



**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024
(TEAMS)**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by Ms. Vicky Pololos

1. Attendance

Parent Representatives

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

Teaching Staff Representatives

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

Non-Teaching Professionals

Deanna Iaizzo

Daycare Representative

Kanza Mobin

Support Staff

Rona Lapidus

Commissioner

James Kromida (absent)

Principal

Elena Zervas

Vice Principal

Laura Fundaro

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda moved by: Johanne Boudreault

Seconded by: Kanza Mobin

Approved unanimously

3. Approval of minutes of *October 10, 2024*

Motion to approve the *October 10, 2024* minutes: Kanza Mobin

Seconded by: Jessica Black

Abstentions: Johanne Boudreault

4. Business arising from previous minutes

No business arising.

5. Correspondence

No new correspondence

6. Public Question Period

No questions from the public

7. New Business

7.1. Additional Ped Day in January

All schools were asked to add an additional pedagogical day to their school calendars. The date proposed is January 31, 2025.

Motion to approve: Ilan Dahan

Seconded by : Ashley Kushneryk

Approved Unanimously

7.2. Academic Career Guidance Content (ACGC)

Ms. Zervas presented Gardenview's ACGC Plan for approval.

The principal explained that the Academic and Career Guidance Content (ACGC) is mandatory content for all students from Grade 5 to Secondary 5 that explicitly addresses the QEP's Broad Area of Learning: "Career Planning and Entrepreneurship". It focuses on the themes "Self-Knowledge", "Knowledge of the World of School" and "Knowledge of the World of Work" as a continuum over the course of seven school years.

The task will be shared by both English and French Teachers in Cycle 3.

Motion to approve: Kanza Mobin

Seconded by: Alaa Zaini

Approved unanimously

7.3. Educational Outings

Fieldtrip submitted to the Governing Board for an e-vote prior to the Governing Board meeting:

Biodome / Planetarium

November 28, 2024

Cost for Admission to Both Museums: \$17 (tax included)

Transportation Cost: \$11 (tax included)

Total Cost for the Field Trip: \$28

Daycare Fee for Ped Day: \$15

Total: \$43.00 / student

Results of the e-vote:

- 14 members voted in favour of the fieldtrip
- 1 member abstained from the vote
- 3 members did not respond

Cosmodome

December 4, 2024

Cost: \$37 / student \$22 per student (\$15 paid per student by school budget)

Classes: K4 (ROOM 01 AND ROOM 35)

Results of the e-vote:

- 15 members voted in favour of the fieldtrip
- 0 members abstained from the vote
- 3 members did not respond

Zoo EcoMuseum (K5) on April 23 - no cost to parents (covered by Sorties milieu culturel)

Zoo EcoMuseum (K4) on May 7 - no cost to parents (covered by Sorties milieu culturel)

Motion to approve the K4 and K5 Fieldtrips to Zoo EcoMuseum : Jessica Black

Seconded by: Kanza Mobin

Approved unanimously

7.4. MTransport - Information Item

Ms. Zervas reviewed the mTransport tool on school buses . She explained that The EMSB introduced the pilot project at Gardenview and Hampstead schools in 2019-2020 and they received positive feedback from the parents. In 2022, the Gardenview parents were informed that a tablet was installed on their child's bus and that the children would be asked to scan their bus pass when they get on and off the bus. During this trial period, only the EMSB and transportation personnel had access to the system to allow the bus drivers to familiarize themselves with the program and for transportation division to make all necessary adjustments in their system. In the upcoming final phase ,parents will be asked to register, and download the mTransport application on their smart phone. (iphone or android). If they do not own a smart phone, they may access this service through the web portal: <https://portail.mtransport.ca/> . There will be no cost for parents who would like to use this service.

7.5. Principal

Ms. Zervas provided an overview of the budget, highlighting the supplementary allocations in Fund 6. She discussed budget allocations in detail, including funding for rattrapage, MEQ tutoring, support for special needs, and ICT initiatives.

7.6. Vice Principal

Holiday Gift Campaign

The Holiday Gift Campaign in collaboration with Batshaw Youth and Family Centres is underway, and we are beginning to receive thoughtful donations from our school community. We are extending the collection deadline.

Members of the Governing Board were encouraged to share this initiative with people they know. Maximum value of \$50. Suggested items: toys, board games, educational games, and gift cards for teens.

Open House - December 5

Our Open House video is online. The Open House is scheduled for December 5, with two visit sessions at 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM. This year, in addition to the tours, there will be student exhibitions in the gym where student leaders will present classroom projects. We

have also asked volunteers from the GHSA to assist with the event.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for November 27 and 28. Parents were encouraged to reserve their appointments through Microsoft Bookings. On their way to or after their interviews, they are encouraged to visit the bake sale.

7.7. Teachers

The students in K4 are learning about outer space.

Crafts are being completed at school and parents are encouraged to continue exploring the theme at home. Students are learning about different aspects of outer space as well as the vocabulary related to the theme. They will wrap up the unit with a visit to the Cosmodome on December 4 and the children are very excited!

7.8. Chairperson

Nothing to report

7.9. Treasurer

Nothing to report

7.10. Parents Committee Report (Delegate)

There was a review

7.11. Home and School Liaison

Holiday activity in the gymnasium taking place on December 13

GHSA will be organizing a fun activity for the holidays for students in K4 to Grade 6.

This activity will replace the holiday breakfast

Motion to approve the GHSA Holiday Activity: Ashley Kushneryk

Seconded by: Johanne Boudreault

Approved unanimously

Cheesebox fundraiser - Deadline to order on Amilia is Sunday, November 24

Bake Sale for Home & School on November 27 and 28

7.12. BASE Report

144 students registered to date for the November 28 Ped Day

November 28 Ped Day - Biodome & Planetarium - No space left for other registrations

November 29 Ped Day - Dance party and fashion show scheduled for the children along with other educational activities related to the outing

Another trip may be planned in January - More information to come

7.13. Commissioner

Unfortunately, Mr. Kromida was unable to attend our Governing Board and sent his regrets.

8. Date of Next meeting: January 16, 2025 (TEAMS)

9. Adjournment - 7:41 PM

Motion to adjourn the Governing Board meeting: Rona Lapidus

Seconded by: Sharone Callender