

**PIERREFONDS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD 2023-2024
Minutes of the Meeting held March 19, 2024**



Members Present: **Parents:** Debbie Begg, Brenda Downes, Daniel Obiri, Marcus Hamaker, Melanie Mammarella (ALT), Sheila Moody, Chris Pearson, Greg Piggins
Staff: Josie Arcobelli, Jackie Jansons, Keith Mills, Jen Sholzberg, Alexander Navarrete
Students: Nyla Alleyne, Lujain Hamdaqa

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

Commissioner: Craig Berger

Regrets/Absent: Debbie Begg, Howard Puritt, Donna Blake, Angela Crosbie

Recording Secretary: Sheila Moody

Public: Chris Eustace

1. Call to Order

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:36PM by Chris Pearson.

2. Agenda

2.1. Additions

2.2. Approval

GB 24-03-01 *It was motioned by Brenda Downes and seconded by Greg Piggins to approve the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.*

3. Questions from the public

- Chris Eustace sent information to Chris Pearson and Ms. Coretti on educa-loi (online) for teachers, educators, and students
- Ms. Coretti said there is a new course replacing the current ESC. Certain teachers will go to the board to get trained. It's in the beginning stages.

4. Minutes of the meetings held February 13, 2024

4.1. Corrections

4.2. Approval

GB 24-03-02 *It was motioned by Brenda Downes and seconded by Greg Piggins to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.*

5. Business arising from the minutes

5.1. School Uniform 2024-2025

- Ms. Coretti reached out to all HS principals for input
- Sports Experts seems to be the best supplier
- Ms. Coretti shared the ordering website and samples of gear
- Next year, they can still wear existing PCHS gear.
- Plan to have information sessions for grade 7's in June (can present uniforms there)

Q – Last time showed us new logos

A – Sticking with existing logo

GB 24-03-03 *It was motioned by Greg Piggins and seconded by Jen Sholzberg to approve school uniforms starting with the 2024-2025 school year. The motion was carried with 1 objection.*

5.2. Local Field Trip Policy

- Clarified that this was simply an internal policy to support new teachers

6. Reports

6.1. Students' Report

- Full report is on the shared drive
- Students mentioned recent events including grad semi-formal, Black history month and Semaine de la Francophonie
- They talked about upcoming events and trips
- They mentioned some new clubs and said there would be a manga / anime contest

6.2. Teachers' Report

- No formal report
- A lot already mentioned by the students
- There will be an art exhibit in May - The art department is preparing for it now

6.3. Support Staff Report

- Full report is on the shared drive
- Support staff remain heavily involved in ECA's and after school HW program
- More and more students volunteering to go to senior's homes
- Greener Solutions – new stage opportunity started by Ms. Sue – collections benefit the Welcome Collection. Also working with Genie in a Bottle – those funds go to support cancer patients
- Detailed update from library – see report
- WOTP student doing her stage in library – more students will participate in April

6.4. EDI Report

6.5. Community Learning Center Report

NA

6.6. Commissioner's Report

- Full report is on the shared drive
- Transportation strike has ended
- Renewed Cindy Finn's contract for 5 years
- Change to school calendar due to solar eclipse
- Money from government benefiting some vocational and adult ed programs

6.7. Community Rep's Report

NA

6.8. Parent Representative's Report

- MSR on shared drive
- Presentation put on by the Parents Committee last week – social bias on Quebec Language issues – very interesting
- Next PC meeting moved
- Back in person for remainder of year

6.9. IEP Rep for SNAC Report

- Full report is on the shared drive
- SNAC received its annual update on the status of students with exceptionalities at the LBPSB and an overview of the LBPSB budget and discretionary funds in advance of budget consultation response.
- There was a brief explanation of a new provincial project in conjunction with EPCA. All 9 school boards are requested to send a representative from their own SNAC.
- Next meeting is last one (March 27) other than year end dinner in May. Matthew Kennedy will present options for older students.

6.10. PPO Report

- No meeting last month due to staff appreciation
- Pizza night will be held on April 16th – same format as last time
- Jackie & Josie said thank you for spoiling them - on behalf of all the teachers.
- Brenda noted that we'll provide more gluten free options next year

6.11. Principal's Report

- Full report is on the shared drive
- A lot already said
- Lots of activities around Black History month
 - First time we offered a black career day with 4 local entrepreneurs
- School success planning day to review with all staff – we must re-write educational project for next 5 years – got input from all and the committee will compile the input
- Term 2 report cards and PT interviews went smoothly
 - Better attendance due to zoom
- May/June exam schedules – hope to finalize by end of April
- Greener Solutions campaign (mentioned by Keith) – collecting cans, bottles – good in-school stage opportunity
- April 8th PED day – getting solar eclipse glasses to distribute to the students
- Grade 11's going to JRHS next Wed/Thu for Model UN
- Lujain – highlighted on LBPSB's FB page – for Int'l Women's Day
- Staff appreciation – thanks to PPO; admin treated them to a barista for a day – very popular

6.11.1. Field Trips

It was motioned by Josie Arcobelli and seconded by Marcus Hamaker to approve the following field trips. The motion was carried unanimously.

	Event	Date	Grade	Cost	Transport	Ratio	Supervision	Responsible Staff Member
GB 24-03-04	CSC Teen Summit	17-Apr	open to 10 grade 9 - 11 students	\$0	parents	1:10	Deborah Dixon	Patricia Donovan
GB 24-03-05	Buddy Bench- Terry Fox Elementary	12-Apr	Grade 8 woodworking students	\$0	carpooling	1:06	PCHS Staff	Peter Oland
GB 24-03-06	Quebec City Trip	April 29-30th	Grade 8 IB	\$180	coach bus	1:10	PCHS staff	Eva Kratochvil
GB 24-03-07	Old Montreal Trip	12-Apr	Grade 7 IB	\$25	school bus	1:10	PCHS staff	Eva Kratochvil

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 Josie Arcobelli and seconded by Greg Piggins to approve the following fundraisers. The motion was carried unanimously.

	Event	Date	Description of event	Cost	Person Responsible	Approved School Council
GB 24-03-08	PCHS Mall- business class	May 6-17	Grade 11 business students run a mall- profits will go to a local charity	TBD	Tiffany Thuraisamy	14-Mar
GB 24-03-09	Woodworking Store & Services	May-June	sell Adirondack chairs & canoes & planter boxes	\$75 plus	Peter Oland	14-Mar
GB 24-03-10	Art Exhibit- silent auction	14-May	sell student art to support the art clubs- parental/student consent	silent auction	Peter Oland & Roxanne Leclaire	14-Mar
GB 24-03-11	Bagging grocery at Adonis- Europe & NYC	May-June	raise money to reduce cost of trips	donations	Joise Arcobelli	14-Mar

6.11.4. Service Contracts
No service contracts

6.12. Chairpersons Report
No report

7. New Business

7.1. By-law 1 (2024) – a by-law to fix the day, time, and place of the regular meetings of the council of commissioners & **By-law 1e (2024)** – a by-law to fix the day, time, and place of the regular meetings of the executive committee. (April 12)
No official comment

7.2. Consultation Governing Board Composition (April 4)
Q: Do we specify alternates?
A: no talk of it
We are at max
No comment so it stays the same

7.3. May Meeting Date
Majority voted (online) to move it to May 21 due to art exhibit

8. Correspondence

8.1. Incoming

8.1.1. By-Law 9 - Complaint Process, adopted at the Council Meeting of February 26, 2024

8.2. Outgoing

None

9. Varia

Q: Did we finalize getting a tent?

A: Yes, it should be ordered by the end of the week (2 tents)

Q: Will we get air tags for tents?

A: Ms. Coretti will make sure all our stuff is locked away

Note that Adonis bagging starts this weekend

10. Questions from the Public


Chris made a comment that he feels hybrid or zoom meetings are very convenient and more green

11. Adjournment

GB 24-03-12 *It was motioned by Brenda Downes and seconded by Greg Piggins to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM. The motion was carried unanimously.*



Chris Pearson
GB Chair 2023-2024



Lucia Coretti
Principal, PCHS