



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
Mr. Michael Angiletta, Vice-Chair, RSB Parent Rep
Mrs. Maxine Paquette
Mrs. Julie Anzini
Mrs. Emanuela Riggi

Staff Members

Mrs. Rosetta Ippolito, Support Staff, Secretary
Mrs. Caroline Bérubé, Teacher
Mrs. Karen Drysdale, Daycare Technician
Mrs. Valérie Ducharme, Teacher
Mrs. Sandy Tavares, Teacher

Ex-Officio

Mrs. Jenny Brousseau, Principal

MEETING DATES

The Annual General Assembly (AGA) was held on September 17th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boucherville Elementary School (BES) Gymnasium. The Governing Board (GB) Meetings were held through the Zoom applications, all at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

September 29th, 2020
October 29th, 2020
January 14th, 2020

March 24th, 2021
April 29th, 2021
June 1st, 2021

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 2020/2021 school year was 219 students; increasing the number of student 6 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, the majority 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 approved by Educational Services, the school offered for a fifth year the French immersion course, combined with a couple other subjects taught in French. Proving that it is working, as of signing this report, it's a 4th grade student from BES that will represent Riverside School Board at the National finale of the *Lis avec moi* challenge; finale that will take place on June 3rd, 2021.

"Be Your *BEST* Self", was the theme featured for this school year; *BEST* standing for Believe Empower Succeed Together. 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.




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 ACTIVITIES 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: *Royal Canadian Legion, the Centre d'Actions Benevoles, The ShoeBox Project, and Fauna Foundation.*

BES Internal Rules of Management	School Supplies
Structure of GB & Conflict of Interest Forms	Publicity for Registration Increase
Criteria for Principal	Evaluation and Reporting Schedule
Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence plan	School Calendar 21-22
Fundraising Activities	School Schedule 21-22
Educational Project	Education Project 19-22
Sexuality Courses	School and Daycare Fees
Field Trips	Budgets
Subject time allocation	

School

Scholastics French and English Online Book Fairs	Reading Week
Pizza Days	Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
Terry Fox Run	Daycare Week
Earth Day	Educazoo (Daycare)
Spell-A-Thon & Spelling Bee	Lis avec moi (Cycle 2)
Epique Program	Christmas Treats
House System & Challenges	Golden Broom Award
Science Fair (Grades 5 & 6)	Fitness Fridays
School Spirit thematic days	Carnival Week
Kindergarten and Grade 6 Graduations	Kindergarten Orientation

Field trips

- Grade 6 Field Trips
- Virtual Field Trips

Extra-curricular/School activities

- Bricks 4 Kids
- Mad Science
- Archeophone
- Space Center
- Montreal Steppers

The GB is proud to have such a dedicated group of Staff and of Parents Participation Organization (PPO) within BES. In a year where most of the fundraising activities and school trips had to be postponed due to public health safety measures, the latter group can't wait to put in application all the ideas that they came with during this uneventful year.

Staff and school life

BES has an Official Webpage (<https://www.rsb.qc.ca/school/boucherville-elementary/>) 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>; thanks to our dedicated Principal.

Although we survived Bill-40 and our school board (SB) system stayed relatively the same, our staff had to undertake a series of efforts to adapt the school and the classes to welcome the students in a COVID-19 environment friendly. To name only a couple of the changes that were made, more daycare technicians were required in order to keep groups separated during recesses and lunch time and a whole different approach to the daycare pick-up and drop-offs was implemented. Our Principal and her team did such a great job with this that the SB even declared that BES was a school to be taken as an example to take our kids safe and healthy.

As indicated last year, the Epique Program was implemented during this school year, which alleviated the unusual amount of stress and anxiety noticed by the staff and teachers amongst the children. Training sessions adapted to every cycles such as Breath Training Techniques and Implementing Solutions were given to ensure that all students' mental health was prioritized in those time of needs.

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.

In the mix of it all, students are and will still be our priority. To do so, we will need to ensure continuity at the next AGA which will see two GB parent's position being open for election, one of them being held by the actual chair whom, after 4 years, will not propose himself and ask for another mandate.

Respectfully,

Evans Henry
Governing Board Chairperson

Jenny Brousseau
School Principal