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JOHN CABOTO ACADEMY

GOVERNING BOARD

April 1, 2026

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:

GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR: Vanessa Chimienti

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Vanessa Brisson, Vanessa Chimienti, Tilda Carbone, Angie Michael, and Amanda Palmieri

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES: Jessica Attardo, Katia Codipietro, Anna Mignacca, Sandra Petrillo, and Alexander Rosauri

PRINCIPAL: Ms. Sonia Marotta

COMMUNITY REP: Rosemarie Federico

REGRETS: Tilda Carbone, Rosemarie Federico, Anna Mignacca, Sandra Petrillo

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

Motioned by Ms. Palmieri, seconded by Ms. Michael, unanimously approved.

2. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 11, 2026.

The minutes from the Governing Board meeting of February 11, 2026 was adopted.

Motioned by Ms. Codipietro, seconded by Mr. Rosauri, unanimously approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

4. REPORTS

4.1 Chairperson's Report

None

4.2 Principal's Report

LEARN Quebec:

LEARN Quebec is a resource available to anglophone students across the province, offering free online tutoring. In the past, the government funded LEARN Quebec directly, and LEARN provided its own tutoring spots for students seeking support. EMSB students used it frequently. Now, the Ministry of Education gives the funding to the school boards instead. The total amount of funding has not changed, but it is distributed among English school boards based on usage, which is why some parents are being locked out once the maximum is reached. The funding was not cut; it was simply redirected from LEARN to the school boards.

4.3 Teacher's Report

Special Olympics:

On April 1st, selected students from WINGS took part in the Special Olympics at McGill University. The event went very well, and our students represented JCA with pride.

Storytelling:

The school storytelling competition took place last week, and everyone did a wonderful job. Dylan and Sofia will be presenting their stories next Tuesday at Gerald McShane Elementary School. Thank you to Ms. Christine and Ms. Mignacca for their support.

Festival du livre

Our annual Festival du livre will take place on April 15.

Science Fair

On Friday, May 8, students from Grades 4–6 will be presenting their science fair projects.

Cepsum:

On April 17, K5 to Grade 6 students will visit CEPSUM, a sports complex at Université de Montréal. K5 to Grade 3 will enjoy gym activities, while Grades 4 to 6 will participate in supervised swimming.

4.4 Daycare’s Report

None

4.5 Parent Committee Delegate’s Report

Committee meeting held on March 12, 2026

Key points include:

Parent Governance Events: In-person workshops were canceled due to low RSVPs, and all attendees are directed to an online session on April 15, 2026.

Budget Review and Advocacy: Members were reminded to review school budgets using a provided guide. Letters addressing budget cuts, surplus use, and governing board email accounts were sent to relevant authorities, but substantive responses are pending.

Public Question-Period Concerns: The EMSB PC condemned restrictions on public participation in Council of Commissioners meetings. A follow-up letter was sent, and the council emphasized in-person attendance while monitoring exclusion patterns.

Climate Readiness and LEARN Tutoring: Letters were sent to EMSB administration regarding climate-related school closures and changes to LEARN tutoring funding, with no responses yet.

High School Calendar Adjustments: In-person learning days will be extended in June to compensate for lost class time during exam periods.

Parent Workshops: Upcoming workshops include cybersecurity for children (March 26) and survey results on Quebec family wellbeing (March 30).

Parent Commissioner Report: Updates include the formation of an Environmental Sustainability subcommittee and formal recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Budget-Building Exercise: Part one focused on prioritizing educational services over compliance with new Ministry of Education budget parameters.

4.6 Community Representative’s Report

None

4.7 Commissioner’s Report (Susan Perera)

None

4.8 Treasurer's Report

None

4.9 PPO & Fundraising Report

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Confirmation of Email Approvals

5.1.1 Ice Cream Truck

5.2 JCA's 2026-2027 Budget Building Process

The budget building process of the 2026-2027 school year was presented.

Motioned by Ms. Palmieri, seconded by Ms. Codipietro, unanimously approved.

5.3 National Demin Day Fundraiser (May 12, 2026) Fundraiser

A motion was passed that JCA have a Demin day fundraiser for breast cancer awareness. Students will be permitted to wear jeans on May 12 and all monies collected will go towards breast cancer research.

Motioned by Mr. Rosauri, seconded by Ms. Michael, unanimously approved.

6. PPO

6.1 Super Recycleurs Fundraiser

The fundraiser will be held on May 26th. More information to follow.

6.2 JCA Game Night

On May 1st, from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., we will be hosting a board game workshop evening, there will be different activity stations. Every child must be accompanied by at least one parent.

More information to follow.

7. VARIA

None

8. QUESTION PERIOD

None

9. NEXT MEETING SUGGESTED DATE: May 20, 2026

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Motioned by Mr. Rosauri, seconded by Ms. Codipietro, unanimously approved.

Sonia Marotta, Principal

Vanessa Chimienti, Chairperson