



École Primaire  
**East Hill**

**Elementary School**

10350 Bd Perras, Montréal, QC H1C 2H1

**Governing Board Meeting # 3**

Monday, February 23, 2026

7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

**AGENDA**

<b>Parent Members</b>	<b>Staff Members</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Tania Mendonca	Antonella Andricciola	Mr. Rebelo	M. Mercuri
Christina Mallozzi	Kayla Liberatore	Nadia Barrafato	
Gennifer Girardello	Connie Cirella		
Damien Caruso	Catherine Laberge		
Alicia Di Stefano			
Sabrina Di Iorio			
Domenico Cotugno			

**Member Regrets & Absences:**

<b>Parent Members</b>	<b>School Staff Members</b>	<b>Administration</b>
Josianne Gelfusa	Mme Benghomrani	Mrs. Excellent

**1. Welcome**

7:07 meeting commences

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

**None**

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

MOTION TO: Adopt the Agenda

MOVED BY: Damian Caruso

SECONDED: Catherine Laberge

VOTE: Unanimous



#### **4. Approval of Minutes of Meetings**

Meeting # 3 – January 26, 2026 (document attached)

MOTION TO: Adopt the minutes

MOVED BY: Catherine Laberge

SECONDED: Alicia Di Stefano

VOTE: Unanimous

#### **5. Business Arising from Minutes**

None

#### **6. Public Question Period**

None

#### **7. New Business**

7.1 SchoolBudget (document attached)

Mr. Rebelo presents the 2025-2026 School Budget.

Mr. Rebelo carefully addresses funds 1-5-6-7. He explains the budget must be balanced to zero.

Mr. Rebelo addresses fund 3, which he explains was covered last year.

MOTION TO: Adopt the School Budget 2025-2026

MOVED BY: Damian Caruso

SECONDED: Alicia Di Stefano

VOTE: Unanimous



## 7.2 Budget Review (document attached)

Mr. Rebelo presents the document; he explains we are sitting in an excellent position with fund 5.

He continues to explain that fund 6 has many budgets that represents expenses that are “in and out” and not controlled by the school. While those that are controlled by the school are mainly used for human resources.

Review of fund 7, capital budget, this document represents items that last over a certain period of time.

Not all expenses have been processed yet.

Next, Mr Rebelo reviews fund 3, he adds that it is healthy for a school of our size.

## 7.3 School Survey Results

Mr. Rebelo explains that the school survey is conducted in order to determine if parents are satisfied with different services being offered. The results are as follows:

Green Apple Photography: 81% Satisfied Traiteur Merenda 73% Satisfied Afterschool Activities: 100% Satisfied

Discussion:

Ms. Mallozzi raised questions concerning how many families completed the survey

Mr. Rebelo specified 54 families.

Ms. Girardello added that perhaps the number is a result of not all parents using all the services.

Ms. Mallozzi added that perhaps it would be more user friendly if the survey did not reroute parents to another tab.

Ms. Di Iorio added that Google accounts are also a factor regarding handling the files.

**MOTION TO: Adopt the School Survey Results**

**MOVED BY: Catherine Laberge**

**SECONDED: Christina Mallozzi**

**VOTE: 1 abstention Damian Caruso**



#### 7.4 Budget Building Process (document attached)

Mr. Rebelo reviews and explains the document with members, detailing 5 priorities from last year and whether or not we would be interested in resubmitting them as well as our guiding principals.

Ms. Mallozzi asks if our budget is based on enrollment, how is it looking for next year based on the February registration period.

Mr. Rebelo responds that we are comfortable with our steady number for next year.

Mr. Mercuri speaks to the government and school board process suggesting we should receive a surplus in budget, suggesting an amendment for point number two. The members agree they would like the school board to put pressure on the government to let schools use the surplus as desired. As a result the decision of this Budget Building Process has been tabled. Mr. Rebelo will draft a document and Governing Board members' approval is pending.

### 8. Reports

#### 8.1 Commissioner

Mr. Mercuri recalled that at the last meeting on February 10th, the Council recognized Luca Masciotra, a student from Westmount High School, who has emerged as an innovator and a leader. Mr. Mercuri summarizes Luca Masciotra's many accomplishments including founding of Wirkunft, a company focused on reshaping social systems to better support vulnerable populations. As well as being a head delegate for the Model UN competition and the youngest guest lecture at Mc Gill University.

The Council also had presentation reviews and calendar approvals.

#### 8.2 Chairperson

- Nothing to report given her absence at the meeting.

#### 8.3 Principal

Ms. Barrafato reported that the black history month performance by Luc Bambara was a success.

On February 12th, preschool celebrate their 100th day of school with a visit by parents and a performance by a magician.

As part of their hooked on school campaign on February 16th, East Hill invited Joe Veleno returned to his roots as a former East Hill Student. He took the time to speak to the older cycles in an assembly, and later visited lower grades and pre school students in their classroom. It was a full circle moment which generated excitement amongst the students and reminded them of the power of determination.



Finally, upcoming on February 23rd, which is Anti-Bullying Day, a guest speaker named Samara O’Gorman will present to the students. Mary Poulas will also be reading to the lower grade levels.

Administration thanked the Home and School (HS) committee for organizing and supporting the activities.

#### 8.4 Teachers

Ms. Kayla reported that the cycle two field trip to Pointes-aux-Prairies was a success, with some students calling it “best field trip ever”. Children learned about animal habitats and enjoyed outdoor movement with their teachers.

Teachers are also dealing with the end of the term, report cards are underway.

#### 8.5 Daycare

Ms. Connie had nothing to report.

#### 8.6 Home & School

Ms. Mendonca reports that all the volunteers just finished all their hard work for teacher and staff appreciation week activities and are now moving in to end of year preparations.

Ms. Liberatore added a big thank you from the staff.

#### 8.7 EPC

Ms. Di Iorio will send highlights.

### Next Meeting March 16 / Adjournment 7: 44pm: Mallozzi - Di Stefano

MOTION TO: adjourn the meeting

MOVED BY: Christina Mallozzi

SECONDED: Alicia Di Stefano

VOTE: Unanimous

Signatures:

Date:

Principal

Governing Board Chair

April 30, 2026

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