

ALLION

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GOVERNING BOARD Minutes

Monday, November 18th, 2024

18:00

Zoom Call

Territorial Acknowledgement

- **Welcome / Regrets**

Attendance

Parents Representatives: Tina Bona, Nadia Longo, Anouk Petit, Patrick Bayne, Annette Banton, Carmela Sposato (Alternate)

Staff representatives: Linda Aubertin, Karen Gallant, Shannon Pine, Tania Nouvet, Alexandra Vietri (Teacher's alternate), Jessica Eagleton (Teacher's Alternate)

Administrators: Josie D'Adamo

Regrets: Todd Smith, Lindsey Wilikson (Alternate), Marie Pierre, Maya Johnson, Linda Dalterio (Commissioner)

- **Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion: Annette Banton
All in favour

Second: Carmela Sposato
Motion Passed

- **Adoption of Minutes from October 7th, 2024**

Motion: Tina Bona
All in favour

Second: Karen Gallant
Motion Passed

- **Correspondence**

- **Governing Board Training workshop** being held Thursday November 21st@ 8 PM in person at the LBPSB offices

- **New Commissioner** - Linda Dalterio - Correspondence from June 2024 & September 2024

- **Public Question Period**

- None

- **Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- N/A

- **New Business**

- **Items for Approval**

- **Field Trips, Fundraiser, & Daycare Activities:**

- **Free Pasta Lunch - Monday November 25th - For all students**

- Gluten free and white pasta available. Students need to bring utensils, and the school will provide dishes.
- Funded by L'Associazione Messinese di Montreal in collaboration with Joe Sollazzo from les ventes JVS Sales Inc., Berchicci, and Villa Toscana

- **Candy Grams - Start selling December 2nd to 19th**

- Note with candy cane - Students will purchase the number of candy grams.
- Students to bring back the notes at home to complete and then will need to be brought back by December 16th
- Will be sold at recess
 - 1 = 0.75
 - 2 for \$1
 - 5 for \$3

Motion: Nadia Longo
All in favour

Second: Tania Nouvet
Motion Passed

- **Daycare Ped Day Activities:**

- **February 7th 2025 - Sportlife**

- Will organize different sports throughout the day
- Inhouse activity (9 - 2pm)
- **Costing \$36 / Student (\$16 daycare fee + \$20 activity)**

- **May 9th 2025 - Funtropolis**
 - At the St. Hubert location
 - Children will be bussed
 - Bus covered by school
 - **\$38 / Student (\$16 daycare fee + \$22 activity)**

Motion: Karen Gallant
All in favour

Second: Jessica Eagleton
Motion Passed

- **Rentals:** None
- **Policies & Programs:** None
- **School Supplies & Fees:** None

- **Items for Adoption:**
 - **Allion Budget 2024-25**
 - Based on the number of students enrolled (339 students)
 - School board provides fixed cost per enrolled student
 - Also contains funds for special funds for activities such as but not limited to, improving school / technology, safety courses, hiring of SPEC education, cultural field trips, etc.)
 - Capital Fund is used to purchase school equipment (chairs, desks, white board, etc.).

Motion: Nadia Longo
All in favour

Second: Karen Gallant
Motion Passed

- **Consultations:** None
- **Points of Information:** None

- **Reports**

- **Commissioner's Report: N/A**
 - New Commissioner was elected in early November: Linda Dalterio
 - Could not attend but provided the below Commissioner's report for November 2024

Commissioner Report LBPSB - District (Ward) 1

November 2024

Respectfully submitted by Linda Dalterio

English School Board Elections

- LBPSB Council of Commissioners elected (* means acclaimed) for 12 Divisions (also known as Wards and called Districts my MEES)
- 3 Wards went to the ballot at LBPSB

LBPSB Council of Commissioners Elected on November 3, 2024

Chair	Judy Kelley*
Electoral Division 1	Linda Dalterio*
Electoral Division 2	Frank di Bello
Electoral Division 3	Patrick Whitman*
Electoral Division 4	Allison Saunders*
Electoral Division 5	Malik Shaheed*
Electoral Division 6	Alaina Charszan
Electoral Division 7	Jason Doan*
Electoral Division 8	Marilyne Boyer*
Electoral Division 9	Maureen Baron
Electoral Division 10	Luisa Bulgarelli Vero*
Electoral Division 11	Daniel Olivenstein*
Electoral Division 12	Angela Berryman*

LBPSB Parent Commissioners (CRPC) Elected on October 23, 2024, at the PC AGA

CRPC (Elementary)	Mark Kashetsky
CRPC (Secondary)	Tracey-Ann Curtis
CRPC (At Large)	Erik Olsthoorn
CRPC (SNAC)	Sara Hossaini

Council Meetings

- June 2024 - Meeting summary included in the email
- September 2024 - Meeting summary included in the email
 - 2024-2025 proposed a balanced budget with anticipated revenues and expenses of \$402,961,309.00
 - EDDI Policy adopted
 - Administrative and staffing changes
- October 2024 - No meeting because of School Board Elections
- November 2024 - The first meeting of the new Council is scheduled for November 18, 2024, at 7:30 pm, where the Council of Commissioners will be sworn in.
 - Council meetings are usually held the last Monday of every month, unless it is a school break, and are usually dismissed during the holiday season unless otherwise required.
 - These are the 2024-2025 Council meeting dates that have been established: - November 18, December 16, January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 30
 - Public notices for Council and Executive Committee meetings can be found here: <https://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/information-from-council/#meetings>

Policies

- The LBPSB policy of Equity Diversity Dignity and Inclusion (EDDI) went to consultation and many hours were put into defining these guiding principles for our School Board, its partnerships and collaborations.
- The new LBOSB EDDI Policy was adopted at the Council meeting of September 16, 2024, and can be found on the LBPSB website in the Commissioners tab under Policies & By-laws: <https://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/policies-by-laws/>

Commissioner Activities

Heart & Hands Pediatric Clinic - Lakeside Academy

- On November 7th, I had the privilege of attending the Grand Opening of the second [Heart & Hands Pediatric School Clinic](#) at Lakeside Academy, the first clinic opened at Verdun Elementary School. The school clinic is an LBPSB and McGill University initiative that embodies holistic community health by starting where it matters most—at school, the next best place to home. This ecosystem brings together community-centered learning for resident physicians. **Quebec English-speaking Communities Research Network (QUESCREN)**
- On November 14th, I attended Lunch & Learn on Busting Myths and Building Bridge. We were presented with the research done by the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages (OCOL-CLO) regarding the myths and misconceptions that Quebecers and Canadians have about English speakers and bilingualism in Quebec, and bilingualism in Canada.

- There remain many misconceptions about the English-speaking community in Quebec. I have attached an infographic with a few facts about the English-speaking community from the OCOL presented at the meeting.
- QUESCREN is an alliance of researchers, community members, and institutions that develops research capacity in English-speaking Quebec.

Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA)

- QESBA advocates for appropriate English institutional education for students in both the youth and adult sectors and to enhance the effectiveness of school commissioners and member school boards in the areas of education, finance, administration and labour relations to fulfill the needs of school boards.
- On October 24, 2024, I attended QESBA's first Community Engagement Award ceremony in the name of Liberal MNA and cabinet minister Kathleen Weil and her husband, former Chambre de Commerce de Montréal President Michael Novak. Former Quebec Premier Jean Charest was the keynote where he raised awareness about the provincial legislation aimed at abolishing Quebec English public school boards.
- November 30th will be the AGA, and professional development for Commissioners.

Bill 40 was adopted in the National Assembly in 2020 and turned school boards into school service centres.

- Less than six months later, [parts of the bill that applied to English boards were suspended by the Quebec Superior Court](#) with a stay of legislation while a legal challenge made its way through the court.
- [On August 2, 2023, the nine English boards won the first round in Superior Court, where the legislation was deemed unconstitutional.](#)
 - In his ruling, Justice Sylvain Lussier said English school boards in Quebec have the right to manage their schools and that the bill went too far to try to abolish them.
 - **** IMPORTANT ** The government appealed the judgement and the appeal will be heard in January in the Quebec Court of Appeal.**

Marketing & Communications

New LBPSB Website

- On November 4th the Department of Communications and Community Development launched the new LBPSB website.
 - The redesign improves the look of the site makes information easier to find and improves access. The design organizes and presents content that highlights our youth sector, adult and vocational centres and our offerings for International students. The new site is bilingual and accessible. Individuals with different

disabilities such as those who are visually or hearing impaired can access all the information on the LBPSB's website.

Pearson News - October 2024 <https://pearsonnews.ca>

- In the issue: Information about school board elections, students attend the Canadian Student Leadership Conference, Light-A-Dream celebrates 25 years, and more.

CBC News - Elections

- LBPSB School Board Chair Judy Kelley was interviewed by Sean Henry on CBC's Daybreak show to discuss the school board elections:
 - <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-15-daybreak-montreal/clip/16105652-why-vote-school-board-elections-sunday>

Other election news:

- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/school-board-election-results-emsb-1.7372676> - <https://montreal.citynews.ca/2024/11/04/joe-ortona-re-elected-chair-english-montreal-school-board/>

- **Principal's Report:**

Thank you to all staff for their great work with the upcoming report cards and IEP's. As well thanks to all staff who attended, helped and supported the Halloween dance. As well thanks to the Home & School for organizing and all the volunteers. As well thanks to Dorothy and Cheryl for helping support the event as well. Thanks to all the students and families who participated. As well as the DJ Todd and his team DJ TJ, lighting team Jerry and Brandon. As well to the LCCHS volunteers , LCCHS for allowing us to use the space and caretaking team.

Thanks to the K4 teams for their great work with the parent component. The kids and families had a blast painting and carving pumpkins. Next component is on Wed, Nov. 20th from 6pm-7pm on Handling Big emotions.

Thanks to Ms Acton & Mr. George for their great work with the Cross Country run and Handball tournament. As well to Ms. Acton for hosting and organizing for our region the Handball as well as the numerous practices. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers as well. Congrats to Ms. Acton on being honoured at her APEQ conference on her excellence as Physical Ed teacher. We are so proud of her and congratulate her on this prestigious recognition.

Thanks to LCCHS for allowing us to use their space for the dance and for opening the door for collaborations. The first event being the judges for the Haunted doors and the Haunted house.

Thanks to everyone for all your help with the Apple and Pumpkin picking and your participation in the trip. I know how tiring field trips can be. Grateful we had amazing weather.

Thanks to Patricia and Angela for the Anti-Racism workshops for all the grade 5's and 6's.

- Our Zen room will be changing to the work den. We have many special needs and we will be supporting them in the work den. The room is looking amazing thanks to Emilie and Merrie for their great work. Work baskets are being created to support these students. We will also have a bank of activities for teachers to borrow. As well thanks to Jade for supporting them.
- Tomorrow Nov. 19th Petit Prince - Thanks to Mr. Kerry and Ms. Tiffany for organizing. Grades 3-6 will be attending.
- Congrats to Ms Tiffany on winning several grants: \$1596 (Culture in Schools) & \$4000 for author visits etc.
- Also congrats to Mme Valois on her grant that she won \$1250 for Culture in School activities
- Math Olympics: Dec. 3rd from 5:30-6:30pm. We will be cheering on the kids in Grade 6. Thanks to Ms. Tracey and Mr. B . All parents and staff are welcome.
- Dec.16- Dress Down for holiday baskets and haircuts for holiday baskets . We will be supporting 13 Allion families. Thanks to all families for your generous contribution.
- Music concert - Dec. 13th - two shows (AM / PM).
- Confirmed half day on Dec. 20th last day before the holidays
- Report cards and IEP's were released on Nov. 13th. Interviews were held on zoom. Thanks to all the families who met with the Allion team.
- Enrichment Exam - took place on Nov. 15th. Thank you to all the Grade 6 staff that helped administer the exam. The results will be available in January 2025.
- Many workshops for students in all grades from the community officer and Missing children's Foundation. Some of the topics included Criminal code, Anti Bullying, SHINE Internet Safety, & How I stay safe.
- Free Pasta Lunch -Nov.25th for all students and staff (Gluten free and white pasta available)
- Lunch and Learns see memo all staff welcome to come.

○ **Teachers' Report:**

Kindergarten-4	We have been busy this month. We continue to work on Fall themed activities. We read many fall themed books . Emily Miller will be coming in to do a parent workshop on November 20th at 6pm. Emily will be presenting “Handling Big Emotions”. We are finishing up our fall theme and we will be slowly starting our winter theme.
Kindergarten-5	In French kindergarten, we have participated in projects related to Halloween and Fall. The children have been acquiring new French vocabulary through these subjects. In French and English the children have been working together building structures with various building materials. These activities are helping them develop their social, emotional and motor skills.
Grade 1	<p>In ELA, students have been working on their letter sounds and CVC words as well as making short sentences. Using proper sentence structure has been introduced and encouraged in their writing skills.</p> <p>This week we will begin our Holidays theme.</p> <p>In Math, students have just finished Theme 2 of their math book which involved concepts such as <, >, =, increasing and decreasing numbers, addition and subtraction as well as spatial relationships.</p> <p>En français, nous avons fini les sons des voyelles et on commence les sons ou, oi et on. Les enfants ont fait un livre de classe, Tu lis où? Les enfants ont aussi fait des drapeaux pour les représenter. Chaque élève a apporté un jouet ou un toutou préféré pour présenter en classe. Pour le thème des animaux pour première année pour STEAM, la classe de Mme Gallant sera transformée en forêt et les enfants deviendront des experts au sujet de quatre animaux qui se trouvent dans la forêt. On commence avec l’hibou.</p>
Grade 2	<p>In French we are dedicating the month of November to Science by introducing the students to the scientific method and doing science experiments. Also we are starting to work on fluency and writing. They will be introduced to informational Text and opinion text. In Art, we will explore pattern art.</p> <p>In ELA, the students continue to work on CVC, CCVC, CVCC words and reading short texts, as well as writing sentences.</p> <p>In math, the students have started working on applications and they will do a situational problem soon. We also continue to work in the math Digit workbook.</p>
Grade 3	N/A
Grade 4	<p>Français :Apprendre à conjuguer “avoir” et “être” au présent.Reconnaître les noms (communs et propres). Écrire un texte sur l’automne.</p> <p>Sciences : cahier Scientifiq : Découvrir les groupes d’animaux (mammifères, oiseaux, etc.). Faire un projet sur un animal (où il vit, ce qu’il mange, ses caractéristiques).</p>

	Univers social: cahier Terminus : Étudier la vie en Nouvelle-France en 1645 : les habitants, leur travail, et la façon dont ils vivent.
Grade 5	<p>In English we are creating our own superhero and writing a comic strip about it. In math we are working on fractions (equivalent fractions, ordering fractions, etc..)</p> <p>In French we are working on our history À La Trace book. We have also begun our first science experiment (decomposing 2 pumpkins, hypothesizing and recording the results). We continue to work on grammar (les classes de mots), writing work and will be completing listening comprehensions based off of a French podcast for kids.</p>
Grade 561	We are working on a bilingual Dragon’s Den project where student create their own invention to solve an every day problem. We will be starting to learn about fractions in Math and learning about response to literature in English. In French we are continuing to work on comprehension by watching a TV show for kids called Marika.
Grade 6	N/A
Physical Ed	<p>Our students found great success at the Cross Country Run held at the end of October. We have since started intramurals with our grade 3 and 4 students at lunch and shall be starting practices for our volleyball tournament at the end of this week.</p> <p>In class we completed our basketball unit with the senior students and have been working on locomotor movements, throwing, and equipment exploration with the junior students.</p> <p>We shall be starting our volleyball unit this week and have also started preparations for cross country skiing.</p>
Music	Preparing / practicing for holiday concert
DCP	<p>In DCP cycle 1 students are learning how to format text: changing font size, colour and style and learning how to insert images in google slides.</p> <p>In cycle 2 students are working on making addition/ multiplication tables using google sheets.</p> <p>In cycle 3 students are working on making posters on how to be respectful, safe and responsible online</p>
Support Staff	We have been busy this month. We continue to work on Fall themed activities. We read many fall themed books . Emily Miller will be coming in to do a parent workshop on November 20th at 6pm. Emily will be presenting “Handling Big Emotions”. We are finishing up our fall theme and we will be slowly starting our winter theme.

○ **Daycare Report:**


- Daycare Budget meeting scheduled for Nov 21. Will be presented at the next GB meeting.
- Will be offering Cooking classes:
 - 1 class per cycle will be offered (Cycle 1 (Grades 1-3) & Cycle 2 (Grades 4-6))
 - Costs: TBD - Costs will be to cover the costs of the supervisor/cooking teacher. Food costs will be covered by school.
- **Support Staff Report:**
 - No report this month
- **Parent Representative Report:**
 - No report this month
- **SNAC Representative Report:**
 - No report this month
- **Home & School Report:**
 - Fundraiser - for Big Cards & Mr. Felix & Norton
 - Good success, final number raised will be presented next meeting
 - Class that sold the most & won the Pizza Lunch is Class 101
 - BoSapine Fundraiser still ongoing - will repost information on school FB/Instagram
 - H& S will also be hosting holiday breakfast for the students on Dec 19th morning (Pancakes, fruits, etc.)
 - Looking into different fundraisers just for adults in the New Year, e.g. Paint Night, Zumba Nights, etc.)
- **Varia**
- **Adjournment**
 - Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm on a motion by Shannon Pine, seconded by Alexandra Vietri

Date of next meeting: **Monday December 9th 2024 @ 6pm - in school**


Respectfully Submitted,

Nadia Longo
GB Secretary

Signed By:



Anouk Petit
GB Committee Chair



Josie D'Adamo
Allion Elementary Principal