



**PIERREFONDS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD 2021-2022
Minutes of the Meeting held May 9, 2023**

Members Present:

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

Staff: Josie Arcobelli, Stefania Bertrand, Lori Brown, Angela Crosbie, Laurie Fournier, Jacqueline Jansons, Keith Mills

Students:

Administration:

Principal:

VP: Aaryn Bradley, Nathalie Cheff

Commissioners: Craig Berger

Community Reps:

Regrets/Absent: Lucia Coretti, Kemba Mitchell

Recording Secretary: Sheila Moody

Public: Chris Eustace

1. Call to Order

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Chris Pearson.

2. Agenda

2.1. Additions

2.2. Approval

GB 23-05-01 *It was motioned by Brenda Downes-Tremellen and seconded by Jacqueline Jansons to approve the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.*

3. Questions from the Public

Q: Bill 23 passed last week – Will any actions to be taken? Will there be meetings with parents?

A: There have been some pre-conversations but nothing concrete to share yet.

4. Minutes of the meetings held April 4, 2023

4.1. Corrections

4.2. Approval

GB 23-05-02 *It was motioned by Genevieve Bienvenu and seconded by Brenda Downes-Tremellen to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.*

5. Business arising from the minutes.

5.1. GB Budget

As a FYI Budget = \$694

Quote QUED Banner Sr Side \$675 & Banner Jr Side \$725

Q: Are the banners inside or outside?

A: Inside – above stairs leading into the gym (gym used a lot at night so good for marketing)

GB 23-05-03 *It was motioned by Genevieve Bienvenu and seconded by Yara Camel-Toueg to allocate the remaining GB Budget of \$694 towards the purchase of the banners. The motion was carried unanimously.*

6. Reports

6.1. Students' Report

None in attendance so no report

6.2. Teachers' Report

- Play was last week and very well done and received.
- Variety show is next week.
- We have a baseball team now (new).
- IB entrance exams are today.
- Workshops in drama classes (script reading/writing).
- Workshops with spoken word artists (English class).
- Ministry exams starting this week.
- Multicultural day.
- Bagging at Adonis – funds for prom.

6.3. Support Staff Report

- Support Staff still involved in homework program and ECA's.
- Partnership with seniors' homes to do luncheons – 2 remaining.
- Mr. Morgan put together flower boxes for some of the seniors (12).
- So many students interested in helping that we must rotate them.

6.4. EDDI Report

- Report on shared drive.
- Presented by Aaryn Bradley.
- Mandate to close prayer room – committee disheartened and opposed – plan to think of ways to peacefully protest.
- Some GBs are writing letters.
- Agreed on teacher led initiatives for next year (assemblies).

6.5. Community Learning Center Report

Kemba away

6.6. Commissioner's Report

- Some admin changes – see report for details.
- Happy to see project for paving at PCHS has moved forward.

Q: Are lines on horseshoe being addressed?

A: Yes, bringing to contractor's attention.

6.7. Community Rep's Report

No community rep on GB.

6.8. Parent Representative's Report

No meeting so no report – meeting on Thursday this week.

6.9. IEP Rep for SNAC Report

- Received presentations on The TranXition Program and the new Complaint Procedure (by-law for consultation to follow, likely in June).
- TranXitions is for youth aged 15 to 25 years old with physical disabilities as well as their families in their transition into adult life, with a focus on optimizing their social participation.
 - Program can be linked to the school TEVA planning process.
 - More info here: [Lethbridge-Layton-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre | TranXition Program \(llmrc.ca\)](http://Lethbridge-Layton-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre | TranXition Program (llmrc.ca))

6.10. PPO Report

- Met last week.
- Mostly talked about PPO helping with convocation.
- There are remaining funds that need to be spent.
 - Normally PPO gives out 2 X \$100 bursaries to a graduating student. They focus on students who stood out but not for academic reasons (as those kids would be getting other awards).
 - Plan to put out 2 additional awards – towards alternative programs (WOTP 1 and 3).

GB 23-05-04 *It was motioned by Brenda Downes-Tremellen and seconded by Jacqueline Jansons to approve the 2 additional PPO bursaries. The motion was carried unanimously.*

6.11. Principal's Report

- Report is on the shared drive.
- It was presented by Nathalie Cheff.
- It included several topics including June exams & tutorials, IB e-assessments, multi-cultural fair, closure of prayer room, variety show, play by PC Players, Blanket exercise, ABAV plan, Science Fair, and upcoming important dates.

6.11.1. Field Trips

It was motioned by Howard Puritt and seconded by Brenda Downes-Tremellen to approve the following field trip for the next school year. The motion was carried unanimously.

	Event	Date	Grade	Cost	Transport	Ratio	Supervision	Responsible	Approved
								Staff Member	School Council
GB 23-05-05	Science challenge Robotics	December 1st 2023	ALL	0	not included	1:09	PCHS staff	Doug Collins	02-May

It was motioned by Yara Camel-Toueg and seconded by Josie Arcobelli to approve the following field trips for the current school year. The motion was carried unanimously.

	Event	Date	Grade	Cost	Transport	Ratio	Supervision	Responsible	Approved
								Staff Member	School Council
GB 23-05-06	Build buddy benches at Springdale	May 12th	8	0	carpool	1:06	PCHS staff	Peter Oland	02-May
GB 23-05-07	Learn to sail event Pointe-Claire Yacht Club	June 22nd or 23rd	7-8 & 9	0	carpool	1:1,6	PCHS staff	Peter Oland	02-May
GB 23-05-08	Cooking club dinner	May 30th 6pm	7-8 & 9	0	walking	1:06	PCHS staff	Sofia Yorski	02-May
GB 23-05-09	Outdoor Ziplining	June 26th 9am-1pm	ALL	0	school bus	1:07	PCHS staff	Lavoie/Yorski	02-May
GB 23-05-10	Outdoor club Rock Climbing	June 27th 9am-1pm	ALL	0	school bus	1:10	PCHS staff	Lavoie/Yorski	02-May
GB 23-05-11	BSU tour of Old Montreal	May 11th	7-8-9-10	0	school bus	1:7,5	PCHS staff	Wydlina Othello	02-May
GB 23-05-12	Recording studio visit	May 24 and 31	ALL	0	carpool or STM bus	1:04	PCHS staff	Josie Arcobelli	02-May
GB 23-05-13	Behind the scenes	May 25 and June 4	ALL	0	carpool or STM bus	1:04	PCHS Staff	josie Arcobelli	02-May

6.11.2. Rentals

None

6.11.3. Fundraising

None

6.11.4. Service Contracts

None

6.12. Chairperson Report

None

7. New Business

7.1. Consultation 3 Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2023-2026

Chose not to respond

7.2. School Supply List 2023-2024

Tabled

7.3. 2023-2024 code of conduct

Code of conduct is on the shared drive.

Changes to the existing policy are marked in yellow.

Q: All students or new students must use school-issued locks?

A: All

GB 23-05-14 It was motioned by Brenda Downes-Tremellen and seconded by Josie Arcobelli to approve the 2023-2024 code of conduct. The motion was carried unanimously.

7.4. GB Scholarship

Historically GB has given a \$100 bursary but per the mandate, not really allowed & have not done it in recent years.

7.5. Closure of prayer room

- Do we want to write a letter on behalf of GB?
- Used for prayer and for community groups – activities are OK but cannot use it for prayer.
- A discussion ensued about what points should be highlighted in the letter.

Josie wrote to learn Quebec to ask where we stand as a CLC school.

- No official CLC stance – however detailed response given that spoke of an inclusive space that responds to needs of communities (Josie to forward to Chris).

Q: Are prayer rooms open during class time or only on break?

A: Only during break time.

- Perhaps we submit with other LBPSB schools – united front?
 - Need to respond soon while issue is topical.
- Goes against what we promote as a CLC school.
- Difficult for admin as directive from school board (be cautious not to put admin in an awkward position – from GB to minister).
- Suggestion to refer to a strongly worded letter on Bill 21 for inspiration.

GB 23-05-15 It was motioned by Josie Arcobelli and seconded by Howard Puritt to approve writing a letter to the Minister of Education saying that we disagree with the closure of the prayer room (subject to final approval on the wording). The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Correspondence

8.1. Incoming

Danse Danse, BSU Trip, LBPSB Communication Religious Use, GB Composition

8.2. Outgoing

None

9. Varia

None

10. Questions from the Public

- Chris voiced his opinion on Bill 40 and Bill 23.
- He is writing a report which he will share with Chris and Chris will put it on the shared drive.

11. Adjournment

GB 23-05-16 *It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Brenda Downes-Tremellen to adjourn the meeting at 7:43PM. The motion was carried unanimously.*



Chris Pearson, GB Chair 2022-2023

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