



Lester B. Pearson
School Board

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PEARSON NEWS

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Major School Change

We are now in the phase of implementing actively the decisions of the Council of Commissioners relating to Major School Change. The process was, without doubt, a very challenging one that drew a great deal of attention and effort on the part of our many stakeholders who provided essential response and input. I am confident that, as an educational community, these decisions will enrich our curriculum offering to elementary, secondary and Adult & Vocational Education students.

Meetings with parents are now taking place in the schools impacted by these decisions to provide information and details regarding student placement, programs, special support resources, transportation and to answer questions that may have arisen.

I wish also to thank all who have participated in this process and especially to Senior Director, Steve Balleine, whose capable leadership and intense efforts led us through a very complex process of consultation.

Student Registration for 2010 – 2011 School Year

We are now entering into the all-important period of registration of Kindergarten students new to our system and the re-registration of those now enrolled. Registration information is displayed prominently on our website and further explanation can be had by contacting your neighborhood school or our central Registration Office.

It is crucial that Registration and Re-registration Forms be returned according to

schedule provided since our planning process for the 2010-2011 school year is dependent on these numbers. We are very hopeful that, despite a decline in the demographics of a large part of our area, our new emphasis on French-language instruction will augment our enrollment.

Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week activities will take place in the month of February, an opportunity to recognize the incredible efforts made by all of our employees, all focused on providing the best possible services to our students. No matter what our responsibilities - administration, professional, teaching, clerical support, maintenance and caretaking – our respective tasks are interlaced and, without doubt, are becoming more complex and demanding. I wish to recognize formally the efforts and commitment made by Lester B. Pearson School Board personnel. You are individually and collectively truly remarkable!

A Quick Scan of School Websites

On any given day, a quick scan of our school websites and the local newspapers provide a rather remarkable chronicle of successes of individual students and staff members, of school initiatives, of athletic successes, cultural events, all being carried out by students, staff members and parent volunteers, all in addition to the daily academic achievement in our classrooms. A quick, thirty minute trip through school websites after the Christmas vacation showed me the following successes:

- Sarah Randisi, a student at Margaret Manson Elementary School, was one of ten national finalists in the *Munsch at Home* creative writing contest and was the only Quebeceer so named.
- Simone Spencer of Riverdale High School and Jaskiran Attar of Pierre-fonds Comprehensive High School were both named recipients of the *Youth in Action – Volunteer Award*.
- Mr. Jean-Claude Manirakiza, a teacher of French at Westwood Senior High School, has involved students at both Westwood and Beurling Academy in a school-building project, *Bridge to Burindi*, in which fundraising is taking place on an on-going basis to build schools in his native Burindi.
- Riverdale High School has been awarded Peaceful School status by Peaceful School International. As such, Riverdale has shown a commitment to creating and maintaining a culture of peace. As part of the process of becoming a recognized Peaceful School, Riverdale students were asked to create and proclaim a pledge that can be seen on the school's website.

R.T. Mills - Director General

AN INCREDIBLE HONOUR FOR LCCHS

Each year individuals or organizations are honoured at the City of Montreal with The Dr. Martin Luther King Legacy Award. This year there were fifty nominations and five recipients of the award. La-Salle Community Comprehensive High School was nominated by the Rev. Darryl Gray for the school's extensive work within its community. On January 18th, a very proud

Phil Clavel, principal of LCCHS, accepted the award at City Hall in Montreal. "To receive the Martin Luther King Legacy Award from the City of Montreal is not something any of us could have imagined. We will cherish this honour forever," Mr. Clavel said in his acceptance speech.



BEURLING ACADEMY'S ANNUAL SCHOOL-WIDE FOOD DRIVE

Each year, Beurling Academy's Student Council organizes the annual school-wide Food Drive to benefit the organization, Share the Warmth. Early in November, the food drive is advertised through creative posters around the school as well as in the daily announcements. Student Council members visit each homeroom and distribute a box and announce the details of the

food drive. This year, Beurling Academy entered a contest with other LBPSB High Schools. The class that would bring in the most non-perishables would win a lunch sponsored by Subway and the school that collected the most non-perishables would win a free school dance courtesy of HITS F.M. On Friday, December 18th,

2009, Mrs. Maria Kastelorzios' Secondary III students of homeroom B-213 were treated to a Subway/HITS FM lunch as a result of being the class who brought in the most items during the recent Food Drive. They brought in close to 300 non-perishables, close to one-third of the school's total of 930! The top student in that class was Cassandra Gauthier who brought in 26 items.

Way to go homeroom, B-213!! We would like to thank JP and Dominique from Subway for preparing and delivering the delicious lunch, Marty & Tina from Hits FM. for attending the lunch and distributing some cool prizes for the students as well Otis Grant from Riverdale for his help in organizing this extra treat. *Tamara Beach - Teacher/ Student Council Advisor*





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**EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO
KNOW ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S
CURRICULUM AND NEVER HAD
THE CHANCE TO ASK**



Central parents' Committee is here to help!

**CPC Networking Event
Thursday, February 11, 2010
LBPSB Boardroom
1925 Brookdale
Dorval, QC
7:00 pm—9:30 pm**

Mr. Michael Chechile, Director of Educational Services, along with his team of consultants, will be there to answer your questions and give you hands on training with your child's curriculum.

Please confirm your attendance by leaving your name, number of people attending, school name and what grade(s) your child(ren) are in via email to cpc@lbpearson.qc.ca or call 422-3000 extension 3299(or ask for CPC).

We look forward to seeing you on February 11th.

A WORD FROM YOUR COMMISSIONERS



JOHN KILLINGBECK – Ward 10
–Pointe-Claire West

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As we enter the second decade of the 21st Century we have much to be thankful for and much to appreciate from our experiences during our first ten years as a Board. Based on our successes during our recent past I know we are ready to address the new challenges that await us as we advance into decade number two.

Factors that have influenced our successes are many. They range from the sincere support and contributions of time, encouragement and opinions from our parent population to the enthusiasm, involvement and concern for the world by our student leaders. Place these two sets of ingredients in close contact with a devoted set of teachers, administrators,

consultants, integration aides and other supporting personnel one can see why a high level of success has been achieved by our students. There is insufficient space to mention all the successes I have observed but here are a few. The annual Graduation rate demonstrated by our senior students continues to rank on top of the Montreal Island public school spectrum.

But while academic achievements are of paramount importance it is worth noting that our teachers provide many opportunities for young people to broaden their skills either through extra curricular activities including Interschool Athletic competitions and Student Leadership involvement or by extending stimulating learning experiences that involve Math Olym-

pics, Robotics, Debating, Music, Drama, Science Fairs, Story Telling, Peaceful Schools International and numerous creative Artistic experiences to name a representative sample.

Take a walk through the many School Web Sites one quickly notes why we support the slogan “Education for the Imagination” and why our students are responding so well in our stimulating learning environments.

I wish you all good health and satisfying experiences as we stimulate and monitor the growth and achievements of all our students during this the second decade of the LBPSB.

A WORD FROM YOUR COMMISSIONERS



SUE WILLIAMS – Ward 12
- Ile-Bizard, Pierrefonds, St. Genviève

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It is a pleasure to be able to reach out to the LBPSB community in the first online edition of Pearson News. It is also an honour for me to be sharing this space with John Killingbeck, someone whom I’ve had the pleasure of working with in various capacities over the years.

This is the third rendition of council that I have been a part of, and proudly so. Having spent five years as secondary parent commissioner, I now find myself a “rookie” among the group of elected commissioners. Each council has its own dynamic, but all are made up of dedicated individuals. We recognize that education is a shared responsibility among par-

ents, the schools, the school board, and our communities.

I have the opportunity to participate on many school board committees and am currently a member of the Human Resources Committee, Pupil Place Needs, Communications, and the International Studies Program Committee. I am also a commissioner representative to the Secondary Sector Parents’ Committee. All of these, and more, provide me with the opportunity to gain knowledge and insight into many aspects and perspectives of our education system.

One of the most interesting facets of my job is attending governing board meetings of the schools and centre in my ward. I am fortunate in that I have the opportunity to sit at elementary schools, a high school, and a vocational centre. Although it’s only been slightly more than a year, I feel a close

connection with these school communities and continue to be impressed by the commitment and support they show to the students.

As we now work to implement the difficult decisions that were made following Major School Change, I would like to assure the communities affected in Ward 12 that I am committed to working with you through them in the months ahead. It has been a long and demanding process for all of us, but the outcome, we trust, will mean a stronger education system across our board.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful 2010. I look forward to continuing our work together and being able to express the needs and expectations of the constituents in Ward 12.



GIVING THE GIFT OF OUR TIME

On Friday, December 11th, 2009, one of the coldest days of the year, Beurling Academy's Secondary III Community Leadership class visited the Welcome Hall Mission. The students volunteered by filling bags of falafel mix as part of the preparation for the organization's upcoming holiday food drive. The falafel mix as well as bags of hygiene products, toys, food and supplies are given out to Montreal's underprivileged

individuals and families. In two hours, the student-leaders managed to fill one enormous box! The students also received a tour of the Welcome Hall Mission and were given some background information about the variety of services which are offered: Family Services, Men's Services, Youth Services, Children's Services, Rehabilitation Services, Employability Services as well as a Thrift shop. The students were given the

opportunity to meet some of the wonderful and friendly volunteers and employees. We would like to thank Christine Myatt, the Administrative Assistant of the Welcome Hall Mission, who organized our visit and kindly provided us with an informative tour. Also, a big thank you to the organization for being so "welcoming!"
*Tamara Beach -
 Sec. III Community
 Leadership Teacher*

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT AT JOHN ABBOTT COLLEGE



Many of our Elementary schools made their way to John Abbott College to participate in the annual Inter-Board Volleyball tournament. The tournament took place over three days (January 7th, 11th, 12th) with 32 schools participating. This tournament is a great opportunity

for our students to participate in a fun event that promotes physical fitness and allows them to showcase their skills. Many thanks to everyone who participated and also to the organizing committee who helped make it a success.
*Peter Gilson -
 PEH Consultant*

NOVEMBER ELEVENTH AT EVERGREEN

(Thanks to Pearson News for late posting of this article that I had 'lost in transition'!)

The grade 4 students of Josiane Dicaire sponsored a beautiful Remembrance Day assembly, the theme of which was the virtue of Courage. A skit was enacted that featured one student standing by another, insisting that he be allowed to join the group and play. Several students talked about the meaning of the poppy and all joined in to give a touching bilingual reading, of 'In Flanders Fields'. Art teacher, Joanne Murdoch lined the stage with students' colourful pinwheel poppies, and Music teacher

Linda Cregan's students sang a song of remembrance. A beautiful banner prepared by Mme Dicaire's class featured crosses of poppies, the centers of which were the different faces of our fallen Canadian soldiers from the Afghanistan conflict. Students closed with a rousing version of the Courage Rap, honouring the valour of our soldiers with the concluding words, 'We remember in November what it is to be brave.'
*Linda Choinière -
 Spiritual Animator*



Brent Flowers (in Level 2) from LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School proudly carried the Olympic Torch December 19, 2009.

MAC HIGH ATTIRE WORN IN PANAMA CANAL

Bryson Robertson is a young man who is sailing around the world with his brother and friend documenting the conditions of our oceans.

Mr. Robertson visited Macdonald High School and gave students a very informative presentation on the garbage that has accumulated in the world's oceans.

During his visit to Mac, he was presented with some Mac attire and he promised

to wear it on his journey. He is seen here, sailing through the Panama Canal, wearing a Mac cap and t-shirt.

Mary Anne Bindner - Principal of Macdonald High School



LAKESIDE FOOD DRIVE

Once again Lakeside Academy students rose to the challenge of donating food to the Christmas food drive for the community of Lachine. The food drive was launched on November 2, 2009 and each homeroom class was given a decorated box and a list of non-perishable foods that needed to be collected. The campaign ended on December 16, 2009 and a once again the students donated a large amount of food to the cause, with Mrs. Howse's homeroom

donating the most. Most of the food collected will go to La Soupe Populaire de Lachine, with some going to families of our own school community. Congratulations to all the Lakeside Academy community for all their contributions.

Jane Preston - IB MYP Coordinator



THORNDALE'S SECOND ANNUAL SENIORS' TEA

Thorndale Elementary School had its second annual *Seniors' Tea*. This special event was organized by the Home and School and was held the afternoon of December 16th. We had more than 70 seniors enjoy performances by a number of our classes, as well as, the Thorndale student choir. Our guests were served home-made baking, coffee and tea, by our dedicated student council. We look forward to even greater participation next year at our Third Annual Seniors' Tea!



DANIELA'S CORNER



I am very pleased to welcome you to the newly formatted Pearson News! By going completely electronic, we are helping the environment by cutting down on the amount of paper we use and on gas emissions from the delivery of the newsletter to each school. I am hoping you enjoy this new format and I am always pleased to receive feedback so feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you have. You can sign up to have the

Pearson News delivered right to your inbox each month. Just visit the Pearson News page on the board's main website and sign up for the service (<http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/pearsonnews/pearsonnews.asp>).

I am always looking for articles and Pearson News is a great way to showcase the activities taking place within your school. Please send any articles you'd like to submit my way. I'd also like to take this opportunity to extend a big thank you to Michèle Morin who previ-

ously edited the Pearson News and who is still a big part in making this publication happen by translating the articles.

This past month has been a very busy one with so many activities taking place.

There would not be enough space for me to list everything that has been happening but if you take some time to read through the articles in Pearson News, you'll see the amazing things the schools and centres are doing.

I would like to remind everyone that the Lester B.

Pearson School Board will be hosting a fundraising event in conjunction with the City of Pierrefonds-Roxboro on the evening of Saturday, February 6th at Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School. The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise money for Haiti. After that catastrophic and completely devastating earthquake, the people of Haiti could use our help. For more information, please visit the school board's website at www.lbpsb.qc.ca.

Daniela Scoppa – dscoppa@lbpsb.qc.ca

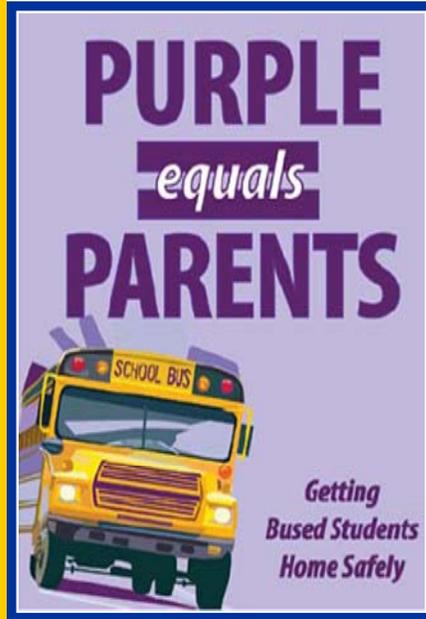
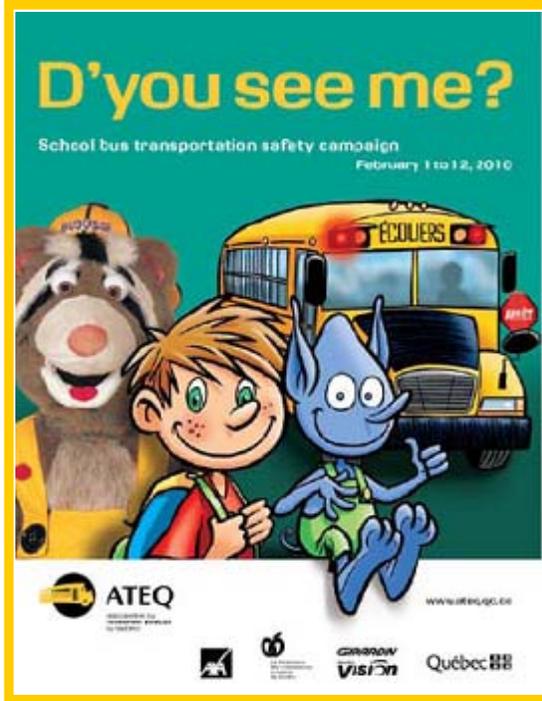
BEURLING RAISES FUNDS FOR THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

On Tuesday, November 16th, 2009, Sofia Guay and Alicia Talarico from The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society hosted a "kick-off assembly" about their "Pennies for Patients Program" for all of the Cycle 1 students. Cycle 1 students in the Ethics and Religious Culture classes collected change for this organization over a three week period. Students were encouraged to participate in a "Chores for Change – Contributing to our Community" activity. In their spare time, Junior students offered to complete tasks in return for a donation. Chores ranged from shovelling snow, washing the dishes, cleaning out the basement cabinet, painting, carrying grocery bags, gift wrapping, etc. As a result of their volunteering effort, the students found this activity to be a rewarding experience. This initiative reflects the QEP's broad area of learning, "Citizenship and Community Life" which is connected to the new Ethics and Religious Culture.

Furthermore, Student Council organized a Guitar Hero Challenge with the Secondary V Leadership class. It was held at Junior and Senior lunches during the week of November 30th. It was a success with profits benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

After three weeks of collecting all of the change which included a huge amount of pennies, it was time to roll and count everything. Cycle 1 students with help from the Secondary III Community Leadership class counted and rolled all of the change. In just three weeks, **\$286.45** was raised for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society! Way to go Beurling Academy! *Tamara Beach - Cycle 1 ERC Teacher*





Mark your calendar for these special events

February 1st - 12th: Provincial Bus Safety Campaign

February 1st: LBPSB Drivers' Appreciation Day

February 1st - 5th: LBPSB's new PEP Program

JOHN RENNIE'S 'HATS FOR HAITI' A BIG SUCCESS!

On Tuesday, January 19th, John Rennie High, had a "Hats for Haiti" day to raise money for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. It was lots of fun and very simple to organize. Staff and students paid \$1.00 for the privilege to wear a hat for the day! Many donated much

more!! We then stamped their hand as proof of payment. The response was extraordinary!!! We are very proud of our young people and how they were able to lobby together to make over \$4,700.00 to help the victims of Haiti.



PROTECT OUR RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF CHOICE

The LBPSB Central Parents' Committee has posted an online petition in respect to the recent ruling from the Supreme Court of Canada concerning Bill 104.

Should you support our concerns please sign our petition at www.ipetitions.com/petition/lbpsb or in french at www.ipetitions.com/petition/lbpsb_enfrancais.



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 Daniela Scoppa at dscoppa@lbpsb.qc.ca.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

CMEC RECOGNIZES LBP INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

The Council of Ministers of Education Canada (CMEC) has put in place a new program to encourage foreign students to study in Canada. The program is called “Imagine – Education in Canada”. The program has been developed to help recruit students from around the world and to help potential students choose quality public education institutions in which to learn. To support these efforts the CMEC has created a standard for institutions and a logo branding for use by authorized institutions.

Institutions have to apply to CMEC and only after a review and acceptance by the “Imagine-Education in Canada” organization are institutions able to use the logo and recognized symbols of the program. We are proud to announce that the Lester B. Pearson School Board has been recognized by CMEC as a high quality educational institution and is now authorized to use the “Imagine” symbol. Look for the following to start appearing on LBP materials:



MAJOR SCHOOL CHANGE – DECISIONS DECEMBER 21st

As per the board’s policy, all schools and centres have now received a book containing copies of all the resolutions that were adopted under the Major School Change consultation. The schools affected by either closure or merger have held public meetings and the process to put the decisions into effect is now underway. You will be hearing more about the new programs, additional French, and the vocational education changes in the coming weeks.

NEW PROGRAMS – NEW LOOK

As the Board begins to prepare all the new program options and enhancements that were adopted on December 21st, we have developed new program identification symbols. Look for these new symbols to begin to appear on information pamphlets, on banners, in the schools featuring each program, and in the Board’s marketing vehicles. The new logos are:



OFF-ISLAND REZONING DELAYED

The Municipality of St-Lazare is working closely with the LBP to try to resolve the land for the new school issue. However, at this time we still do not have a solution and as such it is not possible to continue with the MSC consultation concerning the rezoning of the off-island territory will be cancelled as part of the recent Board-wide MSC process.

We are expecting more definite news in the coming weeks and anticipate restarting the MSC process for the off-island by the end of March, to have a decision in place in time for the 2011/2012 school year.

BUDGET CONSULTATION

The annual budget consultation is now in progress. The documents are being sent to all of our consultative partners. We are looking for advice on the programs and services the Board should be supporting in the coming year. This is not a line-by-line budget examination, it is meant to be an exchange on the principles and objectives that the Board should take into consideration as the process of building a nearly \$250-million budget begins. We look forward to receiving your input.

REGISTRATION FOR 2010/2011

It is that time of year again. The biggest recruitment period for Kindergarten registration and new student registration begins on February 1st. The Board will be registering students at all schools and at the Registration Office at the Brookdale head office.

Look, watch, and listen for information about the Lester B. Pearson School Board in English and French in all local and regional newspaper and on radio.

HAITI RELIEF FUNDRAISER

In collaboration with the Borough of Pierrefonds/Roxboro, the Lester B Pearson School Board is proud to be co-hosting a major fundraiser for Haiti in the wake of the devastating earthquake that struck Port-au-Prince on January 12th.

The event will take place on February 6th at Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School. Tickets for the evening are \$20 each and we expect all 620 seats to be sold out. Contact information is available on the web sites of the Board and the Borough.

Our Board believes strongly in international and global awareness and the importance of instilling, in all of our students, the understanding that we each have a responsibility to that wider community. We are proud of the efforts each of our staffs and students have made to raise funds and participate in the world-wide effort to start the process of rebuilding Haiti.

We hope to see you all there.

BILL 88 WORKSHOP FOR GOVERNING BOARDS

The Board will be offering a training session to Governing board members on the changes to the Education Act brought about by the adoption of Bill 88. The Bill introduced some major changes for Commissioners, School Boards, Schools, and Governing Boards.

One of the changes is the requirement that all Boards provide at least one training session per year. Our Board has always believed in the importance of such professional development and has been providing information and training sessions for many years.

The information presented during the workshop will be made available on the Board’s website after the workshop is presented.

CELEBRATIONS IN FEBRUARY

The Lester B Pearson School Board schools will be noting and celebrating a number of special days during the month of February. Among those dates are Staff Appreciation Week (Feb. 8th to 12th); Black History Month; Chinese New Year (year of the Tiger); and National Flag Day (Feb. 15th).

Marcus Tabachnick—Chairman of the Board

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	Secondary Representative	Conny Held	514-909-6306	4026
CPC	Elementary Representative	Judith Mrenice	514-658-6432	4027

DATES TO NOTE

PUBLIC MEETINGS – FEBRUARY 2010

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

Central Parents Committee	Feb 11 th , 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board Room
Executive Committee	Feb 15 th , 2009	7:00 p.m.	Board Room
Special Needs Advisory Committee	Feb 24 th , 2009	7:30 p.m.	Rm. W219
<i>Council of Commissioners</i>	<i>Feb. 22, 2010</i>	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Board Room</i>

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

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