

Dalkeith Governing Board Minutes
Thursday, April 30th, 2026 (7pm Teams)

Present: Olha Dudych, Christina Mancini , Sonia D’Addario, Tamu Townsend, Mary Manna, Stephanie Mallozzi, Patty Vlakis, AJ, Patty Smyth

John Wright (Principal), Maria Corsi (Commissioner)

Absent: Christina lafrancesco, Catherine Lafleur, Francesca Vaccaro, Megan Scott

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.
2. Approval of agenda with amendments
No additions to the agenda were requested. Mr. Wright noted that he would share a few informational items at the end of the Principal’s Report for future consideration.
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting
The previous minutes were approved with no corrections or additions.
All in favor.
4. Ongoing Business (Emailed Resolutions if any):
There were no emailed resolutions to read into the minutes.
5. Principals Report:
 - 5.1 Current State of Budget
LTMR the Principal, Mr. J. Wright went over the current state of the budget
Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously
 - 5.2 School Calendar 2025-2026
BIRT the 2025-2026 Dalkeith Governing Board adopt the 2026-2027 school calendar as presented. Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously
 - Mr. Wright reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 school calendar and explained that many of the purple pedagogical days are fixed by the school board.
 - The school year will begin on September 1. The Christmas break will run from December 18 to January 1, with a compensation day placed after the break due to the calendar structure.
 - A local pedagogical day was placed on November 20 for work related to the Educational Project. The usual compensation day after parent-teacher interviews will be moved to January 4.
 - 5.3 End of Year “Up to Budgets”

BIRT the 2025-2026 Dalkeith Governing Board approve an up to budget of \$4,000.00 from Fund 3 and Fund 8 for year-end activities, including graduation, ABC Countdown, preschool farewell, carnival, and related activities.

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

5.4 Lunch Provider

BIRT the 2025/2026 Dalkeith GB approve *Meranda* to be the hot meal provider for 2026 2027

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

5.5 School Photo Provider

BIRT the 2025-2026 Dalkeith Governing Board approve continuing with Lifetouch as the school photographer provider for 2026-2027.

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

5.6 Student Planner/Agenda

BIRT the 2025-2026 Dalkeith Governing Board approve continuing with Premier Agenda for student agendas for 2026-2027.

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

5.7 GB Social Funds

BIRT the 2025/2026 Dalkeith GB approve a budget of up to \$25.00 for each GB member (including alternates) to supplement the end of year social meeting typically held at a restaurant (TBD).

5.8 School Rules

BIRT the 2025-2026 Dalkeith Governing Board approve the school rules as outlined in the agenda insert and posted on the school website.

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

5.9 Field Trips and In-School Activities

BIRT the 2025-2026 Dalkeith Governing Board approve the Cycle 2 field trip to the Science Centre and Old Port on May 20, at no cost to parents.

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

5.10 Cycle 1 Pool Outing

BIRT the 2025-2026 Dalkeith Governing Board approve the Cycle 1 outing to Annie Pelletier Pool on May 29, at no cost to parents.

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

5.11 Ceramic Café In-School Activity

BIRT the 2025-2026 Dalkeith Governing Board approve the Ceramic Café in-school activity for preschool and Cycle 1 on May 6 at no cost to parents.

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

5.12 Preschool and Cycle 1 Cooking Activity

BIRT the 2025-2026 Dalkeith Governing Board approve a cooking activity for preschool and Cycle 1 on May 20, at no cost to parents.

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

5 Teacher's Report: Stephanie Mallozzi and Patty Vlakis

- April was I Love to Read Month. Activities included teachers reading to other classes, buddy reading, door decorating, daily staff favorite-book photos, and a school-wide story.
- A Shakespeare play was presented and was well received by students.
- Earth Day activities included planting grass and flowers and other classroom activities.
- A poet/speaker visited the school for an anti-bullying presentation, arranged through the spiritual animator.
- Students and staff were recognized for reaching their House Color milestones/targets. As a reward, a school-wide spaghetti lunch was provided to all students and staff.
- Students will receive a free book at the end of I Love to Read Month. Books were obtained through the Canadian Children's Book Centre.
- Upcoming May and June activities include field trips for Cycle 2, Cycle 1, and preschool, as well as in-school activities and the ABC Countdown for the month of June.

6 Regional Delegate Report: Meghan Scott

Meghan Scott was not present. No report was given.

7 P.P.O. Report Presented by Mr. Wright (Christina lafrancesco absent)

- The pizza fundraiser is currently underway and ends tomorrow.
- At the time of the meeting, 33 pizza orders had been received, with an estimated profit of approximately \$330.
- Mr. Wright noted that fundraising remains challenging due to the current economic climate and reduced disposable income for families.

9. Commissioner's Report: Maria Corsi

- The last board meeting took place on April 21.
- In honour of National Volunteer Week, a reception was held to recognize parent volunteers. Maria thanked Dalkeith's parent volunteers for their contributions and engagement.
- The Board approved the dates of regular board meetings for the 2026-2027 school year. Meetings will return to Wednesday evenings.
- The Board adopted a revised budget. Following government refusal of the previously adopted deficit budget, the Board reduced the projected deficit from approximately \$7.8 million to approximately \$2.6 million.
- The Board will be required to prepare a three-year recovery plan.
- The East End storytelling event took place on April 7 at Gerald McShane. Several schools participated, including Dalkeith, Students did an excellent job.

10. New Business for Next Meeting

- School fees will be presented at the next meeting once teachers submit workbooks, bulk order requests, and supply lists.
- Lunch fees will be standardized board-wide. The fee will be based on lunch supervision costs and will apply consistently across schools. More information will follow at the next meeting.
- A new Standards and Procedures Summary document will be introduced as an informational item for Governing Board. This will become an annual May/June item going forward.
- Olha and Mr. Wright will determine whether the June meeting and year-end social will be combined or held separately

Adjournment motioned by Olha D that meeting be adjourned at 8:20 pm, seconded by Mary M. All in Favor.

J. Wright, Principal

O. Dudych, Chairperson