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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

PEF has worked hard to position itself on a growth trajectory

Looking at events in our community, Canada and across the world this past year - and indeed the last several - it appears that change is the only constant. In this fast-evolving environment, the issues impacting us become more complex. Addressing these challenges requires a force, a network, and a beacon. PEF strives to encompass a slight combination of the three.

The year was, in many ways, a year of reflection and regrowth for the entirety of the LBPSB community; it certainly was for the Pearson Educational Foundation.

Following several tumultuous years of organizational and financial challenges, PEF decided to take hold of an opportunity. Following the 2021-2022 AGM, the PEF Directors went to work on strategic matters, accomplishing a tremendous reset for the organization.

PEF engaged four new board members, elected a new president, subcommittees were formed, strategic visioning and goal sessions were held, a new strategic plan and financial plan was drafted. Operationally, PEF managed all key milestones with our funds: all revenue and expenses KPIs were met. No dissatisfied customers and no missed deadlines. The PEF board expresses our sincere thanks to our incredible Operations Manager Sue Grand. Following more than 10 years of service, Sue decided to step down and hand over her legacy and help train her replacement.

It is my distinct pleasure as PEF's newly elected President to present this 2022-2023 Annual Report. The team regards this report as not only a demonstration of this past year's successes, but a reaffirmation of our commitment to help nurture the development of our West Island student population.

We enter 2023-2024 with a clear plan to make an impact.

Respectfully submitted,



Kyle Verboomen President, Pearson Educational Foundationpresident.pef@lbpsb.qc.ca

2 Mission, Vision, and Values



MISSION

Education is a public trust

Through a commitment to public education and the promotion of learning for all, the Foundation believes in enhancing the opportunity for all students to become life-long learners, self assured, respectful and responsible to their community.

Recognizing that government funding of public education is finite, the Foundation supports students and furthers this goal by supplying seed money to a broad array of projects generated by the teachers and administrators of the LBP community.

Aware that education is the single most important pathway to overcoming generational poverty, PEF supports success and perseverance in school for economically disadvantaged students by addressing both the physical, through clothing and nutrition, and the emotional/intellectual through a variety of innovative programs.



OVERVIEW

Our role in the community

The Pearson Educational Foundation (PEF) is an incorporated organization with Canada Revenue Agency charity status (CRA #891079048RR0001) that is legally independent of the Lester B. Pearson School Board. We offer financial support to schools and programs throughout the board at the elementary, secondary and adult education levels.

We fund hands-on, innovative projects generated by the teachers, which enhance and go beyond the regular government-funded curriculum by supplying the necessary materials.

PEF supports economically disadvantaged students, supplying winter outerwear and assisting the school board's "Hungry Kids Program": breakfasts and hot lunches from K-Grade 11. These programs are expanding rapidly, year over year. In addition, summer programs are supported for this demographic.

In addition, PEF assists a broad variety of programs for special needs students both assisting their integration into regular classrooms and allowing them to attain their full potential.

PEF manages numerous scholarships and bursaries which are awarded annually at convocation at LBPSB High Schools. PEF has also supported various LBPSB school fundraising initiatives by providing tax receipts and offering some operational support.



HISTORY

A long history in supporting the school board, teachers and students

In the mid-1980s, a group of citizen volunteers interested in the public schools serving youth on the West Island of Montreal established the West Island Educational Foundation (WIEF). In 2001, the WIEF changed its name to Pearson Educational Foundation (PEF). The Foundation is run by a volunteer board and one paid operations manager.

Initially, fundraising was organized to simply receive and disburse donations to help support initials led by our students, teachers and schools. Over time, the Foundation broadened its scope as it began working with the community-at-large to better promote awareness about the need to support public education beyond the scope of government funding.

The foundation serves an important role as steward for the financial proceeds resulting from the numerous student, teacher and parent-led fundraising initiatives which occur across the LPBSP community each year. The foundations acts as the custodian for these money, ensures proper tax reporting and arranges for timely disbursement. The foundation also independently manages the endowment funds backing several student scholarship funds, literacy initiatives and memorial funds on behalf of the LBPSB schools.



3 Our Structure



PEF TEAM 2022-2023

PEF Board of Directors, Staff & LBPSB Liaisons

PEF's Board of Directors is composed of nine volunteers, each who were selected to provide their expertise in finance, development, strategy, PR and communications. Every year a small part of the team rotates, some new faces may appear, but our devotion to the vision and mission is steadfast.

PEF Staff



Sue GrandOperations
Manager

PEF Board of Directors



Kyle VerboomenPresident



Richard Meloche Secretary



Michel Belleville Director

LBPSB Liaisons



Joanne Malowany Asst. Director, Comms. & Community Dev.



Lorne BrotmanVice-President



Cinthia Ferraresi Director



Kathy GiangasperoDirector



Melissa Hunter Principal & PASA Member



Jesse Remillard-Steiner Treasurer



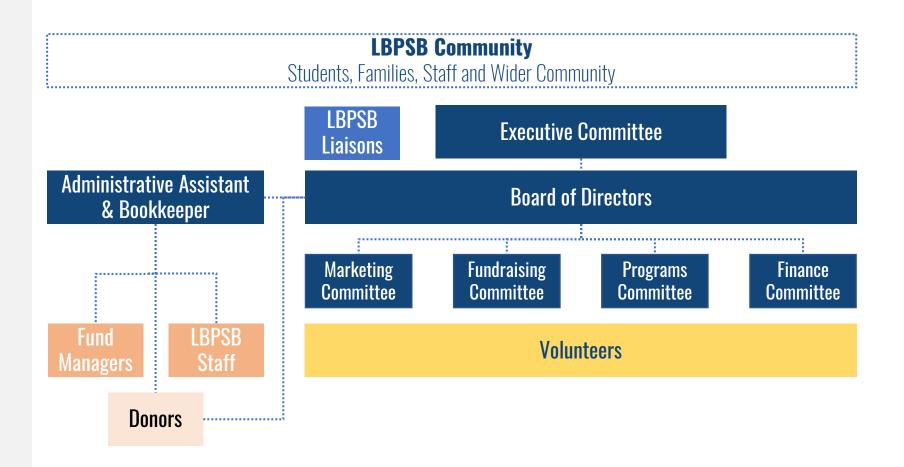
Kenny MandelDirector



Rafat Noor Khan Director

PEF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

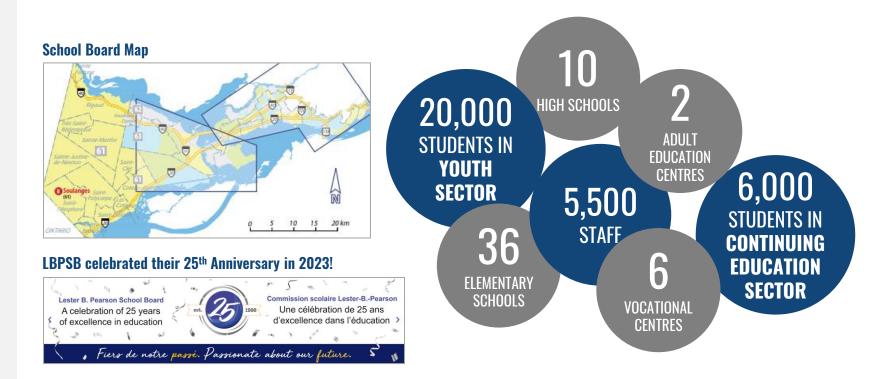
The LBPSB community is our aspirational audience, whilst they are also our key stakeholders



OUR SCHOOL BOARD

The Lester B. Pearson School Board

Established in 1998, the Lester B. Pearson School Board serves the English-eligible population on the western end of Montreal Island and off-island territory in the Monteregie-Ouest. The LBPSB's network of 36 elementary schools, 10 secondary schools, 6 Vocational Centres and 2 Continuing Education centres welcomed over 20,000 students of all ages during the 2022-23 academic year



OUR TRUST IN THE NUMBERS

PEF is prepared to continue making a meaningful impact in the LBPSB community

Over **110 funds managed** for schools, bursaries and special programs

\$280k in assets under management

S178k in Revenue

Over **95% of LBPSB** schools have at least 1 fund within PEF

16 scholarship & bursary funds

30 school use funds with specific areas of focus

4 funds devoted to building art & drama programs



3 funds devoted to building **Tech & Robotics** programs

8 funds devoted to building music programs

11 funds devoted to building food & cooking programs

2 funds devoted to building sport programs

17 funds supporting **PEF**specific programs

PEF FUNDS

FUND Allion	SCHOOL / ORG.
D IIII	Beacon Hill
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Beechwood Giving Fund	Beechwood
Beurling Academy	Beurling
Beurling Food	Beurling
BHS Arts	BHS
BHS Convocation Awards (supported by BHSAA)	BHS
BHS Drama	BHS
BHS Music	BHS
Birchwood	Birchwood
Born to read	Born to Read
Children's World Academy	Children's World
Christmas Park	Christmas Park
Clearpoint	Clearpoint
Dorset	Dorset
Edgewater	Edgewater
Evergreen General	Evergreen
Evergreen Music Program	Evergreen
Forest Hill Jr.	Forest Hill Jr
Forest Hill Sr.	Forest Hill Sr
Heart & Hands Pediatric Clinic	Hearty & Hands
Horizon	Horizon
John Rennie	John Rennie
John Rennie Actors' Studio	John Rennie
John Rennie Sport Études	John Rennie
JRHS Bright Ideas Award	John Rennie
JRHS Friends of Louise Chalmers Theatre Association	John Rennie
JRHS George Cassidy Memorial Award	John Rennie
JRHS Gordon S. Blackman Assistance Award	John Rennie
JRHS Harry Fischer Award	John Rennie
JRHS Janet Austen Award	John Rennie
JRHS Music Dept	John Rennie
JRHS Tom Nemeth & Mark Hanna Award	John Rennie
JRHS Tristan Morrissette-Perkins	John Rennie
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Kingsdale Daycare Services Lakeside Robotics	Kingsdale
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FUND	SCHOOL / ORG
	LBPSB
LaSalle Community Comprehensive	LCCHS
	LCCHS
LCCHS Cooking Prog	LCCHS
LCCHS Hockey	LCCHS
LCCHS Phoenix	LCCHS
LCCHS Robotics	LCCHS
Macdonald High	Macdonald
Macdonald High Robotics	Macdonald
Nutrition 3 - Macdonald	Macdonald
Maple Grove	Maple Grove
Margaret Manson	Margaret Manso
Margaret Manson Music	Margaret Manso
Overture Chamandy Grant	OWTA
Overture With the Arts	OWTA
PACC Good Citizen Award	PACC
PCHS	PCHS
Riverdale High School Alumni Scholarship	PCHS
Riverdale Tammy Jane Chen Memorial Scholarship	PCHS
A Valentine Campaign	PEF
Alouettes	PEF
Club de Foot Montreal	PEF
Club de Hockey Canadiens	PEF
Dress-Down PEF Fundraiser	PEF
Equity & Inclusivity Fund	PEF
Every Child Matters	PEF
Experiential STEM Education PEF available fund	PEF
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John Killingbeck Fund for the Children	PEF
Margaret Manson Learning Awards	PEF
Nutrition 1 - Hungry Kids - general all schools	PEF
Nutrition for Life - General - a PEF available fund	PEF
PEF Membership @ \$5/year/member	PEF
PEF Music General	PEF
Rocket Hockey	PEF
Rona Cupak	PEF
Place Cartier	Place Cartier
Riverview	Riverview
Riverview Food Baskets	Riverview
Riverview Grads	Riverview

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iverview S.T.E.A.M. Initiative	Riverview
herbrooke Academy Holiday Baskets	Sherbrooke
herbrooke Senior	Sherbrooke Sr
oulanges Gannaiden Fund	Soulanges
pringdale	Springdale
t. Charles	St. Charles
t. Charles Holiday Fund	St. Charles
t. John Fisher Sr Music	St. John Fisher Sr
t. John Fisher Sr.	St. John Fisher Sr
t. Patrick	St. Patrick
t. Thomas	St. Thomas
t. Thomas High School 50th Anniversary	St. Thomas
unshine Academy	Sunshine
unshine Holiday Baskets	Sunshine
erdun Adult & Career Centre	VACC
utrition 4 - Verdun Hot Lunches	Verdun
erdun	Verdun
erdun Holiday Baskets	Verdun
erdun lunchtime & afterschool Activities	Verdun
/estpark	Westpark
estwood Archie MacIsaac-Vacon Memorial Scholarship	Westwood Sr.
estwood Band Support/	Westwood Sr.
estwood Mildred Schweitzer Scholarship	Westwood Sr.
estwood Sr Maureen Kirk Conway Memorial Award	Westwood Sr.
/estwood Sr.	Westwood Sr.
estwood Sr. Make it Happen-Leadership Program	Westwood Sr.
estwood Tina Snelgrove Triple Threat Award	Westwood Sr.
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4 PEF Updates



RONA CUPAK FUND

The Rona Cupak Fund helps keep children in need warm during the winter

This is one of PEF's most important and longest-running programs. Increased awareness by the staff, as well as, sadly, increasing financial difficulties for many families, results in the requests for snowsuits, boots, hats and mitts growing year over year throughout the board's territory.

We have secured long-term support from snowsuit wholesalers in the past, for which we are most grateful. However, we are now in need of establishing a new partnership offering a more affordable option to help our LBPSB children.

In 2022-2023, we made the lions share of our purchases at Wal-Mart due to challenges finding less expensive options and logistical challenges. In total **\$7,640** was spent on snowsuits, boots, hats, and mitts last winter. This amount is a far cry from the ~\$14,000 which used to be allocated to the program. This is purely a result of available funds. We are in need of more funds to secure more snowsuits for our LBPSB children.

We continue to be grateful to the Killingbeck family leading the John Killingbeck Memorial Fund for the Children which partly direct funds to the Rona Cupak Fund.

We hope that no student of the LBPSB should ever have to face a Montreal winter without appropriate warm, waterproof clothing, at both the elementary and secondary levels.



Former PEF President Barbara Vuk-Freeston with Rona Cupak Fund snowsuits ready for distribution

80+

SNOWSUITS +

WINTER

ACCESSORIES

PROVIDED

80+
PAIRS OF BOOTS
PROVIDED

How was the Rona Cupak Fund founded?

In November of 2006, **Rona Cupak**, a highly respected LBPSB Commissioner for the off-island ward and mother of 4 boys ranging from 6 to 16, died in a tragic car accident. A large amount of money was donated in her memory to the Pearson Educational Foundation.

Her husband, Richard Deslaurier, expressed how he wished to direct the memorial money. He expressed "Nous ici, nous sommes les chanceux. Nous avons une bonne maison et le frigo plein. Utilisez l'argent n'emporte comment pour les enfents demunis de la Commission scolaire. That is what Rona would have wanted."

MARGARET MANSON AWARD

The Award recognizes a graduating student who has overcome significant challenges or obstacles

The Margaret Manson Award recognizes a graduating student who has overcome significant challenges or obstacles of any sort, be they physical, intellectual or emotional, along the path to graduation. The award is granted by Pearson Educational Foundation to one student in each school and centre of the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

High School and Centre awardees receive a framed certificate, a congratulatory letter, and a cheque.

Elementary School awardees receive a framed certificate, a congratulatory letter, and a book which is individually chosen for each student by Maya Byers, owner of Babar Books in Pointe Claire, who also pays for half the cost of the books. These beautiful books are further subsidized by le goût de lire communautaire | community born to read, the well-known association that actively promotes literacy to the very young.

Margaret Manson's surviving family is heavily involved in overseeing the success of the award.



PEF Director Michel Belleville and WWHS's 2022-2023 recipient of the Margaret Manson award



Verdun Adult & Career Centre 2022-2023 Margaret
Manson Award recipient Luane Do Nascimento Navarro

In partnership with Livres Babar Books and Le goût de lire communautaire





\$100 FOR HIGH SCHOOL RECIPIENT 1 Book
CAREFULLY
SELECTED FOR
ELEMENTARY
RECIPIENTS

AWARDS

PROVIDED

ANNUALLY

Who was Margaret Manson?

For many years, **Margaret Manson** participated in the education of people in our region as a teacher, a principal, a consultant, and a commissioner. She was dedicated to the principle that:

She applied it to everything she did during her illustrious career as an educator. She worked to empower schools to integrate students with special needs into the life of their school and to prepare them for a rich life, fully involved in society. She championed teamwork, matching learning styles and teaching styles, and life-long learning for all.



ROBOTICS PROGRAMS

Creating an avenue for STEM development within our school board

ROBOTICS TEAMS SUPPORTED, IN PART, WITH PEF FUNDS

PEF is proud to be contributing to the success of three of our LBPSB high school robotics teams: Macdonald High School's Mac Robotics, Lakeside Academy's LATech4955, and LCCHS's Sonic Howl. Each team contends annually within the CRC Robotics Competition against high schools, CEGEPs and Technical Schools, the Robotique First Quebec competition circuit and have even made appearances at international competitions!

Our high school robotics talent are engaging with elementary school to spread their passion and encourage a new generation in the field of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

Each team are carefully instructed by teacher mentors and professionals in the world of engineering and/or business who help guide the students in their quest to reach their potential. Students are also participating in learning about other related aspects of the work, namely video editing, production, coding, machining, engineering, using power tools, and web and graphic design.

Each year their teams grow as well as their annual budget. Teams have secured some sponsors however, their quest for more funding continues.







ACTIVITIES

Some of the amazing activities that took place the year!



10th Annual Pearson Family Fun Run/Walk

PEF supports the organizing committee by providing the online tool to facilitate donation/registration. PEF is committed to having representation onsite every year.



Professional Sport Ticket Contributions & Prizes



COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

PEF is working towards building a strong, consistent communications for our community

Monthly Newsletters



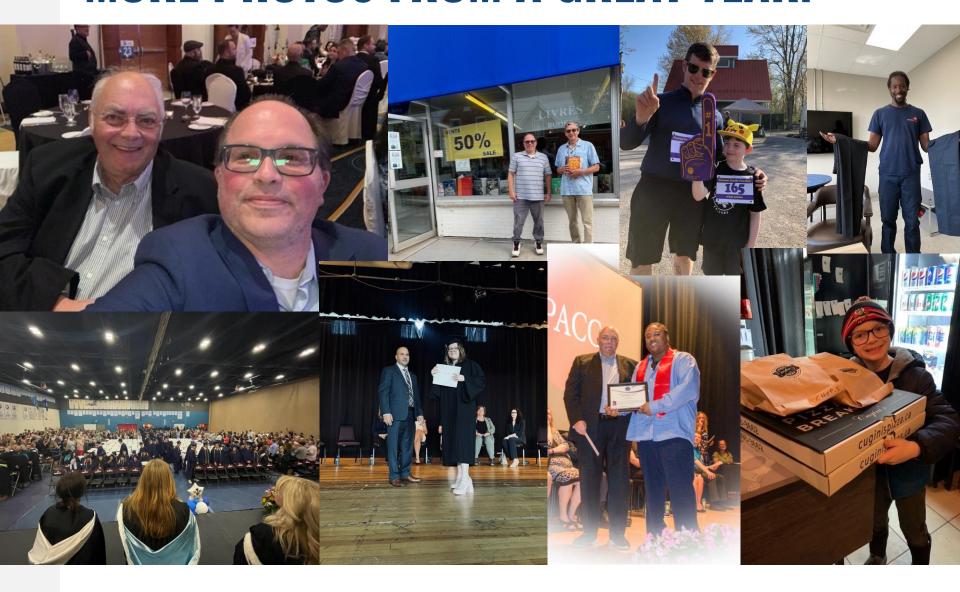
Social Media



PEF Website



MORE PHOTOS FROM A GREAT YEAR!



5 Financial Statements

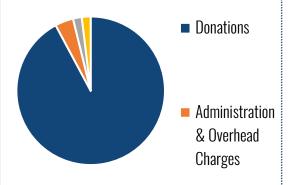


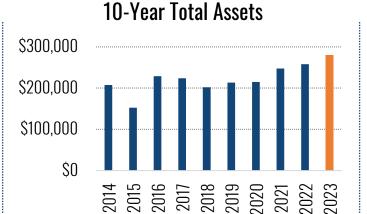
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the year ended June 30th, 2023

	2023	2019 to 2023 ∆
Total Assets	\$279,879	31%
Total Liabilities	\$71,264	-30%
Total Revenues	\$192,733	51%
Total Expenses	\$154,978	30%
Revenues Over Expenses	\$37,755	344%

Source of Revenue





10-Year Total Revenues



Key Highlights

- Increased revenues and expenditures are tied to a significant increase in postpandemic fundraising initiatives (and program expenditures resulting from those initiatives) by the schools
- Core administrative expenses (to operate PEF) came in with a total of \$37.8K (from \$25.6K)
- Several inactive & orphan funds administered by PEF were streamlined and merged into PEF's general funds. PEF reached out to schools and fund stakeholders as part of this process
- Several guaranteed investments (GICs) matured and were renewed at higher interest rates

6 Special Mentions



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SUE GRAND AND WELCOME KANASIAH BAKER

Sue Grand has been the backbone of PEF for over 10 years. During her tenure at PEF, she completely defined what it mean to be an Operations Manager.

Sue's greatest strength is her hard work, dedication and commitment to getting the job done. Over the years she had built such strong relationships within the LBPSB community: staff and schools. Furthermore, she was a master of process and policy. When Sue is on the job, you know that it will get done, and no detail will be forgotten.

Sue played a major role in training and onboarding her replacement. She made sure that PEF was left in good hands.

All of us at PEF and the LBPSB community would like to express our sincerest thanks for her tireless efforts and sharing her genuine passion.

Administrative Assistant / Bookkeeper. She will play a huge role as we strive to make the 2023/2024 academic year our most impactful!

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PEF is pleased to welcome Kanasiah Baker as our new

Kanasiah says: "I have recently completed my studies in Accounting at the West Island Career Centre. I consider myself very motivated, with a passion for continuous growth and learning."



Sue GrandOperations Manager
2012-2023



Kanasiah Baker Administrative Assistant / Bookkeeper Starting August 2023

AWARDING A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT

PEF awards former President Vuk-Freeston with the PEF Honourary Lifetime Member Award

PEF recently paid tribute to Barbara Vuk-Freeston for her 11 years of service to the Pearson Educational Foundation. Barbara, who was also a LBPSB Commissioner, was presented with the PEF Honourary Lifetime Member Award at a Lester B. Pearson School Board council meeting held in June. As both a President and Board of Directors of the Foundation between 2011-2023, Barbara shared her seemingly endless amount of tenacity, devotion and creativity to elevate PEF for the benefit of the students and teachers at the school board. We are so proud of Barbara and gratefully acknowledge her tremendous contributions to our mission.



Ms. Barbara Vuk-Freeston, PEF President 2011-2018, Board of Directors 2011-2023



Ms. Vuk-Freeston with current PEF Directors Mr. Belleville, Mr. Remillard-Steiner and Mr. Verboomen, PEF Operations Manager Ms. Grand, and LBPSB Commissioner Frie Bender

Barbara has played a leading role in elevating PEF's profile to high-level partners and donors. Her passion for the LBPSB community and PEFs cause led her to conceptualize a number of the funds that help define PEF, namely the Rona Cupak Fund and Margaret Manson Award.

Barbara strengthened our brand, bylaws and policy infrastructure with countless templates and tools PEF still values to this day.

The Foundation is proud to bestow this great honour to Barbara who to this day remains a valued mentor and advisor to PEF.

"Barbara gave all her energy and expertise to raising funds through BIG events, giving it to the schools, attending to needs and pushing PEF forward. She is meticulous for detail and precision. Smart as a whip. No corner cutting allowed."

Sue Grand, PEF Operations Manager 2012-2023

7 Looking Ahead



PEF STRATEGIC PLAN IN DEVELOPMENT

Beyond our core activities, PEF has established four goals to accomplish

Board of Directors Sentiment Survey



During the 2022-2023 academic year, PEF began a long journey towards developing their first strategic plan. Much time was spent in order to produce PEF's first iteration of the 2023-2025 strategic plan.

The greatest reward from the exercises is the teambuilding and planning process. These strategic exercises offer a vital opportunity to develop a clearer understanding of what direction to take the Foundation and what resources are required along the way.

Vision board exercises



Strategic Drivers Session



STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2025

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Restructure PEF for Increase brand Strengthen **Forge stronger** partnership & internal and external GOAL awareness and partnerships with effectiveness for the development within presence within the private sector LBPSB schools period of 2023-2025 **West Island Develop sub-committees Funding and Marketing** Create an ambassador at **Supporting fundraising** committees both in unison each LBPSB school events (i.e Community car Develop volunteer present PEF presentation wash, Golf events) database Writing educational for partnership with articles on PEF (highlights, Supporting non-fundraising various philanthropic Improve internal support events within the news) entities in Montreal tech community (i.e. cultural Determine content for ACTIVITY Target of \$10.000 in events, etc) Financial objective of Comms to raise the profile corporate fundraising in break-even for 2023of PEF Membership in community 2023-2024. double in 2024, growth in 2024organizations (eg. West 2024-2025 2025 Restore Grants program at Island Chamber of small scale to begin Approach targeted Commerce, municipal rebuilding the program corporate partnerships and organizations, etc.) grants Development of impactful collateral and CRM system

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR FUNDRAISING

During the 2023-2025 strategic period, our Fundraising Committee will focus on 3 core areas



1

PARTNERSHIPS

Organizations and likeminded foundations are searching for more direct means of making an impact. PEF understands the key areas of need within the LBPSB community and can therefore assist. PEF will leverage its networks within the wider institutional and business community to raise awareness of our LBPSB community's needs and shine a clear light on avenues which best match their CSR vision.



2

EVENTS

Bringing people together in support of the PEF mission is the most impactful approach towards elevating the profile and needs of the LBPSB community. Like many other organizations, the impact of Covid reduced the capacity of PEF's infrastructure to navigate the event space, it is therefore our ambition to carefully restart the event engine.



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GRANTS

Within the 2023-2025 strategic period, the PEF team will devote more time and attention towards applying for grants to support our many programs such as the Rona Cupak Fund, the John Killingbeck Fund for the Children, the Teacher's Grant Program, among others.

THE NEED FOR YOUR HELP CONTINUES

Public education is a public trust. The goodwill of our community remains essential

Societal realities driving needs

41% of LBPSB schools received SFR **Low-Income scores** of 7 and over

Source: Gouvernement du Québec Ministère de l'Éducation Note: 2021-2022. Scores 1-10

24% of LBPSB schools received SFR low socioeconomic scores of 7 and over

Source: Gouvernement du Québec Ministère de l'Éducation Note: 2021-2022, Scores 1-10

The Pearson Educational Foundation focuses on...

Supporting the needs of our community

- Providing snowsuits, boots, gloves
- Food baskets providing key necessities
- Offering lasting legacies for impactful members of our community

Supporting initiatives of our schools

- Project grants
- Building community assets
- Supporting STEM, music & arts programs
- Recognizing leadership, development and perseverance through awards and bursaries
- Offering a charity platform for fundraising activities

Broadcasting the needs of our community & schools

 Participating in chambers of commerce, peer foundations, and the wider business community



OUR PROUD PARTNERS

PEF is proud to have strong partners in the West Island community, helping to realize our vision







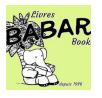


















PEF is a proud member since 2011



WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN OUR PROGRAMS



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