



**ÉCOLE GARDENVIEW SCHOOL**  
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## **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES- THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025 (TEAMS)**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Ms. Vicky Pololos

### **1. Attendance**

#### **Parent Representatives**

Vicky Pololos  
Sharone Callender  
Alaa Zaini (absent)  
Ilan Dahan  
Jessica Black (**Home & School Rep**)  
Diane Biard-Goble (absent)  
Ashley Kushneryk  
Rebecca Sciotto  
Jacqueline Matuszewski  
Vincenzo DiNicola (alternate - absent)  
Carmela Pansera (alternate - absent)

#### **Teaching Staff Representatives**

Karima Tabbi  
Marianne Botelho  
Olga Ntokolas  
Ernestina Oppong  
Johanne Boudreault (absent)  
Anna-Maria Rubinato

#### **Non-Teaching Professionals**

Deanna Iaizzo (absent)

#### **Daycare Representative**

Kanza Mobin (absent)

#### **Support Staff**

Rona Lapidus

#### **Commissioner**

James Kromida (absent)

#### **Principal**

Elena Zervas (absent)

#### **Vice Principal**

Laura Fundaro

### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion to adopt the agenda moved by: Anna Maria Rubinato**

**Seconded by: Jessica Black**

**Approved unanimously**

### **3. Approval of minutes of March 20, 2025**

**Motion to approve the March 20, 2025 minutes:** Rebecca Sciotto

**Seconded by:** Ernestina Oppong

**Abstentions:** Rebecca Sciotto, Rona Lapidus, Karima Tabbi

#### **4. Business arising from previous minutes**

No business arising.

#### **5. Correspondence**

No correspondence

#### **6. Public Question Period**

No questions were asked by the public present.

#### **7. New Business**

##### **7.1. Gardenview Annual Calendar 2025-2026 (For Approval)**

The Gardenview Staff Council met to place 11 professional days:

- 2 Board wide ped days from the educational services department for teacher professional development
- 2 snow days to be placed after April 15
- 1 ped day for success planning
- 6 moveable days at the school level

**Motion to approve the Gardenview Annual Calendar 2025-2026:** Ashley Kushneryk

**Seconded by :** Rona Lapidus

**Approved unanimously**

##### **7.2. Halo Race**

**School Outing: Halo Race**

**Date: May 8**

**Participants: Grade 3-6**

**Cost : No cost to students**

**Motion to approve Gardenview's participation in the Halo Race at Beaver Lake on**

**May 8 :** Rebecca Sciotto

**Seconded by :** Rona Lapidus

**Approved unanimously**

#### **8. Reports**

##### **8.1. Principal**

**Due to Ms. Zervas' absence, the Principal's report was read by the Vice-Principal, Ms. Fundaro**

##### **Enrollment 2025-2026**

Enrollment for next year is projected at 648 students, and we are hoping for the possibility of adding a fifth Kindergarten class

##### **Three New Smart Boards**

We're also thrilled to share that we received three brand new SMART Boards from the school board. These are the latest generation models that no longer require projectors, offering a more seamless and interactive classroom experience.

### **April 28 - Election Day - No school**

April 28 is now a ped day for all schools as a result of the federal elections. We were selected as a polling station therefore, the daycare will only have access to certain designated areas of the building to ensure student safety.

### **Daycare Registration - Mozaik**

An email was sent today to all parents with guidelines to confirm daycare registration for the 2025-2026 academic year through the Mozaik Parent Portal . The deadline to complete the process is April 23.

### **Storytelling Event at Gardenview**

Today, we proudly hosted our storytelling event, which was a wonderful success! All West End elementary schools participated, with two students from each school sharing stories in both French and English. It was a fantastic celebration of language, creativity, and community. Gardenview was complimented on our beautiful décor and organization from the EMSB organizers and the parents from other schools in the audience.

## **8.2. Vice Principal**

**Nothing to report**

### **8.3. Teachers**

Ernestina Oppong - Science Teacher

Shout out to Home & School for funding our participation to the Robotics Competition at Royal Vale 16 grade

### **8.4. Chairperson**

Nothing to report

### **8.5. Treasurer**

Nothing to report.

### **8.6. Parents Committee Report (Delegate)**

Vicky was unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting discussed Bill 94 (reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions) and there was some discussion around the school board's position on sending students on fieldtrips to the United States.

### **8.7. Home and School Liaison**

- French book fair taking place on April 24
- Registration for ECAs is still open and parents still have time to register their children in an activity

### **8.8. BASE Report**

- Nothing to report

### **8.9. Commissioner**

**Nothing to report**

**9. Varia**

**10. Date of Next meeting: April 10, 2025 (TEAMS)**

**11. Adjournment - 7:29 PM**

**Motion to adjourn the Governing Board meeting: Rona Lapidus**

**Seconded by: Jessica Black**

**Unanimously Approved**