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CEDARCREST SCHOOL
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Date November 5, 2025

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

Absentees – Members: None

Public in Attendance: None

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was held in person. The meeting started at 6:35pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- None

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt today's Agenda was put forth by Maria Argyriou, seconded by Julie Buckland and carried by members in attendance.

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATE

Adjustment made switching information in points D and E in previous minutes.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the October 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes was put forth by Lorraine Belanger, seconded by Stephanie Vezina-Tulli and carried by members in attendance.

6. BUSINESS ISSUES

a. Internal Rules

- Governing Board shall comprise four staff plus daycare representative and five parents.
- Position of chairperson is a one year term and shall be re-elected every year.
- Importance of directing questions to the chairperson.
- Agenda and minutes shall be sent out 4 days before the next meeting, provision to add in last minute issue if the need arises.

b. Bill 94 Update

- Bill was passed last week and could significantly impact our school community. Haven't heard anything from the school board.

c. Subject Time Allocation

- As of the 2026-2027 school year:
    - Cycle 1 will have 30 mins of arts dramatiques added and 30 mins of physical education reduced.
    - Cycles 2 and 3 will have 30 min of science added and 30 mins of physical education reduced.

d. Field Trip Approval

- Seeking motion for blanket approval of all field trips $30 or less.

Motion to approve all field trips under $30 was put forth by Jessica Sabatini, seconded by Julie Buckland and carried by members in attendance.

e. Book and Puzzle Sale

- Seeking motion to approve book and puzzle sale which will take place during the parent teacher interviews on November 27th and 28th.

Motion to approve Book and Puzzle Sale was put forth by Stephanie Vezina-Tulli, seconded by Jennifer Marsan and carried by members in attendance.

f. EMSB Social Media Coverage

- Cedarcrest not being covered on EMSB social media despite the many awesome things we do.

- Possibility of sending a letter or inviting Board members to a school event, ex variety show.

g. Outdoor Policy Update

- Issue regarding rainy days: kids get wet, need to change clothing, takes away from instructional time.
- Might take time for kids and families to adjust, possibility of sending a reminder email to parents.

h. Play Yard Grants

- Looking into applying for grants to improve our outdoor play space.
  - Natural play zone, boulders and logs.
  - Adding eight trees, staff pointed out drawbacks to adding more trees, possibility of replacing trees with an outdoor classroom.
  - Possibility of having an ecological sub committee.

i) School Wide Composting

- Mr. Ryan through daycare already does some composting.
- Staff brought up how recycling is already an issue.
- Examples of previous schools who tried it and ran into issues with insects.
- Importance of composting raised by a parent.
- Need to contact city to ask if they'll give us appropriately sized compost bins.
- Agreement on starting to compost brown paper.

7. REPORTS

a. Principal's Report: Otis Delaney

- Open House will take place November 13 - 3 sessions.
- Parent Teacher interviews will take place on November 27 and 28. Bake sale and Used book sale will take place at the same time.
- Dress down day will take place on Nov 6.
- Educating with Empathy: teacher workshops and virtual presentation for parents.
- Halloween safety: grade 6 leadership students did a skit which went very well.
- Emphasis on literacy and starting a new literacy program UFLI.
- Report cards will now be separated by grade and not cycle.
- Teachers Convention taking place Nov 7.

b. Teacher's Report: Stephanie Vezina-Tulli

- Nothing to report

c. Commissioner's Report

- None

d. EMSB Parents Committee Report: Jessica Sabatini

- A few parent commissioners have expressed interest in attending one of our governing board meetings.

e. Daycare Report: Georgia Stamatopoulos

- Went bowling on the last ped day.
- Daycare will be closed on Nov 7 due to a workshop.

f. Home & School Report: Jennifer Marsan

- Three balls were purchased per class, need to follow up on final number of balls per class.
    - Issue was raised of balls becoming hard in winter, possibility of purchasing winter balls.
- Looking to hold a raffle fundraiser in early Dec, trying to gather different gift options.

8. QUESTION PERIOD

- None

9. Next meeting

- Date of next meeting: December 10, 2025.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Minutes By: Khadija Shabbir Signature: Chair, Jessica Sabatini