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# PEARSON NEWS

## LESTER B. PEARSON SCHOOL BOARD

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FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL & THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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### RAPPORT DU DIRECTEUR GÉNÉRAL

#### Suggestions des conseils d'établissement :

##### **Dotation en personnel de gestion**

En ce début d'année, nous commençons la préparation du processus de dotation en personnel de gestion pour nos écoles et nos centres. C'est le moment où nous demandons aux conseils d'établissement de soumettre au directeur général les critères suggérés pour les fonctions de directeur de leur école ou de leur centre, s'il y a lieu d'y apporter des changements. Soyez assurés que cette information reçoit toute la considération voulue lors du processus de dotation.

##### **Recrutement de personnel**

Nos démarches de recrutement ont commencé en préparation de l'année scolaire 2009-2010. Des représentants de notre Service des ressources humaines procèdent à une série de visites dans les universités anglophones et francophones afin de recruter des finissants. Il s'avère que notre réputation nous vaut beaucoup de candidatures, tant de la part des enseignants que des gestionnaires, un pas très positif vers notre objectif d'avoir le meilleur personnel possible.

##### **Campagne de sécurité dans le transport scolaire du 2 au 13 février 2009**

Le mois de février est l'occasion de montrer notre appréciation à ce groupe de gens très spéciaux qui transportent nos enfants à l'école quotidiennement, tout en assurant leur sécurité dans le vénéré « autobus jaune ». Le 2 février a été désignée « Journée des chauffeurs d'autobus scolaire » dans la province et nous espérons que tous se joindront à nous pour

### DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

#### **Governing Board Input: Administrative Staffing**

As the new year begins, we also begin preparations for the administrative staffing process of our schools and centres. Governing Boards are asked at this time to submit to the Director General suggested criteria for the principalship of their school or centre should a change be required. Please be assured that this information receives serious consideration during the staffing process.

#### **Staff Recruitment**

In preparation for the 2009-2010 school year, our staff recruitment process is now underway. Personnel from our Human Resources Department carry out a series of recruiting visits to both English and French universities to attract graduating students. We are finding that our reputation is now bringing to us applications from both teachers and administrators from far and wide, a most positive step in our goal of providing the best possible staff.

#### **School Bus Safety Campaign February 2-13, 2009**

February marks the time when we show our appreciation to that hardy group of special people who drive our children to and from school on a daily basis, ensuring their safety on the revered "yellow school bus". February 2, 2009, has been designated "School Bus Driver Appreciation Day" across the province and we hope that all will join us in saluting this important group of people. The School Bus Safety Campaign takes place from February 2-13, 2009. Please watch for special announcements.

...FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

saluer cet important groupe de personnes. La campagne de sécurité dans le transport scolaire se tiendra du 2 au 13 février. Surveillez les annonces spéciales à ce sujet.

### **Semaine d'appréciation du personnel**

La Semaine des enseignantes et des enseignants a lieu dans tout le Canada du 8 au 14 février, et c'est le moment de souligner le rôle indispensable des enseignants dans le développement de nos jeunes. La profession devient de plus en plus complexe et exigeante, mais il ne fait aucun doute qu'à la Commission scolaire Lester-B.-Pearson nous bénéficions d'un effectif professionnel profondément dévoué à l'éducation. À la Commission scolaire Lester-B.-Pearson, c'est à **tout** notre personnel que nous désirons dédier cette semaine.

### **Conférence nationale REACHING AT+Promise Students : du 20 au 22 février**

Le Syndicat des enseignant(e)s de Pearson (SEP) et la Commission scolaire ont uni leurs ressources pour permettre à un certain nombre d'enseignants du secondaire de participer à cette conférence très importante. Il s'agit d'une forme de coopération bien spéciale en perfectionnement entre les deux organismes, qui augure bien pour les prochaines initiatives de perfectionnement conjointes.

### **Inscription des élèves**

L'inscription de tous les élèves de maternelle et des élèves qui sont nouveaux dans nos écoles pour l'année scolaire 2009-2010 aura lieu du 2 au 6 février dans toutes nos écoles. Veuillez contacter l'école de votre quartier pour de plus amples détails ou appeler le Bureau des admissions au 514-422-3022.

Des formulaires de réinscription pour tous les élèves de 6<sup>e</sup> année de la Commission scolaire Lester-B.-Pearson seront distribués le 27 janvier. Ceux qui concernent les élèves fréquentant présentement nos écoles de la maternelle à la 5<sup>e</sup> année et de la 1<sup>re</sup> Secondaire à la 4<sup>e</sup> Secondaire seront distribués le 16 février.



### **Staff Appreciation Week**

Teacher Appreciation Week is held across Canada on February 8-14, a most important time to recognize the critical role of teachers in the development of our youth. The profession has become ever more complex and demanding but there can be no doubt that we in the Lester B. Pearson School Board community benefit from a corps of professionals deeply committed to education. We, at Lester B. Pearson, wish to extend our appreciation to **all** our devoted personnel.

### **REACHING AT+Promise Students - National Conference Feb 20-22**

The Pearson Teacher's Union (PTU) and the Board have shared resources in sending a number of secondary teachers to this very important conference on challenging today's students. This marks a very special form of cooperation in professional development between the two organizations, one which bodes well for continuing collaborative professional development initiatives.

### **Student Registration**

Registration for all Kindergarten and students new to our schools for the 2009-2010 school year will take place from February 2-6, 2009, in all of our schools. Please contact your local school for specific information or call our Registration Office at 514-422-3022.

Re-registration forms for all Lester B. Pearson Grade 6 students will be distributed on January 27, 2009. Those of current Kindergarten through to Grade 5 and Secondary 1 – 4 students will be distributed on February 16, 2009.



## A New Library for Orchard School!

A gala celebration of literacy marked the opening of Orchard Elementary School's new library on Thursday, December 4. The relocated and remodeled library will house former collections as well as the amazing new purchases made possible by the Indigo "Love of Reading" Foundation's generous grant of \$62,000 that was awarded to Orchard last spring. The December 4<sup>th</sup> celebration involved the whole school community as well as very important invited guests. The school's hallways were decorated with student book reports and book illustrations. In the morning students were treated to performances by renowned storyteller Stephanie Benateau and got a chance to meet author Charles Montpetit and help him create a unique comic strip. LBPSB celebrity story readers Ivan Smith and Sue Winn also shared their love of reading with the students.

The library opening was marked by a special ribbon-cutting ceremony that included library-themed songs sung by the Orchard choir, as well as a poetry reading by some of our strong readers. Milling in the crowd were student reporters for the Orchard newsletter who interviewed the many guests. The ribbon was cut by the Chapters district manager, Andrea Limbardi. In the afternoon former Orchard teacher Swati Sharma brought a group of LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School students, including two Orchard grads, who read children's stories they had written. The whole day was a series of fun and exciting events that reflected Orchard Elementary School's ongoing commitment to literacy!

*Mary Rutherford  
Spiritual Animator*



## FEEDING AN ENTIRE SCHOOL

The parents of Home and School showed their incredible generosity and holiday spirit on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> when they fed the entire **Greendale** body. Even when the ordered tables did not show up, the Staff and parent volunteers worked creatively to put together make-shift tables. They covered them with tablecloths and no one would have ever suspected. They served eggs, sausages, pancakes, juices, yogurt, etc. They worked all morning in shifts over grills and ovens stirring, mixing, baking and cooking. It was a culinary masterpiece!

*Dona Bianchi  
Principal  
Greendale Elementary School*



# Dorval Elementary Helps In Canada's World Record Event

**W**e did it!! On Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, with the help of staff and many parent volunteers, Dorval Elementary School added another 362 kids and readers to the total for Canada's attempt for the **Guinness™ World Record** of "Most Children Reading with an Adult, Multiple Locations". Teachers and students were joined in 17 classes by special witnesses from the Dorval community such as Mayor Edgar Rouleau and other city representatives, Commissioner Barbara Freeston and other L.B.P.S.B. representatives, members from Dorval Main Streets, Girl Guide leaders, and members from other Dorval community groups. Together they read Robert Munsch's Munschworks 2 from cover to cover to the delight of all involved. Some teachers even used the classroom "Smartboards" to display the wonderful images from the book for all to see.

The World Record attempt was organized and sponsored Canada-wide by ABC Canada and Oxford Learning Centres in celebration of Family Literacy Day, held every year to support the many ways families develop and use literacy skills. All families can do this everyday by enjoying a storybook together at bedtime and during the day, playing word games, singing, writing to a relative or friend, sharing day-to-day tasks such as making a shopping list or using a recipe, and surfing the Internet for fun and interesting sites.

*Magda Arciszewska-McDowell  
Event Organizer*



## Beurling Academy's "Chores for Change - Contributing to our Community" Charity Event



*Pictured are some of Grade 7 students with the coffee tin used to collect the donations.*

Secondary 1 and 2 students in the Ethics and Religious Culture (ERC) classes participated in an activity entitled, "Chores for Change - Contributing to our Community." In their spare time, our Junior students offered to complete tasks in return for a donation. In three weeks, students collected a total of \$92.16 for *The Gazette Christmas Fund*. Chores ranged from cleaning out the basement cabinet, housecleaning, assisting in car repairs, raking leaves, shovelling snow, carrying grocery bags, washing and folding laundry, gift wrapping, etc.

As a result of their volunteering effort, the students found this activity to be a rewarding experience. This initiative reflects the QEP's broad area of learning, "Citizenship and Community Life" which is connected to the new Ethics and Religious Culture Program.

*Tamara Beach  
Cycle 1 ERC Teacher*

## Volleyball Jamboree

On January 6, 7 and 8, the Lester B. Pearson Elementary Volleyball Jamboree took place at John Abbott College.

Despite the weather outside, the atmosphere inside the gym was warm and sunny. Thirty-four Lester B. Pearson elementary schools participated. Over 1200 aspiring volleyball players volleyed and bumped the snow days away.

A tremendous thank you goes out to all those who helped make the jamboree a success.

*Scott Taylor, Pedagogical Consultant*



# Winter Fun at Margaret Manson School

After the Holidays, Grade 3 students at Margaret Manson School were thrilled to go out to recess. They could not contain their excitement and were anxious to get out. Their Gym Teacher, Mr. Gearey, with the help of Grade 6 students, spent a day building a snow hill for the students to slide on at recess.

Mr. Gearey said that it was easy because all the snow had been bulldozed to one area of the schoolyard, and all they had to do was fill in the gaps, and angle the hill so that the students would slide safely and speedily down on their plastic sleds purchased from our school budget.

It all worked beautifully with kids lining up in order and taking their individual turns with Grade 6 student monitors. The laughter and smiles watching them was infectious. No more arguments about forts that had been smashed or taken over!

Each class of Grades 1-3 rotate on a daily basis. No one is allowed to go on the hill unless they have sleds and it's their day to slide. The Daycare uses the sleds and monitors after school. All this is to prevent damage to the hill and to keep it in the best condition possible. A hill for the senior students is in the planning.



As a teacher who has always felt that Recess Duty was the least appealing responsibility of my job, I had fun watching the kids and, for a few minutes, could actually remember how great it is to be a kid!

Thanks, Mr. Gearey! You've made recess even more fun for the kids at Margaret Manson School!

*Lucy Rinaldi*

## Consultation on Budget 2009-2010

At its meeting of January 27, 2009, the Council of Commissioners approved the 2009-2010 Budget Consultation Plan. Responses are to be submitted to the office of the Director of Finance, by Tuesday, March 31, 2009. Appropriate background documentation can be found on the Board's website at [www.lbpsb.qc.ca](http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca).

# Annual School Bus Transportation Safety Campaign

## February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

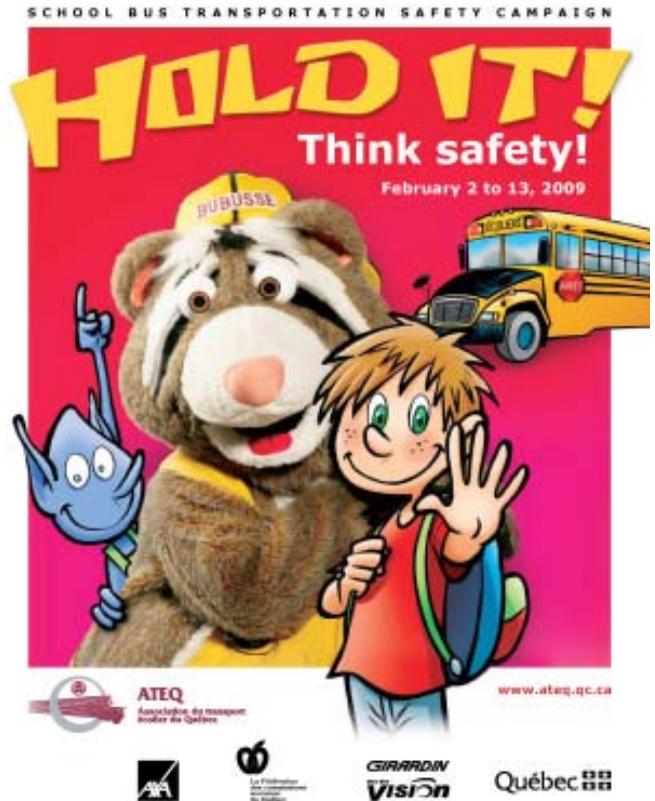
“The 2009 Provincial School Bus Safety Campaign is the single most important activity we undertake at the Lester B. Pearson School Board to promote child safety around school buses,” commented Mr. Mario Barrette, the Board’s Assistant Director, Community Services, responsible for the Student Transportation Services.

This campaign: “**Hold it! Think safety!**”, has been directed by the *Québec School Transportation Association (A.T.E.Q.)*, for the past 21 years and runs in close cooperation with the *Québec Automobile Insurance Board (S.A.A.Q.)*, the school boards, and other partners who are constantly seeking new ways to ensure the safest possible school transportation system.

The campaign, which runs from February 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> is intended not only for school bus drivers and their young passengers, but for anyone who is interested in the safety of the school transportation system. Students and motorists, many of whom are parents, are also invited to use caution near school buses in their neighborhoods as well as around the school.

To increase awareness during this annual campaign, the Association du Transport du Québec (A.T.E.Q., Québec’s largest carriers’ association) in cooperation with the Quebec Automobile Insurance Board (SAAQ) has sent directly to each elementary school, for each class, a poster depicting this year’s theme, a book as well as an activity booklet for each teacher.

The posters distributed to all classrooms are intended to sensitize children to the importance of making sure that they follow safety guidelines. Furthermore, motorists are reminded to stop, and be patient, when they meet a bus at any time but especially when the red warning lights are activated during embarking and disembarking of students.



## DRIVERS' APPRECIATION DAY: FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

The beginning of the safety campaign will also be marked by a board-wide Drivers' Appreciation Day, an event unique to Lester B. Pearson. This Appreciation Day is designated to increase public recognition of the important function school bus drivers serve in safely transporting the children to and from school. Schools throughout the Board will be planning various activities to say thank you to their school bus drivers. All are encouraged to remember to thank our bus drivers on this day for their diligence in keeping 15,000 bus riders safe each day throughout our territory.



## YEAR-ROUND AWARENESS

At the beginning of the school year, parents of eligible elementary students received their child's Lester B. Pearson Board bus pass where the rules and responsibilities of parents and students are clearly indicated. They are invited to review, with their children, all the safety rules before the first day of class (or their first bus ride).

For an eleventh consecutive year, one of our local carriers, Transco, offered, in cooperation with the School Board, a comprehensive animated session to all Kindergarten students. In all, nearly 2,000 students viewed a safety video followed by a question-and-answer period conducted by a trained Transco driver.

## SAFETY INNOVATIONS

The Lester B. Pearson School Board has a tradition of being innovators in terms of safety features to complement school buses: *“Silent Witness”* (interior camera surveillance system - “black box”), *“Sentinelle”* magnetic signs indicating that last passenger is out, *“MSC Specialty Swing Arm”* (front bumper), and *“Two-Way radios”*.

Many new buses are also equipped with the *“Check Child Mate”* system. The moment the engine is shut and the ignition key is removed, an alarm sounds throughout the bus. This reminds the driver to check all seats, front to back, to make sure that no one is left behind. Once at the back of the bus, a button is pressed to deactivate the alarm. Some **GPS** systems have also been installed in some buses enabling us to see where the bus is or has been.

Mario Barette  
Transportation Coordinator

## WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE:

**Vincent E. Pilkington-Landreville**, former student of **Wilder Penfield School**, has published his first book. Now 12 years old and attending Saint Thomas High, Vincent is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished by someone so young. He has certainly raised the bar! Congratulations Vincent.

Please read Vincent's parents' perspective to learn more.

Vincent's interest in reading took off in grade three, while attending Wilder Penfield School. We could not stop him from spending hours with his nose in a book. By grade four he was reading two or three volumes per week and could not get enough.

One day his father mentioned that he recognized Vincent's love of reading, but had noticed that he never wrote. Well, Vincent, who is always ready for a challenge, took it upon himself to start writing a book. It was not long after that that a few chapters were written. The ideas kept on coming and he began to start looking into finding an illustrator for his book. He commissioned his classmates to sign up and hand in three illustrations: a girl, a dragon and another mythological creature. Several of his classmates participated and within two weeks he had found his

illustrator, Emma Awe. She agreed to do the inside illustrations, Vincent was thrilled.

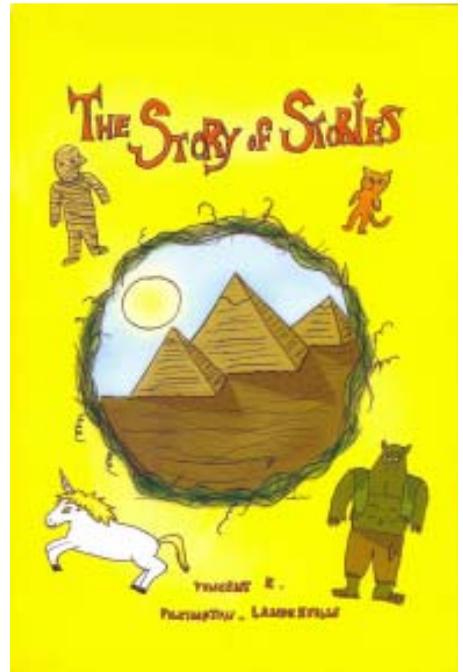
By grade six, all of his classmates were eager, from week to week, to read the next chapter of his book. Vincent now sought the help of a good friend, Julie Csaki, to help him edit his book.

Meanwhile, Vincent decided that he could not wait for a publishing house to accept his book and took it upon himself to find a self-publishing house. After pouring hours of his time into finding the perfect publishing company, Vincent chose Xlibris. Vincent dealt with the company entirely on his own.

During the next year, he made decision after decision about printing, placement of pictures and fonts. He found himself a cover artist, a student of Wilder Penfield School, James Peters. Vincent approached him and he accepted to illustrate the cover page. The book, *The Story of Stories*, was finally completed in November of and he received his first official copy in December 2008, the fruit of many long months of work.

The preponderance of this piece of literature was completed with the support and encouragement of the teachers and students of his former school, Wilder Penfield, of which Vincent has very fond memories.

As for us, his parents, we were thrilled and awed as we watched our son evolve and grow as a young, independent and outgoing individual. We are very proud of our son, Vincent, the author.



*Lyse Landreville*



# Networking Event

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2009 @ 7:00pm

LBPSB Head Office - 1925 Brookdale Avenue, Dorval

Parents from across the  
Lester B. Pearson School Board Community  
are invited to attend the  
Central Parents' Committee's

## Annual Networking Event

**7:00 Special Presentation: Transition to High School**  
**Presenter: Mr. Tom Rhymes, Principal Riverdale H.S.**

As parents, we have many concerns and questions as we prepare our children to transition into the High School phase of their lives. This evening will help support parents through this important transition period. What is it that parents need to know to help our kids feel at ease as soon as possible?

*Presentation, 45 minutes followed by a question and answer period.*

**8:30 Moderated open forum for Parent Reps: meet with fellow reps and other resource people over refreshments. Share your issues and get answers to your questions!**

Refreshments will be served!



Email: [j.beauregard@lbpearson.qc.ca](mailto:j.beauregard@lbpearson.qc.ca)  
Looking forward to seeing you all there!  
Phone: 422-3000 (ext. 3299) and leave a message

## A New Partnership

**M**ontreal's professional soccer team, the **MONTREAL IMPACT**, in partnership with the **Lester B. Pearson School Board**, will reach thousands of students through its program:  
**"All the Way with the Impact"**.

In the Spring of 2009, members of the Montreal Impact will visit elementary and high schools to remind young students of the importance of studying, persevering and building self-confidence in order to succeed.

This spring, as a complement to the awareness efforts in the classrooms, young students will get the chance to attend a game at Saputo Stadium on a day designated as the **"Lester B. Pearson School Board Day at the Impact"** ! On this occasion, the Impact will award two (2) Tony Licursi bursaries, named in honor of the late, long-time statistician who was devoted to the cause of helping children better themselves.

To officially launch this partnership, the Impact is inviting the Lester B. Pearson Community to join them in an historic moment for this organization as well as the city: **the CONCACAF Champions League Quarterfinal game against Club Santos Laguna of Mexico, Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Olympic Stadium.**

We hope that you will join us for this prestigious match while at the same time help raise funds for your school for a worthwhile cause.



**ON FEBRUARY 25,  
THE IMPACT IS WAITING FOR YOU!**

**CONCACAF LIGUE CHAMPIONS**

**MEXICO VS IMPACT**

**Club Santos Laguna (Mexico)**

**QUARTERFINALS  
CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - 8 PM  
OLYMPIC STADIUM  
WEAR BLUE  
FOR THIS HISTORICAL GAME**

# REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

## **FUTURE DIRECTIONS - TOWN HALLS**

As we reported for the past several months, public meetings in the form of Town Halls have begun across the Board's territory. The first two were held during the week of January 19<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> with the Union and Association Executive Committees and then with the Governing Board Chairs, Sector and Central Parents' Committees representatives and the In-School Administrators. There was good attendance at both with all employee groups at the first meetings and almost all of the Board's schools and centres in attendance at the second.

The meetings will continue with community meetings at Beurling Academy on January 27<sup>th</sup>, Macdonald High School on January 29<sup>th</sup>, and at Lakeside Academy on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The final Town Hall will take place with students at their regular Central Students' Committee meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Just as a reminder, the three areas that are being discussed in these Town Halls are:

- 1) French Early Immersion / Bilingual programs
- 2) Delivery of Special Needs Services
- 3) Magnet Programs / Magnet Schools

These are big and important issues as we develop the future directions of our Board. These could be sometimes difficult discussions, but they are also necessary discussions that may lead to decisions that will ensure that the Lester B. Pearson School Board will provide relevant and exciting programs and support to our family of learners.

It is crucial that you are part of the process. We need to hear from you and to work with you in the development of this new blueprint for the future. To give everyone a further opportunity to share ideas and thoughts with the Board, a special email address has been set up. Send your messages to: [townhall@lbpsb.qc.ca](mailto:townhall@lbpsb.qc.ca)

## **COMMUNITY MESSAGING SYSTEM – READY TO ROLL**

Within a week or so of the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of Commissioners the new Community

Messaging System should be ready for its first use. The Board's Information Systems department has spent the past couple of weeks working with the system provider to upload the required information and set up the internal controls and procedures for its use.

Listen for the first welcome message. It will be followed, about a week later by a message from the Principal of your child's school. These first two messages will give us the chance to introduce you to the system and at the same time to check if the contact numbers we have are correct.

## **CHANGES IN THE SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

We were saddened by the decision of former Assistant Director General, Lucie La Ferrière to leave the LBPSB for a dual position at the Quebec English School Boards Association and with the negotiating team at the English School Boards' Negotiating Committee. Her departure gave the Council and Administration cause to look at a new structure for the senior levels of the Board.

Following a few weeks of reflection, the Council has decided to leave the post of Assistant Director General unfilled and to create a new level of senior administration – that of Senior Director. The model will now be:

### **COUNCIL**

Director General  
Assistant Director General  
Senior Director  
Director of Service  
Assistant Director of Service

Carol Heffernan, formerly Director of Financial Services, and Steve Balleine, formerly Assistant Director of Human Resources, have been asked to fill these positions, both on an interim basis. Line authority has been revised to reflect this new arrangement. The Council will review the new organizational set-up and decide on its appropriateness and permanence by the end of June 2009.

## REGISTRATION 2009/2010

The Board is gearing up for the annual registration period. The week of February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> will see all of our elementary schools busily greeting parents wishing to register their children for Kindergarten 2009/2010. In addition our 5 regional centres will be holding registration for the LBP Kindergarten-for-4-year-olds program (K4), and we will also be registering for all those students who will be new to the Board in September 2009, regardless of grade level.

The Boards Central Registration Office is ready to answer any questions parents have about the process, eligibility, and the location of our schools. Lots of information is available on the Board's website at [www.lbpsb.qc.ca](http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca). This is a critical time of year for the Board as preparations for the next school year get under way.

Just as a reminder for those interested in registering their children for the Kindergarten-for-4-year-olds program, the Board's 5 regional K4 centres are located in the following schools:

Bishop Whelan Elementary in Dorval  
Greendale Elementary in Pierrefonds  
Mount Pleasant Elementary in Hudson  
Orchard Elementary in LaSalle  
Thorndale Elementary in Pierrefonds

There are no attendance zone restrictions for these programs, so you can pick the regional locale that is most convenient for you. We encourage those interested to register early as space is limited and will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Registration for this ½-day program will take place during the registration period of February 2 – 6, 2009. The annual cost for the program will be \$1000 per child (\$100 per month).

## CELEBRATIONS

The Council of Commissioners wishes everyone a happy Lunar New Year which is welcoming the Year of the Ox.

Most schools will have special events during the month of February to mark Black History Month.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

In September 2004, the Council of Commissioners adopted a set of guidelines for public participation at the monthly meetings of the Council of Commissioners. As is stated in the document, these guidelines are meant to ensure that the public is well-served at a very important point on our monthly agenda. **The meetings of the Council of Commissioners are webcast live on the internet. Attendance at public meetings is with the understanding, and consent, that each attendee's likeness and name may be available to the webcast audience** (Statements in bold have been added in 2008).

### The guidelines are:

The Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board appreciates the attendance and participation of the public at the monthly Board meetings.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

This an important part of the democratic process, and we respect the right of members of the public to express opinions, address questions, voice concerns, and bring specific matters to the attention of all the Commissioners.

## BASIC GUIDELINES

Some basic guidelines are necessary to ensure that everyone wishing to speak at a public meeting has the opportunity to do so. These guidelines are meant to enhance the participation of the public and not to limit or inhibit the right to address the Council.

### GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT LESTER B. PEARSON SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

- Individuals wishing to ask a question, or make a comment, must identify themselves and the school or group which they represent before beginning their comments or question.
- The time limit for each question period has been set at twenty (20) minutes. The time allotted may be extended, at the discretion of the Chairman.
- The first five (5) minutes of each question period will be reserved for questions and/or comments from employee unions and associations.
- To ensure the maximum participation by those present, questions or comments should not be more than three (3) minutes in length and should be limited to one topic.
- All questions or comments **must** be addressed to the Chairman who will determine the most appropriate person to respond. If a response to an inquiry is not **immediately** available, arrangements will be made to provide the information at a later date.
- When many people are present for the same topic, it is **most effective for the group** to designate a limited number of spokespersons to cover the issue.
- The Chairman has full discretion to terminate any question, comment, or presentation that is deemed to be inappropriate, prejudicial to an individual, or an infringement of a student's or employee's right to privacy.
- The Council **will not** hear questions or complaints about individuals at any public meeting. Information **will be provided** on the appropriate procedure to follow in such a case.
- Questions or comments **may** only be made during the Public Question periods.

We look forward to seeing you at the Council meetings. It is an opportunity to see your representatives discuss and arrive at the decisions that guide and shape our School Board.

- Regular Council meetings are scheduled for the **last Monday of each month** and take place in the Board Room at **1925 Brookdale Avenue, Dorval**. The meetings are scheduled to start at **19 h30 (7:30 p.m.)**. As there may be some exceptions please check with the office of the Director of Secretariat or on the Board's website at **www.lbpsb.qc.ca** for the exact dates.
- There will be two (2) Public Question Periods at each Regular Board meeting. Normally, **one Question Period** will be near the beginning of each meeting and one just before the end of the regular agenda.
- There will be one (1) Public Question Period at Adjourned and Special Board Meetings.

# Commissioners' Phone Numbers

*Below is a list of Commissioners along with their home telephone numbers and school board locals.*

Ward	Communities	Commissioner	Home Phone #	422-3000 Local
1	Verdun/Nuns' Island	Douglas Flook	514-293-2417	4001
2	LaSalle South	Sergio Borja	514-368-1001	4002
3	LaSalle Northeast	Ruben Fazio	514-365-1638	4003
4	LaSalle West/Ville St-Pierre	Frank di Bello	514-951-5834	4004
5	Lachine	Patrick Whitham	514-637-5209	4005
6	Dorval	Barbara Freeston	514-636-9315	4006
7	Dollard-des-Ormeaux East	Rosemary Murphy	514-620-8012	4007
8	Roxboro/Pierrefonds East	Craig Berger	514-421-6570	4008
9	Pointe-Claire East	Allan Levine	514-683-6671	4009
10	Pointe-Claire West	John Killingbeck	514-695-3787	4010
11	Dollard-des-Ormeaux Center	Marcus Tabachnick	514-684-6429	2322
12	Pierrefonds/Île Bizard	Susan Williams	514-620-4745	4012
13	Dollard-des-Ormeaux Center/West	Martin Sherman	514-684-2742	4013
14	Dollard-des-Ormeaux W./Kirkland E.	Joe Zemanovich	514-624-2376	4014
15	Beaconsfield North	Don Rae	514-697-9878	4015
16	Kirkland West	Suanne Stein Day	514-630-9824	4016
17	Pierrefonds West	Luisa Bulgarelli-Vero	514-694-0475	4017
18	Ste-Anne/Baie d'Urfé/Beaconsfld S./Senneville	Judy Kelley	514-697-7619	4018
19	Île Perrot	Susan Bartlett-Lewis	514-453-6650	4019
20	Les Cèdres/Vaudreuil-Dorion	Angela Nolet	514-453-5462	2229
21	Hudson/St-Lazare	Daniel Olivenstein	450-458-1413	4021
CPC	Elementary Representative	Conny Held	514-909-6306	4026
CPC	Secondary Representative	Craig Buchanan	514-697-4057	4027

## DATES TO NOTE

### **PUBLIC MEETINGS – FEBRUARY 2009**

The following meetings will take place at 1925 Brookdale, Dorval (**unless otherwise indicated**)

Transportation Advisory Committee	February 10, 2009	5:30 p.m.	Room 123
Central Parents' Committee	February 12, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Executive Committee	February 16, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board Room
Special Needs Advisory Committee	February 18, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Room 219/221
<b>Council of Commissioners</b>	<b>February 23, 2009</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Board Room</b>

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