



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES- THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025 (TEAMS)

Meeting called to order at 7:07 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 (absent)
Jacqueline Matuszewski
Vincenzo DiNicola (alternate - absent)
Carmela Pansera (alternate - absent)

Teaching Staff Representatives

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

Non-Teaching Professionals

Deanna laizzo

Daycare Representative

Kanza Mobin

Support Staff

Rona Lapidus (absent)

Commissioner

James Kromida (absent)

Principal

Elena Zervas

Vice Principal

Laura Fundaro

Guests

Jennifer Dell'Elce
Lelia Holden
Dan Bonder
Catherine Jutras

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda moved by: Jessica Black
Seconded by: Ashley Kushneryk
Approved unanimously

3. Approval of minutes of February 20, 2025

Motion to approve the February 20, 2025 minutes: Ashley Kushneryk
Seconded by: Anna Maria Rubinato
Abstentions: Diane Biard Goble, Alaa Zaini

4. Business arising from previous minutes

No business arising.

5. Correspondence

Ilan Dahan brought forward complaints about roads not salted on Stevens and Nantel - Vicky will send an e-mail to the city.

6. Public Question Period

No questions were asked by the public present.

7. New Business

7.1. Hot Lunch Provider 2025-2026 (For Approval)

As part of our annual procedure, the Governing Board must approve the hot lunch provider for the upcoming academic year. Following discussions with the owner of Merenda, we anticipate a price increase of 0.35 cents for next year.

Motion to approve MERENDA as the Hot Lunch Provider for 2025-2026: Jessica Black
Seconded by : Ilan Dahan
Approved unanimously

7.2. PELO 2025-2026 (For Approval)

As part of our annual procedure, we must approve the school's offering of PELO (language heritage courses) to the students after school. The format of the classes, whether in-person or virtual, is yet to be confirmed.

Motion to approve PELO 2025-2026: Ashley Kushneryk
Seconded by : Ilan Dahan
Approved unanimously

7.3. Last Day of School for Grade 6 (For Approval)

As part of our annual procedure, the Governing Board approves the last day of school for the 6th grade students to be the day prior to the official last day of school. This adjustment is due to the graduation festivities on the 19th running late into the evening. Therefore, instead of June 20 being the last day for the 6th grade students, it will be June 19.

Motion to approve the June 19 as the last day of school for Grade 6: Jessica Black
Seconded by : Diane Biard-Goble
Approved unanimously

7.4. Budget Building Process (For Approval)

Discussion ensued based on Budget Priorities, specifically:

1. Increase staffing ratio and weighted staffing ratios.
2. Invest in the reinstatement of social workers in schools.

The board voted to keep the budget building process status quo to last year.

15 members votes to maintain the budget building process status quo

**Motion to approve the Budget Building Process: Ilan Dahan
Seconded by : Ashley Kushneryk**

8. Reports

8.1. Principal Snow days

Due to the school closures caused by the snowstorms on February 13 and 17, all schools have been instructed to convert a ped day into a regular school day. Consequently, the snow day originally scheduled for May 20th on our calendar will now be a regular school day.

Single Use Plastic bottles

As of March 1, institutions that distribute single-use plastic bottles have the obligation to return empty containers for refund. Empty plastic bottles can no longer be trashed or recycled. To avoid the task of sorting, and returning empty plastic bottles, the EMSB will ban single-use plastic bottled water in all schools and centres. Effective immediately schools are to phase-out of plastic bottles and effective in the next school year, there will be a complete ban of single-use plastic bottles. The hot lunch providers will also be affected by this ,

School Beautification

I wanted to give you a quick update on the construction project, specifically regarding the windows. The first floor is now complete with the exception of the front area windows. Next, they will proceed with the second floor.

GB allocation

Each year, the Governing Board is allocated \$250. You currently have a rollover balance of \$616, plus this year's allocation of \$250, for a total of \$866. The principal asked whether the Governing Board will be awarding one student per class during graduation. In the past, the GB has given a plaque, with a maximum cost of \$20 each. We have 4 grade 6 classes this year therefore we are looking at an approximate expenditure of 80\$ plus applicable taxes.

**Motion to approve the GB allocation for Graduation: Diane Biard Goble
Seconded by: Ilan Dahan
Approved unanimously**

8.2. Vice Principal

Field Trips

- **School Outing: Tournoi de soccer at Laurier MacDonald High School**
- **Date: March 28, 2025**
- **Participants: Grade 5 & 6 - 28 students**
- **Cost : No cost to students**

**Motion to approve the GMAA outing to Laurier MacDonald: Ashley Kushneryk
Seconded: Jacqueline Matuszewski**

- **School Outing: Grade 5**
- **Location: Centre des Sciences**
- **Date: June 11, 2025**
- **Participants: Grade 5**
- **Cost : No cost to students**

**Motion to approve the Grade 5 Outing to Centre des Sciences: Sharone
Callender
Seconded by: Jessica Black
Approved unanimously**

- Gardenview Fundraiser Leucan – We raised \$750

8.3. Teachers

Mme Anna Maria & Mme Johanne

Mme Anna Maria & Mme Johanne spoke on behalf of the staff and wanted to thank the Home & School and volunteers who put together a beautiful staff room.

8.4. Chairperson

Nothing to report

8.5. Treasurer

Nothing to report.

8.6. Parents Committee Report (Delegate)

Vicky shared the minutes of the meeting with the Governing Board. If any one on the board has any questions, they are welcome to reach out to Vicky. The next meeting will take place on April 3.

8.7. Home and School Liaison

• Teacher Appreciation Week

A big thank you to all the parents who came together to revamp the staff lounge! The week was a great success and the staff felt truly appreciated.

• Felix and Norton Fundraiser

This fundraiser has officially come to an end. Thank you to everyone who participated.

- **Upcoming Fundraiser: Scholastic Book Fair**
Our next fundraising initiative will be the Scholastic Book Fair. Please note that only books will be sold—no accessories or toys this time.
- **End-of-Year Activities**
Planning is underway for fun end-of-year activities and treats in May and June. Stay tuned for more details!
- **New Fundraiser: *Magasin Scolaire***
Parents can purchase supplies online through *Magasin Scolaire*, with the choice of home delivery or pickup. Prices are reasonable, and feedback from families who have used the service for the 2024-2025 academic year has been very positive.

**Motion to approve the Magasin Scolaire fundraising initiative: Diane Biard Goble
Seconded by: Kanza Mobin**

1 abstention

8.8. BASE Report

- Nothing to report.

8.9. Commissioner

9. Varia

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

11. Adjournment - 8:21PM

**Motion to adjourn the Governing Board meeting: Diane Biard Goble
Seconded by: Jessica Black**