



**PIERREFONDS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
GOVERNING BOARD 2023-2024  
Minutes of the Meeting held May 21, 2024**

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

**Administration:** **Principal:** Lucia Coretti  
**VP:** Aaryn Bradley, Allan Fink

**Commissioner:** Craig Berger

**Regrets/Absent:** Howard Puritt, Keith Mills, Jen Sholzberg

**Recording Secretary:** Sheila Moody

**Public:** Chris Eustace

**1. Call to Order**

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:34PM by Chris Pearson.

**2. Agenda**

**2.1. Additions**

- Air conditioning at school – add to varia

**2.2. Approval**

**GB 24-05-01** *It was motioned by Brenda Downes and seconded by Greg Piggins to approve the agenda with this one addition. The motion was carried unanimously.*

**3. Questions from the public**

Q: Any update on cell phones?

A: Voted last time not allowed on campus during school day including lunch and breaks

Q: Holocaust center – CAQ said there would be money to attend – how many at PCHS have taken advantage?

A: Teachers can access cultural grants – teacher driven – may not have gone there this year but took advantage of other places.

#### **4. Minutes of the meetings held March 19, 2024**

##### **4.1. Corrections**

##### **4.2. Approval**

**GB 24-05-02** *It was motioned by Greg Piggins and seconded by Debra Begg to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.*

#### **5. Business arising from the minutes: None**

#### **6. Reports**

##### **6.1. Students' Report**

- Full report is in the shared folder
- Spoke about recent events such as student union elections, trips, sports, and the play
- And upcoming events such as June exams, Grad Colour Wars, Prom, and Convocation

##### **6.2. Teachers' Report**

- No official report
- Not much to add to student report
- Sports banquet upcoming
- Art exhibit was amazing
- Grad Colour Wars coming up

##### **6.3. Support Staff Report**

- Full report is in the shared folder
- Read by Chris as Keith sent his regards
- Includes an update on the library including the fact that May is Asian Heritage month in the library
- Gave an update on greener solutions
- Support staff still involved in homework program, ECA's and did the final lunch with seniors

##### **6.4. EDI Report**

##### **6.5. Community Learning Center Report**

NA

##### **6.6. Commissioner's Report**

- Full report is in the shared folder
- Main thing – lots of resolutions for summer projects
- Next meeting they will discuss admin staffing
- Election coming up in November
- LBPSB won three QESBA Excellence in Education Awards

##### **6.7. Community Rep's Report**

NA

**6.8. Parent Representative’s Report**

- Put a presentation in shared drive – recommend we review (Allo Prof)
- Met Regional Directors – talked about AC – older buildings don’t have infrastructure to accommodate
- Next meeting early June
- Comment – if buildings heated with oil- could be an issue as government pushes to remove oil

**6.9. IEP Rep for SNAC Report**

- Last meeting was in March – no further reports this year

**6.10. PPO Report**

- \$405 raised for Dominos fundraiser and \$312 from Flipgive
  - 8 Frying pans and 3 full cooking sets provided to cooking class
  - \$200 Grad Awards
  - Bus driver cookies
- Will help with convocation
- Last meeting in June – likely a dinner

**6.11. Principal’s Report**

- Read by Allan Fink as Lucia Coretti was only present for field trip approvals
- Full report is in the shared folder
- Covered: Returning School Devices on Loan, TAG (Teacher Advisory Group), Use of Chromebooks/Laptops Staff Survey, May-June Exams, Grad Fun Day/Color Wars, 2024-2025 Student Union Reps, Term 2 Honor Roll Breakfast, Community Art Exhibit and Upcoming Events

Q: Does TAG replace take 20?  
 A: No but take 20 will be reduced

**6.11.1. Field Trips**

*It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Greg Piggins to approve the following field trip. The motion was carried unanimously.*

	Event	Date	Grade	Cost	Transport	Ratio	Supervision	Responsible	Approved
								Staff Member	School Council
<b>GB 24-05-03</b>	Disney in Orlando Florida	Feb. 13th-17th, 2025	Grade 11	\$2,535	air/bus	1:07	PCHS Staff	Caroline Clarke	07-May

*It was motioned by Greg Piggins and seconded by Brenda Downes to approve the following field trip. The motion was carried unanimously.*

	Event	Date	Grade	Cost	Transport	Ratio	Supervision	Responsible	Approved
								Staff Member	School Council
<b>GB 24-05-04</b>	Stratford Festival	Oct. 17-19	Grade 8-11	\$635	bus	1:10	PCHS Staff	Lori Brown	07-May

**6.11 Field Trips (continued)**

*It was motioned by Alexander Navarrete and seconded by Greg Piggins to approve the following field trip. The motion was carried unanimously.*

	Event	Date	Grade	Cost	Transport	Ratio	Supervision	Responsible	Approved
								Staff Member	School Council
<b>GB 24-05-05</b>	Toronto & Niagara Falls	May 1-3, 2025	Grad Trip	\$685	bus	1:10	PCHS Staff	Rawan Moudarres	07-May

*It was motioned by Brenda Downes and seconded by Daniel Obiri to approve the following field trips once approved at school council. The motion was carried unanimously.*

	Event	Date	Grade	Cost	Transport	Ratio	Supervision	Responsible	Approved
								Staff Member	School Council
<b>GB 24-05-06</b>	Sunshine Academy-year end BBQ	06-Jun	BBQ club students	\$0	carpooling	1:04	PCHS Staff	Dan Vanson	pending May 23
<b>GB 24-05-07</b>	Theatre appreciation-WISTA: Grease	28-May	grade 7-11	\$20	parents	1:11	PCHS Staff	Lori Brown	pending May 23

**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**

None

**6.11.4. Service Contracts**

No service contracts

**6.12. Chairpersons Report**

No report

## 7. New Business

### 7.1. School Survey Issue

- There is a letter from board about a technical glitch in the shared folder

### 7.2. Consultation - Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2024-2027 (June 7)

- Declining enrolment

The PCHS Governing Board has decided not to comment on this

### 7.3. Consultation – equity diversion policy

- It was very well written

The PCHS Governing Board has decided not to comment on this

## 8. Correspondence

### 8.1. Incoming

### 8.2. Outgoing

- Governing Board Composition 2024-2025 Final
- Our composition remains unchanged

## 9. Varia – AC repair

- The AC is not working, and we are unable to open windows
- Fans will be delivered tomorrow AM
- AC is being fixed and should be operational by mid day

## 10. Questions from the Public

Q: Asked for clarification on Brenda's comment about buildings re/AC

A: Brenda clarified older schools cannot accommodate AC (electrical panel) plus expensive to run per Craig  
Said he will see everyone at convocation

Jackie mentioned that we need a back up plan for schools like PCHS with no windows when system goes down  
Chris said they had CNESST come in and then the board gave \$ (re/air quality) – could try same approach

## 11. Adjournment

**GB 24-05-08** *It was motioned by Angela Crosbie and seconded by Brenda Downes to adjourn the meeting at 7:19PM. The motion was carried unanimously.*

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Chris Pearson  
GB Chair 2023-2024

Lucia Coretti  
Principal, PCHS