

Director General's Report to Council



by R. T. Mills



Welcome Back

I have been involved in public education for many, many years, each of which has proven to be new and exciting. My career has offered me the opportunities to teach in the classroom, to be involved in Adult and Vocational Education, to work in Educational Services and in Senior Administration.

The beginning of every school year in each of those roles has come with a sense of deep excitement for the opportunities that will be provided to me to meet with our most incredible young people and with most committed and dedicated staff members. I must say that the opportunity to serve in public education is something I see as both a privilege and a most important responsibility.

I am blessed to state that I share that important task with the current staff and Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board. There is no doubt that each of us has a very direct and simple focus and that is to provide the best possible learning opportunities for our students. I wish to assure you that we will maintain that emphasis with all of our energies and abilities as the year progresses.

Budget

Given the current publicity, there can be no one in the province of Québec who is unaware of the austerity plans being put forth by our government. These measures have impacted virtually all government ministries and that of education has been no exception. We have been called upon to meet extremely stringent budget reduction measures that are proving to be an enormous challenge.

At this point, we have struggled to maximize our commitments to the classroom and, I believe, we have been successful in the budget that will be presented in this evening.

I wish to extend my deep appreciation to Assistant Director General, Carol Heffernan, and to her staff, to Senior Administration and to the Council of Commissioners for their efforts in bringing together this document.

I wish to reiterate once again that our budget and our staffing allocations are based on projected enrollment data. Adjustments will be made once our September 30 enrollment is confirmed.

Our Partners

Education is a remarkably complex process and is one that requires a very simple, yet

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LBPSB Student from PCHS Completes Run to Toronto, Raises Money for Cancer Research



by Alycia Ambroziak

Akshay Grover really takes his school assignments to heart.

The 16-year-old Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School student raised just over \$12,000 to help combat childhood cancer by running more than 500 kilometers from Montreal to Toronto this summer.

"It was incredible," Akshay said of the Aug. 1 to 13 run in which he covered just over 42 kilometers daily, the equivalent of a marathon each day. "And what was more incredible is that people donated even more than the \$10,000 I had hoped to raise for the Childhood Cancer Canada Foundation."

Akshay said he is now busy trying to edit the video of his run, with more than 50 hours of footage in all, in order to present to his fellow PCHS students in September and later in the year, to students at various schools under the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

PCHS Principal Cristina Prata said she was not surprised when Akshay came up with his project.

"Akshay has always been a young man ahead of his time," she said, noting that she is looking forward to seeing the video and sitting in on Akshay's IB oral defence at the end of this school year. "He not only talks the talk but walks the walk as well – or, in this case, ran it!"

Akshay said the idea for the run came to him when he was asked to come up with a personal project as part of the International

Baccalaureate program at his school.

"I have been running competitively since I was 12 years old," said Akshay, who also works part-time at a local grocery store.

"And I thought I could combine my love of running with raising money to combat childhood cancer," he said adding that his influences were Terry Fox and his cross-country Marathon of Hope as well as Zachary Sobiech, an American folk-rock singer who died of bone cancer last May at the age of 18.

Akshay said the run went well

despite some minor injuries – swollen ankles, shaking knees and aching hips – and mechanical problems, such the time when the car driven by his mother, Sabrina Kandola, overheated.

Kandola was his back-up during the run, following him by car.

"But we continued on to the end," he added.

Donations are ongoing but as of Aug. 19, Akshay's Run has raised \$12,661.

Melody Khodaverdian, director of development at Childhood Cancer Canada, said Akshay's contribution is very welcome.

"Childhood cancer research is extremely underfunded and we are extremely grateful for the efforts of remarkable individuals like Akshay who help us create much needed awareness and support," she said. "We hope his dedication to our brave kids and families inspires Canadians nationwide to get involved as well."

School Board officials were also impressed with Akshay's commitment.

Thomas Rhymes, Regional Director at the LBPSB, called Akshay "a remarkable young man who made an equally remarkable commitment to a cause he believed in."

"It is humbling to say the least."

LBPSB Chairman Suanne Stein Day said Akshay's commitment is an inspiration to all.

"We have very high expectations for all our students and are proud that so many exceed them, but Akshay has set the bar very high indeed," she said. "On behalf of the Council of Commissioners, we congratulate Akshay and thank him for making the world that much of a better place."

"He is an inspiration to our entire community."

Donations can still be made to Akshay's donations page through the CCC Foundation: <http://childhoodcancer.akaraisin.com/smallhands/RunAkshay-Grover>

To see television coverage of Akshay's Run, go to:

<http://www.btmontreal.ca/videos/3735804063001/> and

<http://m.citynews.ca/2014/08/13/teen-runs-14-marathons-in-a-row-for-charity/>



Pearson Educational Foundation to Hold Golf Classic on September 17th to Help Kids Learn



by Alycia Ambroziak

How's your golf swing? You've had the summer to hone it to as close to perfection you can get – now it's time to show it off at the Pearson Educational Foundation's Golf Classic taking place Sept. 17 at the Club de Golf Atlantide on Ile Perrot.

The event is the foundation's major fundraiser of the year – and that's important because, among many things, PEF provides funding for LBPSB school initiatives beyond the scope of regular government funding.

PEF supplies winter clothing for students in need, assists the Lester B. Pearson School Board's Hungry Kids programs, furnishes equipment and ingredients for

cooking classes in several alternate and life-skills programs, as well as tech equipment and registration fees for entries to science and robotics tournaments. PEF also funds several summer camps for students with academic or affective difficulties – providing not only fun but a leg up for the

next school year – and manages a number of in-memorial bursaries at the high school level.

Indeed, during the 2013-2014 school year, PEF supplied LBPSB students and classrooms with:

*\$35,000 for technology equipment: robotics kits, iPads, a 3D printer and cameras.

*\$18,300 for summer camps for students with particular needs.

*\$12,500 towards sports and exercise equipment, art supplies, music equipment, and supplies for literacy projects.

*\$8,600 towards snowsuits and boots for kids who didn't have any.

*\$7,000 towards feeding underprivileged students and ingredients for cooking programs.

"This is education for the 21st century," said PEF President Barbara Freeston. "We need your help to attain our goal of \$60,000."

The cost of brunch, a golf cart, cocktail and dinner is \$250 (a tax receipt of \$100 per person will be issued).

Cocktail and dinner alone is \$125 (tax receipt of \$50).

To register online, go to <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca>

Donations are always gratefully received.



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Chairman's Report to Council



by Suanne Stein Day



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break and got to spend time with friends and family.

Summer was a bit different for the board this year. For the first time, our budget parameters were not received until the end of July and Administration could not complete a proposed budget. The news that dribbled in during the month kept portraying a situation that was worsening with each additional bit of information. Council and Admin finally got together last Thursday night to discuss and put the finishing touches on the budget that will be presented tonight for adoption. It was an incredible amount of work – having to trim costs and creatively figure out how to deal with over \$4 million in new cuts. We weren't entirely successful and tonight's budget proposal regrettably is a deficit budget.

While our students and their families were enjoying the summer break, many of our staff were hard at work getting things ready for the new school year. 29 of our schools had major building and yard improvements done this summer to ensure a healthy and safe learning environment. Routine summer maintenance in all schools will ensure that our classes and hallways are all shined up to welcome back the students next week. Our IT group has been working on improving the technology infrastructure to handle the increased load on our networks and continued wiring schools to ensure the WIFI is functional. Our administrators in all schools and departments have been back at work for a couple of weeks getting ready for the new school year and teachers started back today to get their classrooms and lesson plans in order. HR has been making sure there is a teacher for every class and support staff where needed. As always, Admissions hardly had time to breathe this summer ensuring all eligible students are appropriately placed. Bus drivers have been driving and adjusting their routes. All to get ready for the students that will be entering our halls next week.

In about three weeks this council will disband. We have a few things on tonight's and September 15th's agenda to put in place assuring that the new council will start their mandate from a good place. On Sunday, November 2, 2014, a new council will be elected. I hope everyone takes the time to come out and exercise their right to vote.

We wish all of our students and each and every staff member a wonderful, enriching, eye-opening school year.

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multi-faceted partnership that is absolutely essential to ensuring the success of the learner. We, in the profession, need most importantly the daily partnership with parents. Parental interest and involvement is needed on a daily basis in communicating with your child. Please ask them every day how their day went in school. Please keep teachers and school informed of any information they need as well as of any concerns that you may have regarding your child. Please remember that you, too, are an expert and that you, too, know your child very well.

Further, as a parent, you may volunteer to assist in a wide variety of activities at the school level, you may wish to serve on any of the parent representative groups that are so necessary to our consultation and securing of parental input.

We also need partners from business, industry and the local community, all of whom can bring to us skills and resources that will be wonderfully helpful. Thus, I encourage you to become involved in the wonderful gift of education of our youth.

Thank you for your confidence in us. We will make every effort to ensure that at confidence is well-placed. I wish everyone a most successful school year.

The Pearson News How-To Rules for Submission

Rules for Submission

Please read this section before submitting your article.

1) Include all photos as separate attachments in a common photo format such as JPEG, PNG, GIF or TIFF.

2) Provide your story and captions for your photos in a single Microsoft Word file (.doc or .docx), rich-text file (.rtf) or simple text file (.txt). Do not include photos in file containing the text of your story. Make sure you clearly label each of your photo captions with the file name of corresponding photo.

3) The article should be sent your principal, who should forward it to Dan Mullins (dmullins@lbpsb.qc.ca).

4) Include your name, which school you are from, your title or what grade you teach, and, if possible, the name of the photographer who took any included photos.

Do you have an article to submit for the Pearson News?



Please send your articles and pictures to your Principal who will forward them to us. Questions or comments? Email Dan Mullins at dmullins@lbpsb.qc.ca

Deadlines for Headlines

(and articles, photos & advertisements*)

Please read the section entitled "Rules for Submission" before submitting your article. Articles that are not in compliance with the rules will not be published. Articles received after a deadline will be published in the next issue of The Pearson News, if appropriate.

For the 2012-2013 school year, the monthly deadline for the receipt of articles, photos & advertisements* for The Pearson News is the Wednesday before every meeting of the Council of Commissioners:

2013

August Edition: Aug. 21
September Edition: Sept. 25
October Edition: Oct. 23
November Edition: Nov. 20
December Edition: Dec. 11

2014

January Edition: Jan. 22
February Edition: Feb. 19
March Edition: March 26
April Edition: April 23
May Edition: May 21
June Edition: June 18

*Please note that advertisements may only be related to school or board activities.

The Pearson News How-To Guidelines for Headlines

(and Articles, Photos & Advertisements)

When writing your article, you may find it helpful to consider some of the following simple stylistic tips on print journalism. You can find more here: <http://journalism.about.com/od/reporting/tp/createstories.htm>

Quotes

"I often quote myself. It adds spice to my conversation," George Bernard Shaw once said. Likewise, quotes add spice to a story. Ask people's opinions about the subject of your article and quote them!

5 W's

You may have heard of the five W's before – remember them when writing your article! Readers want to know what happened, who it happened to, where, when and why. Additionally, remember that HOW something happened is important, too!

Inverted Pyramid

The most important information comes first in the "inverted pyramid" style of writing. Ideally, the first paragraph should give a reader a good overview of the story. Additional detail and information can be included later.

This style of writing is widely used by print journalists, for two reasons. First, it works to "hook"

a reader, telling them why they should care enough to read your article. Second, it allows an editor to shorten your article without losing the meaning of the piece. If the article doesn't make sense if you end it after any paragraph, try re-arranging it.

Keep it concise

Avoid flowery language. Get to the point. If you can say it in three words instead of five, do.

Photos

Photos add a great deal to a story, so including a photo is recommended. When including a photograph, remember to include the name of the photographer. Captions are important as they tell a reader what they're looking at. Name the people in your photo. Provide a suggested caption for each photo.

Please DO NOT include photographs that may be copyright material, including any photographs downloaded from the internet that do not explicitly say that they are free to use. Please DO NOT provide photographs of minor persons whose parents have not signed the consent form.

Headlines

Feel free to provide a suggested headline. However, please be

aware that it may be changed to fit the space available.

The Editor

Edits are often made to submitted articles. This is not done to "censor" your article, nor is it meant to criticize your writing style. Editing can be done for a number of reasons, including to increase clarity, to shorten or lengthen the article to fit a space or to include additional information.

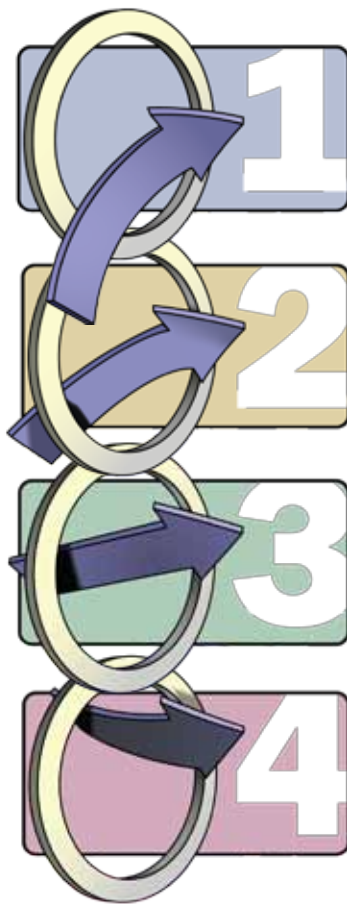
Additionally, please don't be offended if we choose not to run your story. While we make every effort to include all of the pieces submitted, occasionally we may not be able to include your work due to space limitations (in which case we may or may not run it in the next issue) or because it is unsuitable for this publication. It is not because we don't "like" your story, nor is it because we are "against" the topic of your article.

AP Style

The Pearson News makes no attempt to conform to the Associated Press Style Guide, but you may find it interesting to consult some of its basic tenets, which you can find here:

<http://journalism.about.com/od/writing/a/apstyle.htm>

The Strategic Directions



Strategic Direction 1

Maximizing Student Success in a Culture for Learning

Strategic Direction 2

Fostering and Supporting a Commitment to Professional Growth for All

Strategic Direction 3

Enhancing School Collaboration and Community Partnerships

Strategic Direction 4

Promoting Wellness in a Safe and Caring Community



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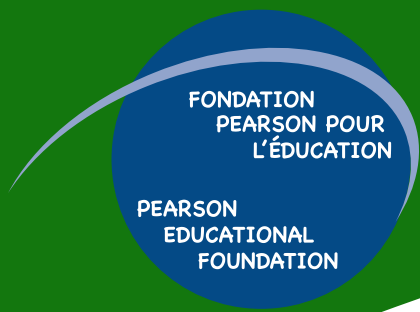
In the News...

- June 19, 2014 Beaconsfield teacher Jeff Pinsky wins scholarship to study at Yad Vashem. The Suburban
- June 20, 2014 PCHS student Akshay Grover's run to Toronto. Global News
- June 24, 2014 Akshay's run to Toronto. CBC Daybreak
- June 25, 2014 Teenager plans Montreal-Toronto fundraiser run (PCHS) – Gazette, West Island.
- June 25, 2014 Pearson budget delayed. Gazette, West Island.
- June 25, 2014 Teens set to graduate from high school, drug rehab.
- June 25, 2014 Reaching new heights (graduation at Westwood Sr.). Premier Edition.
- August 1, 2014 West Island teen begins 13-day run to Toronto. CTV
- August 13, 2014 Akshay Gordon, a 16-year-old student at Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School, completes his Montreal to Toronto run and raises more. than \$12,000 to combat childhood cancer. City News, Toronto.
- August 15, 2014 Pierrefonds Comprehensive student Akshay Gordon raises just over \$12,000 to fight childhood cancer by running from Montreal to Toronto. CITY BTelevision –
- August 20, 2014 LBPSB may be facing deficit budget. Hudson Gazette, Vaudreuil-Soulanges.
- August 22, 2014 Yves Bolduc, education minister, says schools have enough books – School Boards struggling with budget cuts say it's difficult to buy new library books. Interview with LBPSB Chairman Suanne Stein Day. CBC News.
- August 20, 2014 CTV News re. Budgets
- August 21, 2014 Global TV re. Block Parents Program
- August 22, 2014 CBC Daybreak re. Library Grants and Minister Bolduc's comments
- August 22, 2014 CJAD News re. Library Grants and Minister Bolduc's comments
- August 22, 2014 CJAD Aaron Rand re. Library Grants and Minister Bolduc's comments
- August 25, 2014 LBPSB faces deep budget cuts ;LBPSB Chairman Suanne Stein Day.

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

| Ward | Communities | Commissioner | Home Phone # | 422-3000 Local |
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| 1 | Verdun/Nuns' Island | Eric Bender | 514-695-3202 | 30141 |
| 2 | LaSalle South | Sergio Borja | 514-366-1611 | 30142 |
| 3 | LaSalle Northeast | Ruben Fazio | 514-365-1638 | 30143 |
| 4 | LaSalle West/Ville St-Pierre | Frank di Bello | 514-951-5834 | 30144 |
| 5 | Lachine | Patrick Whitham | 514-800-9240 | 30145 |
| 6 | Dorval | Barbara Freeston | 514-636-9315 | 30146 |
| 7 | Dollard-des-Ormeaux East | Nan Beaton | 514-683-0491 | 30147 |
| 8 | Roxboro/Pierrefonds East | Craig Berger | 514-421-6570 | 30148 |
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| 13 | Dollard-des-Ormeaux Center/West | Martin Sherman | 514-684-2742 | 30153 |
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| 16 | Kirkland West | Suanne Stein Day | 514-798-8797 | 30156 |
| 17 | Pierrefonds West | Luisa Bulgarelli-Vero | 514-694-0475 | 30157 |
| 18 | Ste-Anne/Baie d'Urfé/Beaconsfld S./Senneville | Judy Kelley | 514-697-7619 | 30158 |
| 19 | Île Perrot | Susan Bartlett-Lewis | 514-453-6650 | 30159 |
| 20 | Les Cèdres/Vaudreuil-Dorion | Angela Nolet | 514-453-5462 | 30160 |
| 21 | Hudson/St-Lazare | Daniel Olivenstein | 450-458-1413 | 30161 |
| CPC | Secondary Representative | Laura Derry | 514-696-6836 | 30171 |
| CPC | Elementary Representative | Alexander Perelmiter | 514-675-4567 | 30172 |
| Executive Committee | | | Monday, September 8 | 5:30 p.m. Board Room |
| Council of Commissioners | | | Monday, September 15 | 7:30 p.m. Board Room |

DATE
Mercredi le 17 septembre 2014 / Wednesday, September 17, 2014



Classique de golf 2014 Golf Classic 2014



Chère amie,
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Grâce à votre générosité, pendant l'année académique 2013-2014, la Fondation Pearson pour l'éducation a fourni aux étudiants et classes de la Commission scolaire Lester-B.-Pearson :

- 35 000 \$ d'équipement technologique : trousse de robotique, iPads, imprimante 3D, caméras
- 18 300 \$ destinés aux camps d'été pour élèves handicapés ou en difficulté
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- 8 600 \$ pour des habits de neige et des bottes pour des enfants qui n'en avaient pas
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Brunch, voiturette, cocktail et souper : 250 \$ (reçu pour fin d'impôt de 100 \$) par personne **ou**

Cocktail et souper : 125 \$ (reçu pour fin d'impôt de 50 \$).

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All increasing students' engagement and success.

All beyond the scope of MELS Funding.

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Brunch, Golf, Cart, Cocktail, and Dinner \$250 (tax receipt \$100) per person or Cocktail and Dinner \$125 (tax receipt \$50).

Please see the many sponsorship opportunities available on the registration form or online <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca>

Donations are always gratefully received.

Barbara Freeston, Présidente
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Date: Saturday, October 18, 2014
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Place: Pearson Electrotechnology
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