

PIERREFONDS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

GOVERNING BOARD 2024-2025

Minutes of the Meeting held on April 8th 2025 PCHS Virtual



Members Present: **Parents:** Chris Pearson (Chairperson) Greg Pigins (*Parent Rep*) Debbie Begg, Brenda Downes(PPO), Melanie Mammarella, Rosana Pistilli, Daniel Obiri ,
Staff: Angela Jane Crosbie, Josie Arcobelli, Donna Blake, Keith Mills (support staff) Jennifer Sholzberg
Students: Melissa Levine, Presley Cleaveland

Administration: **Principal:** Kathleen O'Reilly (Interim),

Commissioner: Alaina Charszan

Community Reps: None

Regrets/Absent: Saad Ahmed, Talia D'Costa, Rawan Moudarres, Daniel Vanson, Alexander Navarrete, Jacqueline Jansons, V.P Nathalie Cheff, V.P Allan Fink

Recording Secretary: Melanie Mammarella

Public: Chris Eustace

1. CALL TO ORDER

Quorum was established and Chris Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

2. AGENDA

2.1. Additions

None

2.2. Approve

GB 25-04-01 *It was motioned by Melanie Mammarella and seconded by Brenda Downes to approve the agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.*

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Q: Chris Eustace:

Chris Eustace asked about the \$5.5 million in cuts, asking if any cuts or service reductions were made prior to March 31.

A: Miss O'Reilly:

Miss O'Reilly shared that the construction of two elementary schools, which had been scheduled to begin, has been put on hold.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 18TH 2025

4.1. Corrections

None

GB 25-04-02 *It was motioned by Gregg Piggins and seconded by Rosanna Pistilli to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.*

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 NONE

6. REPORTS

6.1. Students' Report

Full report is on the shared drive and includes the following subjects:

- Spring Fling dance will be taking place this Friday for our grades 9 and 10s, with grade 11 students volunteering
- Juvy Girls Badminton team won silver medals at their finals game yesterday
- Students have been actively bagging groceries at Provigo Kirkland to raise money for their respective upcoming school trips
- Battle of the Books team got gold in their final competition.
- 7th annual PCHS-JRHS Model U.n, with over 400 Grade 11 students participating in both days
- 2nd annual art exhibit will be on April 29th, with students in all art-driven courses building and creating pieces to be on display.
- Spring Spirit week is currently happening ran by grade 11 leadership students
- PC Players went on their yearly retreat to deeply rehearse for their upcoming shows. Tickets have begun public sale for Footloose, which will be presented on April 24th, 25th and 26th.
- Students participated in the Montreal Regional Science Fair which took place at our school
- Student Union elections are in the process of being worked on, with candidates to begin running shortly.
- Recent assembly, where all grade levels anonymously wrote down and shared what they have seen at PCHS, and what they would like to do to aid the situation.'

6.2. Teacher's Report

Full report is on the shared drive and includes the following subjects:

- A season of silver lining for our sport team for the end of the winter season with our
- Juvy Boys and Bantam girls Futsal teams each won silver. Yesterday our Juvy Girls Badminton team also won silver as a team, and tomorrow a few compete for individual medals.
- Juvy Boys Basketball team will be leaving Friday for Provincials this weekend in Trois Rivières with coach Eli. This is the first time any of our basketball teams have gone to provincials and they are excited at the unexpected outcome.
- We hosted a grade 5 Futsal tournament with the GMAA. We had schools that were both local and from other parts of Montreal come to play for the day with our students helping ref the

games. It was a great time and a huge thank you to the phys ed department for accommodating it-especially Señor for setting up the space to make it possible.

- Spring sports have started with our season having multiple teams starting on April 17th.
- The RWC has started to practice at PC full time and the partnership will have our underused Dance room renovated.
- The Regional Science Fair happened in our gym at the end of March. Students from all around Montreal came to showcase their projects and innovative ideas. They participated in workshops and the event was well attended.
- Once again JRHS joined us here for Model UN. The secondary 5 students spend weeks preparing their resolutions and learning about their designated country.
- PC Players is holding this year's production of Footloose at the end of the month. They are working hard and have 4 shows starting April 24th to 26th. Tickets on sale before and at the door.
- Battle of the Books took place with PCHS taking home the banner!

6.3. Support Staff

- Support Staff continue to be involved with ECA's and the homework program. Lunches with the seniors in the Pierrefonds Community are drawing to a close. The BBQ club under the direction of Mr. Dan Vanson will be catering a closing lunch on May 14th. Ms Lori Brown (directs Footloose) has made it possible for seniors to attend a performance of Footloose on Tuesday April 22 at noon. In our lunch last week with the seniors, they were excited that they will be able to take in the performance (admittance is free)
- Volunteering at the Photo Studio is going well. Families have been appreciative of the students who have helped with the set-up of family portraits.

Library Update

- Collection development and promotion:
- Displays for this month include the À Go On Lit thématique du mois "Enquêtes" and a display for National Poetry Month.
- PCHS competed in the western region competition for Battle of the Books on Thursday March 20th. Our team came in 2nd place in our region, and 3rd overall, making them eligible to move onto the next level of the competition, the Board battle (semi-finals). The Board battle, held at the LBPSB head office, took place on Thursday April 3rd in the evening. Our team won first place in the and are now moving on to the finals, the Ultimate Battle on April 29th at The Study.
- The library this month has been used for a small portion of the Science fair, the Drop the Vape presentations, tutoring, and more. Our WOTP students have also received some training in the library to gain work experience. They are also providing some much needed help in the library.

6.4. EDI report

None

6.5. Commissioner's Report

- Thanks everybody for being invited
- Shares upcoming elections and that a PED day was moved to April 28th
- Mentions that they are updating policies such as harassment in the work place

6.6. Community Reps Reports

None

6.7. Parent Representative's Report

None

6.8. IEP Rep for SNAC Report

None

6.9. PPO Report

Full report is on the shared drive and includes the following subjects:

- Brenda shares that they raised enough money at the last pizza fundraiser to purchase an 18 spot bike rack for the students
- Next event will be the cookies for the bus our bus drivers
- Next meeting is on May 3rd

6.10 Principal's Report

Full report is on the shared drive and includes the following subjects:

- Miss O'Reiley shared the upcoming anti-racism plan, which focuses on four key areas: staff, community, students, and parents.
- They are currently assessing the needs of students and staff.
- A vetting community was formed (ESD, SSD, Admin, Community partners). Organization will need to submit a proposal to the committee to see if it will meet our needs.
- Upcoming Student workshops include Overture With The Arts (OWTA) is proud to present "P is for Privilege" , The Power of Words, and Unpacking the N-Word

6.10.1 Fieldtrips

- Miss Arcobeli is taking the students to Amy's for breakfast
- Mr. Vanson cooking tutorial at Inter-marché Palumbo
- Beechwood Leadership taking place on June 5th (BBQ Club)
- Trip to Strandford cost 630.00\$

GB 25-04-03 *It was motioned by Jennifer Sholzberg and seconded by Brenda Downes to approve the Fieldtrips. The motion was carried unanimously.*

6.10.2 Rental

None

6.10.3 Fundraising

- Mr. Morgan planning to make 10-12 Adirondack chairs and sell them for 130\$
- Mrs. Bertrand is planning a car wash and a coffee treat table to help with the costs of prom

GB 25-04-04 *It was motioned by Angela Jane Crosbie and seconded by Jennifer Sholzberg to approve the Fieldtrips. The motion was carried unanimously.*

6.10.4 Service contracts

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

8.1. Incoming

None

8.2. Outgoing

None

9. VARIA

None

10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Q: CHRIS EUSTACE: Gives a big shoutout to Chris Pearson who helped him out with some frustrating computer issues that were preventing him from logging in. Thanks again, Chris, for your patience and support. You're a real Goodman!

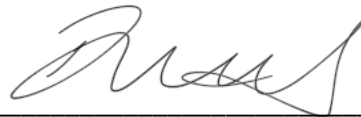
11. ADJOURNMENT

GB 25-04-05 *It was motioned by Angela Jane Crosbie and seconded by Jennifer Sholzberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:08PM. The motion was carried unanimously*



Chris Pearson

GB Chair 2024-2025



Daniel Maag

Principal, PCHS