



**PIERREFONDS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD 2019-2020
DRAFT Minutes of the Virtual Meeting
held Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:30PM**

Members Present: Josie Arcobelli, Lori Brown, Luciana Cifarelli, Angela Crosbie, Brenda Downes-Tremellen(alt) Meghan Guyver, Lynda Giguère, Heather Himbury, Huda Khwaja, Naveen Kumar, Juan Lamosa, Sarah Larkin, Isabelle Leduc (alt), Penny Michael (alt), Matt Randle, Caitlyn Ritchot, Jen Sholzberg, Kim Teolis

Administration: Cindy Wallach, Principal
Lori McKergow, Vice-Principal
Aaryn Bradley, Vice-Principal

Commissioners:

Regrets: Nan Beaton, Craig Berger, Marcus Hamaker, Greg Piggins

Absent: Melissa Derail, Bill Riddoch

Recording Secretary: Sheila Moody

Public: Chris Eustace (public), Kristine Pino (alt, PPO chair)

1. Call to Order

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM by Juan Lamosa.

2. Agenda

2.1 Additions

No additions requested

2.2 Approval

GB 20-06-01 It was moved by Sarah Larkin and seconded by Lynda Giguère to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Questions from the public: Chris Eustace praised PCHS for the great education given to his sons, asked if PCHS is doing anything re/black lives matter and asked about convocation. Answers from Cindy: 2 teachers raised the issue of Black Lives Matter and they will coordinate a response when school resumes (plus discussing issue tonight – see section 5), Grad drive by on Friday, Virtual convocation – trying to get awards ready by then – will email details to Chris since he donated 2 awards.

4. Minutes of the meeting held May 12, 2020

4.1 **Corrections:** No corrections needed

4.2 **Approval**

GB 20-06-02 It was moved by Matt Randle and seconded by Jen Sholzberg to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2020 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Statement on Black Lives Matter Movement

- Meghan brought this forward and helped to create the text that Juan shared
- Juan opened the floor to a short discussion on the subject
- Kim shared some poignant stories about her family's experience
- It was agreed to resume the discussion after new business and that in the meantime, any member could re-write/add to the text

6. Business arising from the minutes

6.1 **Review of the emergency preparedness plan**

Tabled

6.2 **Anti-bullying plan**

Tabled

6.3 **Capital Budget Priorities**

- Some of the changes to the school are not being done due to COVID – need to ensure they are done next summer: lockers, windows, classroom doors
- Discuss at September meeting so we can see exactly what was/was not done
- For future: a lot of classrooms where walls can be moved and become one classroom – soundproofing is important
- Classes on exterior walls - freeze

6.4 **Approve subject time allocation and implementation of BSR**

GB 20-06-03 It was moved by Matt Randle and seconded by Heather Himbury to approve the subject time allocation and implementation of BSR. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.5 **Governing Board Composition Consultation**

- Only main change – must consult all students once/year
- Decided that there was no real benefit in responding

GB 20-06-04 It was moved by Sarah Larkin and seconded by Brenda Downes-Tremellen to not respond to the consultation. The motion was carried unanimously.

7. Reports

7.1 Principal's Report

- Thank you to Angela and Juan for coordinating the Zoom banquet
- Grad drive-by – postponed due to weather – will be Friday
- Virtual convocation – Muses will sing
- Friday – principals met to discuss the 2 proposed back to school options:
 - grouping kids and teachers come to them (difficult as kids may have different levels per subject)
 - OR do that for 7-9, for 10-11 split classes in ½ (day 1A, day 1B) – students stay home alternate days
 - 2nd wave may mean online instruction
 - Plan before June 30th – to send out to parents
 - Which plan is easiest to undue if things go back to normal?
 - Decisions will be made locally – not every high school will be the same
- New principal being appointed tonight at council of commissioners meeting –
- Return of WOTP and CFER and the at-risk students – not the success we would have liked it to be (brought in staff, but not many students)
- Budget – still has not come down from the ministry – can be presented by the principal in September
- New admin being presented by school board tonight – for PCHS
- Thank you to teachers, staff, and parents – amazing school – year ended on a crazy note
- Report cards scheduled for July 3rd – but will be confirmed in ERMS

7.1.1 Field trips

7.1.2 Rentals

7.1.3 Fundraising

7.1.4 Service Contracts

- As last month, all 4 of the above are on hold for now as nothing new is being reviewed/approved until we know when we can travel, return to the building, etc.
- Do we have a plan for when these things will resume? What contingencies do we have in place if things must be cancelled?
- Staff council put a stop to all field trips for now because of deposits that need to be put down that could be lost.

7.2 Teachers' Report

- Online learning finishes tomorrow
- Thank you to parents and students for giving them grace as teachers were learning
- Drive by on Friday for grade 11's, sports banquet online, convocation online
- Still thinking about how we can celebrate our students, academic awards of excellence and citizenship and online learner award
- Juan's corporate webinar platform can be used for academic and athletic awards
- Scholarships may not get announced at convocation, but recipients will be informed before they need to use it and it will be announced although trying hard to get it done on time

7.3 Support Staff Report

- Thanks to all the integration aides and support staff – people going past contracts to support teachers

7.4 Students' Report

- Thank you to teachers for still checking up on them
- Sad they can't have convocation and prom – would have liked to wait and have a reunion type event but understand if it's not possible (per Cindy if we knew we could have done it in the fall we would have waited).

7.5 Commissioner's Report

Both attending Council of Commissioners meeting tonight so not in attendance

7.6 Community Representative's Report

NA

7.7 Parent Representative's Report

- Brenda spoke as PC rep and alt both absent – 90% was about re-start for September

7.8 IEP Rep for SNAC Report

- Report is in the kit and can also be found at <http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/346SNACVirtualMeetingMay272020MSRFINALv2.pdf>
- Shared that current member terms have been extended a year (presented to PC for approval)
- AGA cancelled
- Long-time member Maureen Hunt retired

7.9 PPO Report

- Meeting 2 weeks ago on zoom
- Everything up in the air
- Questioning what they will need to do in August (registration)
- Wondering about Bursaries they normally give for convocation
- Also have left over money so could give more bursaries than normal
- Kristine retiring as chair

7.10 Chairperson's Report

- End of year although GB still has a Sept meeting planned
- Also note that we might need an extraordinary meeting during the summer
- It certainly was a different year than past years
- Thanks to Cindy, teachers, support staff, parents – good discussions, good contributions

GB 20-06-05 It was moved by Luciana Cifarelli and seconded by Brenda Downes-Tremellen to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. New Business

8.1 School Fees

- Teachers are interested in purchasing workbooks so kids have things to work on at home if need be (for small surcharge can get workbook and online access so opted for that option)
- English department went for completely online version (junior side)
- With respect to future online learning - A lot of publishers made online textbooks free due to COVID, but they will not likely do that in future

GB 20-06-06 It was moved by Isabelle Leduc and seconded by Josie Arcobelli to approve the school fees. The motion was carried unanimously.

Black Lives Matter Discussion (resumed as agreed)

- Josie read a draft with some changes
- A response has been drafted (see Appendix I)

GB 20-06-07 It was moved by Meghan Guyver and seconded by Sarah Larkin to approve the response. The motion was carried unanimously.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Incoming
none

9.2 Outgoing
none

10. Varia:

Question about AGA – still unclear – not sure how it will unfold

11. Questions from the public: no questions

12. Adjournment

GB 20-06-08 It was moved by Josie Arcobelli and seconded by Angela Crosbie to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. The motion was carried unanimously.

Juan Lamosa, GB Chair 2019-2020

C. Wallach, Principal P.C.H.S.

Appendix I

Black Lives Matter Statement - edited version

Recent events have reminded the world that the fight against racism is a constant battle for minority cultures.

Additionally, actions to combat systemic racism that exists in societies must happen in every branch /aspect of societies in order to ensure equality and fairness to all.

As a school we aim to embrace all that which makes us different. We feel that it is imperative to teach about all the histories of the people who make up Canada, regardless if it is in the curriculum or not.

We are lucky to have strong community partnerships and, using those, we aim to make a more diverse curriculum accessible to all.

It is important however to reiterate that hate speech, racism and discrimination are to be eradicated. As a school, we feel that the best way to achieve this is through education and exposure to others' experiences and cultures.

The PCHS Governing Board is committed to supporting all efforts to progress from a non-racist to an anti-racist culture.