



**PIERREFONDS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD 2023-2024
Minutes of the Meeting held April 9, 2024**

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

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

Commissioner: Craig Berger

Regrets/Absent: Greg Piggins, Howard Puritt

Recording Secretary: Sheila Moody

Public: Chris Eustace

1. Call to Order

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:31PM by Chris Pearson.

2. Agenda

2.1. Additions

2.2. Approval

GB 24-04-01 *It was motioned by Brenda Downes and seconded by Jackie Jansons to approve the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.*

3. Questions from the public

Congratulations to the 3 students who won the genius awards – featured on CTV news

Q: Was his correspondence received? A: Yes, it's in the shared folder

4. Minutes of the meetings held March 19, 2024

4.1. Corrections

4.2. Approval

GB 24-04-02 *It was motioned by Alexander Navarrete and seconded by Brenda Downes to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.*

5. Business arising from the minutes

6. Reports

6.1. Students' Report

The full report is on the shared drive. It includes:

- Recent events such as Model UN, Science & Technology Fair, Easter Activities, and more
- Upcoming Events such as the Play, Art Exhibition, trips and more
- Concerns
 - Cafeteria prices and quality of food
 - WOTP often left out of assemblies due to stage
 - Want feminine hygiene products in washrooms

6.2. Teachers' Report

The full report is on the shared drive. It includes:

- The juvenile girl's futsal team beat KSS in OT 3-1 for the city banner
- 3 students will be attending the Provincial Track meet as part of the GMAA team
- 6 members of our wrestling team attended the Canadian Nationals
- The Model UN took place at JRHS with our Secondary 5 students each taking part in the 2-day event.
- Members of the Sports Admin helped Beechwood elementary school with their skating day at the DDO civic center.
- Art exhibit
- PC Players

6.3. Support Staff Report

The full report is on the shared drive. It includes:

- April is poetry month at the library – there will be activities
- Stats on books purchased, borrowed, overdue
- 5 WOTP students doing stage in library
- Support staff still involved with ECA's and HW program
- Senior visits still going strong

6.4. EDI Report

6.5. Community Learning Center Report

NA

6.6. Commissioner's Report

- The report is on the shared drive
- Craig offered his congratulations to PCHS for all the recent accolades
- There are a few consultations coming
- School board elections are happening in November

6.7. Community Rep's Report

NA

6.8. Parent Representative’s Report

Supposed to meet this Thursday, in person

6.9. IEP Rep for SNAC Report

- The MSR is not yet available, but SNAC held its final meeting with a presentation on services for older students by Matthew Kennedy

6.10. PPO Report

- Pizza lunch happening next Tuesday
- Would like approval for a bake sale during art exhibit (depends on success of pizza event)

GB 24-04-03 *It was motioned by Brenda Downes and seconded by Angela Crosbie to approve a bake sale during the art exhibit. The motion was carried unanimously.*

6.11. Principal’s Report

The full report is on the shared drive. It includes:

- Model UN
- Regional Science Fair results
- Update to Intercom System
- Summer Camps (will ensure our equipment is protected)
- Summer School 2024
- PC Players
- Art Exhibit
- Kairos Blanket Exercise
- Youth Stars
- Online Safety Campaign

6.11.1. Field Trips

No field trips

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 Angela Crosbie to approve the first fundraiser (freezies). It was motioned by Alexander Navarrete and seconded by Marcus Hamaker to approve the second fundraiser (bake sale). Both motions were carried unanimously.

	Event	Date	Description of event	Cost	Person Responsible
GB 24-04-04	Prom Fundraiser-Freezie & Snacks	May-June	raise funds to cover additional costs of prom	\$2-\$5	Lucia Coretti
GB 24-04-05	Bake Sale during Art Exhibit (if not done by PPO)	May 14th	raise funds to cover additional costs of prom	\$2-\$5	Lucia Coretti

Note: Per Brenda – not worth doing pizza during the day (not profitable) but bake sale is worth it

6.11.4. Service Contracts
No service contracts

6.12. Chairpersons Report
No report

7. New Business

7.1. 2024-2025 Code of Conduct

Ms. Coretti shared the revised policy that was approved by school council today
Changes versus last year highlighted in yellow and discussed

Q – Dress code – should we say no hoodies?

A – We aren't selling them anymore but the ones that exist already are grandfathered

Academic integrity – It includes but is not limited to the following actions:

Q – Can we include texting apps and cameras on laptops

A – It's there – noted that laptops are for educational purposes only

Also, FYI that we are currently trying to see if some of the social media outlets can be shut off the PCHS
Wi-Fi access

GB 24-04-06 *It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Brenda Downs to approve the 2024=2025 Code of Conduct. The motion was carried unanimously.*

7.2. 2024-2025 School Calendar

Ms. Coretti shared and presented the new calendar

GB 24-04-07 *It was motioned by Daniel Obiri and seconded by Melanie Mammarella to approve the 2024=2025 School Calendar. The motion was carried unanimously.*

8. Correspondence

8.1. Incoming

8.2. Outgoing

None

9. Varia

Next meeting will be May 21st

10. Questions from the Public

Pleased to see the new cell phone policy – should be the case for all high schools

Concern regarding the prom - \$140 per student? What is photo booth? Worried it's too costly for some.

A: \$140 is low based on hall rental prices – other high schools \$160-\$240

Covers the meal, the DJ and the photo booth is something the students wanted – get a print

Q: Why do you need permission from school board on the date of parent-teacher meetings, whether it's in person or hybrid – thinks governing board should decide

A: Board gets recommendations from ministry of education (deadline dates). This year it was the principal's choice on whether it's virtual or not.

11. Adjournment

GB 24-04-08 *It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Brenda Downes to adjourn the meeting at 7:26PM. The motion was carried unanimously.*

Chris Pearson
GB Chair 2023-2024

Lucia Coretti
Principal, PCHS