



LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School
Governing Board Minutes
Tuesday, March 19th, 2024
6:30 pm - Zoom

Present:

Staff representatives - Meghan Hughes, Karine Baillargeon, Susan Cleveland, Cynthia McCulloch and Cynthia Shyngera

Parent representatives - Julia Gregory, John Ranger, Erminia Di Pietro, Franca Henry, Claire Russell, Stephanie Seusahai, Diana Keener and Adriana Shower

Student representatives - None present

Community representatives - Roland Schubert

Commissioner - Lori Morrison

Administration - Wusua Mitchell, Tania D'Alessandro and Christine Donald

Regrets: Amrit Grewal, Marie-Pier Michaud and Marcello Sicoli

1. Call to order (quorum, welcome)

- Quorum was confirmed at 6:35 pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

- Motioned by J. Ranger, seconded by C. Shyngera

3. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (Jan. 23rd, 2024)

- Tabled until next meeting
- J. Ranger will email the wording for his requested correction to item 4. *Business Arising from previous meeting* regarding his motion to modify the October minutes

4. Business Arising from previous meeting

- None

5. Public Question Period

- Ms. Lori Morrison (Commissioner) introduced herself
- Email communication from a parent regarding "boys' uniform" expressing that "boys" are limited to only one option compared to "girls"
 - o A discussion and uniform subcommittee may be necessary in the near future
 - o J. Ranger requested that Admin send an email requesting specific feedback since we hope to revise the uniform soon - Motion to be reformulated for next meeting

6. New Business

6.1. Approval of field trips, rentals, fundraisers

- a) Lego Robotics provincials
 - o April 26th at Université de Sherbrooke - Campus de Longueuil, 6-7 students and 1-2 staff drivers, no charge to students but they must bring their own lunch
 - o Motioned by C. Shyngera, seconded by J. Ranger

- b) Gender & Sexuality Alliance workshop at Beurling Academy
 - o April 17th (9:20 am - 1:30 pm), 10-15 students and 2-3 staff, public transportation, no charge, exploring equity and inclusivity
 - o Motioned by J. Ranger, seconded by S. Cleveland
- c) Grade 9 History/Science field trip to Ottawa
 - o Early May, Canadian War Museum and Canadian Museum of Nature, for all Grade 9 students, 1:15 student-staff ratio, coach bus, no charge since funded by *Sorties culturelles* and other grants
 - o Motioned by S. Cleveland, seconded by C. Russell
- d) Dress-down day on April 5th for Autism Canada
 - o Voluntary donation, awareness and promotion to be done by Leadership students and in morning announcement slides
 - o Motioned by J. Ranger, seconded by E. Di Pietro
- e) Dress-down day on May 10th for Run for It program
 - o To raise funds for students and staff to run in the annual event in June for women's mental health care and research along with the Montreal General Hospital
 - o Motioned by C. Shyngera, seconded by J. Ranger

6.2. Governing Board Composition consultation

- Question about the number of representatives at LCCHS:
 - o Our GB has a similar composition to schools with similar enrolment
- Question about how staff are selected/rotated:
 - o Staff volunteer each year (often the same members), an election would take place if there are more volunteers than spots available

6.3. A By-Law to Fix the Day, Time, and Place of the Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee consultation

- Question about why our school GB is consulted on this when it pertains to the Executive Committee: it is regulated by law for meetings

7. Reports

7.1. Principal

- Rattrapage (tutoring) funding
 - o Government funding for small-group tutorials (5-6 students per teacher) to catch students up following missed classes during the teacher strike
 - o We are currently in the process of scheduling tutorials for Sec 1-5 core subjects (English, French and Math) and Sec 4 Science and History
 - o Families of students close to passing (based on Term 2 marks) will be contacted
 - o We still offer Homework Zone, an after-school drop-in program for all in the library
- Solar eclipse on April 8th - LBPSB will provide all students and staff with eclipse viewing glasses
- Educational Project - Staff have started drafting the document, addressing our school's challenges, objectives and strategies
- Black History Month activities that have taken place at LCCHS this year:
 - o Sec 5 Black theatre workshop
 - o Ms. Hughes's Harlem Renaissance unit
 - o Steel pan drum performance during the lunch hours
 - o Other learning opportunities throughout the school year, and more to come

- Spirit Week - Thank you to the Leadership classes for planning activities and theme days in the week leading up to March break
- Kudos to the Bantam Girls Basketball team - this was the first time in 28 years that one of our girls' basketball teams qualified for the championships, which will take place on April 12th-14th in Drummondville
- Student Council
 - o Juniors met today and Seniors will meet on Thursday
 - o Recommendation that some Student Council members come to GB
 - o Student Council reps will participate in the land acknowledgement at the April 10th concert in the LCCHS auditorium (Nikamu Mamuitun - French & Innu music)

7.2. Staff

- Sec 1-4 students watched Macbeth performed by Shakespeare Canada in our auditorium last week
- All IB students attended a French play (*Sherlock Holmes et le chien des Baskerville*) at Théâtre Desjardins on Feb. 21st, and all Sec 5 students and two Sec 4 IB classes will attend another play (*Ils étaient dix*) tomorrow, March 20th
- Multicultural Week (week of April 29th) will include the following activities:
 - o Multicultural Food Fiesta on Tuesday, April 30th - registration begins on April 3rd
 - o May 1st - Latin dance lesson for Phoenix
 - o May 2nd - Caribbean dance lesson (both lunches)
 - o May 3rd - Irish dance lesson (both lunches)
- Trips departing soon:
 - o Greece Humanitarian Trip: March 23rd - April 1st
 - o Europe Trip: March 28th - April 14th
- Our Battle of the Books team won the regional competition hosted here at LCCHS, the finals will take place at the LBPSB Head Office this Thursday, March 21st
- Congratulations to Ms. Wusua Mitchell for being recognized at the *A Taste of Tea* event honouring leading Black women educators
- Thank you to PPO and Admin for the treats and to families who took their time to send messages for Staff Appreciation

7.3. Students

- No report

7.4. LBPSB Parent Committee Representative

- No report

7.5. PPO

- Thank you to all who volunteered and made Staff Appreciation week happen, it was a great send-off to March break
- 83 SPC cards were sold to Senior students out of the 150 that were ordered, we managed to raise about \$300

- Super Recycleurs will start at the beginning of April to end with pickup on April 30th, Leadership will distribute flyers in the community, we collected enough textiles to make \$175 last year
- There will be a TCBY sale at the beginning of May, the last one was very successful in September
- Possibility of a gently used uniform sale in June, depending on what uniform donations we receive

7.6. Commissioner

- See report (emailed)
- Question about Science activity with Allion posted on social media: Ms. Cleveland invited one of the K4 classes to do a couple experiments and hopes for more collaborations moving forward
- Question about Shakespeare Canada at LCCHS:
 - o Ms. Hughes invites them annually, it has now been 6 years
 - o Plays run for 90 min
 - o Last year: Romeo & Juliet
 - o This year: Macbeth
 - o Next year: Midsummer Night's Dream
- Congratulations to Ms. Mitchell for her *A Taste of Tea* honour

7.7. Community Representatives

- R. Schubert:
 - o The HOPE food bank feeds 10-12 new clients each week, a drastic increase in demand reaching about 1000 clients per year
 - o Mr. Schubert will represent the food banks of LaSalle at the *Table de concertation de LaSalle*
 - o Question about school supplies: We provide students in need with school supplies and *Milieux défavorisés* funding helps with meals, supplies and fees - we also offer free outings, sports and extracurricular activities to all

7.8. Correspondence

- None

8. Varia

- None

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 16th, 2024

- C. Russell volunteered to be secretary

10. Adjournment

- Motioned by C. Russell, seconded by J. Ranger at 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cleveland
 (Backup secretary since minutes were not submitted for this meeting)