



BOUCHERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT



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"Each year, the governing board shall inform the parents and the community served by the school of the services provided by the school and report on the quality of such services" Section 83 of the Education Act.

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MEMBERS

Parent Members

Mr. Evans Henry, Chair, RSB Parent Rep Alt
Mrs. Maxine Paquette, Vice-Chair, RSB Parent Rep
Mrs. Leah Kosatsky
Mrs. Julie Anzini,
Mrs. Emanuela Riggi

Staff Members

Mrs. Rosetta Ippolito, Support Staff, Secretary
Mrs. Amanda Glancey, Teacher
Mrs. Karen Drysdale, Daycare Technician
Mrs. Valérie Ducharme, Teacher
Mrs. Monika Santoianni, Teacher

Ex-Officio

Mrs. Jenny Brousseau, Principal

MEETING DATES

The Annual General Assembly (AGA) was held on September 12th, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. in the Boucherville Elementary School (BES) Gymnasium. The Governing Board (GB) 3 first Meetings were held in the BES staffroom, and the 2 last through Zoom applications, all at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

September 26th, 2019
November 7th, 2019
December 12th, 2019

June 11th, 2020
June 25th, 2020

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

BES is a small wonderful English school located on the south shore of Montreal. Its territory includes Boucherville, Varennes, Verchères and Calixa-Lavallée. Enrollment for the 2019/2020 school year was 212 students; increasing the number of student 5 years in a row; reflecting the reputation that our school has acquired along the years.

BES is fortunate to have such a close knit and devoted staff as well as an actively involved group of parents with the common goal to help students succeed. The BES GB is comprised of a wonderful group of engaged individuals looking out for the well-being of the BES community. It has been a pleasure working with such a dedicated team of professionals and engaged parent volunteers.

At BES, about 75% of the students come from francophone families. Classes are offered to students from kindergarten to grade 6. Daycare services are also available to families. The staff is composed of dedicated teachers and support staff who all work hand in hand to create a positive environment, encouraging life-long learning and fostering good citizenship.

Thanks to the amazing work of our passionate principal Jenny Brousseau, who will remain with us another year, the students attend a school that welcomes diversity in a safe and friendly environment. Along with her wonderful staff, she achieved amazing results this year, which can be easily witnessed when visiting the school. She constantly finds ways to improve the school setting for all the students, teachers, support staff and parents to work harmoniously together and cultivate a great environment for learning. Mrs. Brousseau also ensures that our building is kept functional. Her regular communications with RSB ensure that we have all the resources available for our students. She continually seeks to receive the appropriate support for children showing special needs in education or behavior.

BES offers an English-program of studies and complies with MEES guidelines for subjects taught. Part of a pilot project by Educational Services, the school offered for a third year the French immersion course, combined with a couple other subjects taught in French.

For a second consecutive year, "I Can Je Peux" was the theme featured for this school year. The great BES team enforced within each student that they can make a difference, they can strive to achieve anything they want in their hearts and minds if they are willing to work for it. Perseverance and determination were enforced throughout the year.

As part of the Educational Project 19-22, the Mission, Vision and Values were reviewed last year. They stress what the school is all about – to be a place where students can grow and learn and become our future active members of the society.




Mission Statement

Boucherville Elementary is committed to provide an inclusive and stimulating learning environment where students feel safe and confident in order to become respectful, proficient and engaged citizens dedicated to reach their highest potential.

Our Vision

- BES will be a model of positive mindset;
- BES will embrace mistakes as part of learning;
- BES will be a hub of creative exploration, the power of play, and project leadership;
- BES will guide students to be active and engaged, global-minded citizens; and
- BES will inspire its community to make a difference.

Our Values – B.E.S.

- B**  **e curious, creative & confident!**
uild autonomy and a growth mindset.
- E**  **ngage, learn & grow!**
mpower critical and reflective thinkers.
- S**  **how empathy!**
upport social and academic development of future world citizens.

TOPICS, EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS COVERED AND ADOPTED

The GB discussed many topics for the school and daycare throughout the year. These activities served to promote and enhance the student experiences at BES, in the community and elsewhere. Although a non-exhaustive list, the GB approved the following with the intention of creating a safe and creative environment, while emphasizing the social, emotional, physical and intellectual development of each child at all levels. The objective is to nurture and develop the BES culture and community. We are particularly proud to give back to charitable organizations. This year fundraising for charities included: *Helping a BES' family, LEUCAN and Tree Canada.*

BES Internal Rules of Management
 Structure of GB & Conflict of Interest Forms
 Criteria for Principal
 Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence plan
 Fundraising Activities
 Educational Project
 Sexuality Courses
 Rental Contribution
 Field Trips

Subject time allocation
 School Supplies
 Publicity for Registration Increase
 Evaluation and Reporting Schedule
 School Calendar 20-21
 School Schedule 20-21
 Education Project 19-22
 School and Daycare Fees
 Budgets

School

Scholastics French and English Book Fairs
 Pizza Days
 Bake Sales
 Jungle Sport
 Christmas Market
 Christmas Breakfast
 Kitchen Workshops
 Terry Fox Run
 Earth Day
 Spell-A-Thon & Spelling Bee

Movie night
 HUMEUR Fundraiser
 Reading Week
 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
 Daycare Week (Cancelled)
 Literacy & Numeracy Workshop for K-Parents
 Corn Roast
 Remembrance Day Ceremony
 Outdoor Class Inauguration

Teachers

Kindergarten Graduation
 Grade 6 Graduation
 Santa's Visit (Kindergarten)

Yoga (Gr 1)
 Défi "Lis Avec Moi" (Cycle 2)
 Reusable bags project (Gr 5-6)

Field trips

Boucherville Pool (Cancelled)
 Prof Dino (Cycle 2)

Ottawa (Gr 6) (Cancelled)

Extra-curricular activities

World Art Studio
 KidScience
 Acting Academy
 Zumba

Hip Hop
 Brixologie
 Mad Lab
 Karaté

The GB is proud to have such a dedicated group of Parents Participation Organization (PPO) and Staff within BES. Their ideas and creativity ensure our youth to grow in the best environment there is. As such, the GB supports fundraising activities, which are cause-driven and in-line with the school's theme and mission. The PPO does an extraordinary job in planning and organizing the many fundraising activities throughout the school year. Due to the school closing mid-March, some of the planned and budgeted fundraising activities were however postponed to next year and redirected; therefore the school yard will be revamped this summer and added to the myriad of tools offered to our 223 students registered for the 2020-2021 school year. As of note, it's important to highlight all the time and efforts that the PPO is investing in our school. As an example, they took the time to write a letter to both the Boucherville's City Councilor and the School Commissioner responsible for our school area. With their actions, combined with those of our Principal, the road signs in front of the school were changed, to the better safety of all students and parents during rush hours.

Staff and school life

BES has an Official Webpage (<http://bouchervilleelementary.weebly.com>) and a Facebook page with a wealth of information about school life and what's going on: <https://fr-ca.facebook.com/pages/category/Elementary-School/Boucherville-Elementary-School-536133976487248>

To diminish negative effects on learning and well-being, the teachers completed the school year by continuing to provide quality education through distance learning tools like Zoom. Teachers are teaching for the kids, being there for them while helping them learn and grow. Distance learning is not the way they learned to teach, nor the way they wanted to teach; however, all of them stepped up and did it brilliantly, for the sake of all students.

On a more collective aspect, to keep in touch with all the students and their families, the staff had brilliant ideas. Amongst them, they published weekly birthday videos for students and staff, and book reading videos were also shared on our BES' Facebook page to maintain a connection with the students.

They did not stop there. Even before the government announced that 6th graders would have a final day at the school for their graduation, the staff had scheduled two important celebrations. On June 18th, 6th graders were invited to celebrate the end of their elementary years, and on June 19th, kindergarten's students celebrated their important milestone.

LOOKING AHEAD

The GB plays a vital role not only administratively but its members also act as stewards in the success of the school. In concert with parents, teachers, administrative staff, community partners, the school board and sister schools, but most importantly its students, the GB aims to encourage and develop lifelong learners and compassionate citizens. Our "future leaders" need cultivation and support to continuously foster and encourage that sense of curiosity they have as small children.

Bill-40 will bring many changes to School Board management. Changes that will affect directly the GB. The next Annual General Assembly will be critical. As of July 31st, every GB member's term comes to an end. In addition, our numbers will grow from 6 to 12 members; therefore adding 1 parent and 1 member from the community, which could be a challenge. Decisions and elections will have to be made, in order to keep a resemblance of continuity and to get some stability in those changing times.

In the mix of it all, students are and will still be our priority. To do so, the activities that were postponed and mentioned earlier will be perfect next year. Epique program will offer training sessions for all levels of

anxiety, from Breath Training Techniques for Kindergartens and Cycle 1 to Implementing Solutions for Cycle 3; ensuring that all students' mental health is prioritised to start another year at BES.
Respectfully,



Evans Henry
Governing Board Chairperson



Jenny Brousseau
School Principal