



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024 (IN-PERSON)

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Ms. Elena Zervas

1. Attendance

Parent Representatives

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

Teaching Staff Representatives

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

Non-Teaching Professionals

Deanna Iazzo

Daycare Representative

Kanza Mobin

Support Staff

Rona Lapidus

Home & School Representative

Jessica Black

Commissioner

James Kromida (absent)

Principal

Elena Zervas

Vice-Principal

Laura Fundaro

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda moved by: Vicky Pololos

Seconded by: Rona Lapidus

Approved unanimously

3. Election of Governing Board Executives

3.1. Chairperson

Vicky Pololos nominates herself as the Chair of the Governing Board for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion to approve Vicky Pololos as Chair: Ernestina Oppong

Seconded by: Jessica Black

Approved unanimously

3.2. Vice-Chairperson

Vicky Pololos nominates Sharone Callender as the Vice-Chair of the Governing Board for the 2024-2025 School Year

Motion to approve Sharone Callender as Vice-Chair: Jessica Black

Seconded by: Diane Biard Goble

Approved unanimously

3.3. Secretary

Laura Fundaro volunteers to be secretary of the Governing Board for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion to approve Laura Fundaro as Secretary: Rona Lapidus

Seconded by: Ernestina Oppong

Approved unanimously

3.4. Treasurer

Ilan Dahan volunteers to be treasurer of the Governing Board for the 2024-2025 school year

Motion to approve Ilana Dahan as Treasurer: Ashley Kushneryk

Seconded by: Jessica Black

Approve unanimously

4. Approval of minutes of June 4, 2024

Motion to approve the June 4, 2024 minutes: Jessica Black

Seconded by: Ashley Kushneryk

Abstentions: Rebecca Sciotto, Kanza Mobin, Alaa Zaini, Diane Biard-Goble, Olga Ntokolas, Karima Tabbi, Marianne Botelho were not present at the meeting on June 4, 2024

5. Business arising from previous minutes of June 4, 2024

Positive feedback received by parents and teachers regarding the introduction of the Navy Blue uniform polo.

6. Approval of minutes of General Assembly, September 19, 2024

Correction needed for the spelling of **Sharone Callender's** name.

Motion to approve the September 19, 2024 minutes with corrections: Jessica Black

Seconded by: Diane Biard-Goble

Abstentions: All teachers and staff + Ilan Dahan were not present at the General Assembly

7. Correspondence

No new correspondence

8. Public Question Period

No questions from the public

9. New Business

9.1. Dates of Governing Board Meetings

November 21, 2024
December 12, 2024
January 16, 2025
February 20, 2025
March 13, 2025
April 10, 2025
May 22, 2025
June 5, 2025

Motion to approve the dates of the Governing Board Meetings: Diane Biard-Goble
Seconded by: Rona Lapidus

Motion presented to hold Governing Board Meetings Virtually via Teams.

Motion approved by: Rona Lapidus
Seconded by: Ernestina Oppong

9.2. Review of Internal Rules of Operation 2024-2025

Internal Rules of Operation Presented as a point of information.

9.3. Review of Annual Report 2023-2024

Due October 25, 2024. Will be completed and sent to the Governing Board for an e-vote by Vicky Pololos.

9.4. School activities/Field trips

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

Quinn Farm (Pumpkin Picking)

Date: October 23, 2024

Cost: \$30 per student (Portion paid by École Inspirante budget)

Classes: 18, 19, 20, 22, 21

Motion to approve the Grade 5 Pumpkin Picking outing by: Ilan Dahan

Seconded by: Ernestina Oppong

Results of the e-vote:

12 members voted to approve the outing

5 members abstained from the e-vote

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Enrichments at Gardenview

Dr. Camelia Birlean will be only be offering 1 Enrichment program to Gardenview for the 2024-2025 due to a shortage of staff and change in funding.

Motion to approve the Global Issues Problem Solving enrichment for grade 5 & 6

students by: Ashley Kushneryk

Seconded by: Marianne Botelho

Approved unanimously

Fieldtrips to be approved:

- Maison des arts (Grade 2) - November 14 - No cost to parents (paid by Sorties Milieu Culturel Budget)
- Maison des arts (Grade 1) - December 11 - No cost to parents (paid by Sorties Milieu Culturel Budget)
- Zoo Eco-Museum (K4) - May 7 - No cost to parents (paid by Sorties Milieu Culturel Budget)

Motion to approve 3 upcoming fieldtrips by: Rona Lapidus

Seconded by: Jacqueline Matuszewski

Approved unanimously

9.5. School Fundraisers

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

Terry Fox Walk Fundraiser

Location: Gardenview School Yard

Date: October 15, 2024

Time: 9:30 AM

Participants: Whole School

Motion to raise funds for the Terry Fox Walk, benefiting the Terry Fox Foundation on October 15, 2024 by: Johanne Boudreault

Seconded by: Jacqueline Matuszeuski

14 members voted to approve the fundraising activity

3 members abstained from the e-vote

Gardenview's participation in the Batshaw Youth & Family Centres Holiday Gift Campaign

Requesting holiday gift donations from the Gardenview Community for children & youth, aged 0 to 18 years old, who are clients of Batshaw Centre.

Gift Suggestions:

- Children 0-3 years - Toys, board games, educational games
- Older Children (14-18 years) - Board games, gift cards for restaurants, shopping malls, Canadian tire

Motion to participate in the Batshaw Youth & Family Centres Holiday Gift Campaign and request donations from Gardenview community: Ashley Kushneryk

Seconded by: Rona Lapidus

Approved unanimously

Gardenview Fundraiser in Collaboration with the SPCA

Fundraising campaign in support of the SPCA. Additionally, we will invite the SPCA Humane Education Team to give workshops to our students to complement the fundraiser.

Motion to approve the Gardenview Fundraiser benefitting the SPCA: Ashley Kushneryk

Seconded by: Diane Biard-Goble

10.Reports

10.1. Teachers - Nothing to report.

10.2. Principal

- **Phase 1 of Renovations:**

- Certain classrooms had floors replaced
- Paint completed in many classrooms
- Lighting is being updated - work should be completed by the new year.

- **Phase 2 of Renovations - Summer 2025**

- New windows to be installed throughout the building
- Ms. Zervas is trying to get blinds changed as well
- Main entrance will be renovated with new doors for increased safety

- **October 18 - Base and school will be closed**

- Training day for educators, techs and attendants

- **Enrollment:** 660 students

- Class of 2024 was a large graduating class
- Lower numbers is the reality in all English schools
- When temporary stay students receive permanent residency, they must go to French schools.

- **School Organization**

- October 15 is the last day for internal changes; classes can be split until then
- Decision to split classes is based on number of students present on September 30th and total number of students in each class.

- First Communication available on Mozaik as of October 11 - outlines academic and behavioural progress

- **Code Silver/Lockdown practice**

- Memo will go out to parents to inform them of date and time
- All staff have received training regarding proper procedure
- Instructions are given to children in an age appropriate manner

- **Anti-Bullying/Anti-Bullying Mandatory Training by the MEQ**

- All staff to undergo 2-hour training on how to identify, intervene and address incidents of bullying

10.3. Vice-Principal

Wonderful start to the year, students had a Mad Science activity to kick off the first week of school followed by an ice-cream treat offered by the Home & School.

10.4. Chairperson - Nothing to report

10.5. Treasurer - Nothing to report

10.6. Parents Committee Report(Delegate)

First PC meeting to take place on October 17

10.7. Home and School Liaison

- October 17 - Used Uniform Sale
- October 23 - First Home & School meeting - all are welcome
- October 24- Scholastic Book Fair during school hours
- ECAs to run from October 29 until mid-December
- Halloween treats will be provided to students - no candies, just a small toy
- Amelia page will have the option for parents to donate money so that Home & School can fund for children whose families cannot afford it
- School supply initiative - was relatively successful. Home & School believes that by providing parents more information ahead of time there will be more families who will use the service

10.8. BASE Report

Upcoming Ped days in November:

- November 1 - Waffles & Tye-dye
 - Charge of \$30.00 to parents to cover the ped day fee and the activity

Motion to approve the \$30 Waffles & Tye Dye BASE activity: Jessica Black

Seconded by: Ashley Kushneryk

Approved unanimously

10.9. Commissioner

Absent

11.Varia

- Discussion around the dangerous driving of parents in the neighbourhood
 - Ms. Zervas will have a meeting with the socio-community officer and will request more frequent sporadic checks around the school
 - Reminder to parents picking up and dropping off their children on Nantel not to block students from entering the yard

12.Date of Next meeting: November 21, 2024 at 7 PM via TEAMS

13.Adjournment - 8:37 PM

Motion to adjourn the Governing Board meeting: Rona Lapidus

Seconded by: Sharone Callender