

**PIERREFONDS COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD 2018-2019
Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday March 19th, 2019
13800 Pierrefonds Blvd. (Library)**

Members Present: Aaryn Bradley, Susan Brown, Amy Campbell, Luciana Cifarelli, Angela Crosbie, Meghan Guyver, Heather Himbury, Kate Lagendyk, Juan Lamosa, Sarah Larkin, Isabelle Leduc, Kathleen Martleton, Greg Piggins, Bill Riddoch, Jennifer Sholzberg, Susan Stacho, Brenda Tremellen (parent alternate)

Administration: Coleen Galley, Principal
Lyanna Bravo, Vice-Principal

Commissioner: Craig Berger

Community Representative:

Regrets: Aaliya Farid

Absent: Dayo Odubayo

Recording Secretary: Susan Brown

Public: Iris Henle, Chris Eustache, Barbara Sholzberg, Randy Spanier

1. Call to Order

Quorum having been established, the meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Juan Lamosa (Chair).

2. Agenda

2.1 Additions

No Additions

2.2 Approval

<p>GB 19-03-01 It was moved by Jennifer Sholzberg and seconded by Luciana Cifarelli to approve the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.</p>

3. Questions from the Public

-Comments were made about various aspects of the decision to close Riverdale, how the School Board has handled it and being in support of not renaming PCHS.

-Comments were made about the importance of looking at what is being discussed and what is not being discussed.

Angela Crosbie arrived at 7:07pm

Susan Stacho arrived 7:10pm

-What decisions have been made about the merger? Parents have not received much information about what has been decided. What is registration at this year?

Response: GB minutes are posted once they are approved on the PCHS website available. Numbers are currently at 220 coming over from Riverdale. Staff and Admin are moving forward with various discussions. Much of the information is posted on the Merger Tab on the PCHS website (once the minutes from those meetings are approved as well).

-Will there be additional resource staff available at PCHS next year for all the students?

Response: There is already an VP allocated to assist with the transition of the students from Riverdale that require resource and she will be staying on at PCHS for the beginning of the school year to help with the transition. Allocation of staff members (ie resource teachers and aids) will be done according to the total number of students and their needs).

4. Minutes of the Meeting held February 18th, 2019

4.1 Corrections

-Change the year in the header on the first page from 2018 to 2019 top as well as in the title of section 4.0

-Administration: Colleen Galley's name should be spelled with two 'L' and Tom Rhymes name should be corrected from Rhumes to Rhymes

-5.2 seconded by Amy Bradley should read Amy Campbell

4.2 Approval

GB 19-03-02 It was moved by Isabelle Leduc and seconded by Aaryn Bradley to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Minutes of the Special Meeting held February 21st, 2019

5.1 Corrections

-Administration: Colleen Galley's name should be spelled with two 'L'

-The discussion points shall be removed from the minutes and maintained as Chairperson's notes

5.2 Approval

GB 19-03-03 It was moved by Aaryn Bradley and seconded by Sarah Larkin to approve the minutes of the February 21st special meeting as amended. The motion was carried. With 2 abstentions Brenda Tremellen and Bill Riddoch.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Educational Project

Tabled until it can be determined if the current Educational Project will be extended to include 2019-2020 so that the community that will be in this school can then create the Educational Project.

6.2 LBPSB – Consultation on the 2019-2020 Budget

Discussion took place regarding the questions at the end of the Budget consultation document. The responses were recorded in the response document on Google Docs.

Question 4 – The option to include texting as a possibility in the future was discussed, but phone numbers change more often than emails and not all phone numbers can receive texts.

Question 5 – topic of reporting absences and the possibility of students accessing the fusion portal which could result in problems with authentication of the actual person reporting the absences.

GB 19-03-04 It was moved by Amy Campbell and seconded by Aaryn Bradley to approve the GB response to the budget consultation as proposed. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.5 TTFM - Tell them from me survey results

The survey results were reviewed and discussed along with what the staff and admin are doing to provide support in various areas that were highlighted in the survey.

Survey is done on a yearly basis with most of the results matching up with Canadian norms.

Grade 8 and 9 students are adjusting to coming out of junior side, where the differences between Canadian standards could be explained as the rest of Canada have a different structure for junior and senior high schools.

This is a survey that is created by a Canadian company which can then provide statistics of how students responded from the rest of Canada. Comparison between Quebec and the rest of Canada can be challenging as students in grade levels in different provinces have different concerns based on what is coming next (ie preparation for Cegep in Grade 10, vs prep for University in Grade 11 in the rest of Canada) and Quebec finishes at grade 11, but grade 12 in the rest of Canada.

Craig Berger arrived 7:48pm

By reviewing the survey results, the staff and administration then looks at how to help and support students who have challenges in various areas such as reducing levels of stress and anxiety. This support can be school wide, grade wide or specific to smaller groups.

The PCHS FLASH committee also reviews the TTFM results and looks at how they can support these challenges, they also call in community partners in related fields for workshops or presentations.

Concern about feeling safe at school is low in some areas but it also reflects what is going on in the world with traumatic events including those happening in schools. It was suggested that maybe one of the school created open ended questions could be: Are you not feeling safe in school because of things that are going on outside of the school in the entire world or because of something going on inside the school?

There are some questions that are added by the school board such as: where do you speak French, who do you talk to if you have problems? What kind of practical skills would you want to learn (vocational and trades)?

(PCHS was looking at the possibility of having some students spend some of their time in classes at WICC after their regular school hours. This will be looked at again in the future.)

There was is a section of questions that specifically looked at information about Bullying statistics.

Greg Piggins arrived 8:09pm

6.6 Sexuality education

A presentation was provided about the new Sexuality Education program, including a list of the topics to be covered at each grade level.

The FLASH committee reviewed the proposed sexuality education classes which are now required by the Government. There is information that is required to be taught to the students, but no evaluation is required. The Ministry of Education has provided various topics to be covered at each grade along with related activities and resources.

They consulted with staff to determined which parts of the topics where being taught in which classes and determined that the majority of the program is already been taught in various classes (science, English – discussions about consent, and relationships,) which allows students to feel more comfortable about the subjects and discussions as they are discussing them in smaller groups and with teachers that they are already comfortable with.

The balance of the program will be covered with additions / changes to topics already being covered or in workshops in the school offered by outside sources.

Isabelle Leduc left at 8:20pm

7. **Reports**

7.1 **Principal's Report**

Written report submitted. The report included information about the Merger Committee:

The Merger Committee meeting on March 18th was cancelled. However, staff from both schools have been meeting in informal settings and have had conversations about next year.

Relationships between the staffs and students are being built, Riverdale students have come to PCHS in small groups, visits between staff and students have happened.

Riverdale students and staff were invited to attend the speaker that had been planned since the fall (Keith Hawkins). They joined the PCHS students and staff in each of the presentations.

Next merger committee is 15th April 2019.

GB 19-03-05 It was moved by Heather Himbury and seconded by Greg Piggins to extend the meeting by 30 minutes. The motion was carried with one vote opposed.

7.1.1 Field trips

The following field trips were presented for approval:

It was moved by Sarah Larkin and seconded by Angela Crosbie that the following field trips be approved:

GB 19-03-06 Heidi Berger The foundation for Genocide Education presentation at PCHS; April 16th, 1:15-2:30pm; P. Aldred; Sec IV-V; Ratio classroom; Cost per student \$ 0 (donation as an option). The motion was carried unanimously.

GB 19-03-07 Montreal Regional Science Fair; March 24-26th 9am-5pm; G. Mallalieu; Sec I-V selected students (5); transport by parents and public transportation; Ratio 1:5; Cost per student \$0.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

GB 19-03-08 Vocal Training in Pointe Claire; March 16th (1-4pm) March 23 (9am-12pm); L. Brown; Sec I-V (4 adults / 30 students); transport by Parents; Ratio 1:7.5; Cost per student \$0.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

7.1.2 Rentals

None

7.1.3 Fundraising

The following fundraisers were presented for approval:

It was moved by Jennifer Sholzberg and seconded by Kate Lagendyk that the following fundraising be approved:

GB 19-03-09 Healthy Snack Café (made to order); once / week March 12-May 10th lunch and afterschool, pick up in cafeteria; T. Biezos; Sec IV-V; Cost to cover funds for ingredients. The motion was carried unanimously.

GB 19-03-10 Bagging at Cashes at Super C on St-Charles for Donations from customers; Dates to be determined; L. Brown; PC Players; transport by parents; Funds for the PC Players Production. The motion was carried unanimously.

GB 19-03-11 Chocolate Bars and Spices : March -April 25th, 2019; L. Brown ; PC Players ; Cost \$3.00 per item. Funds for costumes and sets. The motion was carried unanimously.

7.1.4 Service Contracts

None

7.2 Teachers' Report

Verbal report provided which included:

A letter has been sent denouncing the law about Religious symbols to local, provincial and federal representatives.

7.3 Support Staff Report

None.

7.4 Students' Report

A written report was provided.

7.5 Commissioner's Report

A written report was provided.

7.6 Community Reps Report

None.

7.7 Parent Representative's Report

At the last Parent's Committee meeting presentations were made provided by both Riverdale and PCHS parents based on information that was available at that time.

On April 3rd at 7pm there will be a presentation at the School Board regarding IEP students, to help reduce anxiety and to help parents help their children – open to everyone but really focusing on students with IEP – those interested in attending can register by the link on the website (so they know how many people are coming).

7.8 PPO Report

PPO requested approval for the following allocation:

Student Spirit Awards allocation of \$100 each – for two awards for a total of \$200

GB 19-03-12 It was moved by Sarah Larkin and seconded by Aaryn Bradley to approve the \$200 allocation for the Student Spirit Awards. The motion was carried with one abstention (S. Brown).

Katie Martleton left 8:56pm

7.9 Chairperson's Report

No report submitted.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Deed of Establishment Consultation

Discussion took place regarding the deed of establishment. It was decided to table the discussion and to have a special meeting in the coming weeks (before April 5th).

Luciana Cifarelli left at 9:15pm

Amy Campbell left at 9:21pm

GB 19-03-13 It was moved by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Greg Piggins to table the discussion and to have a special meeting to discuss this issue (date to be determined but before the April 5th deadline). The motion was carried unanimously.

8.2 Commissioner Meeting Date and Time of Meetings Consultation

Tabled

8.3 Major School Change Policy
Tabled

9.0 Correspondence

9.1 Incoming
None

9.2 Outgoing
None

10.0 Varia
None

11.0 Questions from the Public

Vocabulary: what is the correct terminology to be used at this point: merger vs transfer?

At what point is staffing discussed?

Response: Staffing is being discussed at the School Board Human Resources level and with the teachers' and staff's union representatives. There is a process that is to be followed which is laid out by the collective agreements.

12.0 Adjournment

GB 19-03-14 It was moved by Sarah Larkin and seconded by Jenn Scholzberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

J. Lamosa, GB Chair 2018-2019

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



**GOVERNING BOARD
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2018-2019**

Response to Ibpsb 2019-2020n Budget consultation

Dear Genviève Dugré

The PCHS Governing Board has considered the budget consultation, and provides the following responses to the questions in Appendix C to the consultation:

Question 1 – Governing Board

Question 2 - Regarding objectives, principles or criteria used to govern the allocation of funds, the PCHS GB recommends that funds be prioritized for special programs such as WOTP, IB, and homework programs.

Question 3 – With regard to this question, the PCHS GB feels that all resources and programs are important, therefore we recommend that they be prioritized as follows:

- 1 – Experiential learning
- 2 – Staff Training
- 3 – Renewed Math Strategy
 - French programming
 - Integration of Technology
 - Special Education programming
- 4 – Early Literacy Intervention

Question 4 – With regard to communicating with the parents and the GB, we recommend direct email as the primary option. However, we also believe the School Board should also use social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) and available websites (School Board and School websites) as secondary communication tools.

Question 5 – With regard to the growth of the fusion portal, we believe it should be used as a method for paying fees (these include all fees paid during registration sessions, school fees, as well as library fees, and field trip fees). Similarly, the portal could be used as a method for completing field trips permission forms, carpool forms and any other forms presented during registration days including medical forms, contact information, emergency contact information and being able to make any changes to these during the school year.

Question 6 – With regard to the possible use for surplus funds, we recommend that they be used to improve insulation in classrooms and to upgrade bathrooms.

Regards,

Juan Lamosa
PCHS Governing Board Chair
2018-2019

March 2019

Students Report

- Multicultural Day at Riverdale High School (March 1st)
- Montreal Shakespeare Theatre Company presents A Midsummer Night's Dream (March 1st)
- MADD Canada presentation: grades 10 and 11 (March 12th)
- Art club meeting (March 13th)
- Science Fair (March 14th)
- PC pride day (March 15th)
- Climate change strike (March 15th and 22nd)
- Keith Hawkins presentation (March 19th)
- Montreal Region Science Fair (March 26th)
- Battle of the Books finals (March 27th)
- Bill 21 meeting at senior lunch (March 29th)
- Plastic water bottle ban video competition deadline (March 29th)
- Juvenile girls futsal provincials (March 30th)

Commissioner Report

Council News

Regular Meeting held March 25, 2019

Riverview and Springdale Elementary

Prior to the start of the meeting students of Riverview and Springdale performed their joint song *Dare to Explore*. The song was submitted as part of a Canadian Space Agency contest and they hope to have a live feed of the song reach David St-Jacques, the Canadian astronaut presently on the International Space Station and to whom they have dedicated the song.

Major School Change Policy and Plan

The Chair of Council reported that the Long Term Planning Committee having sent out via Council the consultation on the *Policy on Major School Change – A Policy on the Distribution of Educational Services*, it is hoped to be adopted in April of this year. In addition, a Major School Change plan for the reorganization of our high school network is being developed.

Policy on Employee Proficiency Practices Evaluation and Support Program

Council adopted the policy that has at its purpose not only the evaluation of our employees but the putting into place of a system of support for those experiencing professional difficulties. The importance of such support systems, especially the mentoring, for our employees was underlined by the Director General.

Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2019-2022

The consultation on the Three Year Plan of Allocation and Destination was launched with the draft document to be distributed for consultation to the municipalities or boroughs on its territory, to the Parents' Committee and to the other consultative partners of the School Board during the week of April 1, 2019, with responses to be returned to the Secretariat no later than May 20, 2019, for consideration of responses.

Summer School 2018

Council adopted a resolution establishing the summer school locations at John Rennie High School and Lasalle Community Comprehensive High School for 2019. The schools will run where numbers warrant from July 8 to August 2, 2019 in both locations. Transportation will be provided, where numbers warrant, to students from the off island territory of the Board to the location at John Rennie High School. Rental of Facilities 2019 - 2020 Fee Structure Council adopted a resolution approving the fee structure for the rental of the Board's facilities by third parties.

There was a slight increase in the fees to reflect cost of living increases.

Committee Mandates and Membership Council adopted a resolution approving the amended mandates of some Council standing committees. In addition, the membership and composition of some committees were amended.

Pearson Education Foundation

The Foundation continues with its fundraising and awareness events with another Comedy Evening on April 5th at John Rennie High School and the annual Impact Soccer game on April 28th at Saputo Stadium.

Other Items of Interest

Consultations Present and To Come

Responses Due

Major School Change - April 2019

Council and Executive

Meeting Dates - April 2019

Three-Year Plan of

Allocation - May 2019

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.

Wishing all of you renewed energy starting the spring final stretch of the school year!

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

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