
Governing Board Meeting Minutes - December 16th, 2020 (via zoom)

Attendees:

Mr. Lambert, Ms. Silke Sas, Mme Lucy Filiatrault, Mme Tanya Caza, Ms. Marisa Furino, Mr. John Riley, Daniel Olivenstein (Commissioner), Melinda Paradis (Chairperson), Chris Couture, Corrie Pacitto, Dustin Traylen, Sarah Simunic, Bobbi Hamilton, Jennifer Gilligan (Secretary), Ms. Lindsay Reid, Vanessa Gareau-Dominguez, Susan Nowak (Suzy Q), Georgia Kollias, Danny Raie

Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 by Melinda.

Verification of Quorum

Confirmed.

Approval of the Agenda

Corrie motions to approve/Mme Lucy seconds/approved by all.

Approval of November 24th, 2020 minutes

Ms. Furino motions to approve/Mme Tanya seconds/approved by all.

Reading of the land acknowledgement (read by Melinda)

Appendix A

Public Question Period

N/A

Reports

a) **Principal's Report:** (presented by Mr. Lambert)

- November was not kind to Evergreen due to COVID but December is looking much better; HUGE thank you to the phenomenal staff who pulled through and stuck together during the challenging time; many parents showed their love and support as well
- Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony was very successful
- Virtual Parent/Teacher interviews was very successful

Reports (continued)

a) **Principal's Report:** (presented by Mr. Lambert) (continued)

- Virtual online schooling December 17th, 18th, 2020 and January 4th - 8th, 2021 as per recent Government announcement
- Mme Picard, our local MNA visited the school and delivered a letter of thanks, a monetary donation to be put toward something to benefit the students and a gift basket which was raffled off to the Staff
- Corrie asks if there has been any progress on road safety/security around the school (discussed October 27th, 2020); Mr. Lambert advises that he is having a telephone meeting on December 17th, 2020 to discuss what options are available
- Happy Holidays to all, enjoy a well deserved break to rest and relax

b) **Teachers Report:** (presented by Ms. Furino)

Been a crazy few weeks trying to get the students caught up from when the class bubbles were closed and prepping the online curriculum; thank you to the Holiday Committee for a fun filled Spirit Week and Flashmob dance, brought some life and joy back at the perfect time; thank you to all parents and H&S for their continued support; thank you to Mr. John for a very enjoyable dance video that will be posted on the Evergreen Facebook page.

c) **Grad Activities & Fundraisers:** (presented by Melinda)

There were delays gathering all the student signatures due to class closures and now the holidays so delivery is projected for early 2021; Sarah mentions that at the last meeting it was noted that the grad t-shirts had been ordered but Melinda clarifies that it was the sizing order that had been sent to the supplier.

d) **Parent Committee Representative:** (presented by Melinda)

- Last meeting was December 3rd, 2020
- points of discussion: LBPSB Task Force, COVID, Green Initiative and reducing LBPSB Carbon Footprint
- next meeting January 14th, 2021

e) **Commissioner:** (presented by Danny)

Commissioner report was distributed with meeting package; Danny extends his thanks and appreciation to all staff and the Evergreen community for pulling together and pushing through during the COVID situation that unfortunately hit Evergreen November 2020.

f) **Daycare:** N/A

Reports (continued)

g) **Home & School:** (presented by Bobbi)

H&S is limited in their fundraising this year but still trying to be creative and implement initiatives.

Initiatives requiring approval:

1. Leaf Bags: can the Fall fundraiser of selling leaf bags be run year round as both leaf bags and compost bin liners
2. Super Recycleurs: initially approved April 2020 but was not able to hold the event due to provincial lockdown; would like to run the even in Spring 2021, date to be determined based on booking availability

Corrie motions to approve both initiatives/Ms. Furino seconds/approved by all.

Business Arising

a) **Emergency Preparedness Approval:** Mr. Lambert advises that the master binder is ready for review and approval; normally binder is physically presented at the meeting but due to virtual meetings, it is requested that Melinda review on behalf of Governing Board; motion to approve Melinda reviewing and officially approving the binder December 17th, 2020 at school *Bobbi motions to approve/Mme Tanya seconds/approved by all.

b) **Motion to approve the review of AVAB policies (volunteer amendment):**

- Mr. Lambert motions that this item is tabled until the next meeting as a more detailed review is required and he would like to discuss further with the AVAB Committee as well as LBPSB
- Mr. Lambert confirms that the staff has recognized that there is an increase in aggressive behavior and frustration amongst the students, the staff is finding ways to teach the students how to deal with their frustrations instead of continuously punishing behavior
- Melinda mentions that her and Corrie have looked over other school AVAB policies and suggests that Evergreen review Forest Hill Senior's policy
- Melinda questions if incident reports are mandatory for every incident that is reported to the school
- Corrie asks if the draft AVAB can be discussed to avoid further delays with approval and questions if the policy will be adapted to 2020-2021; Mr. Lambert advises that the AVAB policy is not specific to any year, it is a general standardized policy that is followed and he also advises that he fully understands parents are concerned and frustrated but the AVAB policy **must** be created by the staff, not parents.

Business Arising (continued)

b) **Motion to approve the review of AVAB policies (volunteer amendment): (continued)**

- Mme Lucy advises that the staff is always brainstorming and adapting to the current situation
- Mme Tanya states that even though the AVAB policy is not approved, it does not mean that a standard isn't being followed
- Mr. Lambert urges all parents to notify himself and their child's teacher for any issues and/or incidents of concern

*Vanessa leaves the meeting

c) **School budget approval:** Mr. Lambert presents the budget for review and approval; Melinda reads Governing Board Budget Resolution (Appendix B); Mme Lucy motions to approve/Mr. John seconds/approved by all.

**Melinda confirms that both Vanessa and Dustin have left the meeting

**Melinda requests to extend the meeting by 15 minutes; Corrie motions to approve/Mme Lucy seconds/approved by all

New Business (presented by Mr. Lambert)

a) **Calendar Updates:**

- Term 1 end date: January 15th, 2021
- Report Card distribution: January 22nd, 2021
- Term 2 parent/teacher interviews: April 1st, 2021 (via zoom, similar to November online interviews)
- Two additional Ped Days (requiring approval):
 - ➔ March 19th and June 11th are proposed Evergreen Ped days *Ms. Furino motions to approve/Sarah seconds/approved by all; January 25th and February 8th were LBPSB mandated Ped Days but January 25th was already an Evergreen specific Ped Day;

b) **School Board Elections:** postponed until June 2021; Corrie mentions that there is a voter registration form on the LBPSB website; Danny mentions that it is the Voter Transfer Form that needs to be completed and physically mailed to the board in order to receive your yellow voter's card in the mail.

Business Arising (continued)

c) Governing Board Meeting Dates (January - June 2021):

- January: N/A
- February 23rd, 2021
- March 23rd, 2021
- April 28th, 2021
- May 25th, 2021
- June 15th, 2021 (optional, only if required)

Mme Lucy motions to approve/Sarah seconds/approved by all.

Correspondence

N/A

Varia

N/A

Date / Time of Next Meeting

February 23rd, 2021 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

Ms. Furino adjourns the meeting at 8:00 pm/Ms. Reid seconds/approved by all.

SIGNATURES

PRINCIPAL

CHAIR

**APPENDIX A -
Land Acknowledgement**

“In order to show our deep respect for the land on which our event takes place today” we would like to acknowledge that Lester B Pearson School Board is located on the unceded territory of the Kanien’keha:ka People. Lester B Pearson School Board honours, recognizes and respects Kanien’keha:ka People as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today and recognizes that this land has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations...

“We also acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and commit to informing ourselves about this truth in order to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation”.

**APPENDIX B -
GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION
TO ADOPT THE SCHOOL / CENTRE INITIAL 2020-2021 BUDGET**

WHEREAS the Governing Board is responsible for adopting the School's Annual Budget proposed by the Principal, and shall submit the budget to the School Board for approval as per section 95 of the Education Act; and

WHEREAS the Principal shall prepare the Annual Budget of the School, (and) submit it to the Governing Board for adoption, as per section 96.24 of the Education Act;

WHEREAS the Governing Board of Evergreen Elementary School has reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 budget as submitted by the Principal at the December 16th, 2020 Governing Board meeting, showing revenues of \$248 665.00 and expenses of \$248 665.00 and giving a budgeted net result of \$0.

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, on a motion by (name), seconded by (name), budget for the 2020-2021 school year be adopted

Melinda Paradis, Chairperson of Governing Board Adam Lambert, Principal

December 16th, 2020