

**PIERREFONDS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD 2023-2024
Minutes of the Meeting held January 16, 2024**



Members Present: **Parents:** Brenda Downes, Daniel Obiri, Marcus Hamaker, Melanie Mammarella (ALT), Sheila Moody, Chris Pearson, Greg Piggins
Staff: Josie Arcobelli, Donna Blake, Angela Crosbie, Jackie Jansons, Keith Mills, Jen Sholzberg
Students: NA

Administration: **Acting Principal:** Sheila Honeybourne
VP: Aaryn Bradley, Allan Fink

Commissioner: Craig Berger

Regrets/Absent: Debbie Begg, Howard Puritt, Alexander Navarrete

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 24-01-01 *It was motioned by Jackie Jansons and seconded by Brenda Downes to approve the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.*

3. Questions from the public

Chris Eustace – Happy New Year

Q: What do we need at PCHS to accommodate students, especially those with special needs?

A:

- Population of 900 with approximately ½ on IEPs – some just adapted but some modified.
- Maximum class sizes do exist but children with needs count for more (especially those coded).
- Majority of our classrooms are at max
- Need more money from government – teacher allocation – as we get more teachers, we can open more sections/classes
- We have a phenomenal resource team – could also use more money in support staff envelope

4. Minutes of the meetings held November 14, 2023

4.1. Corrections

4.2. Approval

GB 24-01-02 *It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Melanie Mammarella to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.*

5. Business arising from the minutes

5.1. GB Budget

Tabled – Chris to get a quote on a replacement tent

6. Reports

6.1. Students' Report

No students in attendance therefore no report

6.2. Teachers' Report

- Grad ski trip is coming up
- Sports update provided including the fact that we held our 1st wrestling meet in 20 years
- Getting ready for grad semi-formal
- Catching up from strike
- Forming a student union – interviewing participants now

6.3. Support Staff Report

- Started back this week with ECA's
- Lunch to seniors starts back next week
- Identified needy families within the school in December and Otis Grant gave food to help them over the 2-week break

6.4. EDI Report

No report

6.5. Community Learning Center Report

NA

6.6. Commissioner's Report

- Full report is on shared folder
- Craig wished everyone a happy new year
- Mentioned that we had some expected/unexpected staff changes
- Mentioned the teachers strike and transportation strike

6.7. Community Rep's Report

NA

6.8. Parent Representative's Report

No December meeting therefore no report

6.9. IEP Rep for SNAC Report

No December meeting therefore no report

6.10. PPO Report

- Staff appreciation coming up – February 28, 2024
- Will need access to school on 27th in the evening plus 28th during the day (Ms. Chantal)
- FYI that Pizza night was postponed from December to January 23rd

GB 24-01-03 *It was motioned by Marcus Hamaker and seconded by Sheila Moody to approve donations (food, cash) for teacher appreciation week. The motion was carried unanimously.*

6.11. Principal's Report

- The reports for both December and January are on the shared drive.
- The January report included updates on staff changes, including the fact that Ms. Honeybourne's last day is January 26, 2024, as Ms. Coretti is returning.
- It also included some school updates and information on supplemental exams due to the strike days

6.11.1. Field Trips

It was motioned by Jackie Jansons and seconded by Greg Piggins to approve the following field trip. The motion was carried unanimously.

GB 24-01-04 *Life Skills – Travel training for WOTP/Crossroads students – starting March 13th*

6.11.2. Rentals

There is blanket approval for rentals from September 2023 to June 2024
Since we have no right to refuse, there is no need to motion or vote

6.11.3. Fundraising

No fundraising

6.11.4. Service Contracts

No service contracts

6.12. Chairpersons Report

No report

7. New Business

7.1. School budget 2023-2024

- The budget was shared with all for review and questions/comments

Q – Can we get chargers for the Chromebooks?

A – 3 empty carts – all charging stations – but will also investigate more chargers

GB 24-01-05 *It was motioned by Greg Piggins and seconded by Jennifer Sholzberg to approve the 2023-2024 school budget. The motion was carried unanimously.*

7.2. Principal Selection Criteria 2024-2025 (March 15)

- Note that Ms. Honeybourne was absent for this section
- Chris shared the criteria we used last year
- Asked for any changes needed.
 - Add “such as” into this sentence “Experience with Alternative Learning Programs **such as**, International Baccalaureate Program, Universal Design for Learning, and Deep Learning”

GB 24-01-05 *It was motioned by Marcus Hamaker and seconded by Brenda Downes to approve the 2024-2025 Principal Selection Criteria with this one edit. The motion was carried unanimously.*

7.3. Budget Consultation 2024-2025 (March 28)

Chris shared last year’s response – asked if we want to change/add anything
It was decided to resubmit the same priorities

GB 24-01-06 *It was motioned by Greg Piggins and seconded by Jackie Jansons to approve the same priorities as last year for the 2024-2025 Budget Consultation. The motion was carried unanimously.*

8. Correspondence

8.1. Incoming

None

8.2. Outgoing

None

9. Varia

10. Questions from the Public

Chris

Q: What % of students take the bus to come to school

A: 200 affected by strike

Wished Ms. Honeyborne all the best in future endeavors

Daniel – is school doing anything about inconvenience of strike?

A: Mandate to open school earlier to help with drop off, on a case-by-case basis, we are providing bus tickets to support families who can’t get kids to school

Brenda – FYI bus drivers were handing out flyers at pick up

Sheila will inform the school board

Greg – car in U parking for over a week – are we doing anything?

A – call police resource and search by plate

11. Adjournment

GB 24-01-07 It was motioned by Marcus Hamaker and seconded by Brenda Downes to adjourn the meeting at 7:38PM. The motion was carried unanimously.



Chris Pearson
GB Chair 2023-2024



Lucia Coretti,
Principal, PCHS