

BEURLING ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING *MINUTES*

Tuesday, September 24th, 2024, 7:00pm

Beurling Academy Library

Present: *Claudine Pearson-PR* *Tracy Bieszez- TR*
 Cheryl Vienneau-Chair *Temidayo Paseda - PR*
 Sheila Marcotte-TR *Ahysha Durant- PR*
 Chantal Melrose-TR *Melissa Hunter-Principal*
 Caroline Desmond-TR *Lynn Hanley- PR*
 Jennifer Beaudoin- Vice P.
 Melanie Burns- TR

Absent: *Daniel Phillion*

Agenda

Land Acknowledgement: Read by Principal Melissa Hunter

"We would like to acknowledge that Lester B. Pearson School Board is located on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka People. Lester B. Pearson School Board honors, recognizes and respects the Kanien'keha:ka: ka People as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today and recognizes that this land has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations."

Melissa Hunter: Overview of the chairperson's responsibilities.

Create agenda with Principal

Chairs GB meeting

Receive correspondence from school board including consultations: i.e.: budget, funding

1. Adoption of Agenda
 - 1.2 *Chairperson elected by acclimation- Cheryl Vienneau*
 - 1.3 *Secretary elected by acclimation- Lynn Hanley*
2. Adoption of Minutes of last Governing Board meeting
Tabled for next meeting
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
Nothing
4. Correspondence
Nothing
5. New Business
 - 5.1 Construction Updates
Many delays with materials

Brand new intercom system at Beurling
Bathrooms not complete, although 2 neutral bathrooms will be ready at the end of October
Pool is incomplete, operational only end of October
Locker rooms still under construction, ready by November/December
Delays on kitchen, had to be redesigned up to code

6. Standing Items

6.1 Approval of Field Trips, Fundraisers, Special Events

Visit to Eco Centre Date TBC; Motion 1st Tracy; 2nd Carolyn Motion is passed
Terry Fox Run Motion October 4th 1st Ahysa; 2nd Chantal. Motion is passed
Haunted House Oct. 30th , Halloween Dance, Concession Stand
Spaghetti night Oct. 3rd , Love, Media, Art
Spirit Walk Sept 30th
Motion 1st Lynn; 2nd Temidayo. Motion is passed

6.2 Task Force on Equity and Inclusivity

Not available

7. Reports

7.1 Principal's Report

Attached

7.2 Teachers' Report

Attached

7.3 Students' Report

Nicolas Thomas; Elizabeth C. Student reps for this year
Swag sale Last Thursday of the month

7.4 Special Needs Report

7.5 PBL Report

Attached

7.6 Regional Parents' Committee Report

Have not met yet

7.7 PPO Report

Not available

7.8 Commissioner's Report

7.9 CLC Report

Position to be available mid. October

8. Questions from the community

None

9. Community Rep Report

None

Varia: No additions

10. Next Meeting: October 22@6:30pm

Adjournment: 8:15pm



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September 22, 2024 Principal's Report

Dear Members of the Beurling Academy Governing Board,

Please accept a summary of the Principal's report that was presented at the September 22, 2024 Beurling Academy Governing Board meeting.

- Welcome to all and thank you for your patience and support all as the new year starts up. It has been a great start so far.
- A lot of work was completed at Beurling over the summer. The old intercom and bell system was replaced for a state of the art model. New floors were installed on all three floors in the A wing in addition to new lights and ceiling on the third floor of the A wing. The pool has been drained and repainted and continues to undergo updates. It should be open by the end of October.
- There is an enormous amount of construction that is ongoing at Beurling, but despite few challenges, the work is progressing. The new student lockers are on backorder and there are some delays with the locker rooms and kitchen, and a couple bathrooms.
- Our students are doing well and are settling in.
- Our AGA was held on September 19th. A PPO was formed.
- Curriculum Night was held on Sept. 19th following the AGA.
- Our IEP day will take place on September 27th.
- Many of our clubs, sports programs, ECA and parascolaire programs are up and running. These initiatives really add to the community feel and foster a sense of belonging for many of our students. The teen zone is finally up and running after delays due to construction and staffing.

- Following the beginning of activities and the official course change period, the students, support staff and staff are now in a routine and I feel confident saying that the train is running and gaining momentum.
- Our Community Learning Center Coordinator will be taking on a replacement role at the School Board, so a post has been created for a replacement CLC Coordinator.
- I am thrilled to be working with such dedicated staff and a wonderful group of student and community partners. I am looking forward to a really positive year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa
Hunter
Principal
Beurling Academy

September 2024 Teachers' Report

Academics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Trip to the Science Centre Oct 9th - Grade 7 English and Science classes to kick off their Science and English Collaborative Project.● English classes from grades 7-11 are preparing students for the Spirit Walk on Monday, September 30th. The whole school will walk in honour of the victims and survivors of the Residential Schools. We will all be wearing our orange shirts and be carrying signs of support and reconciliation. We will be creating a display in the front entrance.● Educators from The Rising Sun Daycare spoke with the grade 9 students this week to discuss the meaning behind the Spirit Walk● WOTP has begun a Refresh and Restore project where they learn through doing as well as gaining practical technical skills● We hosted Curriculum night at Beurling last week. There were many parents in attendance.
Sports
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Cross Country team has been running 3 times a week to get ready for their meet.● Beurling has 2 volleyball teams this season; cadet girls and juvenile boys. They have been practicing for a couple of weeks and the first tournaments start on the 25th and the 30th, respectively.
Extra-Curricular
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Outer's Club went to Val David for a beautiful day of Kayaking and biking on September 14th. Next outing is a colours hike on October 5th in Mt Tremblant● The dates for the Toronto trip for grades 7-9 are set: April 2-4th and the Boston trip for grades 10-11 : April 23-25th. Fundraising in underway and the first deposits are due by October 4th● Our school clubs have started up again at lunchtime and after school: student council, yearbook, weight room, kindness crew, robotics, chess, BASS,● Environment Club will be visiting the Eco Centre to learn about recycling and bring back their knowledge to inform the school
Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Terry Fox run will take place on October 4th during period 3 for all students. The fundraising for Terry Fox has begun. Donations can be given online.