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RAPPORT DU DIRECTEUR GÉNÉRAL

Bonne rentrée

Je souhaite une bonne rentrée à tous ceux qui forment la Commission scolaire Lester-B.-Pearson. Pour ceux d'entre nous qui ont choisi d'œuvrer dans le domaine de l'instruction publique, les premiers jours de l'année sont toujours pleins d'enthousiasme et d'animation. Les vacances d'été ont renouvelé nos énergies et notre engagement de relever les défis qui s'annoncent tout en priorisant les besoins des élèves.

Dans cette optique, nous comptons sur nos partenariats : avec le Conseil des commissaires; avec le MELS; avec le personnel, les parents, les élèves, les organismes communautaires et les partenaires participants. Ces liens, fondés sur la consultation et la confiance, sont le principal ingrédient de notre succès. Forts d'un personnel remarquable à tous les postes, nous pouvons vous assurer de notre engagement à procurer à tous une expérience d'apprentissage soutenue, exigeante et satisfaisante.

Nouveaux enseignants

Un atelier de deux jours s'est tenu les 23 et 24 août pour les enseignants nouveaux dans la profession ou nouveaux à notre commission scolaire. M. Allen Mendler, un éducateur et psychologue renommé, a animé les séances pour le nouveau personnel et les enseignants chevronnés qui leur servent de mentors. Il était remarquable de constater la relative jeunesse et l'enthousiasme de la salle. Il ne fait aucun doute que ceux et celles qui ont choisi d'embrasser notre profession nous apportent des talents particuliers, un idéalisme et un engagement envers nos jeunes.

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

I wish to welcome back everyone in our school board community to this new school year. For those of us who have chosen to work in public education, opening days are always filled with a sense of excitement and invigoration. The summer break has renewed our energies and enthusiasm and our pledge to meeting the challenges that lie ahead as we maintain our clear focus on meeting the needs of our students.

In order to do so, we rely on partnerships: with the Council of Commissioners; with MELS; with staff, parents, students and community organizations and participating partners. These relationships, based on consultation and on trust, are one of the main ingredients of our success. Together with a truly remarkable corps of personnel in all functions, you can be assured of our commitment to providing a supportive, demanding and satisfying learning experience for all.

New Teaching Staff

Two days of workshops were held on August 23 and 24 for teachers both new to the profession and new to our school board. Dr. Allen Mendler, a well-respected educator and psychologist, animated the sessions for new staff and veteran teachers who act as their mentors. It was quite remarkable to view the relative youth and enthusiasm in the room. There can be no doubt that those who have chosen to enter our profession bring to us special talents, idealism and a commitment to our young people.

On a dit que « L'enthousiasme, c'est de l'exaltation associée à l'inspiration, la motivation et une pincée de créativité. » D'après ce qui est apparu évident pendant cet atelier, notre nouveau personnel apportera une immense contribution à nos écoles et à nos centres.

Travaux de construction et d'entretien estivaux

Cet été, le personnel des Ressources matérielles a entrepris une grande variété de travaux dans toute la commission scolaire, tous conçus pour procurer des milieux de travail et d'apprentissage agréables et efficaces. Près de quinze millions de dollars de travaux ont été effectués dans vingt-sept immeubles. De plus, tous les centres et toutes les écoles ont fait l'objet d'un nettoyage annuel pour se préparer à l'année qui commence. Je remercie tous ceux qui ont contribué aux activités frénétiques de cet été dans ce domaine.

Données préliminaires concernant l'effectif

Les données préliminaires indiquent que les projections et le suivi effectués par nos directions durant l'année ont été relativement exacts, bien que les derniers chiffres ne seront connus qu'à la date officielle du 30 septembre.

La grippe H1N1

En ce moment, nous suivons les directives établies par le ministère de la Santé et par le MELS concernant la pandémie de grippe. Les écoles et les centres ont été informés de ces directives et continueront de surveiller la situation de près. Bien entendu, l'un des facteurs majeurs dans le contrôle de la propagation de la maladie est la vigilance des parents qui s'assureront de ne pas envoyer à l'école un enfant qui présente des symptômes.



It has been said that, "Enthusiasm is excitement with inspiration, motivation, and a pinch of creativity." From what was evident during the workshop, our corps of new personnel will contribute immensely to our schools and centres.

Summer Maintenance and Construction

The summer period has seen a wide variety of projects undertaken by our Equipment Services personnel across our system, all designed to provide effective and pleasant learning and working environments. Almost fifteen million dollars of major projects were carried out in twenty-seven buildings. In addition, our schools and centres have all been subject to the annual summer cleaning to prepare for the coming year. My appreciation is extended to all who contributed to the summer of frenetic activity in this area.

Preliminary Enrollment Data

Preliminary data indicate that the projections and monitoring carried out by our Principals throughout the year has been relatively accurate although final numbers will not be known until the formal enrollment date of September 30.

H1N1

At this time, we are following guidelines established by the Ministry of Health and the MELS regarding the influenza pandemic. Schools and centres have been advised of these guidelines and we will continue to monitor the situation with care. Of course, a major factor in controlling any spread of the illness will be the screening of children by their parents to ensure that a student showing symptoms is not sent to school.



CARING FOR 'THE KIDS' AT CLEARPOINT

In May Clearpoint Elementary hosted a **Muffin Breakfast Fundraiser and Talent Show** for the **Dans la rue** 'street kids' in order to collect canned food for the summer months when donations are traditionally very low.



This hugely successful first time event was organized by teachers **Sue Larivière, Tara Shaughnessy and Tanya Blanchet**. Parent volunteers brought in muffins, juice and fruit and created a delicious buffet; talented students put on a great show featuring singing, dancing, martial arts, piano playing and comedy acts. Each student was asked in return to donate two meals-in-a-can, resulting in a collection of many hundreds of cans.

Our school community has been a steadfast supporter of this charity, sending them canned food contributions every month for the past seven years. In so doing, we strive to foster in our students compassion and an awareness that children and young adults right here in our own city are in urgent need of our help, support, and care.

Linda Choinière



Principal Sam Bruzzese directs traffic and meals-in-a-can collection.

Our talented students perform for an appreciative audience.



A Career in Food and Beverage Services

A group of students will soon be graduating from the Food and Beverage Services Program at Pearson Adult and Career Centre (PACC). In their program, they have become acquainted with a wide variety of menus from all over the world.

Students enjoy their extensive hands-on training; they learn something new everyday; setting up and serving customers for breakfasts, simple menus, table d'hôte and banquets. They also feel that their communication skills have improved.

Several times a week, students serve customers at Le Saucier, the PACC dining room. They have also had the opportunity to host a delegation from China on August 28, cater events such as the PACC graduation in June and other events at the School Board, the Mont-Royal Tennis Club and the Shriner's.

As part of their training, students also complete work-study placements in hotels and restaurants.

Antonio Pelosi enjoyed the support of his co-workers at Hotel des Gouverneurs. His goal is to become a professional waiter in a restaurant.

Meagan Barrett and Tiffany Sinclair also loved doing their stage at Riventino's Restaurant; they became very at ease with the computer system, giving a show to customers and being efficient at the same time. Meagan is aiming at a career in high-end restaurants and owning her own place some day, while Tiffany wants to continue with bartending by night and hosting wine and cheese and snack events by day!



Matthew Taylor worked at Julien Restaurant. "I learned to work around projects when things are tough" he says. He plans on working as a waiter for some time and dreams of opening his own restaurant too.

Kevin Sharpe was encouraged by his employer at a Golf Course in Ste-Rose de Laval to get his training at PACC. He was already serving in the Golf Course dining room and doing banquets. His employer offered him a higher position when he graduates.

Lisa Pépin did her stage at Le Paris, a real institution in Montreal. "The experienced staff emphasized four keys to success in the field: the preparation before hand, the timing of the meals and showing confidence and

taking control of the table”, says Lisa. Lisa plans to work in hotel resorts as a hostess and eventually as a manager and an event planner. Opening a restaurant may come later.



Teacher Frédéric Ge at work

All students agree to say that their teacher Frédéric Ge, played a crucial role in their student life at PACC. Frédéric’s wide range of skills, enthusiasm, self-confidence, patience and great work ethic made the experience a real success for all!

Frédéric says “I want to hear from students after they graduate. If they need advice or to discuss a work-related situation, I want to be there to help”.

Places are still available in the Food and Beverage Services Program starting in October, so if you are interested, call Pierre Auclair, Pedagogical Consultant at 514-363-6213 or WAAVE Admissions Office at 514-732-7766.

*Madeleine Barrette, c.o.
Guidance Counsellor
PACC Vocational Education Sector*

Congratulations to.....

Sheila Southon, guidance counsellor at Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School, for winning the **Justine Harris Counsellor Award for Excellence** given by the Quebec Counselling Association.

Charlene Boyer, grade 8 student at Lindsay Place High School, and her teacher, **Elyce Russell**. Charlene has won 1st prize in the **ING Direct Golden Key Creative Writing Contest**, and she plans to use the prize money for her summer trip to South Africa where she is working with a theater group on a project for AIDS Awareness.



Sheila Southon with colleagues Tom Conti and Deana Albertini

Successful Manager and Accounting Clerks Are Pearson Adult and Career Centre (PACC) Graduates

Wondering if a one-year Vocational Education Diploma can lead to a rewarding job?

Three former students, Judy Dear, McGill University Financial Services manager, Frankie Martella, Accounting clerk at Storex and Mike Chen, Accounting clerk at Fisher Capespan all had jobs waiting for them upon graduation!

Judy Dear, who received a Medical Secretary Diploma in 1998 has been a Manager in Financial Services at McGill University since 2002.

Judy was offered a job directly after a three-week stage at the Biomedical Ethics Unit at McGill University. Within two months, she was offered full time employment at the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy.

In her present position in Financial Services, Judy is involved in both human resources and finance in a department of approximately 150 employees.

Judy feels that both her Vocational Diploma in Business Technology completed at Chateaugay Valley Adult Centre and her Medical Secretary Program at PACC have given her the skills needed to perform in the various jobs she has held since graduation. Judy highly recommends Vocational Education in Administrative Professional and Medical Secretary Studies. Her dedicated teachers who were passionate about their field showed great support towards their students.



*The program teachers, left to right:
Nancy Ryan, Mark Newton, Louise Berthiaume and Sonia Ruivo*

Frankie Martella, 22 years old, is an Accounting clerk at Storex, a Plastic School Supplies manufacturing company located in LaSalle. Frankie was hired one week after getting his diploma, also with the help of the school. Previously, Frankie had been at Dawson in the Pure and Applied Science Program but he realized that it was not for him. He worked in construction for six months before he joined the Accounting Program at PACC. Frankie always liked Math and had knowledge about accounting through his sister who is an accountant. Frankie enjoys his work as an accounting clerk. He uses the software program ACCPAC in accounts

receivable and payable. He says that the great skills learned in Vocational Education open doors to companies for graduates.

Mike Chen, now working as an accounting clerk at Fisher Capespan Distribution, a fruit Import-Export company, is a 2008 PACC Accounting Studies graduate. His duties involve accounts payable, accounts receivable and account sales. He found work immediately after graduation with the help of one of his teachers. Mike was easily able to apply the skills acquired in his program on the job. He was amazed to have landed a job so quickly and is happy at work!

You want to be a successful employee in a company? Are you ready to invest a year in school? Join one of our programs! The Accounting Program starts in September; the Administrative Professional Program starts in October; the Medical Secretary in November.

For more information, call the Admissions Office at (514) 732-7766 or PACC at (514) 363-6213, extension 2.



*Madeleine Barrette, c.o.
Guidance Counsellor*

CARNIVAL FUN AT GREENDALE!

Home and School hosted a Carnival day for Greendale students. The weather cooperated and we had a smile of sunshine for the day.

What was the most fun? The giant basketball dunk, the football throws, the snow cones or the pizza lunch? It was hard to decide.

“This is the best day ever! I just LOVE IT ALL!”

Stations were set up around the school yard and a stamp was given for each activity. Once all stations were completed, the students exchanged the card for a prize.

Thank you to the parents whose endless volunteering make such a difference for our little ones!

*Dona Bianchi
Principal*



A WORD FROM YOUR COMMISSIONERS UN MOT DE VOS COMMISSAIRES

JUDY KELLEY – Ward 18 Ste-Anne/Baie d’Urfé/Beaconsfield S/Senneville

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During the summer break I have been reflecting on some of the topics of debate that we Commissioners undertook with serious concern in the 2008-2009 school year. It is clear that we all have a common goal which is to ensure the delivery of the best possible services and education for our students from K-4 to Elementary to Secondary to Adult and Vocational education. In the school year ahead Commissioners will play an integral role in shaping the new directions our school board will adopt as we proudly enter the second decade as the LBPSB. As part of this task we will be listening carefully to the opinions of our constituents and will bring those points to our workshops and Council discussions on the future of the Board.

Within the new mandate we will also steadily review LBPSB’s innovative programs and services. The K-4 program, for example, one that I fully support and hope to see flourish, encompasses a key educational philosophy that providing the youngest learners in our society with a solid foundation will foster much greater overall success in school. If the MELS, in appreciating LBPSB’s K-4 initiative, were to fund K-4 programs throughout the Province of Québec, not only would this enhance a valuable step in our children’s futures, it would also make fiscal sense and would open up much needed spots in our public daycare system. Another area of our educational services that I will continue to strongly endorse is our support for special needs students, whether it be analysing the reports of the on-going development of the REACH program, or following the evolution of a new model for our alternative school or promoting more PD for our teachers.

I am looking forward to the challenges ahead in 2009-2010, to the work we will do and am honoured to be able to participate in this process.

Judy Kelley

A WORD FROM YOUR COMMISSIONERS UN MOT DE VOS COMMISSAIRES

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Back to School

The summer is just about over. No more going to bed late, sleeping in every morning, or playing outside until dark. Now the routine has to change. Beginning kindergarten, going back to elementary school, or high school usually means two things to a young child: 1) a stricter time schedule; and 2) adapting to a different caregiver, classroom, teacher, school, friends, or academic challenges. These new experiences can bring on stress or cause children to resist necessary adjustments. Even as adults, we sometimes feel uncomfortable or anxious when facing a new situation. Think how overwhelming it must be for young children who have far less experience in dealing with the unknown!

I would like to wish a very successful 2009-2010 school year to the students and staff of Orchard Elementary in Ward # 4 and to those in the LaSalle Community who will be attending the Elementary, High School and Adult Centres of the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Frank di Bello



Daniela's Corner



Well it's that time of the year again – it's back to school. I hope everyone had a restful summer. Seeing as it's my first back-to-school in a few years, I'm revisiting all those anxious and exciting feelings that every student feels right before they start a new school year: Will I make new friends? Will my teacher be nice? Will I do well? Except now it's a little different for me. I'm no longer the student; I'm on the other side of the fence.

For me, this marks the beginning of my first complete school year with the school board as its Communications Officer. My anxiety and excitement are a direct result of not knowing what to expect. My first full school year with LBPSB will see many different things: Major School Change, the search for land for a new school off-island, a continual effort to have a more positive presence in the media, the list is endless and there are so many other events that will take place that will be completely unforeseen. To me, all these events will be challenges but it's those challenges I love and crave.

Over the past weeks, I've gotten to see what goes into planning for a new school year and seeing the work involved gave me a whole new perspective. I am so much more appreciative to all those teachers who taught me and all those principals who oversaw the schools I attended as well as all the other staff involved in getting a school year off to a good start.

So, to all the students, teachers and staff beginning this new school year along with me, I wish you a ton of success. I hope you learn a lot and have fun doing so. To all the new students and those who are new to the Lester B. family, I welcome you. I have been here almost six months now and the more I learn and get to know about LBPSB, the more fortunate I feel to be here.

Know that I am available to help you all on anything communications-related and am always happy to do so. I look forward to sharing this new school year with all of you.

Daniela Scoppa

GREENDALE TEACHER GOES TURKEY

On Friday, July 3, 2009, **Myriam Boffice**, a Grade 6 teacher from Greendale left for Izmir, Turkey to take part in a week of space science related pedagogical workshops at the International Space Camp Turkey. In addition to the teachers on this trip, students were invited from Israel, Turkey, United States and Australia to participate in the activities including training simulators. Mrs. Boffice and others had the exciting opportunity to meet with the astronaut, Ron McBride, and hear many interesting stories from him.

Beyond the Space Center, the teachers visited schools, a daycare, a place where people restore ancient rugs as old as 250 years and learned about the art of glass blowing.

Mrs. Boffice will certainly use this experience to enrich our own students here at Greendale. Perhaps a “Turkish Space” unit?!

Dona Bianchi
Principal



Education Fairs help parents choose a school

Parents who are concerned about making good academic choices for their children should attend two free Education Fairs taking place in September.

There will be representatives from more than 45 private and public schools, boarding schools as well as staff from the Lester B. Pearson School Board, select preschools, tutoring centres and organizations offering supplementary programs.

These events give parents a chance to get more information about these schools and school boards.

TWO NIGHTS, ONE LOCATION

**Monday, September 21 and
Tuesday, September 22, 2009**

Holiday Inn - Pointe-Claire
Highway 40 and St-Jean Blvd.
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Admission is free!
Parking is free!

The Education Fairs are being hosted by Montreal Families, The Magazine for Parents. To see a complete list of participants, please check out www.montrealfamilies.ca. Check back regularly as we add participating schools/organizations weekly.

For more information, call (514) 487-8881.



Run, Sweep
—or—
GROW

A one-day interactive workshop
offered by the
Lester B. Pearson School Board
in partnership with
Concordia University,
Department of
Applied Human Sciences

To be held at Concordia University,
Loyola Campus

on Saturday, October 17, 2009
OR

Sunday, October 18, 2009
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information:
Visit our website at www.lbpsb.qc.ca and
follow the links, or send an e-mail to
workshopinfo@lbpsb.qc.ca

Riverview Collective Garden Project: Growing Partnerships

Everyone at Riverview Elementary School is abuzz about the four new garden bins that have recently taken root in the school yard. The Riverview's Roots Collective Garden project was established to bring the Verdun community together to organically grow healthy vegetables. This project also reconnects a generation of children with the food they eat by teaching them where it comes from and how it's grown. Since the school will be closed during the summer the sustainability of the project relied on community involvement to keep the garden thriving.



The vegetable garden was created in collaboration with Riverview Elementary School and Community Learning Centre (CLC), three community organizations – Culture Élémentaire Verdun, Dawson Community Centre and the YWCA, Riverview families and Verdun community members. Made possible by financial and in-kind support from CHHSN, the Saint Lawrence Optimist Club and Culture Élémentaire Verdun, the garden project has mobilized the Verdun community by sowing the seeds of partnerships, healthy living and intergenerational learning.

The entire Riverview student population participated in the creation of this garden. Classes in grades 2-6 had relay races to fill the garden bins with the earth that was dumped on the opposite side of the school yard. Older children then helped five classes from Kindergarten to grade 2 transplant vegetable plants that they had grown in their classrooms into the bins.

When the school year wound down a garden committee composed of community organizations and community members took over the responsibility of the garden to ensure its success over the summer. Youth from Dawson Community Centre and YWCA summer camps took turns gardening along side Riverview families and Verdun community members. The

harvest will be redistributed among all those participating in the garden. The garden will be open to the community at large once a week on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, when the collective gardeners will get together for a pot-luck, workshop or other garden-related activity. Riverview Elementary School is located at 971 Riverview Avenue in Verdun, and we invite you to drop by and see our garden in bloom. Any questions or comments can be addressed to the undersigned at aottier@lbpsb.qc.ca.

*Audrey Ottier
Riverview Community Learning Centre Coordinator*

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

AGREEMENT WITH CLUB DE HOCKEY JUNIOR DE MONTRÉAL

At a press conference on August 25th the Club de Hockey Junior de Montréal announced the launch of their “Score in School” program. The Lester B. Pearson School Board is the first of the Montréal area school boards to partner with the team to introduce the program in its schools.

The team has the requirement for its players that to be on the team they must be in school and they must maintain a good standing in their school. The team works with all of the schools in which their players are registered to ensure that they succeed at their studies as well as their sport.

The partnership will have the team donating (with corporate support from Pediapharm) 4 season tickets to each school in our Board. The tickets will then be distributed at the school level to students who have demonstrated academic and/or social improvement or have contributed something special to school life. The tickets will be good for all 34 home games in the 2009/2010 season. The program also includes team visits to schools to allow the players to speak to students about the importance of staying and succeeding in school.

It should be a great addition to our community partnerships and we look forward to the start of the Junior’s season.

COMMISSIONERS’ MONTHLY MESSAGES (PEARSON NEWS & WEBSITE)

Remember to check both the Pearson News and the Commissioners’ web pages for monthly messages from your elected school board representatives. A new message is posted at the beginning of each month on the website and two of the Commissioners are highlighted in each edition of this newsletter.

COMMISSIONER EXPENSE REPORTS ON-LINE

As our technology continues to improve new additions are being made to information accessible on-line on the LBPSB website. By the end of September, or beginning of October, Commissioner Expense Reports will be available following their approval by the Council’s Executive Committee. August and

September reports will be posted and then the current ones for each month will follow. At the end of each year the reports will be archived and available. Our Board will be one of few public institutions to take this additional step of providing more than a summary document of elected officials’ expenses.

ENGLISH COMMUNITY NEWS COVERAGE

The Transcontinental printing group’s weekly newspapers (the Messagers Verdun, LaSalle and Lachine-Dorval and the Magazine de l’Ile des Soeurs) serving four of the boroughs/municipalities of the Lester B Pearson School Board territory, namely Verdun, LaSalle, Lachine and Dorval, recently decided to eliminate English language coverage of community news in those areas. There has been a great deal of opposition to this decision. At the Board meeting of August 31st, the LBPSB added its voice to the call for a reversal of this decision with the adoption of a resolution indicating how important the availability of printed community news coverage is to the English community.

LA CONCERTATION EN DÉVELOPPEMENT SOCIAL DE VERDUN

On a recommendation from the Chairman, the Council of Commissioners approved a specific mandate for Commissioner Douglas Flook to represent the Board at La Concertation en développement social de Verdun. This group meets four times a year to hear reports from and make recommendations to a number of local community organizations and committees involved in social development in the borough of Verdun.

H1N1 UPDATE

The Board has been keeping a careful watch on the H1N1 situation. Through our ongoing contacts with the Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sport (MELS), and the Commission de Santé et Services Sociaux (CSSS) we are able to keep our communities updated on the latest government directives regarding the flu pandemic via the Board’s website and our community messaging system.

During the summer months the inventory of soap, paper towels, and cleaning supplies was verified and where required the stock levels were increased to a 4 – 6 month supply in each school and centre. High contact areas were and are getting special cleaning attention. Pamphlets with the most up-to-date information are being posted in all schools and centers, as well.

As per instructions received from both MELS and CSSS we will not be announcing every case that is reported. What we will be doing is very carefully monitoring absentee levels among students and staff and reporting to officials any unusual changes from the norm. Information, for the most part, will flow from your local school and, when required, from the Board's Head Office.

Good hygiene habits and hand washing remain the best weapons in trying to prevent the spread of this strain of flu. When and if we receive details about any vaccination programs, we will immediately inform our entire community.

This issue is of concern to all of us. If you notice any flu symptoms in your family, please take all appropriate actions. Students, and staff, should stay home from school for seven days from the onset of fever. If symptoms persist or the health condition deteriorates, contact your family physician, pediatrician, or local health care clinic.

ANNUAL REPORT

Another first for the LBPSB! In June the Board released its 2007/2008 Annual Report in electronic format. The Board continues to seek ways to cut down on paper and printing costs and the creation of an Annual Report on DVD is a first for Québec school boards.

Copies of the Annual Report on DVD have been sent to all who are required to receive it by law. In addition copies have been sent to all schools and centers and other community partners as has been done with the printed version in the past. The report is also available for viewing on the Board's website at www.lbpsb.qc.ca and follow the link to the Council of Commissioners site and then to Annual reports.

The 2008/2009 version will also be created in electronic format and is targeted for release in February or March of 2010.

BILL 88 – CHANGES A-PLenty

A number of the provisions of Bill 88 came into effect on July 1st of this year. Among those provisions are some major changes in the role of Commissioners. The Education Act now specifies the job description of Commissioners; Professional Development for Commissioners and Governing Boards; the mission of the School Board; new Board-level committees; the student ombudsman; and the partnership agreements between the schools and the school board and the school board and the MELS.

The Council of Commissioners has had a workshop on some of these changes and we are in the planning stage of a workshop for Governing Board Chairs on this topic. We intend to work out the details for that workshop with the Central Parents Committee.

We will devote more space to this topic in the coming issues of the Pearson News.

WELCOME BAI NAN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, CHINA

On August 21st the Board had the pleasure of welcoming 17 teachers and administrators from the Bai Nan Vocational School (BNVS) and various government offices from China. This group is at our Board for 10 days of Professional Development and training. This partnership was developed through the Board's International Studies Program. This is the first group to arrive as part of an entente signed in Beijing in November 2008 at an International Vocational Education Symposium hosted by the Education Authorities of Beijing and the Bai Nan Vocational School at which the Lester B Pearson School Board was highlighted as one of the keynote speakers.

This long-term agreement will see several groups of teachers and administrators studying at our International Centre and in our various Vocational Training centres. We thank BNVS President Madame Yao Li and her team for their collaboration and cooperation in bringing this agreement to fruition.

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 – SEPTEMBER 2009

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

Executive Committee Tuesday, September 22, 2009 6:30 p.m. Board Room

Council of Commissioners Tuesday, September 29, 2009 7:30 p.m. Board Room

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