



Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee

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2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

The Parents' Committee continued to leverage the structure change adopted two years ago – to one committee comprised of a Parent Representative from each of the 48 active member schools – and maintained a level of parental involvement unmatched in recent years. Reflecting inward, partway through the year the committee modified its meeting structure to facilitate discussion over reporting, a major and fundamental change. Late in the year, the committee decided to make a minor change in the structure of its standing subcommittees in an effort to maximize parental participation while better aligning with the structure of the school board.

The committee continued to support, in principal, the Truth and Reconciliation Act, acknowledging that the ground on which our meetings take place is Mohawk territory.

The committee faced a multi-faceted uphill challenge at the onset of the year with the newly-elected provincial government's Bill 21 (from the original Bill 62), a proposed ban on religious symbols among government workers. In response, the Committee submitted a letter to the Quebec Premier strongly opposing the ban and urging the respect of the fundamental core values of Quebec society in embracing multiculturalism.

The year was spent with great anticipation of significant changes to our current education system and much discussion of preparing for said change. The committee worked on various grass roots topics such as clarification on the changes to school fees resulting from the class-action lawsuit, enrichment exams, Governing Board (GB) training, financial literacy, and LEARN Quebec. It also examined the direction of our external associations, namely the English Parents' Committee Association (EPCA) and Alliance pour la promotion de l'enseignement dans les écoles publiques de langue anglaise (APPELE).



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During the last half of the school year the PC provided support to our parent community as the LBPSB digested the transfer of its Riverdale High School to the Commission Scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys (CSMB), which created unique challenges for the Pierrefonds community. This transfer moved the committee to partake in many heightened discussions on the implications of the impending proposed elimination of school boards as well as the imposing and ultimately restrictive nature of Bill 101.

Moving forward, the committee should seek to focus more on communication with our parent community and strive to be more proactive rather than responsive to developing issues. With that focus in mind, we look forward to continuing to improve upon the great strides realized in our efforts to support our parent community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shane Ross".

Shane Ross
Chair, LBPSB Parents' Committee



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Members:

Elementary West Subcommittee		
Member School	Parent Representative	Alternate Representative
Beacon Hill	Jeremy Asch	Brett Hillgartner
Birchwood	Derek Kenny	John Daly
Christmas Park	Cassandra Bazos	
Dorset	Wendy Longlade	Mohammed (Mo) Namazi
Edgewater	Melissa Nolet	Cassandra Fusco
Evergreen	Pamela Gareau	
Forest Hill Jr	Tanja Minisini	David Quinn
Forest Hill Sr	Tanja Minisini	Genevieve Haines
Margaret Manson	Nadia Iacino	Renee Aspiotis
Mount Pleasant		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Jacqueline Barbieri	Heather Burnett
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	Joseph Valenti	
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.	Michelle Fauteux	Tara Brisson
Soulange		
St. Anthony	Shane Ross	Nick Alcaraz
St. Charles	Jason Doan	Marcus Hamaker
St. Edmund	Paul Kininmonth	Stefanie Ozbalt
St. Patrick	Ryan Getty	Donnalynn Rainey
Elementary East Subcommittee		
Member School	Parent Representative	Alternate Representative
Allion	Valerie Beaudet	Shiana Warren
Beechwood	Diandra Yoselevitz	David Zerkler
Children's World	Susan Mintzberg	Alvern Bunn
Clearpoint	Liz Lopez	Allison Saunders
Dorval	Dave Clifford	Daniella Malisia
Kingsdale	Greg Piggins	Ben Pattison
Lasalle Jr	Shonda Giddens	Robert Thomas
Lasalle Sr	Christopher Eaton	Andrea Timmerman
Maple Grove	Mona Et Bahar	Rose Mui
Riverview	Ariana Winn	Linda Dalterio
Springdale	Helen Korovilos	Steven Brodeur
St. John Fisher Jr	Phil Lambert	Naomi Proctor
St. John Fisher Sr	Kathleen McAdams	Julie Smith
Sunshine Academy	Ashley Conway	
Terry Fox	Brenda Tremellen	Sophie-Lyne Paré
Verdun	John Ranger	Julia Gregory
Westpark	Alaina Gross	Brent Wajcman
Wilder Penfield	Len Podgurny	Heather Lambert
High School Subcommittee		
Member School	Parent Representative	Alternate Representative
Beaconsfield	Ovidiu Burlec	
Beurling Academy	Jay Taube	Sherrill Layne
John Rennie	Shane Ross	Alexander Perelmiter
Lakeside Academy	Natasha Drysdale	Helene Charbonneau
Lasalle Community Comprehensive	Roland Schubert	
Lindsay Place	Marie-Claire Hogan	Tara Shaughnessy
MacDonald	Mike Besner	Kristoffer de Forest
Pierrefonds Comprehensive	Dayo Odubayo	Greg Piggins
Riverdale	Kristine Pino	Maria Colavita
St. Thomas	Sharad Bhargava	Bobbi Brown
Westwood Jr	Sean Connell	Normand Gagnon
Westwood Sr	Paul Cressati	Jacky Connelly
SNAC	Jen DiMarco	Lisa Mancini



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Commissioners Representing the Parents' Committee on the Council of Commissioners:

Angela Berrymen (SNAC)
Len Podgurny (At-Large)
Jason Doan (Elementary)
Sharad Bargava (High School)

Advisory (Officers):

Shane Ross, Chair
Natasha Drysdale, Vice-Chair
Chris Eaton, Secretary
Alaina Gross, Treasurer
Jason Doan, Communications Officer
Angela Berryman, Commissioner Representing the Parents' Committee

SNAC Parents:

Jennifer DiMarco (Rep)
Lisa Mancini (Alt)

Administration Liaison:

Thomas Rhymes

Council Representation:

Noel Burke, Chair of Council
Laura Derry, Vice-Chair of Council

External Committee Representatives:

EPCA Directors:

Bobbi Brown (1st year of 2-year term)
Dayo Odubayo (2nd year of 2-year term)

Pearson Educational Foundation (non-voting member):

Cassandra Bazos (Director, 1-year term)

Meeting Dates:

September 27, 2018	December 6, 2018	May 2, 2019
October 11, 2018	February 7, 2019	June 13, 2019
November 1, 2018	April 9, 2019	



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Highlights of the Year:

- Submitted correspondence to Premier Legault expressing strong disagreement with Bill 21.
- Further revised structure of website.
- Hosted two Governing Board training sessions.
- Hosted public LEARN Quebec presentation.
- Submitted several environmental recommendations.

Consultation responses submitted:

- 2019-2020 Budget Consultation

Recommendations for 2019-2020 School Year:

- Reach out to Parent Representatives and their schools to encourage more consistent participation.
- Implement mentoring program for new members.
- Develop strategy to energize more subcommittee leaders.
- Further develop website and improve presentation of archived information.
- Publish at least two Parent2Parent newsletters.
- Improve two-way communications with Commissioners Representing the Parents' Committee.
- Support our parents in any way possible during the MSC process.