

BEACON HILL GOVERNING BOARD
Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 7:00 p.m
Via Zoom

Attendance:

Susan Hamblin Brayne, Gareth Lim, Jasmine Lacombe, David Newton, Celena Scheede-Bergdahl, Catherine Fini, Isabelle Belanger, Marilyn Boyer, Jeremy Asch, Marie France Cousineau, Samantha Maclean, Sabrina Sciascia, Natahlie Noiseaux ,Gina Piccinini

Jeremy Asch called the meeting to order at 7:05pm; no members of the public present

Agenda

1. Approval of the Agenda

(Celena Scheede-Bergdahl/ Isabelle Belanger, approve)

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2021

(David Newton/ Nathalie Noiseaux, approve)

Minor modifications: Principal's report needs to be attached

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. Principal Criteria Response: Minor modification to the end of the document to reflect the recent announcement of Susan Hamblin Brayne's retirement and the suggestions for Board in the appointment of her replacement.
 - i.
- b. Budget Consultation Response
 - i. Q3: Agreed that all aspects are equally important and order of priority will depend on each teacher. *Sue Brayne and Nathalie Noiseaux*: Based on successes and needs for current and upcoming years, Early Literacy and Special Education Programming were deemed to be priorities.
 - ii.
 - iii. Q4: Discussion on what infrastructure changes/upgrades need to be made. *Sue Brayne*: Grounds maintenance was deemed to be the priority now. Questions regarding the quality and performance of the ventilation system and the ability to control temperatures in individual rooms were raised by *Celene Scheede-Bergdahl and Nathalie Noiseaux*; however, these aspects are controlled outside of the school. No need for technology upgrades at this time.

Q5: *Celena Scheede-Bergdahl*: For cost-savings, it was suggested to adopt more frequent use of Zoom or virtual platforms whenever possible.

Q6: *Celena Scheede-Bergdahl*: It was also discussed that any budgetary cutbacks **should not impact students**.
- c. Budget Adoption - Daycare budget → Due to Covid-19, all daycares are in deficit. Budget was only recently received and discussion tabled to next meeting.

4. New Business

- a. Field Trip Approvals → None
- b. Fundraiser approvals → *Sue Brayne*: Around the last week of April, we will hold our fun run. Kids can bring in a loonie or toonie towards the Pearson Education fund. This has been done in previous years.
- c. Governing Board Composition Consultation → *Sue Brayne, Jeremy Asche, Gareth Lim*: Discussions were had as to how to increase awareness for Governing Board for the next

school year. The number of parents will remain the same. It was agreed that a blurb will be including in upcoming newsletters to make parents aware, and it was also suggested that membership should be raised during K4 and Kindergarten open-houses and orientations. *David Newton* has volunteered to write the blurb. *Marilyne Boyer* also reminded the group that the 2-year terms are the ones that require voting during the AGM, and based on the Education Act, the 1-year terms can be filled at a later date.

d. School Uniforms:

Sue Brayne: H&S has talked about bringing in a pink shirt for bullying. This shirt can be worn on specific days of the week or incorporated into the School Uniform code, much like choir shirts or the light blue anniversary shirt.

Catherine Fini: This will not be a H&S fundraiser. All profits will go toward an anti-bullying charity, and a competition will be held for designing the logo or slogan. The shirt would also have the Beacon Hill crest. Placement of the order will not happen until November 2021 so that they get delivered for Feb 2022.

This suggestion was met with enthusiasm from several members (*Nathalie Noiseux*, *Celena Scheede-Bergdahl*, *Gareth Lim*), and *Isabelle Belanger* also mentioned that this will be helpful to remind students that bullying can happen on any day.

-Motion to amend the Dress Code to include the Pink Anti-Bullying Shirt for next school year

Motioned: Celena Scheede-Bergdahl

Seconded: Samantha Maclean

-unanimously approved

5. Reports

- a. Chairperson's Report → None
- b. Principal's Report → See attached
 - i. -It was discussed that K4 enrolment for the 2021-2022 year is down compared to this year. It was suggested by *Sue Brayne* and *Jeremy Asche* that the School Board should try to increase programming for K4s during the summer to increase or maintain enrolment. Currently, the K4 program is competing against traditional daycares.
 - ii.
- c. Teachers Report → *Marie France Cousineau*: Grade 4s just finished school board exams (3 comprehension tests and a written component). Overall, things went well.
 - i. *Sue Brayne*: Ministry has said that exams are not required, but they have been good practice for students to experience what exams will be like in the future.
 - ii.
- d. Daycare and Lunch Program Coordinator Report → *Gina Piccinini*: The budget has been recently received and is being reviewed. It will be ready for discussion for April.
 - i.
- e. Region Parent Representative Report → *Jeremy Asche*: Regional Subcommittee was held at recent meeting to discuss COVID-19-related anxiety in schools, children, and adults. No meeting summary report yet.
- f. SNAC Report → None
- g. H&S Report (In the Kit) → *Catherine Fini*: Foster child: H&S is fundraising for Plan International again this year for a Foster child. A Giving Tree-themed campaign will be held this year. Fundraising will be done through a dress-down day and using the Tree itself. The current fundraising activity is through the H&S website until April 3rd, and proceeds will go towards the outdoor classroom.
 - i. Motion: Nathalie

- ii. 2nd: David
 - iii. -passed unanimously
 - iv.
- h. Commissioner's Report → *Marilyne Boyer*: Communications department hasn't sent one out yet. Summaries of Feb and March Council Meetings are attached. In the near future, policies related to tobacco, alcohol, and drugs will be reviewed. Also, it should be noted that now with variants in schools, this has made staffing at schools very difficult when staff need to go for testing.

6. Public Question Period → none

7. Correspondence

- a. LBPSB Council Meeting Highlights Feb 23, 2021 → in kit, along with March

8. Varia → none

9. Date of Next Meeting (Wednesday April 21, 2021)

10. Adjournment

Motion: Jasmine Lacombe

-meeting ended at 8:45pm

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Principal's report

Registration – Presently registered 271 students for next year. 35 students for Kindergarten. 9 for K4 – we need to get K4 numbers up.

Masks – Students have been wearing masks handed out by their teachers. They receive one in the morning, one after lunch and a third one if they attend daycare.

Mask Recall – On Friday March 26th adult masks from a supplier with a specific code were recalled. These were adult masks that were in Lester B Pearson schools. Over the weekend the caretakers went into the buildings and collected these masks to be returned to the school board. On Sunday we received new masks to replace these ones. The children ones were not affected.

We have been sending students with the following message:

Screening is recommended (without waiting 24 hours) if your child has:

<u>One of the following symptoms</u>	<u>Two of the following symptoms</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever $\geq 38.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ in children (oral temperature)• Sudden anosmia (without nasal congestion) with or without ageusia• Cough (new or worsened)• Shortness of breath• Difficulty in breathing• Sore throat• Rhinorrhea or nasal congestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headache• Intense fatigue• Generalized muscle pain (not related to physical exertion)• Significant loss of appetite• Nausea or vomiting• Abdominal pain• Diarrhea <p><i>(if only one symptom on this list is present, 24 hour at-home observation is recommended)</i></p>

We are asking them to call the Covid hotline to get further direction.

TTFM Survey – Grades 4, 5 and 6 will do the survey in their classes on April 7th or 8th.

New Mesures – Government has given each school money for Tutoring and Wellness initiatives. We are focusing on Reading Intervention tutoring in Grades 2 and 3. We started the Breathe program from Epique with grades 4 and 5. This is a six week wellness program that provides the students with practical strategies to manage and reduce general and academic stress and anxiety.

Graduation – We have been told to put any grad preparation on hold. We need to see what we are able to do closer to June.

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CO2 – Tested and retested

The CO2 levels are higher as the students get older and when the students return from a physical activity

Things that are being done:

School level (*immediate actions*)

- Address recommendations in *ventilation section* of **COVID-19 Risk Reduction Strategies (C-19 RRS)**(see attachment)
 - Keep a few class windows slightly open during the school hours
 - Open several class windows during breaks/lunchtime
 - Keep class door open as much as possible

Regional Manager level (*immediate actions*)

- Increase ventilation time for all school exhaust fans/systems (*Naturally* ventilated buildings)
- Start HVAC systems 2 hours prior to beginning of school classes and finish minimum 2 hours after the school ends as per **COVID-19 Risk Reduction Strategies** (see attachment)
- Reduce CO2 set point for fresh air intake for all systems that equipped with these sensors
- Increase frequency and amount of fresh air intake for systems without CO2 sensors

Equipment Services level Greg B. & Yuriy K. (*immediate actions*)

- Investigate school ventilation and provide more detailed recommendation actions to Regional Manager after retest .

Second Parent – Teacher interviews (by invitation only) will be held on April 15th.

Parent Workshop – Raising Digital Leaders on April 8th at 7pm

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Catherine Fini-H&S report:

VOTE to allow PINK anti-bullying shirts (modification to the school uniform policy):

-Home and School discussed ordering pink anti-bullying shirts for the students to wear at school, on anti-bullying day in Feb, and also other days of the week (think GRAD,choir shirts. Same idea). OR allow all non-school color BH crested shirts to be worn on Fridays only.

-The shirt would have the BH crest and an anti-bullying image (drawing contest to be held in the new school year for the image on the shirt)

-A special order with our current school clothing supplier would be placed end of November 2021 (TBC), as it takes up to 6 weeks to deliver and we would like the students to have these in time for anti-bullying day, and beyond.

-Pricing: H&S does not plan to fundraise for our association. Charge parents \$15 for T-shirts, whereby price-cost will be donated to an anti-bullying charity/ bullying prevention such as Dare to Care.



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Please find some of the highlights below that were taken during the February 22nd regular meeting. Different Committee reports that were presented as well as the minutes will be **available here** by the end of the week.

1. The Council of Commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution whereby the Lester B. Pearson School Board acknowledges February 2021 as Black History Month as observed in its different schools and centres. The resolution states that Black History Month provides an opportunity to reflect on, commemorate and recognize the contributions of Black Canadians and Quebecers from all walks of life throughout history.
2. The Council of Commissioners approved the 2019-2020 Annual Report in accordance with Section 220 of the Education Act. The Annual report will be sent to Quebec Premier François Legault, the Quebec Minister of Education as well as other board partners. A copy of the report is **available here**.
3. The Council of Commissioners approved the administrative appointment of Jason Ferris to the position of Principal at Beurling Academy effective March 8th 2021. Jason had been working as Vice-Principal at Beaconsfield High School.
4. The Council of Commissioners approved the Food Service Contract Renewal with Groupe Compass (Quebec) for the provision of food services throughout the network of schools, centres and offices of the Lester B. Pearson School Board under the same terms and conditions for a period of 1 year running from July 1st 2021 to June 30th 2022.
5. The Council of Commissioners approved that the following three Commissioners will attend the annual conference of *L'institut des troubles d'apprentissage* taking place in Montreal from March 24th to March 26th 2021 and that expenses be reimbursed in accordance with the School Board's Policy governing Commissioners' Local Travel, Conference and other Expenses.

- 1) Susana Lazaro
- 2) Angela Berryman
- 3) Allison Saunders



March 23rd 2021

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1. The Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board unanimously adopted a resolution proclaiming that the “n” word must never be uttered within the confines of the LBPSB schools and centres considering that it is derogatory, denigrating and harmful to the safety and well-being of the school board community. The resolution also states that the LBPSB denounces racism and discrimination in all forms, that the board has always been committed to equity, inclusion and respect for all and that the devastating impact of discrimination can no longer be ignored.
2. The Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the Quebec government to reimburse all funds that the board is already forced to spend on school elections, which were postponed on two separate occasions last year, and is expected to finance when they are rescheduled. The resolution states that while the government postponed the elections the board incurred many additional costs to prepare for the elections and shouldn't have to foot the bill out of operating expenses.
3. The Council of Commissioners adopted the Lester B. Pearson School Board's 2021-2022 Student Transportation Organizational Plan following a recommendation by the Transportation Advisory Committee.
4. The Council of Commissioners approved the purchase of two new Ford Transit service trucks for a maximum budgetary price of \$135,000 before taxes, including all required modifications. The purchase is required in order to replace two aging service trucks with funding from the 2020-2021 Capital Budget. The two vehicles are suitable for the different needs of the School Board.
5. The Council of Commissioners awarded a contract for Lindsay Place High School Project #2006 Civil, for the West parking asphalt renovation and drainage and St-John Fisher Jr./Church joined land portion renovation to the lowest compliant bidder, Excavation D.D.L., in accordance with the tender documents for the amount of 466 305.00\$ (before taxes). The Facilities and Security Committee recommended the awarding of this contract.
6. The Council of Commissioners approved a decision that will see the current rental of facilities rates increased by 1% for the 2021-2022 school year. This decision follows a recommendation by the Facilities and Security Committee.