



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2024

Minutes of the Governing board meeting held on April 16, 2024, virtually.

1. Attendance

- Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Vicky Pololos

Parent Representatives:

Vicky Pololos

Mark Monaghan

Diane Biard-Goble

Maisie Chen

Ilan Dahan

Jacqueline Matuszewski

Ashley Kushneryk

Tina Oppong (absent)

Sharone Callender

Jessica Black (alternate) (absent)

Lauren Perez (alternate)

George Varelas

Teaching Staff Representatives:

Sharon MacPherson

Nina Wong (absent)

Marianne Botelho

Emilia Luciano

Karima Tabbi Anneni (absent)

Michelle Anderson (absent)

Laure Bensoussan

Non-Teaching Professionals:

Deanna laizzo

Daycare Representative:

Paquita Nanton

Support staff:

Rona Lapidus

Home and School Representative

Jessica Black (absent)

Commissioner

James Kromida (absent)

Principal:

Elena Zervas

Vice-Principal:

Laura Fundaro

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved to approve: Sharon
- Second: Mark
- No abstentions

3. Approval of the minutes of March 19, 2024

- Mark: minutes did not reflect the concerns of parents who were worried about having less French for the Cycle 1 CCQ program – Prior minutes will be adjusted to reflect accordingly
- Ilan: expressed comment that previous meeting about CCQ felt more political and felt that it would have been beneficial if we all saw the curriculum before voting on it
- Approve: Ashley
- Second: Ilan
- Abstentions: Paquita

4. Business arising from the previous minutes of March 19, 2024

- No new business

5. Correspondence: None

6. Public Question period:

- None

7. New Business

7.1 School Calendar 2024-2025– for approval:

- Ms. Zervas reviewed the professional days selected by staff council for the 2024-2025 school calendar
- Approve: Jackie
- Second: Marianne
- Abstentions: Lauren

7.2. Merenda Hot Lunch Supplier – for approval

- Ms. Zervas: Merenda meals will cost \$7.25 in the upcoming school year, marking a \$0.50 increase. This price is comparable to other EMSB-approved caterers. We have a 20-year relationship with them, and they are located in VSL.
- Approve: Jackie
- Second: Sharone
- No abstentions/nays

7.3. Green Apple Photos 2024-2026 – For Approval

- Ms. Zervas: renewal for 2 years
- Approve: Ashley
- Second: Jackie
- No abstentions/nays

7.4. PELO

- Ms. Zervas: PELO is renewed annually, and classes will be offered if there are at least 14 students per class/language.
- Approve: Lauren
- Second: Ashley
- No abstentions/Nays

7.5. Building Blocks Math Tutorials (Grade 6) – for approval

- Ms. Zervas: Building Blocks math tutorials will be offered to Grade 6 students as an annual review of math concepts. The cost is approximately \$40 per student for two after-school sessions, with the school covering part of the expense to lower the price per student. This activity is not mandatory but is open to all Grade 6 students.
- Approve: Sharone
- Second: Ilan
- No abstentions/nays

8. Reports

8.1. Principal:

- Ms. Zervas: School enrollment is increasing, with 658 students as of the meeting, and we are still receiving applications. Ms. Zervas thanked everyone who helped during our open house, including our parent volunteers. She also expressed gratitude to the GHSA parent volunteers for organizing an elaborate French book fair.
- A sixth-grade student will represent Gardenview at the Montreal Bar, having been selected for his story on refugees.

8.2. Vice Principal:

- Ms. Fundaro:
 - Storytelling event at Willingdon
 - Prestigo presentation
 - Leucan shaved head challenge: \$7781 raised so far and 6 people including 2 Gardenview students volunteered to shave their heads
 - April 25th is first day of the EOC French exams
 - Art exhibition in May; Halo race in May; Gardenview Talent Show

8.3. Teachers:

- Nothing to report

8.4. Chairperson: no reports

8.5. Treasurer: no reports

8.6. Parents Committee Report (Delegate):

- Vicky: Presentation from Alloprof – tutoring modules and training tools for exam preparation ; Updating the policy regarding the movement from one cycle to another (ex elementary to high school)

8.7. Home and School Liaison:

- absent

8.8. BASE report:

- Paquita: presently doing registration for upcoming school year, approx. 125 students; preparing Day Care appreciation week

8.9. Commissioner: absent

9. Varia:

10. Next meeting: May 14, 2024

11. Adjournment at 7:46 p.m.

- *Approved unanimously; no abstentions*

Principal

Date:

Governing Board Chair

Date: