

**Westwood Junior High School Governing Board Minutes**  
**8 September 2015**  
**Staff Lounge**

**Attendees:** Chris Buddle (GB Chair), Barbara Hunter, Marie-Josée Coiteux (Principal), Terri Carrier, Mike Giannoumis, Roxanne Theoret, Arlene Griffin (Home & School Rep),

**Regrets:** Jean Burgess, Bob Savard, Kelly Roy, Daniel Olivenstein (Commissioner)

**Guest:** Lisa Fougere, Isabelle Fleury (incoming Home & School representatives)

**Meeting commenced at 7:06**

1. Adoption of the agenda. Moved by RT, Seconded by TC. Motion carried
2. Adoption of minutes from meeting on 19 May 2015. Moved by MG, Seconded by BH.
3. Business arising:
  - 3.1 Major School Change - Tabled
4. Reports:
  - 4.1 Principal's Report - see attached
  - 4.2 Sector Parents Committee - no report this month
  - 4.3 Home and School - see attached
  - 4.4 Commissioner's report - see attached
5. New Business
  - 5.1 Governing Board 2014-2015 Annual Report: see attached. Motion to accept Annual Report Moved by MG, Seconded by RT. Approved
  - 5.2 WWJ Annual General Meeting: To be held on 16 September, 6:30 PM.
  - 5.3 Pearson Education Foundation - announcement for Golf Tournament on 1 October, and on 18 October for an event with Montreal Alloues
  - 5.4 Field Trip Approvals: motion for approval of any/all 2015-2016 school sports activities organized by GMAA, cost generally \$30-\$80 for registration and transportation. Moved by TC, seconded by BH. Approved
  - 5.5 Change of schedule approvals: when school photos are received, kids sign for photos which may mean an extended home room time period. Date TBD. Moved by MG, Seconded by RT, Approved.

5.6 Dress Code: some concern raised by parents about 'blitz' on dress code and its application. Question was also raised about length of skirt above knee. Some kids are stressed about what to wear to school, especially for girls on hot days. There was general recognition that it is also a challenge for school administrators and teachers. A suggestion about a visual was made, and there was some discussion and support for considering school uniforms for WWJr, and the 2015-2016 Governing Board may wish to follow up on this.

6. Public Question Period: no public present

7. Adjournment by 7:40 PM. Moved by TC, seconded by RT.

# Council of Commissioners Report

August 31, 2015

## 1. **Administrative Staffing** **Head Office**

- Stephen Colpitts- appointed Interim Director of Human Resources
- Chris Fuzessey- appointed Interim Director of Schools-Region 2
- Veronique Marin- Director of Schools- Region 1

### **Principals**

- Jennifer Kurta- LCCHS
- Kerry Ann Payette- Springdale Elementary
- Sandra Luther- Verdun Elementary

### **Vice-principals**

- Diisa Niemi- Horizon High School
- Marc Traversy- John Rennie H.S.

## 2. **SNAC**

- SNAC's next AGM is on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom.
- SNAC's new e-mail address is [snac@lbpearson.ca](mailto:snac@lbpearson.ca)
- Special needs parent representative on each GB. SNAC is proposing that each GB reserve a position for a parent of a special needs student (defined as a parent of a student who has an IEP). This is only a proposal and would need to be approved by a majority of parents at the AGM. This not obligatory in any way.

## 3. **Executive Committee**

- The chairperson, Suanne Stein Day and the new Director-General, Michael Chechile, visited 7 cities in China and India during the summer to increase the enrolment of students in our International program which generates significant revenue for the Board which can then be used in the youth sector.
- Date of the October 19 meeting was moved to October 20 due to the federal election.

#### **4. Budget Resolution**

- The MEESR (Ministry of Education) cut 6% of the funding to school boards
- It permitted school boards who filed a recovery plan for the 2014-15 school year to have a planned deficit for the 2015-16 school year.
- LBPSB is permitted a deficit of approximately 1.6 million dollars
- LBPSB passed an operating and debt service budget using approximately 1.6 million of our accumulated surplus to balance the budget

#### **5. School Tax Management Committee (STMC)**

- The school tax rate will be .18839 per \$100 or about \$190 per \$100,000 of assessed property. The rate is lower than last year's, .19462.
- This will generate \$477 million of revenues which is up from last year's \$460 million.
- It is distributed to the 5 Montreal Island school boards on a student pro rata basis.
- This funds about 20% of school board operating expenses including equipment and building maintenance, energy consumption, management of school and centres, and a portion of the school bus transportation costs.

#### **6. QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association)**

- Suanne Stein Day, Noel Burke and Frank di Bello were appointed as members of the Board of directors of QESBA
- Suanne Stein Day is on the Executive Committee of QESBA for 2 years.

#### **7. Pearson Education Foundation**

- Golf classic on October 1 at the Club de Golfe Atlantide on Ile Perrot at 2201 Don Quichotte. \$ 250.00 with a tax receipt issued for \$100.00. Details on the website.
- 1<sup>st</sup> annual LBPSB family Day with the Alouettes. Sunday, October 18, at 1:00. Tickets are \$14.00 with \$2.00 going to the PEF. The regular price is \$36.00. Orders end on October 2. Website is: <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/alouettes.htm>

**Submitted:**

**Danny Olivenstein**

**Principal's report**  
**Governing Board**

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Smooth start-for grade 7's & our grade 8's

Photo retake will take place Sept. 10th

First fire drill took place on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> and it went very well

Curriculum night & AGA taking place on -Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

Terry Fox-Wednesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> -participation to be discussed with staff due to work to rule

Lunch time activities are on hold due to the work to rule

After school sports will continue-this is of course if we have a teacher/staff member who is willing to coach a particular sport and it is compensated with Value added remuneration

Boys soccer try-outs are already scheduled

Cross country run-no LBPSB schools are entering because it is held during the day- however Mr. Prahacs and Mr. Tyrrell will still run practices after school to prepare for a 5 km run which will be held in St. Lazare in honor of a former teacher  
Students who are interested will have to register on their own but Mr. Prahacs will be running the race. The run will be held on Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>