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INTRODUCTION

The Lester B. Pearson School Board (LBPSB) believes that students should acquire the necessary skills to become involved in a student life organization within the school, such as student and leadership councils and governing boards.

The Lester B. Pearson School Board believes in developing the social and political habits of its students and that students should be informed of their roles and responsibilities as members of these committees. The School Board believes that they should have a voice in making decisions about their education.

To this end, the LBPSB established the Central Students' Committee (CSC) in 2002.

The School Board believes that participation in board and school level governance will contribute to the development of leadership and citizenship skills among our students, and help them become actively involved in a democratic society.

In accordance with Section 211.1 of the Education Act, "the school board must adopt a policy on introducing students to democracy in schools, providing, in particular, for a form of student representation with the council of commissioners".

The School Board believes that student representation on its Council of Commissioners is the next step in their development.

1. CENTRAL STUDENTS COMMITTEE

1.1 The LBPSB enables the function of the Central Students' Committee (CSC) with financial and material support and the assignment of a board administrator to facilitate communication between CSC and the School Board.

1.2 The LBPSB recognizes the CSC as a consultative partner.

1.3 Since the inception of the CSC, the Council of Commissioners has included its report as a standing item on their agenda.

2. STUDENT REPRESENTATION AT COUNCIL

- 2.1** In accordance with Section 51 of the Education Act, secondary school students shall appoint representatives to the governing board each year during the month of September.
- 2.2** In accordance with Section 211.1 of the Education Act, students from each secondary school shall appoint two to three representatives to the Central Students' Committee. As per its constitution, at least one student from each school should be an active member of its student life organization.
- 2.3** Each year, during the month of October, the Central Students' Committee shall elect two members as representatives to the Council of Commissioners. These student commissioners must be full-time secondary 4 or 5 students of the School Board and not be employed in any manner by the Board.
- 2.4** The students must have the written approval of their parent(s) or guardian(s).
- 2.5** The Council of Commissioners appoints the student commissioners by resolution.
- 2.6** The student commissioners' term of office begins by being sworn in at the Council meeting on the last Monday in October of the year in which they were elected. Their term will end September 30th of the following year.
- 2.7** The student commissioners shall attend only the public meetings of the Council of Commissioners.
- 2.8** The student commissioners are not entitled to vote but may participate in discussions and may move resolutions.
- 2.9** The student commissioners are entitled to receive an honorarium as determined by the Council of Commissioners.
- 2.10** The student commissioners must comply with School Board by-laws, policies and procedures.
- 2.11** The Council of Commissioners reserves the right to revoke nominations at any time for sufficient cause.

Addendum A

Roles and Responsibilities

The student commissioners

- Represent the students of the Lester B. Pearson School Board
- Promote student involvement
- Report student activities to the Council of Commissioners
- Speak on behalf of the students of the School Board on issues and interests that concern them

Addendum B

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment Student Representation at the Lester B. Pearson School Board

Please read and sign the acknowledgment statement below:

I understand that my child _____ has been elected as a non-voting Student Commissioner at the Lester B. Pearson School Board (LBPSB) Council for one term, beginning the last Monday in October and ending September 30th of the following year. I further understand that my child will be attending monthly public meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the LBPSB.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date