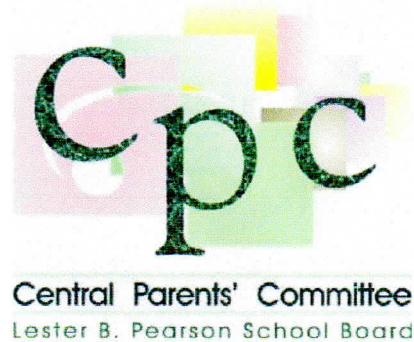


Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Ms. France Goyette
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Lester B. Pearson School Board
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Dear Ms. Goyette:

The Central Parents' Committee of the Lester B. Pearson School Board has reviewed the Consultation on the Code of Ethics for Commissioners within the Lester B. Pearson School Board. The Central Parents' Committee supports the position statements of our four sector parent committees. It is our intention that these responses be considered with the full support of the Central Parents' Committee.

There were some areas of particular concern to our committee which we would like to highlight.

Under Openness (Article 4.4), the consultation document reads, "Commissioners must report any abusive exercise of privilege witnessed by them."

We strongly suggest that there be a timeframe specified. Commissioners must report such incidents in a timely fashion. Also, the document does not specify to whom this report must be filed. We ask that the policy specify the process by which such reports are to be filed.

Under Behaviour (Article 4.6), we would argue that the statement, "Commissioners must, at all times, act in the Board's best interest" differs from the article of the Education Act which deals with this issue. The Central Parents' Committee suggests that this Article of the policy reflect the intention of Article 177.1 of the Education Act. Commissioners are mandated to act in the best interest of constituents as well as the School Board.

177.1. The members of the council of commissioners must act within the scope of the functions and powers conferred on them, and exercise the care, prudence and diligence that a reasonable person would exercise in similar circumstances; they must also act with honesty and loyalty and in the interest of the school board and the population served by the school board.

1997, c. 96, s. 27.

Under item 6.1 we would point out a typographical error, "The secretary must respect the confidentiality of the information and work performed, and not *have* any potential conflicts of interest".

We thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation.

Sincerely,

Chairperson, Central Parents' Committee
Lester B. Pearson School Board
c.c.: Lucie La Ferrière, Assistant Director General
Sector Parents' Committee Chairs