

LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School Governing Board Minutes

Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 6:30 pm - In person

Present:

Staff representatives - Susan Cleveland, Meghan Hughes, Cynthia McCulloch, Marie-Pier Michaud, Marcello Sicoli and Cynthia Shyngera

Parent representatives - Deidre Beroog, Erminia Di Pietro, Julia Gregory, Amrit Grewal, Diana Keener and John Ranger

Student representatives - Jeremy Macleay

Community representatives - Roland Schubert

Commissioner - None present

Administration - Christine Donald and Wusua Mitchell

Regrets: Karine Baillargeon, Julie Canty-Homier, Laura Ciccone, Krista Jemczyk, Robert MacKinnon, Lori Morrison and Evan Sherwood

Absent: Annette Banton and Debra Davis

1. Call to Order (quorum, welcome)

- Quorum was confirmed at 7:01 pm

2. Adoption of the agenda

- Motioned by S. Cleveland, seconded by C. McCulloch

3. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (May 2nd, 2023)

- Motioned by M.-P. Michaud, seconded by M. Hughes

4. Business Arising from previous meeting

- None

5. Public Question Period

No questions

6. New Business

- 6.1. Approval of field trips, rentals, fundraisers
 - a) June 9th: CFER field trip to LaRonde as a reward for their time in the workshop9 am to 3:30 pm by metro

5:1 ratio

Free for students (covered by CFER grant)

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

b) March 27th -April 14th, 2024: Europe trip

Same countries as this year and maybe England

~\$5300 per student

Being proposed now to collect deposits to secure tickets and to allow families to start saving Motioned by A. Grewal, seconded by C. Shyngera - Carried

6.2. Capital project priorities

- The LBPSB Five-Year Plan (Capital Projects) document was presented
- We would like to prioritize the addition of more washrooms for students and staff; ideally one on each floor, including a larger or additional gender-neutral washroom as well (currently 2 student washrooms for over 800 students and 1 all-gender washroom with one stall)
- We are looking into how we can use our spaces more efficiently; for example, the Combat Room ventilation is currently not deemed adequate for a classroom (only activities)

6.3. Student Code of Conduct

- The current code of conduct can be found on the school website
- Modifications for next year include:
 - The removal of information pertaining to remote learning
 - Consequences for Al-generated work in the LCCHS Academic Honesty Policy
 - Detentions for arriving to school late
 - 1) 3 validated lates per term
 - 2) After-school detention rather than lunch detention to deter students from being late, or as a consequence for misbehaviour
 - O Dress-down day attire:
 - 1) Dress should reflect the academic nature of our building where we come to learn, socialize and work in a diverse community. Student appearance reflects good judgment and respect for self and others.
 - 2) Clothing must not have violent language or images, images/language depicting/suggesting drugs, alcohol, vaping, hate speech, profanity, and pornography or that represent the exploitation of any group or display an image, statement or symbol that is inconsistent with the mission of our educational institution.

O Uniform:

- 1) Gender neutral terms used instead
- 2) Hoodies and skirts out of circulation after June 2023

6.4. Consultation Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables (Brief/Response)

- Ms. Carol Heffernan (Assistant Director General of LBPSB) and Ms. Deborah Dixon (Director of Schools for Region 3) met with some LCCHS staff to answer more questions pertaining to the allocation of two classrooms to Allion
- A brief written by some staff members is currently in its final stages; it proposes different options for rooms and even a request for an extension of the decision
- Upon discussion, the LCCHS Governing Board recommends that a one-year deferral of the proposal be granted so that a compromise that would suit the needs of both Allion and LCCHS can be considered - Motioned by J. Ranger, seconded by C. Shyngera (10 in favour)

6.5. GB Annual Report

- The Governing Board Annual Report was presented
- Minor corrections were suggested (spelling, resignation date and specification of alternates) and the addition of the GB budget

7:50 pm - Motion to extend the meeting until 8:15 pm

Motioned by S. Cleveland, seconded by J. Ranger

6.6. LCCHS Proposed School Fees 2023-2024

- The breakdown of school fees was presented and explained
- Motioned by C. Shyngera, seconded by A. Grewal

7. Reports

7.1. Principal

- Our School survey results
 - Staff met and discussed the areas of concern and priorities, especially sense of belonging, fostering engagement and motivation, safety in lockers and washrooms (hoping to hire a student supervisor), and how our professionals can best support the high rate of female anxiety
 - The results were also discussed with students at different levels to keep them involved and obtain more feedback
- LCCHS Calendar 2023-2024
 - o The calendar was presented
 - Aug. 31st: Secondary 1 Orientation Day (only Sec 1s in the building)
 - O Sept. 1st: Secondary 2-5 first day (NO Sec 1s in the building)
 - Sept. 5th: First day for all students
 - Pending School Council approval, it was recommended that:
 - The mini-day of Oct. 12th be moved to Oct. 11th to provide more time to set up for Open House
 - To make up for the loss of a Day 3 by the above change, the mini-day of Dec. 13th be moved to Dec. 14th
- Safety drills: 5 fire drills will be accepted rather than 6 this year since we did well during the actual fire on May 26th
- Run for It: We raised \$586 from the dress-down day to cover the costs for students and staff running in June
- RSEQ Hockey
 - We are looking to start a U13 team with training (ice time and fitness) led by Greg Orsini;
 teachers will be present at all times for training
 - O We missed the deadline, so we may play GMAA games
 - Proposed cost to students: \$3000
 - Motioned by J. Ranger, seconded by M. Sicoli

8:16 pm - Motion to extend the meeting until 8:30 pm

- Motioned by S. Cleveland, seconded by J. Ranger
- Student engagement We've have great participation at recent LCCHS events, including:
 - Open Mic on May 12th where students displayed their talents in front of their peers
 - The annual awards ceremonies (first since the pandemic) on May 31st during which many of our students received awards in front of their loved ones and our staff
 - Thank you to all Staff involved in putting together the awards ceremonies, Art and IB Personal Project exhibitions, and to parents for coming out to celebrate the students' hard work
 - o The Staff vs Students soccer game on May 25th, won once again by Staff
 - The Sec 2 Toronto trip
 - O A final lunch dance party during both lunches hosted by Todd Smith on June 2nd

7.2. Staff

- The school year is coming to an end, including:
 - Sports A final girls flag football game, a track & field banner for Sec 1 boys, a new record for discus throw (last broken in 1995) and a provincial track and field tournament in Rivière-du-Loup
 - O After-school activities it was a successful, well-attended and engaging year

- o Exams have started for some, and the rest will write as of June 8th
- Our last teacher manifestation will take place tomorrow and our strike mandate will be voted on in the fall, unless there is movement with negotiations

7.3. Students

- Senior Prank Day took place on June 5th and was great fun, even Ms. Mitchell enjoyed taking part
- The Europe trip was a very memorable experience
- It has been an enjoyable time at LCCHS

7.4. LBPSB Parent Committee Representative

- Parents met in their regional subdivisions with their respective commissioner
- It was relayed that LCCHS has a wonderful team working hard not only at academics, but also on the social front (trips and activities) since the pandemic

7.5. PPO

- The committee met last Tuesday on Zoom to wrap up for the year and to plan ahead for fundraisers for next year
 - o \$4000 in the account
 - A portable tent cover was purchased (useful for sports events)
 - Proposed fundraisers/events for next year: Used uniform sale on Aug. 28th, Mr. Freezes for all students in Sept., boxes of greeting cards on Curriculum Night, 2 TCBY sales (Sept. and May), 2 chip sales (Oct. and March), Domino's Pizza Night, Super Recycleurs

7.6. Commissioner

- No report received this month
- It was asked that the Commissioner please email a report, especially when unable to attend

7.7. Community Representatives

- The HOPE food bank is already planning for their drive in September and IB students are always invited to volunteer
- Mr. Schubert has already expressed interest in being invited back to GB as a Community Rep for next year

7.8. Correspondence

- None

8. Varia

- None

9. Next Meeting: Annual General Assembly on Thursday, Sept. 21st, 2023

10. Adjournment

- Ms. Mitchell thanks everyone for great discussions and parental involvement this year, and a special thanks to our Chairperson, Ms. Keener
- Ms. Keener thanks all those who helped out as Secretary this year
- Motioned by S. Cleveland, seconded by C. McCulloch at 8:34 pm