



## **Académie John Caboto Academy**

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### **JOHN CABOTO ACADEMY**

#### **GOVERNING BOARD**

**February 11, 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: Rosemarie Federico

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#### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted.

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

#### **2. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 14, 2026**

The minutes from the Governing Board meeting of January 14, 2026 was adopted.

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

#### **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

None

#### **4. REPORTS**

##### **4.1 Chairperson's Report**

None

##### **4.2 Principal's Report**

Thank you to the PPO for their continued support of our school, especially during certain events throughout the year. With recent budget cuts, their contributions have been incredibly helpful in allowing us to continue providing special activities and opportunities for our students.

##### **4.3 Teacher's Report**

###### Hockey Match:

On January 28, our hockey match was a great success! Our students played well, and it was wonderful to see everyone come together to support their classmates. The event truly showcased our school spirit and strong sense of community.

###### Canada Hockey Game Viewing:

On February 12, all our students gathered in the gymnasium to watch the first period of the Team Canada men's Olympic hockey game.

###### Basketball playday:

On Friday, February 13, our Cycle 3 students will participate in the GMAA Basketball Tournament at Lester B. Pearson High School.

#### Mural:

Our Grade 6 students created a beautiful mural in our school entrance with the supervision of Mr. Yannick. Thank you to Ms. Franca for organizing this activity.

#### Winter Carnival:

Our Winter Carnival took place on January 22, and students had a fantastic time participating in outdoor activities such as snowshoeing, sledding, soccer, and hockey. To warm up after all the fun, students were also treated to a hot chocolate. Thank you to our volunteers and to the organizing committee for planning such a fun and memorable morning for our students.

#### Cycle 3 EOC Exams:

The following dates represent the Grade 6 End-of-Cycle exam schedule:

French: April 27 to May 11

ELA: May 19 to June 2

Math: June 9 to June 11

#### Graduation Photo/Retake

On Tuesday, March 10, our Grade 6 students will be taking their graduation photos. Students who were absent on the original photo day will also have the opportunity to take their photo.

#### **4.4 Daycare's Report**

Daycare tax receipts will be uploaded to the Mozaik portal by the end of the month.

Ms. Melina has started a new afternoon program called Visible Mending, where students learn basic sewing skills and how to repair clothing in a creative and sustainable way.

#### **4.5 Parent Committee Delegate's Report**

##### **Critical Advocacy & Action Items**

**Public Participation Restrictions:** The EMSB Chair has eliminated the option for mail-in or online questions; participation is now restricted to those physically present at meetings. The Parents' Committee (PC) has issued a formal statement opposing this as a barrier to accessibility.

**High School Crossing Guards:** A petition to allow high schools to be eligible for crossing guards is open until February 12, 2026. GBs are encouraged to share this with their communities

**Budget Building 2026-2027:** Governing Boards (GB) must prioritize local spending needs now. This is a critical exercise due to current budget cuts and restrictions on using board surplus funds.

**Library Services:** Data reveals inconsistent access to library services and staff across the board. Parents are encouraged to use GB motions and budget feedback to advocate for better service levels at their specific schools.

##### **Upcoming Events & Workshops**

##### **Workshop: Parent Governance 101**

*Topic:* "Making Your Voice Count at School"

March 18, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM (West End)

March 25, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM (East End)

April 15, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM (Virtual)

##### **Webinar: Preparing for School Meetings:**

March 11, 2026, at 6:30 PM with Dr. Alexandra Arraiz.

**National Survey on Family Well-Being:** Anonymous survey hosted by EPCA closing February 13, 2026. Parents are encouraged to fill it out.

### **School Operations & Services**

**LEARN Tutoring Changes:** Funding is now managed by individual school boards rather than LEARN directly. Private school students (AJDS/QAIS) are no longer eligible for these services.

**Phys Ed Equipment:** There are currently no formal board-wide guidelines for equipment maintenance. The PC is requesting a clear procedure for how maintenance requests are tracked.

**Climate Readiness:** A subcommittee is developing guidelines for extreme heat, cold, and emergency home learning plans for climate-related school closures.

**2026-2027 Calendar:** The upcoming school year will feature a September start date.

### **Communications & Resources**

**Official GB Emails:** The PC is advocating to the Ministry of Education for official email addresses for all Governing Boards to improve professional communication.

**Parent Resource Guide:** A revised and redesigned resource guide for families will be distributed shortly via School Messenger.

**Teams Communication:** IT Services is setting up a dedicated Teams channel for committee communications and document storage.

## **4.6 Community Representative's Report**

None

## **4.7 Commissioner's Report (Susan Perera)**

The board recognized Tamil Heritage Celebration.

EMSB proudly recognized Black History Month with many initiatives across EMSB schools.

The board approved a resolution to formally recognize January 27 as Holocaust Remembrance Day. This date will be officially recognized by the EMSB moving forward.

Staff Appreciation Week is an important time to recognize the dedication and care of our teachers and administrators. On behalf of the Board, we express our deep gratitude for all they do.

There is now an Environmental Committee that was created and Ms. Perera is the Vice Chair.

The EMSB has challenged the tax commission in court because they changed how school taxes are being collected and it will negatively impact our board.

## **4.8 Treasurer's Report**

None

## **4.9 PPO & Fundraising Report**

Fratelliz Pizza Kit Fundraiser: 153 kits were sold, with a profit of \$1165.86.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Confirmation of Email Approvals**

**5.1.1 Staff Appreciation Lunch**

**5.2 JCA's 2025 – 2026 Budget**

The budget for the 2025-2026 school year was presented by Ms. Marotta.  
Motioned by Ms. Mignacca, seconded by Ms. Codipietro, unanimously approved.

**5.3 Principal's Criteria 2026 - 2027**

The Principal's Criteria for 2026 - 2027 were presented to all Governing Board members.  
Motioned by Ms. Brisson, seconded by Ms. Codipietro, unanimously approved.

**5.4 Cycliste Averti 2026**

The Cycle 3 teachers, in collaboration with Mr. Joseph and Ms. Codipietro, would like to take the students out for a biking activity to promote and ensure bike safety.  
Motioned by Ms. Michael, seconded by Ms. Palmieri unanimously approved.

**6. PPO**

**6.1 Bottle/Can Fundraiser**

This will be our next fundraiser for the school year.  
Motioned by Mr. Rosauri, seconded by Ms. Carbone, unanimously approved.

**7. VARIA**

None

**8. QUESTION PERIOD**

None

**9. NEXT MEETING SUGGESTED DATE: April 1, 2026**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.  
Motioned by Mr. Rosauri, seconded by Ms. Codipietro, unanimously approved.

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Sonia Marotta, Principal

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Vanessa Chimienti, Chairperson