

# PHILIP E. LAYTON SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

**Date:** February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams

**Attendees:** Irini Margetis, Bob Simpson, Meaghan Laurie, Kimberley Young, Julia Sowerby, Maria Revuelta, Hema Patel, Lysa Marie Mancini, Sean Zikman, Kamini Patel, Stuart Logie, Joseph Lalla

**Absent:** Melany Murray

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1. **Call to Order & Welcome**

- Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Lysa Mancini.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

- The agenda was motioned by Meaghan Laurie and seconded by Maria Revuelta.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

- The November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 minutes were approved by Kimberley Young and seconded by Maria Revuelta.

4. **Announcements or Correspondence**

- Nothing to report

5. **Business Arising: Public question period**

- No members of the public were in attendance

6. **Reports**

**6.1 Commissioner's report:**

- Poll was conducted in Canada and it showed a solid support for the English school. It has grown considerably over the past 3-4 years. 84% responded. Language in schools should be independent from the government.  
There has been a pilot project started because of the shortage of teachers. 3 French teachers from France have been hired.  
ESMB has a 91.6% success rate during graduation. The ESMB is only 1.9% below the private schools.  
Bills 21, 40 and 96 will be appealed likely by whoever wins

**6.2 Principal's report:**

- **New vice principal:** We would like to welcome Bob Simpson as the new vice principal.
- **Bussing:** Due to the lack of bus drivers, some students are faced with bus delays or they do not have any bus service. At times, parents are notified the morning of, that there will be no bus service. Thank you to all the parents for their patience.

- **AHEPA Event:** AHEPA is a Greek organization who will be having their annual ball. Proceeds raised will go towards the Playground Project. Members from the school board and Habilitas Foundation will be present, as well as the director general.

### **6.3 Teacher's report:**

- **Holiday Potluck:** The holiday potluck was a success. It was nice to see the community back together, as well as some new parents. The students decorated cookies, Santa gave out gifts, photos were taken and there was a sing along with Jenny.
- **Adapted skating:** Each PEL class had the opportunity to go skating this winter.

### **6.4 RPSS report:**

- **Nursing:** Looking into purchasing portable vital signs monitors
- **O+M:** The orientation and mobility therapist will be joining the RPSS program every Thursday and a second date will be added after the spring break
- **Parent/teacher meetings:** parents have been requesting to have the meetings either virtually or by telephone. The team will try their best to accommodate the parents needs.
- **Admissions:** Every year there are new requests being made. New requests have already started to come in for the new year.

### **6.5 Daycare report:**

- **Re-registration:** The re-registration is in process.
- **Taxes:** Income tax receipts are available to the parents on the Mosaic site. If there are any issues, parents are asked to contact Maria Revuelta.

### **6.6 Parent representative report:**

- **Dec 1 Meeting:** Hour discussion on new virtual school called Quebec Virtual Academy. MIND High School to add Sec 1 and 2 as Bancroft students are moving to the French system for high school. This is happening in hopes to keep student from Bancroft elementary into Mind high school therefore keeping them part of the EMSB.
- **Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Bill 96 and its Impacts on Education. Schools and school boards can communicate with parents in English however there may be new obligations when staff members are communicating with each other.

- **Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting:** The parent committee is hosting a parent conference in the Spring of 2023. They received 10K from the EMSB and have now received 5K from the EMSB parent committee. The EMSB parent committee will issue a statement that we agree with the EMSBs court case to fight Bill 96. The EMSB parent committee is also at the beginning stages of planning a palliative care fund to help families of the EMSB after losing a child. We just voted yes to begin to look into if this is possible. We will now look at what steps we need to take to set up this fund and see if this is possible.

## 7. **New Business**

- **Consultation for Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal:** This was discussed and a few changes will be made. We will revisit this topic in the following meeting.
- **Sex Education Plan:** The program is part of the Québec education program and is designed by grade (from pre-kindergarten to secondary 5). The teachers look over the content of the program and decide what level will be taught. Some teachers choose more than one level because of the variation of student development. Irini will send out a letter outlining the program. Parents may make a request if they want their child to be exempted from the program, but it is not likely to be exempted.  
Resolution: to approve all of the sex education plans for all the homerooms at PEL.  
Motioned by Meaghan Laurie and seconded by Julia Sowerby. Passed unanimously.
- **Educational Project Report:** The education project is good for 3 years, after that it is under review. Each school has its own project. It looks at the goals to work on in order to improve student success. During the pandemic it was difficult to assess the students. Most schools write end of year exams, then data is collected and they can target which areas need help. This assessment tool does not work with PEL students. How can we measure success in PEL students? The staff meets and works with Tracy N during the year. We need to figure out a means to assess the success of PEL students. This was motioned by Meaghan Laurie and seconded by Julia Sowerby.
- **Staff Appreciation Week:** Funding has been approved. It was motioned by Meaghan Laurie and seconded by Julia Sowerby.

## 8. **Fieldtrips, Fundraisers**

### 8.1 Ratify:

- Nothing to report

**8.2 Fieldtrips:** We are trying to organize fieldtrips for the students. There would be no cost to the parents and bussing would be provided by the Michael Reid foundation.

### 8.3 Fundraisers

- Nothing to report

9. **Varia**

- **Pool:** Unfortunately, there will be no pool this year. Some rust in the pool was discovered in the water infiltration system. The repairs will be done in the summer because of all the sanding and products that will be used

10. **Good & Welfare**

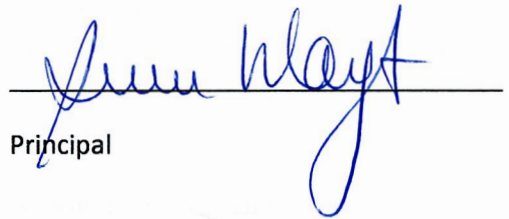
- Sean Zikman has been working on securing funding in order to buy more supplies for the Westmount school Satellite classes. We are looking into getting Dynavox systems, a new step cross trainer, zot art products (these products help students who are immobilized do art). He will also inquire about the Exhibition in Orlando that displays new products/equipment that can be interesting for our schools.

11. **Adjournment/Next meeting:**

- The next meeting will be virtual and will take place on March 20 at 7:00pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.



Governing Board Chair



Principal