

PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Tuesday March 19, 2024

Attendees

Belinda Solomon	Chair
Bruce Lamica	Parent Rep
Stacie Bouchard	Parent Rep
Adam Dixon	Parent Rep - Absent
Melodie Siano	Parent Rep
Lori Lavallee	Parent Rep
Nancy Potvin	Principal
Elizabeth Luknar	SEED Rep
Jennifer Vani	Teacher Rep
Jennifer Nichols	Teacher Rep
Meaghan Macro	Teacher Rep
Stephanie DiPaolo	Teacher Rep – Absent
Susan Scallan	Para Professional Rep
Eric Martin	Community Rep
Angela Berryman	Commissioner
Jessica Baker	Home & School Rep

1. Quorum met at 7:06pm.
2. Land acknowledgement read by the Chair.
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a) **Motioned by Jennifer Nichols, Seconded by Jennifer Vani – Motion Approved**
4. Approval of minutes from February 6th, 2024.

Correction – Budget 2025-2025 corrected to 2024-2025
Grid numbers must be listed for approving the Activity Grid
Activity Grid missing the motion to approve
Correct spelling of Lori Lavallee’s name

 - b) **Motioned by Lori Lavallee, Seconded by Elizabeth Luknar – Motion Approved**
5. Public Question Period
None
6. Business Arising from minutes of previous meetings
 - a) **SEED Daycare budget**
 - **Motioned to adopt by Lori Lavallee, Seconded by Stacie Bouchard – Motion Approved**

b) Nomination of Parents Committee Alternate

- **Lori Lavalle has volunteered**

7. New Business

- Activity Grid items (Tchoukball, Artist for Mural, Qui Lira Vaincra & Macbeth Shakespeare Play, H & S Fundraiser - Fundscrip)
 - **Motion to approve Lines 20, 87-90 of the Activity Grid**
Motioned by Elizabeth Luknar, Seconded by Jennifer Vani – Motion Approved
- Subject-time allocation
 - Phys. Ed. K = 90 minutes
Phys. Ed. Grades 1-6 = 150 minutes
Art: 60 minutes
Music: 60 minutes
Motion to approve Jennifer Nichols, Seconded by Lori Lavalle – Motion Approved
- LBPSB Consultation: Governing Board Composition
 - **Feedback is to keep status quo**
- LBPSB Consultation: By-law 1 and 1E - Dates and Times for Council of Commissioners' meetings and Executive Committee meetings for 2024-2025 school year.
 - **Feedback is that June 30th (Monday and day before Canada Day) may not be ideal**

8. Reports

- Principal – See attached
 - Description of the various activities that were done in the month, and what is coming up
- SEED – See attached
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- Commissioner – See attached
- PC – No report as there was no March meeting
- Community Rep – See attached

9. Correspondence & Varia

- None

10. Public question period

- No questions from the public

11. Adjournment

- **Motion to Adjourn at 8:07pm - Motioned by Bruce Lamica, Seconded by Melodi Siano – Motion Approved**

Minutes submitted by Stacie Bouchard

Approved:  Principal

Approved:  Governing Board Chair



Principal's Report for Governing Board March 19th 2024

- Francisation is going really well with Mme Beaulieu
- Luc Bambara's presentation--Black History Month was enjoyed by all and the rhythms were ongoing for days to come
- Pink shirt Day was celebrated in classrooms on Wednesday February 28th
- Volet Parent Storytelling Day--K4--Importance of Storytelling for language development presentation by our SLP and families reading stories to their children
- Grade 6 Grad to Grad Games Night with MAC was a huge success and enjoyed by all
- Rattrapage Tutoring started on Monday March 18th. We are offering morning and lunch sessions depending on the grade level.
- We are working on providing the additional SEL Support
- Continuing to working on our Educational Project--GB Members
- We applied for 21 Entrepreneurship Grants. Many great initiatives!
- Carnival Week: Tubing & Theme and activities February 26th-March 1st was a huge success. Thank you to Home & School for covering the cost of buses and Thank you to John and Meaghan for a fun-filled week of activities
- Thank you to Home & School and all families for spoiling us and allowing us to have an excellent Staff Appreciation Week from the 12-16th of February
- Rock & glo Party was a huge success and very well attended
- Report cards were released on Tuesday March 12th & Parent Teacher Interviews were on Thursday March 14th by teacher request

- March 18th Ped. Day is now moved to April 8th--Solar Eclipse Day (No school or Daycare)
- Rattrapage: Tutoring and support for Special Needs started on Monday March 18th. Some sessions in the morning and others during the lunch hour.

SEED Governing Board Report

March 19, 2024

We had two ped days in February. The first was on February 9th. Our theme was kindness/friendship. We made friendship bracelets, played co-operative games and everyone participated in creating a "helping hands" puzzle that is posted on one of the bulletin boards. I have included a picture of it. We were able to also offer a special snack.

On February 19, we were fortunate to have Sheltoons come to do some special activities. In the morning, the groups created a game with special characters. In the afternoon, the younger group fabricated an alien specimen that they were able to keep in a special bottle. The older group learned how to make a thaumatrope; they designed their own optical illusion. A great day was had by all!

In February, we celebrated the Chinese New Year along with Canada Flag Day. We didn't have much snow, but we still managed to scratch out some tuques.

March is nutrition month. Yummy strawberries were made by our grade 2 group. The groups also were able to create their own St-Patrick's Day crafts.

The income tax receipts were sent out before we left on March break. They were posted on Mozaik and will continue to be available until the end of this school year. For the graduating families or families that moved away, their receipts were sent by mail.



Community rep report

Upcoming fund raisers

Souper spaghetti May 4th.

At cite des jeunes



If home and school or the grad comitee would be interested in selling ticket, we would give 3\$ per tickesold.

Opti Jeux May 18-19-20

At opti centre. A board game players get together to play their favorite games.

25\$ to have access to the 3 days if purchased before the may 18th. More than 100 games to be given out to the participants.

Eric Martin

Club optimiste Vaudreuil-Dorion

REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING

The last meeting of the council took place on February 26th

Highlight of approvals:

- Council Approved the renewal of the contract for the Director General, Cindy Finn; unlike all of the other appointments that the council makes, the council has the authority to choose the person who holds the position, as opposed to simply voting for or against, like we do will all other administrative appointments.
- Council also approved the amendment to the school calendar, moving the board-wide ped day from yesterday, March 18th, to April 8th
- Approved the revised by-law 9 on the complaint process, which went out for consultation last June.
 - Typically, the process does not take this long, but because of the amount of feedback and the fact that this is an entirely new process, many changes needed to be made, specifically in the wording, to clarify and make the process as straightforward as we could.
 - One of the changes that was made was the specific mention of IEPs, highlighting that complaints or concerns regarding IEPs can be brought to the attention of the principal or staff member and that when this happens, the required 10-day delay for a resolution applies.
 - With that said, it is also noted that when a parent or student expresses dissatisfaction or concern, it is recommended, but not required, to indicate that they would like to formally begin the complaint process (by law, the school has 10 days to respond to the complaint, so explicitly stating that you are making a complaint, makes it easier to track the days.
 - Another thing to note is that when a concern or complaint is expressed, the person making the complaint must indicate what outcome they are looking for. In my experience, parents often miss this step, making coming to a resolution or compromise much more difficult and delaying the process.

- Another significant change that was made was the addition of a flow chart at the end of the by-law that lists the 3 steps of the process (or 2 steps in the case of sexual violence), the contact information for the Board's Complaints officer and Regional Student Ombudsperson, as well as the maximum delays for handling the complaints
- The by-law is available on the school board website, and the websites of each school and center all have a link to access the process,

The next meeting is Monday, March 25th at 7:30. Members of the public can join via Zoom. Information is available on the board's website.

