

LCCHS Governing Board Public Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: In Person

Members Present	Karine Baillargeon, Julie Canty-Homier, Susan Cleveland, Tania D'Alessandro (Vice Principal), Erminia Di Pietro, Katrina Dufour, Franca Henry, Meghan Hughes, Diana Keener (Chair), Cynthia McCulloch, Marie-Pier Michaud, Wusua Mitchell (Principal), John Ranger, Claire Russell (on minutes), Stephanie Seusahai, Adriana Shower, Cynthia Shyngera, Marcello Sicoli, Marc Suprenant-Desjardins	
Regrets	Jack Chicoine, Christine Donald, Amrit Grewal, Julia Gregory, Lori Morrison	
1. CALL TO ORDER		
2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	One question arose about adopting AG minutes now instead of a next year. It was concluded that because voting earlier on AG minutes increases the likelihood that those qualified to vote will be present, it is a justifiable practice.	Motion to Adopt the Agenda Moved: Erminia Di Pietro Seconded: Meghan Hughes <i>carried</i>
3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES		Motion to Approve the Minutes Moved: Karine Baillargeon Seconded: Susan Cleveland <i>carried</i>
4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		
4.1 Community Representatives	Bob, Sterling and Roland both accepted the nomination of community rep. It was decided that because Bob can only attend online meetings, and Sterling is not available for all meetings that Sterling will act as an alternate for in-person meetings when Bob can't come or when either of the other members does not wish to be at the meeting.	No motion attached to this discussion
4.2 Internal Rules	There was some discussion about board composition and whether eight parent representatives was required. Parity between staff and parents was stressed, and given that there are eight staff representatives to the board, eight parent representatives makes sense.	Motion to Approve Updated Rules Moved: Cynthia McCulloch Seconded: Franca Henry <i>carried, 1 abstention</i>
5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS PERIOD	It was noted that Katrina, the student rep, will take minutes at the next meeting	

6. NEW BUSINESS		
6.1 Genevieve Dugré, Secretary General, Assistant Director, Legal Services	<p>Ms. Dugre gave an overview of the Roles and Responsibilities of GB members</p> <p>Notable features of her presentation included: that decisions made by the board are legally binding and therefore must be open to the public to discourage litigation; that board members must disclose a conflict of interest of a financial nature and abstain from discussion and voting on those motions affected; that members are encouraged to disclose any conflict of loyalty; that the chair has veto power over items on the agenda and may exclude requests for agenda items from other board members should s/he/they deem these inappropriate; that in the event of a tie, the chair has a casting vote (2 votes); that board members must act in the best interests of the students; and that consultation of the parents is the right of the board but must go through the principle. It was further explained that any of our internal rules must respect the rules outlined within the Education Act as this document takes precedence. There was also clarification on the Board's mandate and the scope of its decision making authority.</p>	
6.2 Approval of the 2023 AGA minutes	<p>There were some minor technical adjustments to the minutes that involved incorrectly spelled names.</p> <p>There was a request to add to the minutes that nominating and electing members who are not present at the meeting is questionable practice and should not continue at future meetings.</p>	<p>Motion to Approve AGA Minutes Moved: Erminia Di Pietro Seconded: Adriana Shower <i>carried</i></p>
6.3 Uniform Policy	<p>School council is talking about the revising the uniform policy so that shoes must be either all black or all white to aid in the ease of enforcement of the uniform policy.</p> <p>Because uniform policy must be updated by March in order to be included in the printing of next year's agendas, there was a request for the Board to reflect on and possibly discuss the policy again in January, 2024. The question of affordability for parents to buy new shoes came up. There was a concern that shoes still signal economic disparities among students that the standardization of colour does not mitigate.</p>	
6.4 Consultations		
6.4.1 Commitment to Success Consultation	<p>Few had time to read the report</p>	<p>Motion to table to next meeting Moved: Karine Baillargeon Seconded: Meghan Hughes <i>carried</i></p>

6.4.2 Enrolment Criteria Policy Consultation	There was no objection to the proposed enrolment criteria	Motion to Approve the Enrolment Criteria Policy moved: Meghan Hughes seconded: Julie Canty-Homier <i>carried</i>
6.5 Approval of field trips, rentals, fundraisers	<p>Only IB students are invited due to space limitations in the auditorium</p> <p>Sec four and sec five students going to Andree Laurendeau no cost</p> <p>Sec three all day Nov 13—to expand and explore Pointe a Calliere no cost and ties into social studies. 15-1 student-teacher ratio. approx 45 students will attend and transportation will be school bus.</p> <p>Entrance fee will be covered by sortie culturelle (pending staff council approval)</p> <p>Phoenix (sec 5) to vocational school wfieldtrip VAC PAC PEC?</p>	Moved: Marie-Pier Michaud Seconded: Erminia Di Pietro <i>carried</i>
6.6 ABAV Plan	<p>Tania D'Alessandro presented the ABAV plan which was designed in conjunction with Bill 9.</p> <p>A committee composed of a broad range of stake holders at the school was struck to draft this plan. School Council has already approved it.</p> <p>In March School Council will again meet to review the evaluation grid.</p> <p>It was noted that the school's legal obligation to inform parents of reported sexual violence by students who are under fourteen discourages these students from reporting sexual violence and may affect the efficacy of the complaint procedure.</p> <p>It was also noted that these policies are only as good as those who enforce them. It was generally agreed that the enforcement of school policies was an important administrative duty.</p>	Moved: Julie Canty-Homier Seconded: Karine Baillargeon <i>carried</i>
		Motion to Extend the Meeting Moved: Marie-Pier Michaud Seconded: Meghan Hughes <i>carried</i>
7. REPORTS		

7.1 Principal	<p>Enrolment level is good (807)</p> <p>In the fall of 2022, citizens were able to submit ideas for projects within the territory of the City of Montreal. The winning projects will be implemented. On October 19th both junior and senior students will vote on a project.</p> <p>Projects—Fall 2023 generator and water tower—both of these need to be replaced October-May 2024 (minimal impact because it's taking place in boiler room);</p> <p>Bathrooms are another project (more details pending)</p> <p>School dance will be at the end of November or early December "Fall Flame Dance" (tickets \$10)</p> <p>L.O.V.E. program will be offered only in grade 9, but it has been a huge success in the past and there are hopes that it will continue to be so.</p>	
7.2 Staff	<p>Intercontinental Friday night</p> <p>Greece humanitarian trip—raised \$15,000 and will continue to raise funds.</p> <p>Winter sports for Sec. 5 basketball teams for the winter session.</p> <p>Positive leadership activities for grade 7.</p> <p>Terry Fox run was a great success - \$3865.80 was raised</p> <p>Dress down day on Friday—\$2 as fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness.</p> <p>Discussion of the feasibility of forming a Student Council? Feedback is good but there is less interest among Sec 5 students. Outreach to younger students was discussed. It was noted that there is a problem with student council becoming a popularity contest and initiatives to address that were discussed.</p> <p>Junior Lunch activities have been successful.</p> <p>Two presentations are being organized for Sec 1 and 2 from the police. The topic for this will be on cellphones and the use social media.</p>	
7.3 Students	<p>Bullying—kids have been taking pictures without consent and posting them on social media.</p> <p>Staff responded that the police invitation is a partially response to this complaint.</p> <p>Nothing is being done for senior lunch activities and staff responded that this will be brought to to Staff Council; pop-up lunches will return.</p>	
7.4 LBPSB Parent Committee	Julia Gregory was not present to report	
7.5 PPO	Christine Donald was not present to report	
7.7 Commissioner	not present	
7.8 Community Representative	TBA	
7.9 Correspondence	none	
8. VARIA	none	
9. NEXT MEETING	November 17, online	

10. ADJORNMENT

Moved: Julie Canty-
Homier
Seconded: Marie-Pier
Michaud
carried