

**PIERREFONDS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD 2021-2022
Minutes of the Meeting held November 8, 2022**

Members Present:

Parents: Ayesha Altaher, Genevieve Bienvenu, Yara Camel-Toueg, Brenda Downes-Tremellen, Daniel Obiri, Chris Pearson

Staff: Josie Arcobelli, Angela Crosbie, Laurie Fournier, Jacqueline Jansons, Keith Mills, Sarah Larkin (ALT)

Students: Sade Hall

Administration:

Principal: Lucia Coretti

VP: Nathalie Cheff

Commissioners: Craig Berger

Community Reps: Kemba Mitchell (CLC)

Regrets/Absent: Stefania Bertrand, Lori Brown, Marcus Hamaker, Howard Puritt, Serenity Kly

Recording Secretary: Sheila Moody

Public: Chris Eustace

1. Call to Order

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:34PM by Chris Pearson.

2. Agenda

2.1. Additions

2.2. Approval

GB 22-11-01 *It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Brenda Downes-Tremellen to approve the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.*

3. Questions from the Public

Chris Eustace asked if all the information he shared with Chris Pearson was shared with the board
A – Yes, it is all in the shared folder

Thank you for the information sent to him re/his question on climate control – any updates?

A – The fixes that have been done were recorded in last month's minutes

4. Minutes of Meeting held October 10, 2022

4.1. Corrections

Remove Ms. Nagy (not on GB this year)

Welcome student representative Sade Hall. Serenity Kly is at a volleyball tournament.

4.2. Approval

GB 22-11-02 *It was motioned by Genevieve Bienvenu and seconded by Brenda Downes-Tremellen to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with this 1 correction. The motion was carried unanimously.*

Craig Berger presented his report now as he had to leave early – see notes in section 6.6 below

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1. School/Centre Name and External Property Name Policy (Nov 15)

Do we want to comment on the school naming policy we received?

A: No

GB 22-11-03 *It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Sarah Larkin not to comment on this policy. The motion was carried unanimously.*

5.2. GB Budget

- This is money we are allocated from the board – any ideas on how to use it?
- Last year we used it for a pop-up tent
- Tabled to give us time to think about it

Yara Camel-Toueg joined the meeting at 6:42 PM

6. Reports

6.1. Students' Report (Sade Hall)

Report is on the shared drive

It included some concerns which were addressed as follows:

- Ms. Coretti confirmed that we cannot move forward with any international trips but are looking into a plan B (will have meeting with parents and students planned shortly)
- We will investigate more vegan options for the cafeteria
- The dress code was passed through staff council and GB with an aim to teach proper attire
- Lot of activities are planned for February (per Kemba) – more information to come at next meeting

6.2. Teachers' Report (Angela Crosbie)

Report is on the shared drive – some highlights shared were:

- Open house included parents playing badminton, students showing soccer
- Teams have taken home 2 banners so far
- All volleyball teams heading into the playoffs
- 1st Futsal tournament at Felix Leclerc
- Terry Fox run – run by Sec 5 Sports Admin group
- Gender Based violence day planning has started
- In-house futsal tournament for a personal project

6.3. Support Staff Report (Keith Mills)

Report is on the shared drive – some highlights shared were:

- Library continues to be busy
- Support staff continue to be involved in ECA's
- Visits to seniors' homes going well (well received)
- Y Zone up and running
- Adopting a senior's residence and buying requested gifts

6.4. EDI report (Kemba Mitchell)

No meeting so no report

6.5. Community Learning Center Report (Kemba Mitchel)

Report is on the shared drive – some highlights shared were:

- Lots of clubs and sports activities
- Reminder – information required for those doing ECA's (to send to government)
- Academic tutoring has begun, and peer tutoring will start soon
- ESL group for international students will start soon
- CLC activities – celebrated Diwali, had 4 CLC partners at Open House
- Upcoming – celebrating Hanukkah, 7-day activity for Kwanza (Dec.1-8)

6.6. Commissioner's Report (Craig Berger)

- Full report is on the shared drive
- Asked for questions but there were none
- Mentioned that EDI has been added as a mandate to all committees

Craig Berger left at 7PM for another meeting

6.7. Community Reps Report

NA

6.8. Parent Representative's Report (Brenda Downes-Tremellen)

- Official 1st meeting is on Thursday
- There is also GB Training on Thursday

6.9. IEP representative for SNAC Report (Sheila Moody)

- No official meeting in October since we held our IEP information evening (via zoom) on October 26th
- Had capacity for 500 people and still had to turn people away
- We will be sharing the presentation, the recording, and the Q&A with those unable to attend
- If interested, you can email Sheila, SNAC or check the SNAC website or FB page

6.10 PPO Report (Brenda Downes-Tremellen)

- PPO was a part of Open House
- They did a bake sale (which did well)
- It was amazing to see the school so busy
- Based off approval at end of last year, will be having a pizza night fundraiser – November 22nd
- Flipgive – didn't get much traction last year – going to send ERMS – including 2 videos
- Next meeting – Dec. 6th

6.11. Principal's Report (Lucia Coretti)

Report is on the shared drive

Q – Parent-teacher – do parents ask or do teachers request meetings?

A – 1st one is open to anyone – parents choose (if students are at risk – teachers will reach out to parents); 2nd one typically done by request from teacher

Q – start/end time

A – 3-5 and 6-8:30 or 9 (exact times still to be confirmed)

6.11.1. Field trips

It was motioned by Jacqueline Jansons and seconded by Laurie Fournier to approve the following field trips. The motion was carried unanimously.

	Event	Date	Grade	Cost	Transport	Ratio	Supervision	Responsible Staff Member	Approved School Council
GB-22-11-04	Montreal Museum of Fine Arts- BSU	Nov. 16th	11-Jul	\$0	school bus	1:12	Kemba Mitchell & Donna Blake	Kemba Mitchell	Nov. 1
GB-22-11-05	Allez Up- outdoor club field trip	Nov. 23	11-Jul	\$5	school bus	1:08	PCHS Staff	Isabelle Lavoie	Nov. 1
GB-22-11-06	McGill Discover Day in Health Sciences	Dec. 6	11	\$0	students own transportation	1:08	PCHS Staff	Doug Collins	Nov. 1
GB-22-11-07	Peer Mediation Training- conflict resolution	11-Nov	10 & 11	\$0	N/A (at PCHS)	1:08	PCHS Staff	Peter Oland	Nov. 1

6.11.2. Rentals

We gave blanket approval for rentals at the October 2022 meeting

6.11.3. Fundraising

It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Genevieve Bienvenu to approve the following fundraising efforts. The motion was carried unanimously.

	Event	Date	Description of event	Cost	Person Responsible	Approved School Council
GB-22-11-08	Do Good Project	Nov. 2022- June 2023	Toy & clothing drive- community org. (Psyc students)	donations	Vanessa Amar	Nov. 1
GB-22-11-09	WOTP 3 "rest room" project	Nov 2022- Dec 2022	sell hot chocolate to help fund "rest room"	\$1	Michelle Daigle	1-Nov

6.11.4. Service Contracts

None

6.12. Chairperson's Report (Chris Pearson)

No report

7. New Business

7.11. Bring your own device 2023-2024

- The idea has come up at staff council and staff support it
- Very aware that some families in the community that can't afford a Chromebook – The school would be able to support at least 150 or more students (loaned); also have 350 IB students who already have their own Chromebook
- Currently – don't have enough Chromebooks for all students
- If implemented, it would be mandatory - some other schools have it already

Q – Wi-Fi?

A – Yes, provided by school

(We want to get away from phones being used so much)

Q – Concerned kids might spend time playing games on Chromebook

A – Will be closed while teacher is teaching. Also, while teachers are teaching – they are walking around so they will spot infractions

Q – Will we have some floaters (tech tub)?

A – Yes, we will have backups in each class

Q – IB wing has cameras – concerned we might have a security issue for lockers in other areas

A – There are cameras in all wings with lockers (also if everyone has one, it eliminates temptation and may encourage kids to lock their lockers)

Comment – all kids need to know how to use tech – very necessary for CEGEP

Also, have a lot of students with IEPs saying they are entitled to tech, but they are embarrassed to use it – on days when students borrow from chrome cart – then they use it and it's beneficial for them

Q – Will computer lab room still exist?

A – Need to keep it – need it for IB e-assessments

Q – Can it be any device, or must it be Chromebook?

A – Any but not a phone – MacBook and iPad ok

Q – When will parents be informed so parents can shop sales?

A – Notice would be given months in advance

Some manufacturers do offer deals for students

Might be able to organize some type of group buy

Q – IB acceptance date?

A – Jan 16th

- 7.12.** Dec 13th GB Meeting Conflict with Staff Dinner
We will move the December meeting to an in-person meeting on Dec. 14th

8. Correspondence

8.11. Incoming
None

8.12. Outgoing
None

9. Varia
None

10. Questions from the Public

Field trips – government said they would pay for 2-3 trips/year – is it back now that COVID is over?
A – Grant Sortie Culturel – waiting for the total to be given and then we decide which field trips could benefit.
We are fortunate that we have a lot of funding via our ECA grant

11. Adjournment

GB 22-11-10 *It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Brenda Downes-Tremellen to adjourn the meeting at 7:54PM. The motion was carried unanimously.*



Chris Pearson, GB Chair 2022-2023

Lucia Coretti, Principal P.C.H.S.