



Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee

LBPSB Parents' Committee

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Keeping the momentum from last year, the Parents' Committee (PC) maintained an exceptionally high level of parent participation during the 2020-2021 school year. The PC operated as one committee comprised of a Parent Representative from each of the 47 active member schools.

The 2020-2021 school year began with parents anxiously and cautiously working with school administration, principals and staff to facilitate an effective return to normalcy with student safety at the forefront of every decision. Dealing with ever-changing guidelines and sometimes last-minute government announcements and recommendations, the LBPSB educational community worked tirelessly to keep the students safe and the parents informed.

Despite the students missing half of the previous year, the Ministry of Education still failed to establish concrete specifications regarding a comprehensive online curriculum. Adding to the disappointment, parents and students were faced with an obligatory attendance requirement in the midst of uncertainty.

The PC continued to utilize the online Zoom platform to facilitate effective and engaged meetings and presentations. We hosted two presentations, which focused on managing stress and anxiety and racial discrimination. In addition, the PC continued to leverage its online discussion forums to keep the parent representatives voices connected to school board Administration and to facilitate communications regarding any safety protocol adjustments.

In order to encourage more parent member participation and communication, we successfully implemented breakout sessions into the monthly meeting agenda. During the breakout sessions, the Committee openly discussed relevant current events and social topics facing the LBPSB community.

Politically, the LBPSB PC supported the Quebec Superior Court's decision to uphold an injunction or stay to suspend the application of Bill 40 in the English school boards. This effectively prevented an immediate and major restructuring of the LBPSB to a service center model amongst other changes in the functional scope of various educational structures.



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Using a more progressive approach, the Quebec government worked through the English Parents' Committee Association (EPCA), the political lobbying organization of which the LBPSB PC is a member, to facilitate more direct and frequent communication with the PC. While there were challenges, the attempt to solicit more parent feedback was appreciated and welcomed.

Reflecting on the year, the Parents' Committee should continue to examine ways to cultivate more direct and efficient communication with our parent community and continue to focus on improving the Committee's agility to facilitate more rapid parental feedback. The LBPSB PC is always seeking new and improved ways to catalyze more effective parent communication and participation in the educational process in support of our parent community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shane Ross".

Shane Ross
Chair, LBPSB Parents' Committee



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Members:

Member School	Parent Rep Present	Alternate Rep Present
Allion	Annette Banton	Valerie Beaudet
Beacon Hill	Jeremy Asch	Celena Scheede-Bergdahl
Beaconsfield	Ovidiu Burlec	Adrian Leggett
Beechwood	Orley Pinchuck	Diandra Yoselevitz
Burling Academy	Jay Taube	Charline Downer
Birchwood	Derek Kenny	
Children's World	Susan Mintzberg	Mark Calla
Christmas Park	Lisa Mancini	
Clearpoint	Marc Lucke	Karina Leonard
Dorset	Mohammed Namazi	Julie Hanck
Dorval	Patricia Ottoni	Louise Deault
Edgewater	Sherry-Lee Dawson	Melissa Nolet
Evergreen	Melinda Paradis	
Forest Hill Jr	Richard Allen	
Forest Hill Sr	Tanja Minisini	Richard Thorpe
John Rennie	Namta Gupta	Shane Ross
Kingsdale	Greg Piggins	Adam Feldstain
Lakeside Academy	Jennifer Millen	Helene Charbonneau
Lasalle Community Comprehensive	Sonya Fiocco	
Lasalle Jr	Neil Patel	Theresa Jory
LasalleSr	France Henry	
Lindsay Place	Eric Schultz	
MacDonald	Kristoffer de Forest	Todd Nelson
Maple Grove	Ashley McLellan	Sarah Fortin
Margaret Manson	Anthony Morello	Mark Michel
Mount Pleasant		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Wendy Eeet	
Pierrefonds Comprehensive	Marcus Hamaker	Greg Piggins
Riverview	Linda Dalterio	Sara Levis
Sherbrooke Academy Jr.	David Anthony Barbiero	Deniese Peirera
Sherbrooke Academy Sr.	Miki Zarwanitze	Kurt Henrico
*Soulange		
Springdale		Steven Brodeur
St. Anthony	Shane Ross	
St. Charles		Steven Orenbach
St. Edmund	Stephanie Ozbalt	
St. John Fisher Jr	Christina Corey	Nadia Lawland
St. John Fisher Sr	Sarah Campeau	Christina Forest
St. Patrick	Doug Bently	Michael Barron
St. Thomas	Sharad Bhargava	Adam Davies
Sunshine Academy	Leah Lobaton	Artemis Patsourakis
Terry Fox	Lillian Jasinski	Brenda Tremellen
Verdun	Alicia Mancini	Mike Pomerleau
Westpark	Alaina Gross	Mark Kashetsky
Westwood Jr	Tanja Minisini	
Westwood Sr	Tanja Minisini	John Field
Wilder Penfield	Onnig Kouyoumdjian	Andrea Bailey
SNAC	Lisa Mancini	Dayna Gampel
CRP SNAC	Suzanna Lazaro	



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Commissioners Representing the Parents' Committee on the Council of Commissioners:

Kristoffer de Forest (At-Large)
Patricia Ottoni (Elementary)
Sharad Bhargava (High School)
Suzanna Lazaro (SNAC)

Advisory (Officers):

Shane Ross, Chair
Linda Dalterio, Vice-Chair
Annette Banton, Secretary
Alaina Charzan, Treasurer
Sarah Campeau, Communications Officer
Sharad Bhargava, Commissioner Representing the Parents' Committee

SNAC Parents:

Lisa Mancini (Rep)
Dayna Gampel (Alt)

Administration Liaisons:

Thomas Rhymes, Assistant Director General
Joanne Malowany

Council Representation:

Noel Burke, Chair of Council
Laura Derry, Vice-Chair of Council

External Committee Representatives:

EPCA Directors:

Doug Wells (1st year of 2-year term)
Greg Piggins (2nd year of a 2-year term)

Pearson Educational Foundation (non-voting member):

Greg Piggins

Meeting Dates:

September 24, 2020	December 3, 2020	May 6, 2021
October 1, 2020	February 11, 2021	June 3, 2021
November 5, 2020	March 11, 2021	

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Highlights of the Year:

- Facilitated public conversations/information sessions regarding Covid-19 Pandemic and return to school
- Hosted public presentation by Dr. Georges "Managing the Unmanageable"
- Hosted public presentation by Tiffany Callendar "Privilege & Unconscious Bias"
- Hosted Governing Board training session
- Submitted environmental recommendations

Consultation responses submitted:

- 2021-2022 Budget Consultation

Recommendations for 2021-2022 School Year:

- Reach out to Parent Representatives and their schools to encourage more consistent participation
- Implement/Modify procedures to accommodate more efficient feedback in between meetings that represent the entire LBPSB school representation
- Develop strategy to energize more subcommittee leaders
- Further develop website and improve presentation of archived information
- Publish at least 4 Parent2Parent newsletters
- Improve two-way communications with Commissioners Representing the Parents' Committee
- Support our parents in any way possible as we manage the changes regarding the Coronavirus pandemic
- Push/lobby for a comprehensive online or "distance learning" program