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FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL & THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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RAPPORT DU DIRECTEUR GÉNÉRAL

Effectif au 30 septembre 2009

Comme vous le savez, l'effectif officiel du secteur jeunes de la commission scolaire est basé sur le nombre réel d'élèves inscrits et présents à l'école le 30 septembre de l'année scolaire en cours. Les élèves qui sont absents ce jour-là mais qui ont été régulièrement présents avant et après le 30 septembre sont également pris en compte. Tout élève qui s'inscrit après le 30 septembre n'est pas inclus dans le compte officiel des élèves.

Notre dossier d'inscriptions est transmis au MELS, validé, et nous recevons une autorisation d'effectif plus tard au cours de l'année. Notre déclaration préliminaire du 30 septembre est la suivante :

Primaire :	12 881
Secondaire :	11 443
TOTAL:	24 324

Ces chiffres représentent une réduction de 750 élèves par rapport à l'effectif du 28 septembre 2008.

We Day

Le 29 septembre, j'ai eu le plaisir d'assister à l'événement *We Day* à Vancouver, organisé par l'organisme *Free the Children*, en compagnie de 16 000 jeunes de plus de 1 000 écoles. Il s'agit d'une célébration annuelle du pouvoir des jeunes pour changer le monde et les conférenciers invités comprenaient Son Excellence Michaëlle Jean, Sa Sainteté le Dalai Lama, Mme Jane Goodall, Mme Mia Farrow et un certain nombre d'autres commanditaires célèbres. Le moins que je puisse dire, c'est que j'étais très fier du partenariat entre la Commission scolaire Lester-B.-Pearson et *Free the Children*.

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Enrollment September 30, 2009

As you are aware, the official enrollment for the youth sector of the school board is based on the actual number of students registered and present in school on September 30 of the school year. Provision is made for students who are absent from school that day but who have attended on a regular basis prior to and after September 30. Any student who registers after September 30 is not included in the official count of students.

Our registration file is transmitted to the MELS, validated and an official authorization of number is received later in the school year. Our September 30 preliminary submission is as follows:

Elementary:	12,881
Secondary:	11,443
TOTAL:	24,324

This is a reduction of 750 students from the September 28, 2008 enrollment.

We Day

On September 29, I had the great pleasure of attending the Vancouver "We Day" event of the *Free the Children* organization along with 16,000 youngsters from more than 1,000 schools. This is an annual celebration of the power of young people to change the world and was attended by Her Excellency The Right Honorable Michaëlle Jean, His Holiness The Dalai Lama, Dr. Jane Goodall, Mia Farrow and a number of other celebrity sponsors. To say the least, I was very proud of the partnership of the Lester B. Pearson School Board and *Free the Children*.

Remises de diplômes automnales

Certaines de nos écoles secondaires tiennent leurs cérémonies de remise des diplômes en automne, donnant ainsi l'occasion aux anciens camarades de classe de se revoir et de se raconter les étapes qu'ils ont franchies après l'école secondaire. Récemment, j'ai assisté à la cérémonie de l'école secondaire Riverdale, un événement de toute évidence planifié et mis en œuvre de façon minutieuse par la direction et le personnel de l'école. Ce fut un enchantement de voir la fierté des diplômés, de leurs familles et du personnel de Riverdale.

Événements « Portes ouvertes » et examens d'entrée au secondaire

Pendant le mois d'octobre, nos écoles secondaires et les centres d'éducation des adultes et de formation professionnelle ont ouvert leurs portes au public et ou le feront cette semaine. Les établissements où l'événement a déjà eu lieu ont attiré des foules enthousiastes en expliquant leurs programmes et leurs approches. Au secondaire, les examens d'entrée des programmes spéciaux auront lieu dans ces écoles le 7 novembre prochain. Veuillez consulter le site Web de la Commission scolaire au www.lbpsb.qc.ca pour connaître l'heure exacte.

Programmes de mentorat pour les nouveaux enseignants et gestionnaires

Nous sommes très fiers de deux initiatives qui ont été mises en place ces cinq dernières années pour présenter la Commission scolaire aux nouveaux enseignants et aux nouveaux gestionnaires. Du soutien continu est offert aux nouveaux enseignants à l'école même par le biais de programmes de mentorat. Dans toutes les écoles secondaires et dans un nombre croissant d'écoles primaires et de centres d'éducation des adultes et de formation professionnelle, chaque nouvelle recrue est jumelée à un mentor expérimenté avec qui elle travaille régulièrement.

A Word about Fall Graduation

A number of our secondary schools hold their Graduation Exercises in the Fall season, providing an opportunity for former classmates to gather and share the steps they have taken after high school. Most recently, I attended the Riverdale High School ceremony, an event that was obviously planned and implemented in a meticulous fashion by the administration and staff of the school. It was an absolute delight to see the pride of the graduates, their families and the Riverdale staff.

Open Houses & Secondary Program Entrance Examinations

During the month of October, our secondary schools and Adult & Vocational Education Centres hold "Open House" events. Those that have been held to date have attracted large and enthusiastic attendance as schools explain their diverse programs and their approaches. At the secondary level, entrance examinations for special programs will be held at individual schools on November 7, 2009. Please consult the Board website at www.lbpsb.qc.ca for specific times.

New Teacher and Administrator Mentoring Programs

We are very proud of two initiatives that have been put in place over the past five years to provide an introduction to our Board to new teachers and new administrators. Support is given to new teachers in our school board on a continuing basis at the school level through On-Site Mentoring Programs. In all secondary schools and in an increasing number of elementary schools and Adult & Vocational Education Centres, each new teacher is provided with an experienced mentor with whom he/she works on a regular basis. Periodic professional development workshops are also offered as the school year progresses. The program supporting

Des ateliers de perfectionnement sont aussi offerts périodiquement dans le cours de l'année scolaire. Le programme de soutien aux nouveaux gestionnaires comprend plusieurs volets et un certain nombre d'ateliers de perfectionnement sur des sujets pertinents combinés à la disponibilité et l'aide d'un mentor expérimenté. Ces programmes sont reçus avec enthousiasme par les participants et attirent l'attention d'autres commissions scolaires dans tout le Québec.

ERDI

Plus tôt ce mois-ci, j'ai assisté au congrès d'automne de l'*Education Research and Development Corporation (ERDI)*, un organisme qui réunit des leaders de l'entreprise privée et leurs homologues en éducation. Le but est d'assurer des produits, des ressources et des services de meilleure qualité aux élèves.

Les étoiles de l'année 2009

Je suis très fier de vous informer que vingt-six élèves d'écoles secondaires de la Commission scolaire Lester-B.-Pearson ont été distingués parmi les « étoiles de l'année 2009 ». Ce programme est une initiative réunissant le monde de l'industrie et celui de l'éducation. Nous partageons la fierté de ces élèves et de leurs familles et nous les félicitons, ainsi que leurs enseignants. Vous trouverez une liste des gagnants un peu plus loin dans cette édition, en page 16.

new administrators is multi-faceted with a number of professional development workshops on relevant topics, combining with the availability and assistance of an experienced mentor. These programs have been received enthusiastically by the participants and are attracting attention across the province.

ERDI

Earlier this month, I attended the 2009 Fall Conference of the Education Research and Development Corporation (ERDI), an organization that brings together in dialogue corporate leaders and their counterparts in education. The goal is to ensure that better products, resources and services are provided to help students.

The Stars of 2009

I am very proud to inform you that twenty-six students in the secondary schools of the Lester B. Pearson School Board were recognized among "The Stars of the Year 2009". This program is an industry/school initiative of the West Island Chamber of Commerce that provides scholarships to outstanding students. We share the pride of these students and their families and extend congratulations to them and to their teachers. A listing of the winners appears elsewhere in this edition of the Pearson News (page 16).

GREENDALE AND POLICE WORK TOGETHER

It's about dressing up in costumes! It's about collecting lots of candy, chocolate and treats! It's about safety! **Constable Khobee Gibson**, Greendale's socio-community officer, was on hand the week of October 19, discussing safety rules and preparing the students for their exciting night out. The students watched a video on the topic as well.

Presentations have been planned throughout the year for students on bullying, Internet safety, road safety and other topics. Classes are able to interact, discuss and ask questions. Thank you to our partners at Station 3.

*Dona Bianchi
Principal*



Officer Glenn Henden visits Cycle 1 ERC at Beurling Academy

This past month, over a three day period, Officer Glenn Henden, a Socio-Community relations officer with Station 16 in Verdun, visited all eight Cycle I Ethics and Religious (ERC) classes at Beurling Academy.

Officer Henden engaged the Secondary I students with a presentation that covered themes such as: taxing, bullying, victimization, threat and intimidation. These themes were reinforced with a film entitled, "Tax."

As for the Secondary II classes, Officer Henden covered Drug Education/Awareness. The students were educated about the types of drugs, their categories as well as their side effects. Constable Henden certainly has a knack for story-telling and included real life experiences from his professional work in the city.

We would like to thank Officer Henden for his time and continued interest in our school.

*Tamara Beach
Cycle 1 ERC teacher*



High School Students Represent Quebec at Alberta Conference

Three lucky students and one teacher/advisor from each of LBPSB's high schools participated in the 25th anniversary of the Canadian Student Leadership Conference (CSLC) in Olds, Alberta from September 26th to October 4th. The conference welcomed delegations from over 150 schools from across Canada.

The purpose of the conference was to give students the opportunity to learn about ways in which they can enhance the leadership programs already running in their schools. The students were able to meet with other school leadership groups, listen to great keynote speakers and they also took part in workshops. The conference helped students make connections across the country with other young people who are interested in the same types of projects. They also had the chance to tour Banff and Lake Louise and took in the spectacular sites of Canada's Western landscape.



The 26th annual CSLC will be taking place at Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School next year (2010).

Sixth annual Peace Summit

On Thursday, October 15th, Lester B. Pearson's sixth annual Peace Summit was held at the board's head Office. The Summit is something organized by **Judy Grant** who is responsible for overseeing the Peaceful Schools International Program at the board. This year's theme was "Heart-to-Heart/We're all Connected" and its focus was on educating students on how to accept those who have disabilities.

Three to five children from almost every school at the board were in attendance of the day-long event that had the students participating in many activities geared at expanding their awareness of different disabilities and the stereotypes often associated with each one. Some of the activities included becoming better acquainted with the Braille alphabet and learning sign language.



Daniela Scoppa

NOTICE TO STM CLIENTS

Please refer to LBPSB website for details.

Beurling Academy Celebrates World Teachers' Day!

On Monday, October 5th, the students in my Secondary III Community Leadership class hosted a refreshment break at recess for our dedicated staff to celebrate World Teachers' Day (WTD). This was an opportunity to honour and promote the important contributions that teachers make to Education and to their Communities. The students baked delicious cupcakes, scrumptious cookies and fancy cakes. Our student-leaders took the time to write creative poems for their Teachers and the poems were dropped in the mailboxes as a surprise. A few of our talented students serenaded the staff with their beautiful voices. A wonderful time was had by all!

*Tamara Beach
ERC & Community Leadership Teacher*



*Above,
Cassianne Darling-DeClou and Destini
Maighan singing a song for the staff*



Some of the delicious baked treats



*A few of the Community Leadership
students setting up*

Les monarques de Saint Edmund

Le 6 octobre dernier, notre premier papillon monarque prenait son envol dans la cour de l'école. Depuis le 10 septembre, nous observions nos cinq chenilles qui étaient devenues de belles chrysalides vertes.



Ensuite, les chrysalides étaient devenues transparentes. Nous savions alors que nous aurions des papillons la journée même. C'était absolument MAGIQUE! Tous nos monarques ont pris leur envol vers le Mexique au cours de la même semaine.

L'Insectarium de Montréal a permis aux élèves de la maternelle de l'école St. Edmund de vivre cette expérience exceptionnelle. Nous leur en sommes grandement reconnaissants.

*Marie Morse
Maternelle*



Dans le sens des aiguilles, Samantha, Milan et Mark observant un monarque avant son envol.

ST. CHARLES STUDENTS GET A LESSON IN TRAFFIC SAFETY



Safety of all students at St. Charles is of the utmost importance to us at St. Charles. It is with this in mind that our students were recently involved in a “speed awareness project”. The goal of this project is to sensitize drivers to drive safely in school zones. The students assisted the police officers in a radar operation with the main objective to deliver courtesy tickets to the drivers by the students themselves.

The students were able to appreciate the importance of “slowing down” with the hope that they take this message to everyone they know.

The police officers from station # 3 were very impressed with our students and commented on their exemplary behaviour. I am very proud of all the students that took part in this project.

~ BRAVO!!! ~

*Mme Coiteux
Principal*



A WORD FROM YOUR COMMISSIONERS UN MOT DE VOS COMMISSAIRES

BARBARA FREESTON – Ward 6 Dorval

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It has always been implicit that elected school commissioners represent communities and the electors in those communities, which include, of course the schools, students, and parents in each community. But the mandate is broader and longer term than that. (The parent commissioner's role, on the other hand, is to be the voice of the parents.)

Bill 88, which came into effect this summer, makes this mandate explicit. Elected commissioners have been charged to get out of our meeting rooms and into the society around us, forging connections with other levels of government, with businesses and business associations, with the non-profit sector.

As such, in the last month I have attended events applauding 15 years in the National Assembly for the two MNA's in my sector of the LBP territory, Marquette and Jacques Cartier ridings, as well as the official opening in Beaufort village of the West Island Wellness Centre for families affected by cancer.

In each case, I was struck by how deeply the LBPSB is woven into the fabric of society in our territory. In particular, the guest list for the Wellness Centre opening comprised everyone who has volunteered time or materials. I was surrounded by LBP staff from every level, pedagogical and administrative, support staff, officers, and directors, as well as politicians, current and retired, from the local, provincial and municipal levels.

The depth of commitment to the wellbeing, growth, and quality of life on the western end of Montreal Island and the western tip of Quebec that informs the decisions and actions of all of us, is a precious commodity, all too rare in the modern mobile world. Its collective strength is the best guarantee of the MSC proposals that administration will bring to the table next month and the decisions that Council will make.

Respectfully,

Barbara Freeston

A WORD FROM YOUR COMMISSIONERS

UN MOT DE VOS COMMISSAIRES

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I am an enthusiastic and energetic believer in the public school system. I am privileged to help fortify the BOARD'S FUTURE. I SALUTE our language teachers, and PRAISE our Bilingual Graduates who seek Innovation, Consensus, not Confrontation

PRIORITIES:

- I stand for prudent management of Public Funds entrusted to the Board.
- I believe in reduced subsidies to private schools. Government grants to public schools can then be increased.
- I will continue to advocate simultaneous translation of textbooks to English for each New Reform.
- Encourage more French Immersion. Recommend speaking more French in schools.
- I will promote additional service for Special Needs and Gifted Students.

As a school community, we must all persevere-to avoid 'drop outs'.

DonRae

BEURLING ACADEMY RUNS FOR THE CURE

It has become the biggest the largest single day volunteer-led fundraising event dedicated to creating a future without breast cancer, and this year, again, was no exception as over 1.6 million was raised in Quebec and over 100 of our staff and students took up the challenge on a cool day on October 4th at Maisonneuve Park at the Annual CIBC Run for the Cure and raised over \$4000.00 to contribute towards to the Quebec total.



Above, our mascot, Beurling Bobcat, along with two of our Sec 5 students taking time out before the walk

Our mascot, Beurling Bobcat, was also on hand to greet the students and teachers and kept us smiling all day and even joined in by also walking the 5-km course.

We would like to thank teacher Miss Amanda Liste, once again, for putting in the time to organize this large event and also a special thanks to the teachers and our Principal, Mr. David Abracen for helping out and being part of the event on that day, and a special thanks to all those in the community who contributed towards our total.

Bob Dubois



Our BA contingent at Maisonneuve Park during the Run for the Cure event



Seen here getting ready to start the run, along with the Bobcat, are teachers, Miss Dixon and Miss Jamaji and Principal Mr. David Abracen, to the far right looking on.

Ultimate Frisbee and Handball Tournaments

On Thursday October 1, 2009 - 21 of our Elementary Schools were hosted by Dorset, Greendale and Edgewater in the annual Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. Although it was a cold blustery day, the students' enjoyed themselves immensely.



Ultimate Tournament at Greendale Venue

On Monday and Tuesday, October 5 and 6, Dorset School hosted the annual Handball Tournament. 18 of our Elementary Schools participated in the event. It was great to see the involvement and team spirit of the various school teams.

These events take a great deal of organization and support. Many thanks to all those who make these tournaments possible.

*Peter Gilson
Consultant*



Handball Tournament at Dorset

Lester B. Pearson School Board partners with the Montreal Junior Hockey Club for their “Score with School” program

A press conference was held recently to announce that the Lester B. Pearson School Board would partner with the Montreal Junior Hockey Club for their 2009-2010 edition of the “Score with School” program. The program is one that promotes the importance of education and is meant to enhance efforts being made by schools and school boards to improve student success.

The program, sponsored by **Pediapharm Inc.**, offers participating schools two sets of season tickets per home game at their Verdun home arena, which will be distributed at the discretion of the school, to students who have achieved academic success or who have shown an improvement in behavior and social conduct. As well, players on the Montreal Juniors team, will visit schools to speak to students about the importance of education and staying in school and achieving their dreams. As well, each school will receive tickets for the entire school to go to a Montreal Juniors home game.



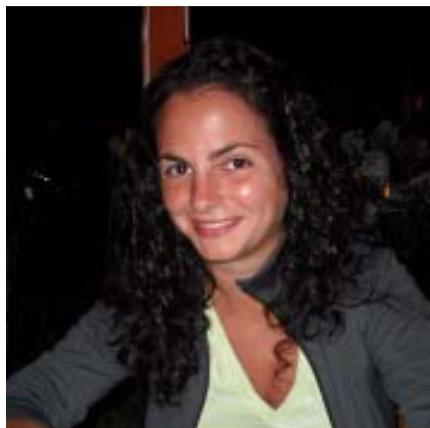
Mathew Brenton, Assistant Captain of the team, with students

On board as well for the “Score for School” program is the Bank of Montreal, who proudly support the Montreal Junior Hockey Club and are offering our students the opportunity to take part in an essay contest where they can win one of eleven bursary prizes by writing an essay entitled “Why School Matters”. Essays must be submitted by students by February 28, 2009. The panel of judges will include members from the Montreal Junior Hockey Club, and senior officials from the Bank of Montreal.

Good luck to everyone and enjoy a wonderful season!

*Nancy Battet
Pearson Interactive Community
Partnership Program*

Daniela's Corner



As the school year moves forward, a lot of changes in communications at the board are on the horizon. I've been working at improving internal communications since I started here just seven months ago and I'm very happy to say that the very first edition of The Pearson Insider – an internal, e-newsletter was launched on October 26th. The bi-monthly newsletter will be sent via email to every employee of the board and its purpose is to keep employees connected to Head Office and to each other. I'm always looking for events to add to the newsletter and if you have anything you think would be of interest to staff of the board (an event, a fundraiser, a new member to your team, etc.), please send your ideas along to me.

The Pearson News will also be undergoing some changes in an effort to boost its readership and re-vamp its look. The changes are still being planned but my hope is that a brand new Pearson News will be launched in January, 2010.

I recently attended a conference held by the Canadian Association of Communicators in English (CACE), which I am a member of. The conference focused on different topics but the main thread throughout the three-days I spent at the conference was how to use social media and make it beneficial to your school/school board. The discussions were interesting, especially when seeing how schools and school boards were making use of social networking/media sites such as Facebook, YouTube and Twitter in order to connect with both students and parents.

A recent example of this is the YouTube video produced by staff and students at Riverdale High School. The title of the video is "Riverdale High School: The West Island's Best Kept Secret" and is meant to promote the school and its open house using a different tool: social media. As of October 21st at 10 p.m., the video had been viewed 1,366 times. That is an incredible number of people to be able to reach out to using a free and simple website.

I strongly encourage this type of networking and promotion for our board and our schools. This is the direction our students are going in and this is the direction social networking and media are taking. If you have any questions about this or would like ideas on how to use social media to your school's advantage, please contact me.

Daniela Scoppa

John Rennie High School Runs for the Cure



Members of the John Rennie High School Tigers showed solidarity to help raise awareness for the fight against breast cancer by taking part in CIBC's annual *Run for the Cure* on Sunday October 4th. With the help of family and friends, the Tigers enjoyed an empowering morning of fitness, laughter and love!

*Rachel Wilson
Vice-Principal, Cycle I*

Winners : Discover the Stars 2009/Lauréats : À la découverte des Étoiles 2009

Student /Élève	Secondary School/École secondaire	Sponsoring Company/ Commanditaire
Janet McMillan	Lindsay Place High School	Abbott Limitée
Melissa Girard	John Rennie High School	Bell Canada
Nirros Ponnudurai	Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School	Bell Canada
Elana de Pagter	Lakeside Academy	Garage
Lysa Wolfe	Lindsay Place High School	Garage
Amy Allan	John Rennie High School	John Abbott College
Elyssa Cameron	John Rennie High School	John Abbott College
Olivia Hollenbeck	Macdonald High School	John Abbott College
Lianne Trigiani	St. Thomas High School	Cadillac Fairview
Numan Malik	Riverdale High School	MDA Space Missions
Erik Pelletier	Lakeside Academy	MDA Space Missions
Michael Destounis	St. Thomas High School	Nordia
Kyla Gilbert	Macdonald High School	Pfizer Canada Inc.
Amanda Gooding	Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School	Pfizer Canada Inc.
Jaclyn Kelly	Beaconsfield High School	Pfizer Canada Inc.
Sanam Patel	Lindsay Place High School	Pfizer Canada Inc.
Kenjey Khan	St. Thomas High School	Schering-Plough Canada Inc.
Marissa Morgan-Cavallaro	Beaconsfield High School	Schering-Plough Canada Inc.
Taylor Aubry-Komin	St. Thomas High School	Task Micro-Electronics Inc.
Megan Brown	St. Thomas High School	Task Micro-Electronics Inc.
Janet Whalen	Macdonald High School	The Chronicle
Suganya Kandasamy	Lindsay Place High School	Caisse Desjardins des Sources-Lac-Saint-Louis
Zachary Bergeron	Lindsay Place High School	Caisse Desjardins Lachine/Saint-Pierre
Inara Klaise	Lakeside Academy	Caisse populaire Desjardins Provost de Lachine
Janessa Brouillette-Culliford	Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School	Caisse populaire Sainte-Geneviève de Pierrefonds
Lori Rousseau	John Rennie High School	Caisse populaire Sainte-Geneviève de Pierrefonds

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

AGREEMENT WITH HAIKOU JINGSHAN SCHOOL

The Lester B. Pearson School Board's international program continues to grow. A recent trip to China resulted in the signing of a new, long-term, agreement with a school in Haikou, Hainan province. The agreement with Hainan Jingshan School will see the establishment of a "Canada Class" as part of the senior secondary school program offered in China. Students will be enrolled in a three year program with the first year (grade 10) including a section to prepare students for their study in Canada. The courses will ensure that students are ready to come to Canada to study in the second year of the program, which will be our Secondary V (grade 11) level. The students will return to complete grade 12 and their High School leaving certificate requirements in China. This is the fourth agreement signed with Chinese partner schools and the sixth similar agreement now in place.

BNVS – CHINA UPDATE

In August of this year we welcomed a group of 18 teachers and administrators from BN Vocational School for 10 days of professional development and training at our International Language Centre. The group returned to China and reported very positively about their time spent with us. So enthusiastic was their report that during the recent trip to China our delegation was able to confirm that again this year another group of 18 – 20 teachers and administrators from BN Vocational School will take a similar course. In addition, the senior administration of the Chinese school is arranging for groups of leaders from other schools to sign on to our PD sessions and we believe that there will be a steady growth in the number of participants in this program. As well, we had the opportunity to explore new program possibilities and we believe that these discussions will produce a new series of contracts for our International Program.

DIRECTOR GENERAL & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL EVALUATIONS

The DG Evaluation Committee has been meeting regularly with the Director General, as required by law, to review and monitor the performance of the senior administrative team. After a review by the committee and a report and subsequent feedback from Council, a resolution was adopted by the Council to accord each member of the senior team the full amount of the evaluation-based portion of their salary. This equates to 6% of the salary package set out by government regulation and contained in the official regulations governing the working conditions of senior officials of school boards.

The senior administrators of school boards are the only senior officials that have a part of their salary tied to a formal evaluation. It is up to the Council of Commissioners to assess their performance and decide on an appropriate compensation. This review was based on the period of July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

QESBA ELECTIONS

The Lester B. Pearson School Board offers its congratulations to Debbie Horrocks on her re-election as President of the Quebec English School Boards Association. The elections took place during the Annual General Meeting and Professional Development sessions that were held in Quebec City on October 16 and 17.

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H1N1 UPDATE & SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION

The Board continues to keep 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.

Santé Publique has also announced that both the former Spring Garden and Allancroft school buildings will be used as H1N1 community injection centers. The board is cooperating with health officials in all possible ways but a consequence of the government's influenza plan are unexpected and unbudgeted costs. We anticipate that these expenses could run as high as \$250,000. For now, the costs will have to be born from the operating budget of the Board and could have an impact on services provided to students and staff.

The government has required all boards to keep a separate accounting for H1N1 costs, but to date have stated that they have no additional funding available to cover these expenditures. The Council adopted a resolution, to be circulated widely, calling on the government to provide special funding for the implementation and operation of the government's pandemic plan.

BILL 88 – NEW COMMITTEES & MANDATES

In compliance with the provisions of Bill 88, which made some important changes to the Education Act, the Council has made some changes to its committees and mandates.

The Human Resources Committee mandate has been updated to reflect the part of the law that calls for the committee to help the Council in setting a procedure for the selection of senior management.

The Executive Committee Caucus has been replaced with the new Audit Committee. The committee's mandate includes the requirement to help the Council to understand the most effective ways to oversee the financial management of the Board's budget. Also as required, the Council has designated that a Senior Director or a manager from the Financial Services department be assigned to the committee as a resource.

The Council also created the Ethics and Governance Committee. The new committee will be composed of 5 members of Council including the Board Chair. In addition, the Board's Legal Council will act as resource to the committee. The committee will meet in November or December to prepare a mandate for Council to consider.

ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

The Board was informed by the Director General of Elections (DGE) that the Council will be reconfigured for the next school board election. The next Council will have 10 elected Commissioners, plus a Council Chairman elected by universal suffrage, plus 4 Parent Commissioners, plus the possibility of 2 co-opted community representatives. The new law allows for Boards to request up to 5 additional elected Commissioners, depending on the geographical size, population density, or other factors affecting equitable representation. As such, the LBPSB Council has adopted a resolution requesting the maximum addition of 5 elected Commissioners to account for the size of the territory, the diverse urban and rural interests, the population being served, and the number of municipalities and boroughs with whom the Board has to interact.

There is no time limit for a response from the DGE or the MELS. Council is hoping that the decision comes quickly as the process for dividing the territory to meet the new number of wards must begin in January 2010.

MAJOR SCHOOL CHANGE – OFF-ISLAND REZONING DELAY

Due to there being no final resolution to the location of the new school, the Council has adopted a resolution delaying the decision on the rezoning of the elementary school attendance areas in the territory off the island of Montreal. The decisions are now scheduled for the February 2010 meeting of the Council of Commissioners. ALL other consultation scenarios and situations remain according to the original timelines.

MAJOR SCHOOL CHANGE – IMPORTANT DATES

Several important dates in the Major School Change consultation process are coming up.

End-October	Written Briefs are due
November 17 th	Public Hearings at Lakeside Academy
November 18 th	Public Hearings at Westwood Junior High School
November 19 th	Public Hearings at John Rennie High School
December 21 st	Commissioners' consideration of Major School Change scenarios & decisions

Check the Board's website for complete details: www.lbpsb.qc.ca and follow the link for Major School Change 2009-2010.

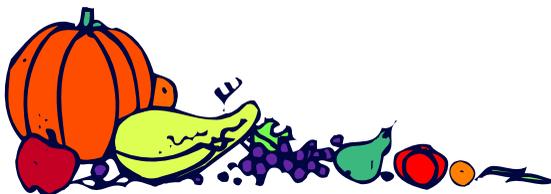
PEARSON NEWS TO GO ELECTRONIC

The marketing and communications team of Jim Hendry and Daniela Scoppa are working on a plan to reformat the Pearson News to go electronic. The new format will allow for more school news and additional special features. It will also be in line with the plans to cut down on the amount of paper used by the Board. Several years ago, the Board cut back the number of paper copies produced from over 3000 per month to currently about 1500 per month. The cost of printing and distribution, and the limited space in each edition coupled with increasing demand from schools for the chance to inform the general population of some of the things going on in their schools, are a couple of the reasons for the change. A new look is also being planned with final details to be available in December.

COMMUNITY MESSAGING SYSTEM

It has been almost a year since the Board installed its Blackboard-Connect community messaging system. The project has been an unqualified success, with all schools and centres taking advantage of this leading-edge technology. In fact, several other school boards are preparing to follow us in introducing the same or similar systems.

As the schools are becoming more proficient in the use of the system and we are noticing an increase in the use of the not only the outreach feature, but also local surveys, targeted messages, and attendance tracking. So far this year almost 250 messages have been sent using the messaging system. One of the features that attracted us to this system is the ease with which messages can be tailored to be board-wide, community-specific, school-specific, class-specific, team or group-specific, or even student-specific. An additional positive feature for schools has been the savings realized in that they do not have to produce as many paper notices. This is, and will be, seen in real dollar savings at the school level.



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 – NOVEMBER 2009

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

Transportation Adv. Cttee	October 27, 2009	5:30 p.m.	Room 123
Central Parents Committee	November 5, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board Room
Public Hearings	November 17, 2009	7:00 p.m.	LaSalle Community C.H.S.
Public Hearings	November 18, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Westwood Jr. H.S.
Public Hearings	November 19, 2009	7:00 p.m.	John Rennie High School
Executive Committee	November 23, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Board Room
Special Needs Adv. Cttee	November 25, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Room 219/221
Council of Commissioners	November 30, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board Room

Webcast begins at 7:30 p.m. on www.lbpsb.qc.ca

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