



106 Dorset Road, Baie d'Urfe

Governing Board

## MINUTES

Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 – 5:30 PM

**Attendance:** Claudia Perez, Linda Kollar, Scott Taylor, Suzanne Black, Bill Petersen, Betty Cindric, Eric Bender, Lisa Gonsavles, Natalie Maurice, Cari Wurst, Mo Namazi, France Bourassa, Emma McGillivray, Christine McLean, Wendy Longlade, Danielle Nethercott, Pary Skarogiannis. Tracey McKee

### Regrets:

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by Claudia Perez. Seconded by Mo Namazi. All in favor.
2. **Approval of Minutes of February 20th, 2020 meeting** – Motioned by Danielle Nethercott. Seconded by Lisa Gonsalves. All in favor.
3. **Public Question Period** – No public present.

### 4. Reports:

#### 4.1 Principal

School life came to a halt on the evening of March 12<sup>th</sup>. We are all truly living through and doing our best to navigate these new and challenging times. At the school level, we are being doing our best to support our students, staff and community. We continue to provide online resources and connections to our students through phone calls, emails, Google Classroom, See Saw, Dojo and ZOOM. I hope that I did not forget anything!

The first week of May involved the staff packing up the student's materials and organized a safe recuperation plan. This is where we are at – and the situation continues to evolve daily.

However, at the office we are busy looking forward to and planning for next year. Hence, all of the attachments you are receiving to look through for the meeting. We are currently at 320 students for next year, and it is nice to see the growth that Dorset has had over the past years!

So the focus now remains on the support for the staff, students and community.  
Together – we can!

#### **4.2 Staff**

February 24th and February 27th Dorset held its 48th Avey Storytelling. The stories were awesome and all students excelled in their performances. Judges had a hard time with their final choices once again!

February 26th: Staff and students were encouraged to wear Pink Shirts for anti-bullying.

February 28th: Students were entertained by watching the movie Ice Age at end the week before the March break. Kindergarten and Cycle 1 (& 1 of the Cycle 2) classes viewed in the morning and the remaining Cycle 2 & Cycle 3 in the afternoon.

March 10th & 11th: Students participated in Tuque Tuesday and Jersey Wednesday.

On Tuesday March 10th and Wednesday March 11th students in grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 invited Katie Battle for a pop-up workshop. Ms. Battle is a local artist and former Dorset alumni who specializes in paper art. She gave nine workshops of 45 minutes each during art class on the introduction of pop-up art! The kids were fascinated by 'Mme Pop-up"! Each student experimented with two different pop up styles. Ms. Battle was scheduled to come back on March 24&25 for a follow up workshop but unfortunately that was not possible with school being closed. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to collaborate in the future. In the meantime, Mme. Keileigh prepared some at home pop-up card activities for the students to work on while in isolation. Keep calm and pop-up on!"

March 11th: Kindergarten Eye Screening Visit

March 11th: Consultants from LEARN came to Dorset to support learning projects using Micro bits in Cycle 3.

March 12th: Students, aides and teachers (Grades 3-6) enjoyed a beautiful day of tubing at Mont Avila, while the younger grades K-2 participated in Carnival Activities set up by the Phys. Ed. teachers.

March 13th - COVID-19. STOP.

### **4.3 Parent Rep**

No report.

### **4.4 Home and School**

No report.

### **4.5 Daycare**

Although Dorset Daycare is currently closed, we are helping to staff and coordinate emergency daycare services at several of our LBPSB schools for essential workers. We would like to thank everyone involved who is helping with this much needed service at this time. We are working hard to prepare for a potential reopening on May 25th.

Since school and daycare services ended as of March 13th, we have adjusted lunch and daycare statements of account to reflect the closure. All over payments will be rectified in June. Parents will be able to apply their credits towards future daycare/lunch services or have a refund issued.

Modified tax receipts have been issued for any 2019 payments received after the initial February deadline. All receipts are available on Fusion in the name of the payer.

Daycare and lunch registration for next school year is currently ongoing via Fusion. All parents are asked to register by May 22nd. If no service is required, we still ask parents to log into their Fusion Portal to indicate their needs. Parents who have students in joint custody are asked to register individually. You are asked to contact Lisa to coordinate payments either by percentage or calendar. A custody calendar will need to be submitted as well, highlighting the days with each parent.

### **Projected Fees for 2020-2021**

Breakfast-\$1.50 per morning-no increase

Lunch -\$2.25 per day-no increase

Daycare-\$8.50 per day-rate set by government

Ped Day Supervision-\$10.00 per Ped Day + activity fee (to be approved by governing board)

Motioned by Claudia Perez. Seconded by Emma McGillivray. All in favor.

Due to the uncertainty at this time, we have decided to avoid planning activities requiring service contracts or outings for our future Ped days. We would therefore only like to submit the following first 2 in-house Ped Days to be animated by our daycare educators for approval:

#### **4.6 Commissioner**

During this time of unprecedented challenge for all of us, I trust you and your family are coping as well as possible. As you know, the situation regarding teaching and learning in Quebec changes from day-to-day and the school board and our schools have been communicating directly with parents and employees to keep the community up-to-date. So in this report, I will not attempt to duplicate this information but instead present some of the other issues that we have been addressing during the shutdown.

#### ***In Memorium***

*In honour of longtime (1998-2014) LBPSB Commissioner and educator Joseph Zemanovich, who recently passed away from COVID-19 related causes, and also in memory of the many others in our community who have perished recently in the pandemic as well as those souls who died in the senseless killings in Nova Scotia, a minute of solemn silence was observed by the Council of Commissioners prior to its April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

#### ***Focus of the LBPSB Administration***

In her March report to Council, Director General Cindy Finn stated “During this shutdown period, the administration at Lester B. Pearson School board has focused our efforts on 5 key areas:

- Maintaining essential school board operations;
- Operating emergency daycares in targeted areas of our territory;
- Respecting all public health directives, particularly for those employees continuing to report to work;
- Offering online activities and resources to students and their families so that students can remain engaged in their learning and promote positive mental health;
- Ensuring on-going communication with our community.”

#### ***Council of Commissioners***

The Council of Commissioners of the LBPSB and its subcommittees have continued to meet during the shutdown using Zoom Webinar and other electronic means. Video

recordings of recent Council and Executive meetings have been posted at <https://boardsite.lbpsb.qc.ca/council-of-commissioners/webcast-archives>

Some of the decisions taken recently include:

- The Lester B. Pearson School Board has been granted authorization to operate 15 additional 4-year old kindergarten classes in 2020-2021, for a total of 30 classes of K-4 for the next school year. They will be located in elementary schools which have room for them.
- Rosemary Murphy was appointed to fulfill the functions of Returning Officer of the LBPSB for the school elections still scheduled to be held on Sunday, November 1, 2020.
- Sandra Luther, currently the Coordinator of Student Services, was appointed Assistant Director of Student Services of the LBPSB, effective July 1, 2020, to replace Marie-Eve Claude who has announced her retirement.
- On the recommendation of the Facilities and Security Committee, Council adopted a resolution increasing the current rates for the rental of facilities by 2% for the 2020-2021 school year.
- On the recommendation of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Council adopted the Lester B. Pearson School Board 2020-2021 Student Transportation Organizational Plan. There are very few changes from the current year's services.
- As required by the Education Act, the Executive Committee has launched three annual consultations with a deadline for responses of June 10<sup>th</sup>:
  - By-law 1 and 1 E to fix the Day, Time, and Place of the regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners and of the Executive Committee of the Lester B. Pearson School Board for the early part of the 2020-2021 school year.
  - The number of parents and staff representatives on the Governing Board of each school and centre of the Lester B. Pearson School Board for 2020-2021.
  - The proposed Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables of the Lester B. Pearson School Board 2020-2023.

- The Quebec English School Board Association (QESBA) reported:
  - Bill 40 Challenge: Given the current situation, in consultation with its lawyers and other stakeholders, the QESBA decided to postpone any court action on Bill 40 for the time being.
  - November 2020 School Elections: A request has been sent to the Quebec government requesting a delay in these elections for a year, until November 2021. No reply as yet.
  - The first meeting of the QESBA Student Advisory Committee was held on Feb. 19th. Students participated from most of the 9 English boards. It appears that the common issue the students would like to see addressed is the increasing level of stress and anxiety being encountered especially by high school students. Future meetings will be scheduled as circumstances permit.

The next public meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and of the Executive Committee on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> both most likely through use of Zoom Webinar. A link to these meetings will be posted on the board website.

There was a question in regards to extending the school boards. The question has been submitted without a reply. They hope to have an answer by the next Governing Board meeting.

There was a discussion about equitable technology during these times for students in LBPSB. Eric explained that each school community took care of this concern as / if the needs arose. Natalie conferred that this was the procedure as well.

## **5. Business Arising:**

### **5.1 Field trips:**

#### **1. Friday, September 25th**

Theme-Around the World

Students will have the opportunity to create their own passports. They will virtually travel to different countries where they will visit areas set up with cultural activities, traditional items and information. They can also get their passports stamped at each “country” they visit.

**Activity Fee: \$5.00**

Motioned by Emma McGillivray. Seconded by Tracey McKee. All in favor

## **2. Friday, October 30th**

Theme-Halloween

Students may arrive to this Ped Day in costume. Each child will be given their own pumpkin to decorate and bring home.

**Activity Fee: \$5.00**

Motioned by Claudia Perez. Seconded by Pary Skarogiannis. All in favor.

### **5.2 Fundraising:**

### **6. Pending Business**

### **7. New Business:**

7.1 GB Composition Consultation Launch – status quo.

7.2 Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovable 2020-2023 Consultation Launch - no comments.

7.3 By-Law 1 and 1E Day, Time and Place of Council of Commissioners And Executive Committee Meetings 2020-2021 Consultation Launch – no comments.

7.4 Blanket Permission for School Outings within walking distance – Motioned by Cari Wurst. Seconded by Lisa Gonsalves. All in favor.

7.5 Tournaments 2020-2021 – Motioned by Claudia Perez. Seconded by Mo Namazi. All in favor.

7.6 Evaluation and Reporting Plan 2020-2021 – Natalie shared the plan to the Governing Board.

7.7 Code of Conduct 2020-21 – The Code of Conduct remains the same. Only corrections made were some grammatical errors. Motioned by Cari Wurst. Seconded by Scott Taylor. All in favor.

7.8 Anti-Violence and Anti-Bullying Plan 2020-21- the Dorset Anti-Violence and Anti-Bullying Plan remains the same. Motioned by Scott Taylor. Seconded by Claudia Perez. All in favor.

7.9 Supply Lists 2020-21- Motioned by Mo Namazi. Seconded by Danielle Nethercott. All in favor.

7.10 Consumable Fees 2020-21 – Motioned by Wendy Longlade. Seconded by Mo Namazi. All in favor.

7.11 Calendar 2020-21 – Motioned by Claudia Perez. Seconded by Emma McGillivray. All in favor.

7.12 Blanket Permission for Fundraising 2020-21

**September:** Terry Fox Run - donation or \$2

**October:** Leucan (Halloween boxes for students to collect funds for the MCH) & feed the witch (candy)

**November:** Remembrance Day Poppies - donations

**December:** Christmas baskets (food and donations) & silver donation at the Holiday Concert

**March:** Crazy Hat Day – donation or \$2 for Dorset's sponsor child

**May:** National Denim Day for Breast Cancer - \$2 for students and \$5 for adults

**June:** Water Walk - donations for WE charities

**On – going throughout the year:**

TCBY (Peace Pals)

Donation to the Arts (Concerts, plays, shows)

Super Recyclers

Grad Fundraiser (Hot Dog Lunch, Bake Sale & Movie Night)

Motioned by Scott Taylor. Seconded by Danielle Nethercott. All in favor.

7.13 Daycare Rules and Regulations 2020-2021. Motioned by Claudia Perez. Seconded by Emma McGillivray. All in favor.

A discussion was had in regards to using iPads for the senior students during homework time. It was explained that since now the school provides the iPads for the students – we must ensure at the end of the day the iPads are locked up to be charged in a secure location. The logistics are not possible.

**8. Correspondence** – no correspondence.



**9. Date and Times of Meetings:** The next Governing Board meeting will take place on June 10th on at 5:30 pm.

**10. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:25PM. Motioned by Claudia Perez. Seconded by Wendy Longlade. All in favor.

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