

**PIERREFONDS COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD 2015-2016
Minutes of the Meeting Held Wednesday, March 16, 2016
13800 Pierrefonds Blvd. (Library)**

Members Present: Claude Amatuzio, Tracy Bieszcz, Aaryn Bradley, Luciano Cannucci, Caroll-Ann Case, Angela Crosbie, Luc Forget, Bob Goyetche, Line Grandchamp, Jaeda Khalilifar, Rosemary Murphy, Anita Ochs, Dayo Odubayo, Justin Puma.

Administration: Colleen Galley

Commissioner: Craig Berger

Regrets: Diane Beach, Rowena Haines, Juan Lamosa, Isabelle Leduc.

Recording Secretary: Caroll-Ann Case

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to Order

Quorum having been established, the meeting was called to order at 7:05 by A. Ochs.

2. Agenda

2.1 Additions

None.

2.2 Adoption

GB 16-03-01 It was moved by T. Bieszcz and seconded by A. Crosbie to adopt the agenda without change. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Questions from the Public

None.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held February 10, 2016.

4.1 Corrections

None.

4.2 Adoption

GB 16-03-02 It was moved by L. Forget and seconded by A. Bradley to adopt the minutes of February 10, 2016 without correction. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Odubayo arrives at 7:10.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 School Board Budget Consultation – due March 31, 2016

Members discussed the consultation document and completed the 2016-2017 Budget Priorities Response.

GB 16-03-03 It was moved by R. Murphy and seconded by A. Crosbie that Whereas articles 193 (5) & 193 (9) stipulates the parents' committee shall be consulted on the distribution of educational services among the schools and on the objectives and principles governing the allocation of subsidies, school tax proceeds and other revenues among educational institutions as well as the criteria pertaining thereto and the objectives, principles and criteria used to determine the amount to be withheld by the school board for its needs and those of its committees; and

Whereas the Lester B. Pearson School Board Council of Commissioners adopted a resolution to consult its partners regarding its 2016 -2017 budget considerations; and

Whereas the Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School Governing Board has reviewed the consultation document and prepared a response (see attached);

Be it resolved that approval be given to send this response to the board as our official response.

The motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Transportation Sub-Committee

The mandate of the sub-committee was discussed. Members of the governing board requested copies of the Board's current statistics on the distribution of Secondary Student Transportation. The sub-committee submitted a letter to the Transportation Advisory Committee. No vote was taken at this time.

6. Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

See report.

J. Khalilifar arrives at 7:14.

C. Berger arrives at 7:40.

6.1.1 Field trips

Six field trips were submitted for approval, four via email. It was noted that the previously approved PC Players Workshop will now take place March 31 – April 1, 2016.

It was moved by A. Bradley and seconded by L. Forget that

Whereas article 87 of the EA stipulates the governing board is responsible for approving the programming of educational activities proposed by the principal, which entail changes in the students' regular time of arrival and departure or which require the students to leave the school premises and;

Whereas the principal, Colleen Galley has requested approval of the following field trips and where they meet with the GB Criteria for the Approval of Extra-Curricular Activities and Field Trips at Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School;

Be it resolved to approve the field trips submitted by Colleen Galley as follows:

GB 16-03-04 Quebec City (via email); S. Larkin; May 5; 6:30 am – 10 pm; 102 students + 10 adults; coach bus; 1:10 ratio; \$100.00.

The motion carried with 15 in favour and 1 opposed.

GB 16-03-05 Life Skills Blanket Approval YMCA, Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi, Gordon Robertson Centre (via email); N. Abunowara; dates TBD; 4 students + 1 adult; 1:4 ratio; no cost. The motion carried with 15 in favour..

GB 16-03-06 Holocaust Memorial; Mar. 20; D. Yannakis; 30 Sec. 5 IB students + adults; bus & metro; 1:10 ratio; \$10.00 + bus fare. The motion passed unanimously.

GB 16-03-07 Peaceful Schools Conflict Resolution St-Anthony's Elem. (via email); Mar. 14; 11am-1:30pm; P. Aldred; 6 students Sec. 4 & 5 + 2 adults; 1:3 ratio; no cost. The motion carried with 12 in favour.

GB 16-03-08 Montreal Regional Science Fair at Concordia (via email); Mar. 13-14-15; G. Mallalieu; 4 students + 1 adult; own transp.; no cost to students P.E.F. The motion carried with 15 in favour.

GB 16-03-09 Peer Mediation at Westpark Elem.; date TBD; P. Aldred; 6 students + 2 adults; 1:3 ratio; no cost. The motion passed unanimously.

6.1.2 Rentals

Four rentals were submitted for GB approval. Two changes of dates were noted: the rental approved for the St-Charles Elem. Graduation will now take place June 22nd and the rental approved for the Church of Christ will now take place March 13th.

It was moved by T. Bieszcz and seconded by A. Bradley that

Whereas article 93 of the EA stipulates the governing board is responsible for approving the use of the premises or immovables placed at the disposal of the school, proposed by the principal, subject to the obligations imposed by law for the use of the school premises for election purposes and to agreements for the use of the school premises entered into by the school board before the issue of the deed of establishment of the school and;

Whereas the principal, C. Galley has requested approval of the following rentals and where they meet with the PCHS GB Criteria for the Approval of Rentals;

Be it resolved to approve the four rentals submitted by C. Galley as follows:

GB 16-03-10 City of Pierrefonds Summer Day Camp; Cafeteria & Fieldhouse; June 29 – Aug. 19, 2016.

The motion passed unanimously.

GB 16-03-11 Thorndale/Greendale School Dance; Cafeteria; May 14, 2016; 3pm – 9pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

GB 16-03-12 Greendale Elem. Music Concert; Auditorium & bathrooms; May 5, 2016; 5:30pm – 8:30pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

GB 16-03-13 Saiva Mission Quebec Cultural Evening; location TBD; June 18, 2016; 5pm – 11pm.

The motion passed unanimously.

6.1.3 Fundraising

Four fundraising requests were submitted for GB approval.

It was moved by A. Crosbie and seconded by A. Bradley that

Whereas article 94 of the EA stipulates the governing board may, in the name of the school board, solicit and receive gifts, legacies, grants and other voluntary contributions from any person or public or private organization wishing to provide funding for school activities and;

Whereas the principal, C. Galley has requested approval of the following fundraisers and where they meet with the PCHS GB Criteria for the Approval of Fundraisers;

Be it resolved to approve the following fundraisers submitted by C. Galley:

GB 16-03-14 Let's Get Mindful VEOP Sale; H. Engel; Sale of Wallets for Mindfulness Room; April 20.

The motion passed unanimously.

GB 16-03-15 Lollipops for Leukemia; IB Sec. 3 Design Project; Mar. 21 – Apr. 1.

The motion carried with 9 in favour, 2 opposed and 1 abstention.

GB 16-03-16 PPO Make & Take Mosaic Night; PPO ventures; April 27.

The motion passed unanimously.

GB 16-03-17 PPO TCBY Sale; to be sold at JR & SR lunches; May 12.

The motion passed unanimously.

6.1.4 Service Contracts

No service contracts were submitted for approval.

6.2 Teachers' Report

A verbal report was provided.

6.3 Support Staff Report

A verbal report was provided.

6.4 Students' Report

See report attached.

6.5 Commissioner's Report

See report.

6.6 Community Reps Report

A verbal report was provided.

6.7 Parent Representative's Report

No meeting to report.

6.8 PPO Report

No report.

6.9 Chairperson's Report

A verbal report was provided. A. Ochs will not be available April 13. GB meeting will likely be cancelled.

7 New Business**7.1 Strategic Plan 2015-2020 Consultation – April 15, 2016**

Members reviewed the consultation document, the GB Response to the 2010-2015 consultation and completed the survey feedback. A. Ochs will submit on behalf of the PCHS GB.

GB 16-03-18 It was moved by R. Murphy and seconded by D. Odubayo that
Whereas article 207.1 of the EA stipulates for the exercise of its functions and powers, every school board shall adopt a strategic plan covering a period of up to five years stating:
(1) The context in which it acts, particularly the needs of its schools and centres, and the characteristics and expectations of the community it serves;
(2) The main challenges it faces, including success issues, in line with the national indicators established by the Minister pursuant to section 459.1;
(3) Strategic directions and objectives in line with the directions and objectives of the strategic plan established by the Ministère de l'Éducation et Enseignement Supérieur as well as the other directions, goals or measurable objectives determined by the Minister under section 459.2;
(4) The lines of intervention selected for the achievement of the objectives;
(5) The results targeted over the period covered by the plan; and
(6) Methods for assessing the achievement of objectives; and
Whereas the Lester B. Pearson School Board Council of Commissioners adopted a resolution to consult its partners regarding its 2016 -2020 Strategic Plan; and
Whereas the Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School Governing Board has reviewed the consultation document and prepared a response (see attached);
Be it resolved that approval be given to send this response to the board as our official response.
The motion passed unanimously.

7.2 GB Composition 2016-2017 – May 10, 2016

Members discussed the pros and cons of making changes to the composition of the .Governing Board.

GB 16-03-19 It was moved by C. Amatuzio and seconded by J. Puma that
Whereas the Education Act requires that each school establishes its own Governing Board (Art.42);
Whereas the Governing Board Composition is subject to approval by the Council of Commissioners;
Whereas the document for modification to the Governing Board Composition has been read and understood by all of its members in function on this date;
Be it resolved that the PCHS Governing Board approves the current PCHS Governing Board composition without change.

The motion carried with one against.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Incoming

Parenting and the Digital World

8.2 Outgoing

Response to Consultation – Principal Criteria

9. Varia

None.

10. Questions from the Public

None.

11. Adjournment

GB 16-03-20 It was moved by L. Cannucci and seconded by C. Amatuzio to adjourn the meeting at 8:40. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Ochs, GB Chair 2015-2016

C. Galley, Principal P.C.H.S.

**GOVERNING BOARD
PIERREFONDS COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL
RESPONSE TO THE 2016 – 2017 LBPSB BUDGET CONSULTATION**

March 19th, 2016

Dear France D`Aoust,

The PCHS Governing Board is aware of the increasing stress the ministry's budget cuts place on our school board, however it is very difficult to determine and prioritize the most critical needs when all educational support are complex and interconnected. Please accept the following as the Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School Governing Board's response to the 2016 – 2017 LBPSB Budget Consultation.

Question 1: Please list additional services or orientations you would like to see offered by the school board.

- The development of literacy is a fundamental building block in every level of education. It is imperative that all school libraries and documentation technicians be maintained and/or re-instated.
- It is critical that the financial support not be decreased for services which directly impact our students, especially in the area of Special Needs.

Question 2: Do you have any suggestions to reallocate resources, increase revenues or decrease expenses or services?

- Develop and run Summer Programs/Camps for the 13 to 15 year old age bracket.
 - Rent facilities to CEGEPs and universities after school hours, on weekends, and during the summer break.
 - Introduce an optional Grade 12 program, which could be offered at a cost to participating families.
- (The above ideas were outlined in the PCHS MSC Brief.)

Question 3: Do you have any suggestions regarding objectives, principles or criteria used to govern the allocation of funds?

- Schools should receive the rental funds in proportion to their usage, and the maintenance and upgrades to the schools should take this into consideration.

Question 4: With regard to the communication and presentation of financial results, do you have any suggestions?

- No comment at this point.

The PCHS Governing Board has met, discussed and approved the above response. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to voice our opinion.

Sincerely,
Anita Ochs

PCHS Governing Board Chairperson 2015/2016

March 11, 2016

Transportation Advisory Committee
Lester B. Pearson School Board
1925 Brookdale Ave.
Dorval, Québec
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Dear Joshua Arless,

As a result of the PCHS Governing Board's recent discussions related to Transportation and Major School Change, a sub-committee of the governing board was formed to study the current busing zones and to make recommendations.

We are grateful that you are welcoming our input, and we would like to make the following recommendations to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Rebalancing of the High School bus zones is necessary to have healthy student populations across our Board. The implementation of the busing zones must be done fairly and consistently.

We recommend:

1. A transportation Consultation, where zones are examined, starting in May ending in October with representation from all High Schools. Discussion amongst all stake holders is necessary.
2. The fees charged for Accommodation/Courtesy Busing be increased to \$500 per student. This would be on-par to the cost of a STM monthly bus pass for the school year, and could result to additional income to the School Board of approximately \$200,000.
3. The capping of student populations to 80% for High Schools in order to balance student populations across the system. The resulting balancing of student population would save the board a significant amount of money in transportation costs, because more students would be bused to schools closer to their homes.
4. In order to increase the revenue that the School Board receives from Accommodation/Courtesy Busing we propose that all free busing be removed from students who reside north of Boulevard De Salaberry and attend schools south of Autoroute 40.
 - a. Free busing provided to PCHS only for students who reside in the following zones: 10s, 12s, 17, and 19.

- b. Free busing provided to either High School north of Autoroute 40 for students who reside in the following zones: 4s, 7s, 9a and 14w.
5. Any free School bus route currently on a direct, no transfer, STM bus line to a High School be discontinued, and the Student be provided with a subsidy in order to help cover the costs of a monthly STM bus pass.

It should be noted that it has been approximately 14 years since extensive rebalancing of these zones has occurred. At that time zones were changed in order to ensure a healthy population for those high schools south of Autoroute 40. We feel it is time to consider the needs of all high schools equally.

Thank you for your time and for accepting our input.

Sincerely,

Anita Ochs
PCHS Governing Board Chairperson
2015/2016

Principal's report March 2016

- Report cards went home on the 22nd
- Parent/teacher interviews took place the 25th
- Changes were made to the honour roll criteria. In order to be placed on the Honour roll students must have an overall average of 80% with no grade under 70%
- Graduation with honours criteria; Platinum/with distinction 85% and above every term since grade 7. Gold/with honours 80% and above every term since grade 7
- Given that the new criteria was only implemented mid year the graduating students of the class of 2016 will be "grandfathered"
- Events and activities on going and mentioned in student report.
- Easter break March 25th-March 29th inclusive
- ELA exams will begin in May
- E assessments for sec. 5 students in May

March 2016 PCHS Student Report

- Secondary 5 students applying in science courses for cegep have been given the opportunity to write a research paper to have the chance to win a 1,000 dollar grant to help pay college fees.
- The math contest for secondary 3, 4 and 5 occurred earlier this month.
- Yesterday, March 15, we had a presenter representing MADD Canada come to our school and host an assembly with the theme of impaired driving.
- The Science Fair occurred monday, March 14th at McGill. PCHS is proud to have 4 students returning with awards.
- PC's peer mediators visited Saint - Anthony's elementary school to meet with their school's peer mediators in order to teach them on our knowledge on how to resolve conflicts (workshop).
- Winter sports are coming to an end. PCHS has 3 of its indoor soccer teams that made it to the finals, which are all going to occur by the end of this week.
- March 30th, secondary 5 IB students will be hosting the Personal Project exposition in order to show the school their completed projects.
- The secondary 5 grad ski trip happened in February before march break. The students had a great time.
- The Montreal Shakespeare Production Company will be coming to present their most recent Shakespeare written play on April 6th.

By: Justin Puma & Jaeda Khalilifar

Commissioner Report

Lester B. Pearson School Board

February 2016

Council News

Regular Meeting held February 22, 2016

FSSTT YMCA Award Presentation

Council started with a presentation by Dr. Cindy Finn on the YMCA Award won by the Board's FSSTT (Family & School Support and Treatment Team). The team was designed to support school staffs and provide direct interventions to students and their families in community school settings. FSSTT was created in 1995 as a pilot project but has since evolved into a critical service that supports students experiencing social, emotional, and behavioral difficulties within inclusive classrooms throughout the Board territory.

Attendance Zones Attribution

Council approved a resolution modifying the attendance zones 15 and 16 to allow students residing in those two zones to attend either Christmas Park Elementary School for the Bilingual Program or the newly merged Sherwood Forest/St Paul Jr. and Sr. Schools for the Français Plus Program. They will have free school bussing.

Free the Children Partnership Agreement

Council approved the renewal of its partnership with Free the Children. Its core message of it only takes one person to make a change is one that resonates with this generation and helps our students broaden their horizons for making the world better for others less fortunate. The agreement has been renewed to June 30, 2018.

Rentals Fee Structure 2016 - 2017

Council approved a 3% increase in the rental rates for the facilities of the Board available to outside groups for rental. The rental rates still remain competitive with the other school boards on our territories. For more information you can visit the new hall rentals website at <https://halls.lbpsb.qc.ca>

For up to date news and emergency information please visit the LBPSB website

<http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/home.asp>

Contact Craig Berger: tel. 514-421-6570 e-mail: cberger@lbpsb.qc.ca

Sales of Immoveables

Council approved the requests to the Minister for permission to sell the buildings housing the former Marcus Tabachnick Pavilion of the International Language Centre, Orchard Elementary School and Thorndale Elementary School while renewing the offer for sale of the former Allion Elementary School building. The request for permission to sell is the first step in a process that will see the schools offered to the French school board and if they are not interested allowing the sale to outside parties.

Strategic Plan 2015 - 2020

Council approved the draft School Board Strategic Plan for 2015 - 2020 to be sent out for consultation with our stakeholders. The draft plan will be distributed during the week of February 22. Responses to the consultation are to be received by April 15, 2016. It will also be made available via the Board website.

Other Items of Interest

New Minister of Education Named

The Liberal Government named Sébastien Proulx as the new Minister of Education, Sports and Leisure in replacement of Pierre Moreau due to the illness of the latter.

Consultations Present and To Come

<u>Launched</u>		<u>Deadline for Response</u>
Budget 2016-2017	-	March 31, 2016
Principal Selection	-	February 2016
Strategic Plan 2015-20	-	April 15, 2016

To Come

3-Year Plan Buildings

All consultation launches and policies presently in place can be consulted on the School Board website. Any person and/or group may reply to any Board consultation whether or not they have been formally invited to do so.

On behalf of myself and my Council colleagues I wish each and every one of you a restful March break!

**GOVERNING BOARD
PIERREFONDS COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL**

Response to the 2015-20120 STRATEGIC PLAN Consultation

March 24, 2016

Me Geneviève Dugré,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond to the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan Consultation.

In addition to the online survey that was submitted by our governing board we have two items we wish to convey:

- There is a discrepancy between the written paragraph on page three and the table on page four that depicts the number of schools and centers within the Board.
- Throughout the Plan the term “teachers” is used; we suggest that it be replaced by the term “educators” to include members of the school community that are essential to the success of our students including support staff and administrators as well as teachers.

The PCHS Governing Board has met, discussed and approved the above response.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Anita Ochs
PCHS Governing Board Chairperson 2015/2016