

LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School Governing Board Minutes

Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 6:30 pm - Zoom

Present:

Staff representatives - Karine Baillargeon, Julie Canty-Homier, Susan Cleveland, Meghan Hughes, Marie-Pier Michaud, Cynthia Shyngera, Marcello Sicoli

Parent representatives - Annette Banton, Deidre Beroog, Laura Ciccone, Debra Davis, Ermenia Di Pietro, Julia Gregory, Amrit Grewal, Diana Keener and John Ranger

Student representatives - Jeremy Macleay and Evan Sherwood

Community representatives - Roland Schubert

Commissioner - Lori Morisson

Administration - Christine Donald, Krista Jemczyk and Wusua Mitchell

Regrets: Amrit Gewal

1. Call to Order (quorum, welcome)

Quorum was confirmed at 6:35 pm

2. Adoption of the agenda

- Motioned by J. Ranger, seconded by S. Cleveland

3. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (Feb.21st, 2023)

Motioned by C. Shyngera, seconded by J. Ranger

4. Business Arising from previous meeting

- Vacant GB parent representative post: Ermenia DiPietro and John Ranger are both alternates; both are interested in the position.
- The Governing Board can decide how to fill the vacant post.
- Julie Canty-Homier proposed the position could be shared. Motioned that parties be accepted on alternating basis; seconded by S. Cleveland. Approved unanimously; Erminia DiPietro will sit this evening as Parent Representative.

5. Public Question Period

- D Keener: The meeting will aim to keep more structure and limit discussion time on this item going forward. No questions were raised.

6. New Business

- 6.1 Approval of field trips, rentals, fundraisers
 - LBPSB Teen Summit March 29, 9:30-2:30 at the school board; theme "Taking Action". Two Sec.5 students are the reps, Sec 3 and 4 students have been invited. There is no cost to students (carpooling) Ratio 1:12.

- Motioned by J.Canty, seconded by C.Shyngera. Passed.
- FYI: Club de lutte Lasalle (Wrestling club) is being held as an intro to Olympic wrestling to show inner and outer strength in sports; held on weekends.
- All-girls leadership conference in Westmount: "A World of Opportunities". Full day Fri Apr 21st. Ratio of 1:7; Sec 1. No cost, driving by staff.
 - Motioned by M. Hughes, seconded by J. Ranger
- Leadership students agreed they would attempt to put on a student dance. Possible date Fri Apr 21. Open to all grades, cost is \$10. Glow in the Dark theme. Either in the small or larger Gym. Building access will be limited through Allion. Motioned by J.Ranger, seconded by D. Beroog. Passed.

6.2 LBPSB Budget 2023-2024 Consultation

Budget was shared in meeting package.

6.3 Governing Board Composition

- Comment from J. Ranger: Could be good to add another parent position on the GB.
 - Motioned by M. Hughes, seconded by C. Shyngera.

7. Reports:

Principal's report:

- Battle of the Books was held today: LCCHS came in first place (St.Thomas was second). We were ahead by 50 points. Other regions had theirs today, final competition is next week, Weds April 1st.
- School council approved Junior Volleyball outreach: volleyball students and coaches will reach out to feeder schools and hold a clinic on May 10th from 4:30-6:30 to build interest in the sport and hopefully recruit to the school.
- Projet Novateur: Educational department and Ministry of Education plus French teachers.
 Funds provided for this project are to better support new immigrant students in French language acquisition, hoping to implement programming in the next school year.

Staff report:

- K.Jemczyk: Annual student school survey began this week (previously called "Tell them from me")
 - Question from J.Gregory: How is the survey approached with the students to raise understanding of its purpose? Response: We are providing feedback to the students this year on past results.
 - Question from J. Maclay: When is the survey? Response: This week and next week.
 - Comment from B.MacKinnon: It would be interesting to look at the results from this year compared to pre-COVID.

- M. Sicoli: THe Robotics team is preparing for the Robotics Competition in Trois Rivieres next week.
- K. Baillergeon: International food festival next Tuesday: 140 students, 40 countries, 57 tables. Students will receive a passport.
- Comment from J.Ranger: Congratulations on the good work and good luck to the robotics team.
- M. Hughes: On Feb.21st there was a literature and art initiative. 150 students came together to discuss kindness and caring (included grades 1-3; 7). There will be another event in April as well. Shakespeare Canada came in last week to present Romeo and Juliet.

PPO report:

- Bad Monkey fundraiser is on until the end of the week. The SuperRecyclers used clothing fundraiser will be held until April 27th.
- Question from C. Shyngera: What time will the pick-up happen? Response: Details are still being worked out. A truck will come in the morning; still discussing whether to drop off donations ahead of time.

Parents' Committee report:

LBPSB Parents' Committee meeting was held virtually on March 16th.

Approval of committee for budget option that prioritizes EDI and Green projects.

There was support to endorse a letter from EMSB PC to Minister of Education re Bill 96.

EPCA is putting on a series of free workshops for parents and children upcoming: Topics include Consent and Boundaries, Body image and self esteem, parents role in friendship, digital safety. Details can be found on EPCA's Facebook page.

Regional sub committees met to discuss issues specific to schools in their region (LCCHS is in Region 3, Debi Dixon is our Regional Director)

Commissioner's report:

• L.Morrison: Waiting for a resolution on Bill 40. Commissioner was also involved in the St.Patrick's day parade; LBPSB won the prize for best float.

Community representative report: none.

- **8. Varia**: D.Keener raised the possibility of changing the date of the next meeting. Two options were presented: April 19th or May 2nd. Vote was taken: 10:2 in favour of May 2nd. Date of next GB meeting changed to May 2nd.
- **9. Adjournment**: Motioned by S. Cleveland; seconded by J. Canty-Homer.