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CEDARCREST SCHOOL
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 7 Oct 2025

Attendees - Members:
Maria Argyriou, Raymond Ayas, Lorraine Bélanger, Julie Buckland, Claudie Laplante, Jennifer Marsan, Jessica Sabatini, Khadija Shabbir, Georgia Stamatopoulos, Stephanie Vezina-Tulli 2/2 2/2

Absentees – Members: n/a

Public in Attendance: Marylène Favreau

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was held in person and started around 6:40 pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Proposal for a trip
Use of Governing Board funds

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt today's Agenda was put forth by Raymond Ayas, seconded by Stephanie Vezina-Tulli and carried by members in attendance.

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATE

No minutes were presented for adoption.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nothing to approve.

6. BUSINESS ISSUES

A. Voting

a. Chair: Jessica Sabatini was re-elected by acclamation.
b. Vice-Chair: Khadija Shabbir was proposed by Jessica Sabatini, seconded by Raymond Ayas, and the proposal was carried by members in attendance.
c. Secretary: this function was not filled as a consensus to share the responsibility was established.

B. Activity Dismissal

a. Principal will address the issue of dismissal with those responsible for after-school activities. They must wait for parents to pick the children before leaving.
b. Should a parent be more than five minutes late, the child will be automatically registered in daycare.
c. Next year, we must revise our contracts to reflect this responsibility to supervise the children and the automatic daycare registration. We will also instruct that service providers do the same with their own contracts with the parents.

C. Soccer

The principal is to communicate with Rocco as to the reasons for changes in service. The school will take this trimester to evaluate and may suggest further changes in the future, in collaboration with him.

D. Construction

The principal informed the project manager of a certain number of non-conformities in work, including but not limited to issues with doors, telephones, a storage area still locked, gaps in the fence, non-functional radiators, dirty radiators, some equipment not installed or assembled, and nails in the parking lot.

E. Outdoor Recess

a. Proposal by Julie Buckland to make Cedarcrest known as an "outdoor school" where time spent outside is a priority and "risky play" is encouraged.
b. A document defining risky play was submitted, titled "Healthy childhood development through outdoor risky play", published by the Canadian Paediatric Society.

F. Social Media Post

Julie Buckland drafted a letter to promote the school with the purpose of increasing enrolment. Said letter will be modified and sent out by School Messenger communication and published on our social media.

7. REPORTS

A. Principal's Report: Otis Delaney

a. Dress down day scheduled for October 10, theme is Fall colours
b. Picture day October 21
c. Halloween events on October 31
d. Huge turnout for basketball
e. Gymnastics program only has 7-8 students registered

B. Teacher's Report

Nothing to report

C. Commissioner's Report

Not present, no written report provided

D. EMSB Parents Committee Report

a. Apple picking event in Laval was a success
b. Bowling for next ped day

E. Daycare Report: Principal

No report

F. Home & School Report:

a. May add new activities
b. Need to approve fundraising ventures

1. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. Trip to Ottawa on Thursday, June 4th, 2026 with two museum visits, a tour of the capital, and dinner. Travel on a luxury bus, capacity 50 people which would accommodate 4 adults and all Grade 5 students. Payment of $50 per child by October 20th, 2025 with a balance of $75 in February 2026. Motion in favour proposed by Raymond Ayas, seconded by Julie Buckland, carried without opposition.

b. Maria Argyriou proposes to use the Governing Board budget for food / snacks during our meeting, seconded by Julie Buckland, carried.

8. QUESTION PERIOD

N/A

9. NEXT MEETINGS

Nov 5 / Dec 10 / Jan 21 / Mar 11 / Apr 15 / May 13 / Jun 3

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned around 8:45 PM.

Minutes By: Raymond Ayas

Signature: Chair, Jessica Sabatini

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