

## **Lindsay Place High School Governing Board Annual Report 2012-2013**

### **LPHS 2012-2013 Governing Board Members**

#### **Student Representatives:**

Anjli Patel  
Katrina Starr

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

Alexandra Caden  
Nathalie Collins  
Christine Dane  
Melissa Ann Hunter  
Sharon Lamb  
Robert Gilmartin  
Greg Webber

#### **Parent Representatives**

Craig Buchanan – Chairperson  
Milady Hartmann  
Peter Kelly  
Simo Kruyt – Alternate parent representative to Sector  
Robert Lafave  
Mike Nalecz – Sector & CPC representative  
Paul Pemberton  
Barbara Schnider

#### **Community Representative**

Marlyn Brownrigg – Lindsay Place Home and School

#### **Ex Officio**

Dona Bianchi - Principal

### **2012-2013 Meeting dates**

October 02, November 04, December 04, January 8, February 3, March 12, April 9, May 7, June 11 and September 10.

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

### **School commissioner**

LBPSB commissioner, Linton Garner represented Ward 9, Pointe Claire East where Lindsay is located and we welcomed Linton to some of our meetings throughout the year.

### **Chairperson's report**

The Lindsay Place Governing Board, a collective body of 2 students, 7 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. Below are some of the issues, actions and debates that have been brought to the Governing Board table during the 2012-2013 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.
- 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 Lindsay's Anti-Bullying Plan
- Approved the application to MELS for a "projet particulier" for at risk Sec III students
- Reviewed and approved the 2011-2012 report on the School Success Plan
- Reviewed and approved the Student Rules of Conduct in light of the new anti-bullying legislation
- Adoption of Governing Board annual operating budget
- Adoption of Lindsay Place 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 efforts to better promote Lindsay Place and in particular our presence on the world wide web
- Discussed Wireless implementation and technology deployment in the school
- Approved a new model for the Quantum Program and its acquisition of iPads
- 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 2013-2014
- Policy on the Naming of Schools and Centres
- Three Plan of Allocation of Immovables
- Criteria for Principal
- Employment and Assignment of Relatives
- 2013-2014 School Board Budget Priorities
- Safe and Caring Schools Policy
- Students with Special Needs: Policy on the Organization of Services

#### **Correspondence:**

- Response to the "Enrollment Criteria" consultation November 2012
- Response to the "School Board Budget Priorities" consultation March 2013
- Response to "Students with Special Needs: Policy on the Organization of Services" consultation May 2013
- Response to the "Policy on Safe and Caring Schools" consultation May 2013

#### **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 and makes recommendations to the Governing Board.

##### **Communications Sub-committee**

This sub-committee focuses on the school's communication strategy to the public at large and how to best promote the school within our community.

Ad-hoc Sub-committees

Ad-hoc committees were set up to study in detail the consultations on “Safe and Caring Schools”, “Students with Special Needs: Policy on the Organization of Services” and “Employment and Assignment of Relatives”.

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

- That GB continues to promote Lindsay Place High School, its programs and its opportunities for students.
- Encourage the ongoing work of the School Communications Committee to promote Lindsay Place High School and help facilitate communications with the community
- Encourage further integration of ICT (Information, Communications Technology) into the school's curriculum.
- Consider moving GB meetings to the third Tuesday of the month after Christmas. This year meetings were forced to the second Tuesday in January, March, April and June. Because of holidays, January and March meetings fell only one day after a school break.

Continue looking for ways to make the best use of the limited time that we have at governing board meetings. Continue to strive for meetings to be under 2 hours.

### **Memorable moments at Lindsay Place in 2012-2013**

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 second annual Lindsay Place Science Fair was a resounding success. Close to 400 individual and team projects were showcased by all students taking science. The science fair reached out into the community to recruit judges and with the fair opened to the public in the evening. Five projects went on to the regional competition, and placed well.

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 that 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. Many of our teams did very well in their categories, but the midget boys indoor soccer team stands out as undefeated during their entire season and won the final by an impressive 5-2 victory.

This year, we began to build a new football team. In the fall it will be the only football team from a public school on the West Island. Bravo!

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

The 2013 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 and debated current topics. The

model UN included an international pot luck dinner where dishes from each nation were presented for tasting.

### **Music @ LPHS**

Music is an integral part of our school. A huge portion of our student population takes part in our music program. During the 2012-2013 school year Lindsay's band received a Superior Rating while performing in Chicago. As part of our commitment to community involvement, the Music Department performed at the Lindsay Place 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend, held several performances in senior residences and played for Lindsay's second annual Viennese Ball in support of cancer research. Our growing Guitar Program held its first coffee house at St David's Parish Hall to a packed house. This year saw the introduction of our international program, with our students from China joining our Grade 9 Concert Band sharing the common language of music. We are proud to say that 6 of our students have been accepted into the Vanier College Music Program in the fall of 2013.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration**

Lindsay Place celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary over Thanksgiving weekend 2012 by inviting alumni from around the world and former teachers and administrators to join in the celebration. The weekend festivities were made possible through the tireless efforts of the anniversary committee that had been planning the event for nearly 2 years.

### **The Music Man**

The Lindsay Place Players presented The Music Man. Over 100 students participated on-stage, back-stage and in the orchestra for four public performances and three more for the benefit of local elementary school students.

### **CPC Parent Conference**

Lindsay hosted the Lester B. Pearson's Central Parents' Committee Parent conference on April 6, 2013. Over 200 parents from across the board attended the day-long event where we proudly showcased all the facilities that Lindsay has to offer. We hope to have the parent conference back at Lindsay next year.

### **LPHS travel to China**

In June ten grade 9 students traveled to China as part of our school's and the board's growing relationship with China.

### **LPHS in the Media**

Lindsay was frequently cited in good news articles in the local media. From YouTube videos produced by teachers to an article on the Model UN to our emerging football team, good news about Lindsay often found its way into the media.

### **Conclusion:**

Lindsay Place High School is a great place to be for students, parents and staff. High academic standards are mixed with an enormous array of extra-curricular activities to stimulate both the body and mind of our young students. To our graduating class, good

luck in your post-secondary studies and to our return students, good luck for the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Buchanan  
*Lindsay Place 2012-2013 Governing Board Chairperson*