Lucas Gaudet from John Rennie High School. They reiterated the importance for students and staff to reach out to all the supports that exist and are offered by their schools and the Board.

2. Administrative Appointments

- **Head Office – Coordinator of Human Resources-** Stephanie Foisy was appointed as Coordinator of Human Resources, probationary status, effective March 21, 2022.
- **Summer School 2022 – Coordinator Appointment** - Kathleen O'Reilly was designated Summer School Coordinator for the Lester B. Pearson Summer School session 2022 with the possibility to extend for a second year.

3. Executive Committee

- Consultation Grid: G. Dugré updated the members of the committee on the Consultation Grid provided in the kit. She indicated that the annual consultations on **GB composition** and on the **calendar of meetings for Council and the Executive Committee 2022-2023** will be launched by resolution later in the meeting. Ongoing consultations are the **Principal Selection Criteria** ending on March 11, 2022 and the 2022-2023 **LBPSB Budget** ending on March 31, 2022.

- **2022-2023 Governing Board Composition:** A resolution was adopted initiating the annual consultation required by the Education Act on the number of parents and staff representatives on the Governing Board of each school and centre of the Lester B. Pearson School Board. The consultation will be launched during the week of Feb. 14, 2022, with responses to be returned to the Secretariat no later than April 8, 2022. The final Governing Board Composition for 2022- 2023 of each school and centre will be submitted for adoption at the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of April 19, 2022.

4. SNAC Report

- **Special Presentation- Educating Students with Exceptionalities in the LBPSB**

- Stephanie Stever, the Director of SSD, gave a thorough, highly interesting and thought-provoking presentation regarding the organization of services in the LBPSB.

- **Special Presentation- The LBPSB Budget**

- Danielle Laplante, the Director of Finance, gave SNAC a complete overview of the LBPSB budget so that SNAC can make the most informed recommendations to the Budget Consultation next month.

5. Programs and Services

- **Horizon and Specialized**

- S. Luther, D. Niemi, E. Robert, and J. Armstrong gave the committee an in-depth presentation outlining the different specialized programs offered throughout LBPSB. The presentation touched on the vast array of programs and services available to support students, including WOTP, REACH, Transitions, Endeavour and many more.

- **Special Status Renewal** T. Rhymes informed the committee that the **Children’s World Academy** is in the process of renewing its special status (article 240 of the Education Act). This special status allows the school to have an admissions policy different from the LBPSB Enrolment Criteria Policy.

- **Professional Day Updates** The theme for the January 21 workshops was **Inclusion and Success for all Learners**. A special presentation was also offered to schools, centers and board Administrators by Drs. Andrew Bennett and Elizabeth Roberts entitled: Disentangling ourselves from the cycle of reaction: Relationship building as an ounce of prevention. On February 14, school teams in the Youth sector will have the opportunity to attend a webinar entitled **The Evolution of Inclusion**, being given by Shelley Moore.

- **The Our school survey** will be administered in the last two weeks of March. The survey will be administered once per year. Schools will be supported in helping to interpret results and engage in positive conversations with their students.

6. Pearson Educational Foundation

- Pearson Educational Foundation – February 15, 2022 Fundraiser - Comedy Crawl: A series of smaller intimate comedy shows presented in different venues across the LBPSB territory. Our first series was a smashing success, so we are doing it again! Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements about dates and locations and featured comedian, starting in April.

- Cookbooks: PACC 25th anniversary cookbooks are still available for purchase. These gorgeous cookbooks will walk you through the last 25 years of culinary trends and have your taste buds watering with each image and recipe. Each cookbook sells for \$50. Buy yours today. Email pef@lbpsb.qc.ca to order your copy.

7. Student Ombudsman Resolution

- Student Ombudsman Report – the Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board received the Student Ombudsman’s report on file number SO 2022-02/01 and referred the study of said report to its Governance and Ethics Committee.

6. New Business

6.1 Field Trips and activities

Kindergarten – Educazoo in-house, April 8th, no cost to students, covered by Field Trip Mesures fund

All Grades – Rocks & Rings, curling activity in school, cost to be covered by H&S (if not able will use Mesures fund).

Motion to approve the above-mentioned activities proposed by R. Allen and seconded by A. Spinelli.

Motion carried

6.2 Subject Time Allocation

Motion to approve not making any changes to the subject times proposed by P. MacNeil and seconded by R. Allen.

Motion carried

6.3 Home and School Fundraisers/Activities

- Dairy Queen promo, coupon to use when ordering cakes through website, 15% sales to H&S, running until April 20th.

Motion to approve the above-mentioned fundraiser proposed by P. MacNeil and seconded by R. Allen.

Motion carried

- PenserDemain book donation drive for distribution to 2 villages in Senegal

Motion to approve the above-mentioned fundraiser proposed by P. MacNeil and seconded by W. Entwistle.

Motion carried

- Hudson Soap Company 10% of all sales go to H&S, run date tbd to coincide with Mother's Day.

Motion to approve above-mentioned fundraiser proposed by P. MacNeil and seconded by A. Spinelli.

Motion carried

- End of year BBQ, mid-June, during school hours, H&S to cover all costs

Motion to approve the above-mentioned activity proposed by R. Allen and seconded by W. Entwistle.

Motion carried

-Samajam, interactive percussion event, all grades, beginning of June, cost covered by H&S.

Motion to approve the above-mentioned activity proposed by P. MacNeil and seconded by A. Spinelli.

Motion carried

6.4 LBPSB Budget Consultation

Motion to approve adding the suggestion for increased funding for support in school proposed by P. MacNeil and seconded by W. Entwistle.

Motion carried

6.5 Governing Board Composition Consultation – no comments to add

6.6 By-law 1 and 1E Consultation – GB has no input

7. Questions from public – Why do we not have an alternate parent for the Sector Parent Committee?

Answer: Difficult to get volunteers to be alternates.

8. Varia –

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. proposed by P. MacNeil and seconded by W. Entwistle.

Motion carried

Next meeting May 3rd, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

M. Cecere
Governing Board Chair

Carol Bordo
Recording Secretary