



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES- THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025 (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
Ashley Kushneryk
Rebecca Sciotto
Jacqueline Matuszewski
Vincenzo DiNicola (alternate - absent)
Carmela Pansera (alternate - absent)

Teaching Staff Representatives

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

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: Diane Biard Goble

Seconded by: Rona Lapidus

Approved unanimously

3. Approval of minutes of November 21, 2024

Motion to approve the November 21, 2024 minutes: Sharone Callender

Seconded by: Ilan Dahan

Abstentions: 4 abstentions

4. Business arising from previous minutes

Questions about mTransport – Board is in the process of reprinting bus passes with QR codes for students who have lost passes or who never received passes with QR code.

5. Correspondence

No new correspondence

6. Public Question Period

No questions from the public

7. New Business

7.1. Approval of the 2024-2025 Annual School Budget

Motion to approve: Anna Maria Rubinato

Seconded by : Diane Biard Goble

Approved Unanimously

7.2. Educational Project Action Plan -for approval

Ms. Zervas summarized the elements of the Educational Project action plan previously sent to the Governing Board for review.

Motion to approve the Educational Institution Action Plan and Development and

Implementation: Kanza Mobin

Seconded by: Alaa Zaini

Approved unanimously

7.3. Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan (ABAV)

Ms. Fundaro summarized the elements of the ABAV Plan previously sent to the Governing Board for review.

Motion to approve the Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan (ABAV): Rona Lapidus

Seconded by: Anna Maria Rubinato

Approved unanimously

7.4. Principal

Ms. Zervas reported that the first day back after the holidays required an unexpected closure due to a boiler room issue. All students were dismissed safely within an hour and five minutes—thank you to the teachers and parents for their swift support.

Our Open House was a great success! New families were impressed by the student-led tours and their excellent French skills. Thank you to our parent volunteers.

Sibling registration is underway, and K4 classes are filling quickly. We're excited about the upcoming registration week (February 3-February 7).

7.5. Vice Principal Recent Accomplishments

- **Batshaw Youth & Family Centres Fundraiser:**
 - Over 300 toys and gift cards were collected.
 - Expressed gratitude to the community for their generosity and support.

Upcoming Initiatives and Activities

Parent Workshops

- **Social Media & Internet Safety:** January 30, 2025, at 7 PM.
- **Growing a Growth Mindset:** March 27, 2025, at 7 PM.
- **Importance of Play:** April 2025 at 7 PM Date TBD

Student Workshops

- **Social Skills (Grades 1 & 2):** January 17, 2025, from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.
- **Internet Safety (Cycle 2 & 3):** January 24, 2025.
- **Managing Stress & Anxiety (Grades 5 & 6):** January 29, 2025, from 1:20 – 2:20 PM.
- **Transitioning to High School (Grade 6):** February 7, 2025.

Additional Activities

- **KidFoot Soccer Social Group:**
 - Returning for students in Grades 1 & 2 on Thursdays and Fridays.
 - Received positive feedback from Cycle 2 students.
 - Grateful for the partnership with the two coaches.
- **Art Therapy:**
 - Plans to bring back Art Therapy for students in February 2025.
 - Awaiting confirmation from the organizers.

Special Events

- **PPS Danse - parent/child workshop** – Dance workshop for K4 students and their parents taking place on February 14, 2025
- **Cycle 3 Storytelling Competition:**
 - Gardenview will host the EMSB West-End schools on April 10, 2025.
 - In-house competition will take place on March 18, 2025
- **Second Annual Talent Show:**
 - Date: May 15, 2025
 - Showcasing the talents of our Grade 4, 5, and 6 students.
 - **Auditions for Gardenview's Got Talent:**
 - Grade 6: January 27, 2025.
 - Grade 5: January 29, 2025.
 - Grade 4: January 30, 2025

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- **Art Therapy:**
 - Received positive feedback from students who participated.
 - Plans to bring back Art Therapy for students in February 2025.

MEQ Tutoring:

- Tutoring has started for students in Grades 3-6.
- Students were identified by their teachers.
- Sessions are held online on the weekend or in person after school depending on the tutor availability

Stationary Bikes for Brain Breaks:

Two stationary bikes have been purchased, with one placed on each floor.

- Designed to support movement and brain breaks for students.

7.6. Teachers

Mme Anna Maria Rubinato

On behalf of Cycle One, it was shared that the students thoroughly enjoyed their field trip to the Musée des Arts de Laval. The quality of French was impressive, and the students had the opportunity to participate in a craft activity, leaving with a memorable souvenir.

This is a magical time for Grade 1 students as they are now working independently and beginning to read—a significant and exciting milestone in their learning journey!

Ms. Ernestina Oppong

Students in Ms. Botelho's Grade 6 class read, "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" by William Kamkwamba and are exploring the role of renewable energy in addressing climate change with Ms. Tina. In science class have been designing sustainable cities in Minecraft Education. Both classes are delving into wind power, circuits, and turbine design through hands-on experiments and interactive activities, deepening their understanding of science and sustainability.

7.7. Chairperson

Nothing to report

7.8. Treasurer

Nothing to report

7.9. Parents Committee Report (Delegate)

Vicky Polos discussed key take-aways from EMSB Parents Committee Meeting that took place on January 9 and shared the minutes with the Gardenvue Governing Board.

7.10. Home and School Liaison

- ECA registration began January 15 and closes on Sunday
- Felix & Norton Fundraiser has begun
- Teacher Appreciation - Home & School has begun planning and are need volunteers.
- Carnival was a success - Students had a wonderful time and the games were very well planned.

7.11. BASE Report

- Ms. Kanza reported that a new group was formed due to the growing enrollment
- On January 31, students registered in BASE will go to Cinema Guzzo to watch Mufasa: The Lion King - trip was approved through an e-vote by the Governing Board on January 15, 2025
- Ms. Kanza is looking into Cabane à Sucre outing for April. She is hoping to receive some funding by the board to defray the cost of the outing.

7.12. Commissioner

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

7.13. Educational Outings

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

Glissades Mont Avila- Grade 6

Location: Domaine des Pays d'en haut

Date: February 20, 2025

Participants: Grade 6

Cost : \$27.00

Cost reflects a contribution of \$4 158.00 paid for by the school Wellness Budget.

Grade 6 Graduation Trip - Camp Edphy International

Location: Edphy International Inc 20845 ch. De la cote-nord

Date: May 16, 2025

Participants: Grade 6

Cost : will range from **\$72 - \$85 depending on the number of students attending**. This range reflects a contribution of \$2 000 paid for by our school budgets.

Results of the e-vote:

11 members voted in favor of the 2 outings. 7 members abstained.

BASE Movie Day - Guzzo Cinema, Saint Laurent

Date: January 31, 2025

Cost:

- o **\$18** (movie ticket and transportation)
- o **\$15** (daycare fee)
- o **Total \$33**

Movie: *Mufasa: The Lion King*

Results of the e-vote:

13 members voted in favour of the BASE outing. 5 members abstained.

Outings for GB Approval:

School Outing: Science Centre Grade 4

Location: Montreal Science Centre (2 De la Commune St W, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 4B2)

Date: February 20

Participants: Grade 4

Cost : \$0 Cost covered by Sortie Milieu Culturel Budget

School Outing: Science Centre Grade 3

Location: Montreal Science Centre (2 De la Commune St W, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 4B2)

Date: March 26

Participants: Grade 3

Cost : \$0 Cost covered by Sortie Milieu Culturel Budget

School Outing: Holocaust Museum Grade 5

Location: Holocaust Museum (5151 Chem. de la Côte-Sainte-Catherine, Montréal, QC H3W 3E8)

Date: May 5/May 12

Participants: Grade 5

Cost : \$0 Cost covered by Sortie Milieu Culturel Budget

Motion to approve the Grade 3-4-5 Outings moved by : Rona Lapidus

Seconded by: Kanza Mobin

Approved unanimously

8. Date of Next meeting: February 20, 2025 (TEAMS)

9. Adjournment - 8:18 PM

Motion to adjourn the Governing Board meeting: Ilan Dahan

Seconded by: Anna Maria Rubinato