

**PIERREFONDS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD 2023-2024
Minutes of the Meeting held February 13, 2024**



Members Present: **Parents:** Debbie Begg, Brenda Downes, Daniel Obiri, Marcus Hamaker, Sheila Moody, Chris Pearson
Staff: Josie Arcobelli, Donna Blake, Angela Crosbie, Jackie Jansons, Keith Mills, Alexander Navarrete
Students: Nyla Alleyne, Lujain Hamdaqa

Administration: **Principal:** Lucia Coretti
VP: Aaryn Bradley

Commissioner: Craig Berger

Regrets/Absent: Greg Piggins, Howard Puritt, Jen Sholzberg

Recording Secretary: Sheila Moody

Public: Chris Eustace

1. Call to Order

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by Chris Pearson.

2. Agenda

2.1. Additions

2.2. Approval

GB 24-02-01 It was motioned by Marcus Hamaker and seconded by Daniel Obiri to approve the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Questions from the public

- Chris Eustace mentioned that he had forwarded emails re/ Bill 37 and Bill 47 to Chris.
- Chris confirmed that they are in the shared folder.

4. Minutes of the meetings held January 16, 2024

4.1. Corrections

4.2. Approval

GB 24-02-02 It was motioned by Brenda Downes and seconded by Daniel Obiri to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Business arising from the minutes

5.1. GB Budget

- Chris sent Lucia the quote for a new tent.
- We will apply the full budget if school pays the other half.
- Lucia confirmed school will pay the difference.

GB 24-02-03 It was motioned by Marcus Hamaker and seconded by Brenda Downes to use the GB Budget to purchase a new tent. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Reports

6.1. Students' Report

On shared drive and covered the following topics:

- Recent and upcoming school events
- An update on school clubs

6.2. Teachers' Report

- No official report
- Mentioned that students provided a good update on activities
- IB Evaluations taking place this week
- Student union has begun
- Black history month – celebrating Quanza this week – flag raising too

6.3. Support Staff Report

- Full report is on the shared drive
- Update from Ms. Sue – Green Team is getting up and running
- Library very well attended & used by students and staff
- 2 teams competing in battle of books
- Support staff continue to be involved in HW program and ECA's
- Bi-weekly visits to seniors' residence has resumed
 - Visit from Dan Mullins from the school board. He will be writing a story about this inter-generational activity for the Pearson News.

6.4. EDI Report

No report

6.5. Community Learning Center Report

NA

6.6. Commissioner's Report

- Council report is on shared drive
- Had a summary meeting with reports from different committees
- Will soon be looking at administrative staffing
- Criag needs to leave early for another GB meeting

6.7. Community Rep's Report

NA

6.8. Parent Representative's Report

- PC MSR on shared drive
- Interesting meeting – presentation by Matt Canavan – Tell it from Me Survey
- Wants student focus groups to action some of the things from the survey
- Lucia – will bring results to staff and it helps tweak the ABAV policy
- PC Meeting in March open to all parents on GB, possibly all parents – Brenda to share more info soon

6.9. IEP Rep for SNAC Report

- SNAC MSR on shared drive
- Received a presentation on Law 9 by Mme Maia Aziz
- Did a brief review of budget consultation which will be the focus of the next meeting

6.10. PPO Report

- Want to do another pizza fundraiser – Domino's opened a 2nd location
- Same idea – Habs game night
- Hoping for April 16th – waiting on confirmation
- Hoping to buy another stationary bike with money raised
- Allan sent out email about staff appreciation

GB 24-02-04 *It was motioned by Brenda Downes and seconded by Marcus Hamaker to approve another pizza fundraiser for PPO (date TBD). The motion was carried unanimously.*

6.11. Principal's Report

- Full report is on shared drive covering: Electives/Options, Term 2 Report Cards, New Educational Project, Science Fair, Black History Month activities, PCHS Student Union and Upcoming events

Other notes:

- Excited to be back
- Hats off to Sheila Honeybourne for a fantastic job
- Options and Electives assembly
- 19th PED day – special needs planning day

Q – Will there be a special needs student on student union?

A – Yes, there will be someone there

Q – Woodworking no longer part of art program?

A – It is now an elective

Q – Options for IB students?

A – All options will be presented to students including IB, and then email will be sent to parents with a link to the website

6.11.1. Field Trips

It was motioned by Daniel Obiri and seconded by Jackie Jansons to approve the following field trips. The motion was carried unanimously.

	Event	Date	Grade	Cost	Transport	Ratio	Supervision	Responsible	Approved
								Staff Member	School Council
GB 24-02-05	PC Players Retreat	March 17-19	7-11 pc players	\$250	parents	1:10	PCHS staff	Lori Brown	Feb. 7/24
GB 24-02-06	POWE McGill Conference	Feb. 15	6 grade 11 students	\$0	parents	1:10	Doug Collins	Doug Collins	Feb. 7/24
GB 24-02-07	CSC - leadership in elementary schools	Feb. 23	4 Central Students Committee Reps	\$0	parents	1:10	Deborah Dixon	Deborah Dixon	Feb. 7/24

It was motioned by Alexander Navarrete and seconded by Angela Crosbie to approve the following field trip. The motion was carried unanimously.

	Event	Date	Grade	Cost	Transport	Ratio	Supervision	Responsible	Approved
								Staff Member	School Council
GB 24-02-08	NYC trip	May 2nd-5th	***open to grade 9 students now	\$1,364	bus	1:10	PCHS Staff	Josie Arcobelli	Feb. 7/24

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

	Event	Date	Grade	Cost	Transport	Ratio	Supervision	Responsible	Approved
								Staff Member	School Council
GB 24-02-09	Europe trip	June 24th-July 1st	***open to grade 9 students now	\$4,059	air/bus	1:10	PCHS Staff	Josie Arcobelli	Feb. 7/24

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

It was motioned by Brenda Downes and seconded by Donna Blake to approve the following fundraisers. The motion was carried unanimously.

	Event	Date	Description of event	Cost	Person Responsible	Approved School Council
GB 24-02-10	NYC trip raffle fundraiser	Feb. 7- April 28	Students will sell raffle tickets (donated prizes)- NYC trip	\$5 or less	J. Arcobelli	Feb. 7/24
GB 24-02-11	Europe trip raffle fundraiser	Feb. 7- April 28	Students will sell raffle tickets (donated prizes)- Europe trip	\$5 or less	J. Arcobelli	Feb. 7/24

6.11.4. Service Contracts

No service contracts

6.12. Chairpersons Report

No report

7. New Business

7.1. Changes to School Calendar

7.1.1. Postpone Parent-Teacher interviews to Feb 29th

GB 24-02-12 *It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Jackie Jansons to postpone Parent-Teacher interviews until February 29th. The motion was carried unanimously.*

7.1.2. Move late entry day to March 1st

GB 24-02-13 *It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Jackie Jansons to move the late entry day to March 1st. The motion was carried unanimously.*

7.2. School Uniform 2024-2025

- Issue with students dressing inappropriately – not improving
- Idea – uniform – top only (any PC gear but no hoodies – crew neck instead, possibly polo shirt)
- Ms. Coretti will get quotes from various companies
- Want it to be easy
- Will consider pricing – range of products
- Will still be allowed to order hoodies next year

Various comments ensued:

- Heated topic at PC – rough implementation at JRHS this year
- Grads donating uniforms highly successful at Riverdale
- Can you get gear mid year? Yes
- Can make it easier on kids (less competition)
- Caution against using a smaller vendor – bigger ones like Sports Experts will host the store
- Tends to be less expensive overall
- Chris has contacts

Tabled until next GB

New Logo

- No drastic changes – just cleaner – want to finalize logo before uniform in place
- Per Chris, difficult to get brand recognition back if you make a substantial change
- Comment that complicated logos will increase cost for embroidery, etc.

Q: How long has existing logo been in place?

A: Answer coming at next meeting

Tabled until next GB

7.3. Local Field Trip Policy

- Ratios – referenced the information from the school board and polled the staff
- Chris felt 1:15 was high
- Spoke to other high schools to get their parameters
- Policy is for next year, can adjust if needed
- Formalizing policy primarily for behaviour and missing school in case they need to exclude a student

Q: Do ratios reflect students with special needs?

A: Will be adjusted according to student needs and school absorbs cost

Tabled to allow time to for due diligence before voting

GB 24-02-14 It was motioned by Brenda Downes and seconded by Marcus Hamaker to extend the meeting by 30 minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Correspondence

8.1. Incoming

None

8.2. Outgoing

None

9. Varia

10. Questions from the Public

Q: Is Finance Ed and Civil Law a course?

A: Financial literacy attached to Contemporary Worlds – compulsory class. Civil Law has not been offered in a while – could be offered as an elective but will need a teacher to teach it

- In the past, uniform idea never passed, but he would like to see it implemented
- A lot of students wear PC gear already to school

11. Adjournment

GB 24-02-15 It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Brenda Downes to adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM. The motion was carried unanimously.



Chris Pearson
GB Chair 2023-2024



Lucia Coretti
Principal, PCHS