



Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School Governing Board Annual Report 2018-2019

“The Governing Board exists to govern the school, not administer the daily operation of the school. The latter is the responsibility of the principal/Centre director. The powers and functions of the Governing Board impart responsibilities and decisional authority in general matters of school governance as well as matters such as educational services, community services and material and financial resources.”

Taken from the Governing Board Resource Manual, Third Edition, September 2011.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

We would like to thank all members of the PCHS Governing Board for their time, efforts and input this past year. The efficient running of this committee can only be accomplished with the support of all members, and the fact that members arrived prepared to discuss the items on the agenda. Thank you to Colleen Galley for her cooperation and patience, to Cindy Wallach for stepping in two years in a row and to Susan Brown who acted as secretary for most of the year.

With regard to sub-committees, while the Marketing Sub-committee was not activated, it should be noted that the administration did a good job communicating various achievements of the school throughout the year.

This school year was marked by an unprecedented act of the Quebec Minister for Education, when he decided to cede the Riverdale High School to the Marguerite-Bourgeoys School Board. This led to further unprecedented actions by the Lester B. Pearson School Board, who initially decided to circumvent due process by initiating the process to close PCHS and Riverdale, with the intention of re-opening a new school in the PCHS location. It was only through a significant amount of effort and scrutiny by the entire school community and public, that the proper processes were eventually followed, and PCHS remains open.

However, we are heartened by the empathy and concern expressed by the PCHS community, and particularly the GB, in recognizing that what is in the best interest of all students, is that the school be able to receive all students next year, regardless of where they studied this year. Nevertheless, considering the significant emotional attachment that is associated to the school name, the pressure from two opposing forces, and the desire to do the right thing, the GB unanimously proposed that the school name be modified to

recognize the reality of the school. It is in fact a community, and we are convinced that the move to rename the school to Pierrefonds Community High School was the right choice.

Our Governing Board was comprised of a great team of staff, parents and students who were dedicated to making the best decisions possible for our school and its students. The Governing Board had the benefit of Alternates, who were able to step in to ensure the proceedings went well, and we thank them for their support. We are very proud to have been part of this dynamic team.



The Annual General Assembly of Parents for the 2018-2019 school year took place on Thursday, September 13, 2018. Four Governing Board Parent positions were filled by vote, with a significant interest expressed by parents in participating in the Governing Board. Eight additional parents were elected as alternates to facilitate the conduct of GB meetings should members not be able to attend a meeting. Dayo Odubayo won representation to the Region 2 Parent's Committee with Greg Piggins elected as alternate. A Parent Participation Organization (PPO) was also formed, as provided for by the Education Act.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:

Craig Berger	<i>Commissioner</i>
Aaryn Bradley	<i>Teacher</i>
Lyanna Bravo	<i>Vice-Principal</i>
Susan Brown	<i>Parent (2017-2019)</i>
Luciano Cannucci	<i>Community Representative (until December 2018)</i>
Amy Campbell	<i>Teacher</i>
Luciana Cifarelli	<i>Parent (2017-2019)</i>
Angela Crosbie	<i>Teacher</i>
Aaliya Farid	<i>Student Representative</i>
Colleen Galley	<i>Principal</i>
Meghan Guyver	<i>Teacher</i>
Heather Himbury	<i>Parent (2018-2020)</i>
Kate Lagendyk	<i>Teacher</i>
Juan Lamosa	<i>Parent (2018-2020) Chairperson</i>
Sarah Larkin	<i>Teacher</i>
Isabelle Leduc	<i>Parent (2017-2019) Vice-Chairperson</i>
KT Martleton	<i>Student Representative</i>
Bill Riddoch	<i>Parent (2018-2020)</i>
Dayo Odubayo	<i>Parent (2018-2019) Region 2 Parent Committee Representative</i>
Greg Piggins	<i>Parent (2018-2020)</i>
Jenn Sholzberg	<i>Teacher</i>
Susan Stacho	<i>Support Staff</i>
Cynthia Wallach	<i>Principal (May 2019 onward)</i>

GOVERNING BOARD ALTERNATES

Penelope Michael
Marisa Petruzzo
Stacey Macneil
Janice Cohen
Alexandra Bernard
Brenda Tremellan
Sandra Susee
Reena Renji-Sharma

MEETING DATES

Meetings were held monthly in the library of PCHS at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

October 9, 2018	March 19, 2019
November 13, 2018	April 3, 2019 (extraordinary meeting)
December 18, 2018	April 9, 2019
January 15, 2019	May 14, 2019
January 15, 2019 (extraordinary meeting)	June 11, 2019
February 18, 2019	September 10, 2019
February 21, 2019 (extraordinary meeting)	

Minutes for the Governing Board meeting were recorded and compiled by Susan Brown and Greg Piggins

The Governing Board minutes, as well as a Summary of Motions, are currently available in the library and on the PCHS website.

SCHOOL BOARD CONSULTATIONS ADDRESSED

- Selection Criteria for the Appointment of a Principal (Resolution GB 19-01-07)
- Deed of Establishment Consultation for PCHS (Resolution GB 19-04a-03)
- LBPSB Major School Change Policy Consultation (Resolution GB 19-04-05)
- LBPSB Consultation on Video Surveillance (Resolution GB 19-05-13)
- LBPSB Consultation on DG Selection Criteria (Resolution GB 19-05-14)
- 2019-2020 Budget Consultation (Resolution GB 19-03-04)
- GB Composition 2019-2020 Consultation (Resolution GB 19-04-11)
- Day, Time and Place of Council of Commissioners Meeting Consultations (Resolution GB 19-04-04)

TOPICS ADDRESSED AND DISCUSSED

- **Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan 2018–2019**
- Adoption of the Internal Rules of Management with modifications for the removal of e-voting
- Approval of the revised Budget for 2018-2019
- The closure of Riverdale High School and the impact on PCHS

- PCHS Motion related to the preservation of the PCHS Deed of Establishment
- Fusion Committee
- Sexuality Education
- Three Year Plan of Allocation
- Approval of Expenditures from Fund 5 resolution
- Review Rules of Conduct and Safety Measures for PCHS
- Adoption of the Governing Board Proposed Budget for the 2018-2019 school year
- Adoption of the PCHS School Budget
- Presentation of the PCHS Annual Report on the School's Success Plan, Management and Educational Success Agreement
- Approval of the Programmes of Study for 2019-2020
- Approval of the Options Classes for 2019-2020
- Approval of the Subject/Time Allocation for 2019-2020
- Approval of the Educational Project 2019-2020
- Approval of PPO seminars, fundraising activities and the use of generated funds
- Approval of the Proposed School Fees for 2019-2020
- Approval of Extracurricular activities and Field Trips (Including blanket approval for the ALPs programs and GMAA activities)
- Approval of Fundraising Activities
- Approval of Rentals of PCHS Facilities
- Adoption of the Governing Board Annual Report
- Adoption of the Governing Board Financial Report
- Letter to the Minister of Education regarding school fees
- Approval of the Educational Project
- Review of the Tell Them From Me survey
- CLC Breakfast Club of Canada at PCHS

The School Success Plan was followed and several objectives were reached.

2018/2019 GOVERNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2019/2020

- Continue to monitor the School Board's progress in transportation zoning changes in order to rebalance the enrollment levels at our High Schools.
- Revision and review of the PCHS School Success Plan and Educational Project.
- Continued open dialogue with the PCHS Parents Organization on board level policy consultations as well as all matters concerning our students
- Continue to promote and encourage PCHS growth. Continue to develop visibility and support the school's marketing efforts
- Participation in as many school activities as possible such as Parent-Teacher night, Curriculum night, Open House, etc. to encourage participation of the PCHS community as well as to promote what GB does and is responsible for.
- Clearly establish how alternates will be used and the information that needs to be shared with them such that they may prepare for the meetings in the event they must step in at the last minute.

- Continue monitoring the impact on the school by the new government directives related to school fees.
- Review the options courses for the following year with the objective of reintroducing the music programme at the earliest opportunity, in accordance with the stated recommendation of the Fusion Committee.

ADPOTED BY THE PIERREFONDS COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Date

Chairperson