



Lindsay Place High School Governing  
Board

111 Broadview Ave.  
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## 2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT

**Adopted: September 10, 2014**

## **LPHS 2013-2014 Governing Board Members**

### **Student Representatives:**

Estelle Dube  
Emily Petersen

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

Nathalie Collins  
Christine Dane  
Melissa Ann Hunter  
Larry Livshits  
Manon Ranchoux  
Jennifer Zakutney  
Robert Gilmartin

Sector & CPC representative: Mike Nalecz  
Alternative parent representative: Barbara Schnider

### **Parent Representatives**

Richard Haddad  
Milady Hartmann  
Peter Kelly  
Robert Lafave  
Mike Nalecz – Chairperson  
Paul Pemberton  
Belinda Pyle  
Barbara Schnider

### **Community Representative**

Marlyn Brownrigg  
Brendan Kimura – LPHS Alumni Association

### **Ex Officio**

Dona Bianchi - Principal  
Nick Hayter– Vice Principal

## **2013-2014 Meeting dates**

October 02, November 06, December 03, January 15, March 12 (canceled due to snow storm), April 09, May 07, June 11 and September 10.

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

## **School commissioner**

LBPSB commissioner, Linton Garner - Pointe Claire East - ward 9.

## **Chairperson's report**

The Lindsay Place Governing Board, a collective body overseeing the governance of the school and making decisions that are in the best interests of all students.

Below are some of the issues, actions and debates that have been brought to the Governing Board table during the 2013-2014 session:

- Approval of Field Trip and Outing requests
- Approval of Facility rental requests
- Discussed and proposed protocol to follow for alumni reunion 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 change of lunch hour for student .
- Approved time allocation of courses
- Reviewed Arts Etudes handbook
- Reviewed Tell them from Me survey results
- Discussed Radon testing measures undertaken by the School Board
- 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 LPHS marketing efforts to better promote the school
- Approved PEF grant application
- 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:

- Arts & Culture in Education Policy
- 2014-2015 Budget Priorities
- Student Transportation Policy
- 2014-2017 Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables
- Emergency Preparedness Policy
- Home Schooling Policy

#### **Correspondence:**

- Response to the 2014-2017 Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables
- Principal Criteria response
- Response to the “2014-2015 School Board Budget Priorities” consultation
- Follow up response to Enrolment and three-year plan of allocation projections

## **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 Communications sub-committee

This sub-committee role is to facilitate the promotion of the school.

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

- That GB continues its efforts to promote Lindsay Place High School’s vitality and in promotional opportunities that will help contribute to the ongoing student success
- Review the Aims, Objectives and Actions of the Educational Project to bring it up to date with existing activities and recent improvements
- Encourage an active School Communications Committee to promote Lindsay Place High School and help facilitate communications with the community
- Review the school's emergency preparedness policy
- Encourage and support efforts made by stakeholders to continually improve the value added educational experience for our students.

## **Memorable moments at Lindsay Place in 2013-2014**

The time spend focusing on academics and participating in extracurricular activities, shapes high school memories and the helps cement life long friendships. The wide range of activities available to students at The Place offer excellent opportunities for students to try new things and get involved beyond academics.

Below are some of the memorable moments this past year.

### ***Academics, Athletics, Arts and Extracurricular Activities***

For the size of the school it is remarkable in the width and breath of activities available for the students.

#### Academics

- Third year of the Lindsay Place Science Fair was again deemed to be a great success
- Great presentations with distinction at the 2014 Montreal Science and Technology Fair
- UN simulation by Sec V students again brought home some contemporary world issues to the forefront

## Athletics

The high school experience is only enriched extracurricular or interscholastic sports. Kudos to staff and members of our community who take on the volunteering and take on the role of coaching Eagles Athletic teams and enabling our students to participate in athletic activities.

- Eagles football was revived this year and the Hockey team continued to defend Lindsay Place honours.
- Congratulations to the Midget Boys Volleyball team taking top rank and winning the GMAA the 2013-2014 Championship banner

## Arts

- Jazz band performing on the Rio Tinto Alcan stage at the Montreal Jazz Festival
- Grease the musical was this year's successful stage presentation that included our very own musicians.

## Extracurricular Activities

- Many field trips at all grade levels including Winter Camp, Europe and Costa Rica
- Students were treated to a variety of foods on Multicultural day in May
- Students celebrated Pink Day in support for anti bullying

## Alumni

- Lindsay Place Alumni association ([lphsgraqds.org](http://lphsgraqds.org)) organized a 2nd annual Golf Tournament in June raising funds for the school foundation.

**One good way to view the varied activities please visit our  
[" Lindsay Place High School " Facebook Page](#)**

## ***Reinforcement of French Instruction***

This past year, efforts have been made at improving French instruction, as one of the goals outlined in our school's "Educational Project". Curriculum mapping of French instruction was undertaken by teachers in the French department for all grade levels. An after school "Club de lecture" was established to help strengthen students reading skills and widen their cultural horizon. We wish ongoing success in this important educational component that is so essential for our students and their future in a bilingual Quebec.

## ***LPHS International experiences grew***

The ongoing "Luoyang partnership", has continued to grow in the last year. Ten Sec III students visited China in June/July. In the fall, we had three LPHS teachers travel to China for a month to teach English to a group of students who will be traveling to Canada next year. We have witnessed a great interaction between International student guests with LPHS student population. A win win situation.

Our January Governing Board meeting, was held at the International Center, that houses the dormitories where the International students stay during their sojourn in Canada. The Governing Board members visited the premises, were given a presentation on the international program at LBPSB and were able to gain a greater appreciation of the living conditions and support given to our international visitors.

The value added component of the international exchange at The Place benefits the overall educational experience for all our student population. Students can experience first hand the shrinking effects of globalization and the importance of cooperation.

**Conclusion:**

The friendly and helpful culture and constant desire for improvement makes Lindsay Place a great place to learn and grow. The strong orientation of community values and respect are felt when one enters the school's doors. The cooperative interaction between students, staff and parent volunteers have all contributed to Lindsay Place's ongoing success.

In closing, I would like to thank Governing Board committee members for your commitment and support. The meetings were always conducted, with respect and an ever present spirit of cooperation. The chairing of meetings was made easy when a groups unflinching goal is doing what is right and in the best interests of all students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Nalecz  
*Lindsay Place 2013-2014 Governing Board Chairperson*