



## Lindsay Place High School Governing Board

111 Broadview Ave.  
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# 2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT

**Adopted: September 18, 2012**

## LPHS 2011-2012 Governing Board Members

### **Student Representatives:**

Francesca Mazzealli  
Meghan Watson

### **Teachers and Staff Representatives:**

Alexandra Caden  
Nathalie Collins - till January  
Christine Dane  
Melissa Ann Hunter  
Sharon Lamb  
Gerry O'Reilly  
Marie-Josée Paradis - from February  
Tara Wong

Sector & CPC representative: Craig Buchanan  
Alternative parent representative: Mike Nalecz

### **Parent Representatives**

Craig Buchanan  
Paula De Linden  
Richard Haddad  
Robert Lafave  
Mike Nalecz – Chairperson  
Paul Pemberton  
Barbara Schneider  
Keniel St. Louis

### **Community Representative**

Marlyn Brownrigg  
Peter Kelly

### **Ex Officio**

Dona Bianchi - Principal  
Bernadette Reichert – Vice Principal

## **2011-2012 Meeting dates**

October 04, November 01, December 06, January 10, February 03, March 13, April 03, May 01, June 12 and September 11.

Meetings are open to the public and held at 7:15 PM in the school library.

## **School commissioner**

LBPSB commissioner, Allan Levine, a long time advocate for Lindsay Place High school, retired in March. We thank Allan for his many years of public service and wish him well in retirement.

We welcomed Mr. Linton Garner in April as the new commissioner for Pointe Claire East - ward 9.

## **Chairperson's report**

The Lindsay Place Governing Board, a collective body of 2 students, 8 staff and 8 parents, has the responsibility of overseeing the governance of the school and making decisions that are in the best interests of all students; whatever path they follow.

A good deal of renovations have been undertaken by the School Board with the replacement of windows, painting and fixing the plumbing in school washrooms and updating our auditorium. These required renovations to the physical plant are very much appreciated and will help convey a more positive image that is reflective of the great things that happen at Lindsay Place.

Below are some of the issues, actions and debates that have been brought to the Governing Board table during the 2011-2012 session:

- Approval of Field Trip and Outing requests
- Approval of Facility Use requests
- Approval of recommendations of capital expenditures priorities for the school building
- Approval for the request for grants from the Pearson Educational Foundation.
- Approval of resolution for renewing the Arts-Etude program as an integral part of the school's offering
- Approved the implementation of an immersion program that would allow greater flexibility for the school and students choosing courses most appropriate to their level.
- Approved time allocation of courses
- Approved the application to MELS for a "project particulier" for at risk Sec III students
- Reviewed and approved the schools revised "Mission Statement "
- Approved the 2012 School Educational Project and its presentation.
- Approved the science safety contract
- Reviewed and approved the Student Rules of Conduct found in student agendas
- Adoption of Governing Board annual operating budget
- Adoption of Lindsay Pace High School annual budget
- Adoption of school fee structure charged to parents
- Adoption of a set of Internal rules of management for Governing Board
- Discussed LBPSB High School marketing and our own efforts to better promote Lindsay Place
- Discussed Wireless implementation and technology deployment in the school
- Discussed the concentration and intensity of year end examinations prescribed by the School Board.
- Discussed upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary preparations
- Reviewed activities presented and planned by students
- Made suggestions for the action plan for next year

### **School Board consultations:**

The Lester B. Pearson School Board consulted on the following:

- Enrollment Criteria for 2012-2013
- Linguistic Policy on the use of French
- Green Policy Consultation
- Employment and Placement of Relatives
- 2012-2013 School Board Budget Priorities

### **Correspondence:**

- Response to the “Enrollment Criteria” consultation November 2011
- Response to the “School Board Budget Priorities” consultation March 2012
- Response to the “Green policy ” consultation May 2012
- Correspondence with the School Board expressing concerns over the functionality of the wireless network in the school and its access by students. March - June 2012

### **Governing Board Sub-committees:**

#### Finance sub-committee

This sub-committee role is to review the “School Budget” and “School Fees” in more depth than possible at regular Governing Board meetings.

#### School Educational Project sub-committee

This sub-committee was created to review and update the School Educational Project so it matches with the “Management and Educational Success Agreement Plan” partnership with the School Board and the “School Success Plan for 2010-2015”. Teaching and staff members outside of the Governing Board were also invited to sit on this committee to provide a wider representation of LPHS needs.

### **Recommendations for next year's Governing Board:**

- That GB continues its efforts to promote Lindsay Place High School’s vitality, leverage 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in promotional opportunities that will help contribute to the ongoing student success
- Review the Aims , Objectives and Actions of the Educational Project with emphasis on assuring a quality education for our students
- Encourage the creation of an active School Communications Committee to promote Lindsay Place High School and help facilitate communications with the community
- Encourage the integration of ICT (Information, Communications Technology ) in the school's curriculum.

## **Memorable moments at Lindsay Place in 2011-2012**

Every year, choosing memorable moments is always fraught with choice that is not lacking. The activities in the school are wide ranging and offer excellent opportunities for students to try new things and get involved beyond academics. Below are some of the memorable moments this past year.

### ***Science Fair***

The first annual Lindsay Place Science Fair was a resounding success. Close to 400 individual and team projects were showcased by the vast majority of students taking science. The projects were judged and school doors opened to the public in the evening and winners declared. Five projects went onto the regional competition, and some brought home medals. We thank the students, staff and volunteers who put in a lot of work to make this event possible and successful. Science, is an area that we are proud of our school. Many of our graduates move on successfully to science related studies after they leave The Place.

### ***Athletics***

Lindsay Place has a long tradition in extracurricular and interscholastic sports and are very much part of the high school experience for our students. Many members of our staff and other volunteers take on the role of coaching the Eagles Athletic teams. Much thanks go out to these volunteers who enable our students to participate in athletic activities that harness the competitive spirit. Congratulations to the Juveniles Boys Rugby team who took home the GMAA banner with an incredible display of athletic talent and team sportsmanship and the boys and girls volley ball teams also should be praised for their top standings in their respective divisions.

This year, we reintroduced a second hockey team - Juvenile boys back into interscholastic competition. Also worth noting, that twice during the last three years, an LPHS graduate has received the "Jeff Mills Memorial Cup" honoring the top athlete of the year at John Abbott College. Bravo!

### ***Model United Nations simulation***

The 2012 LPHS graduating class pulled off another incredibly successful Model UN. For 2 full days, the upper gym was transformed into the General Assembly of the United Nations as representatives of 52 nations discussed, debated, and ultimately passed resolutions on the topics of International Wildlife Trade and the growing unrest in Syria. Students were impressed by invited guests Aldo Iermieri, a Pointe Claire City Councillor and former LBPSB teacher; Robert Taylor, a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, former UN Observer in Sudan, and LBPSB teacher; and Francis Scarpaleggia, the Member of Parliament for the Lac-St-Louis. Students defined the experience with passionate participation and intense debate.

## ***Music @ LPHS***

Music is an integral part of our school. A huge portion of our student population takes part in our music program. In fact, during every concert season, winter and year end, Lindsay Place must host three separate student concert evenings to accommodate parents and community to attend the wide breadth of music being played in our school.

Some examples include:

- The Wizard of Oz musical, in March was a huge success for acting, and our very own musicians providing the music for outstanding performances.
- In October, The Chet Doxas Group, performed as part of the “Special Guest Concert “ series. This world renowned band boasted three of its four members as Lindsay Place graduates.
- At our December junior concert, the drum ensemble brought the house down with its Samba improvisations.
- The Jazz Band marched and played in Montreal's St. Patrick parade.
- Music students visiting and playing at Herron House seniors residence.
- In April our senior concert band was given the highest accolade “superior” at the West Humber Collegiate in Etobicoke, Ontario music competition.

We congratulate the students for their efforts and performance and thank the staff and volunteers for making music such an integral part of our school.

## ***LPHS Teachers travel to China***

In the fall, three of our teachers traveled to China for a month to teach English to a group of students who will be traveling to Canada next year. These students are part of the “Luoyang Partnership” will come and spend their next school year at Lindsay Place. This is a positive step to bring an international exchange experience to our school.

These close ties with China will give Lindsay Place a value added international component to the educational experience that will benefit the whole student population. We are proud to be involved in this exchange and cooperation program.

## **Conclusion:**

The community orientation and a constant desire for improvement makes Lindsay Place a great place to learn and grow. The strong interaction between students, friendly staff and parent volunteers have all contributed to Lindsay Place's ongoing success.

In closing, thank you committee members for your commitment and support. The cooperation, respect and strong community values were ever present during our meetings. The discussions always resulted in decisions made in the best interest of students and have contributed to make Lindsay Place a better place.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Nalecz

*Lindsay Place 2011-2012 Governing Board Chairperson*