



École Primaire
East Hill

Elementary School

10350 Bd Perras, Montréal, QC H1C 2H1

Governing Board Meeting # 5

Monday, April 27, 2026

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Members Present:

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

Member Regrets & Absences:

Parent Members	School Staff Members	Administration
		Mrs. Excellent

1. Welcome

2. Additions to the Agenda

None

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION TO: Adopt the Agenda

MOVED BY: Alicia Di Stefano

SECONDED: Gennifer Girardello

VOTE: Unanimous

4. Approval of Minutes of Meetings

Meeting # 4 – February 23, 2026 (document attached)

MOTION TO: Adopt the minutes

MOVED BY: Christina Mallozzi

SECONDED: Tania Mendonca

VOTE: Unanimous

5. Question period

None

6. Business arising from minutes

None

7. New Business

7.1 Financial operations (document attached)

Mr. Rebelo explains:

THAT certain financial transactions relating to the fiscal year 2025 have not been approved by resolution at the appropriate time;

THAT the financial statements for said fiscal year were nonetheless audited by the auditors and prepared on the basis of such transactions;

THAT the English Montreal School Board did not previously process the said resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

we hereby ratify, confirm, and retroactively approve the financial transactions carried out during the fiscal year ending on December 31st, 2025, as reflected in the audited financial statements for the 2025 fiscal year.

This approval is intended to regularize the administrative and documentary record with respect to such financial transactions not previously authorized by formal resolution.

MOTION TO: Adopt the financials operations

MOVED BY: Catherine Laberge

SECONDED: Christina Mallozzi

VOTE: Unanimous

7.2 Student Code of conduct 2026-2027 (document attached)

Mr. Rebelo presents the proposed revisions to the Code of Conduct for the 2026–2027 school year:

- As part of the annual review process, members examined the updated Code of Conduct, with all proposed amendments highlighted for ease of reference.
- On page 1, terminology updates were made to ensure consistency and clarity.
- The anti-bullying section was renamed to align with terminology used by the English Montreal School Board.
- On page 2, provisions relating to electronic devices were added.
- On page 3, following requests from parents, an additional uniform colour option, namely navy, was added for tops. Further clarifications were also made regarding acceptable types of tops, along with revisions to physical education attire requirements for students from pre-kindergarten to Grade 2.
- Minor typographical corrections were made throughout the document.
- On page 4, additional clarifications were included regarding school bus safety and conduct, including the requirement for a complete stop before boarding or exiting, respectful and polite behaviour toward others, and prohibitions against throwing objects on the bus.
- Mr. Rebelo answers questions from members regarding the proposed amendments.

MOTION TO: Adopt the Code of conduct for the 2026-2027 school year

MOVED BY: Alicia Di Stefano

SECONDED: Christina Malozzi

VOTE: Unanimous

7.3 School calendar 2026-2027 (document attached)

Mr. Rebelo reviewed certain technical aspects of the calendar, noting the following:

- Due to elections scheduled to be held in October and given that the school will be used as a polling station, adjustments were required to certain pedagogical days to accommodate voting activities.
- The first day of school is scheduled for September 1, 2026.
- Dates highlighted in green indicate local pedagogical days.
- The last day of the school year is scheduled for June 23, 2027.

MOTION TO: Adopt the school calendar 2026-2027

MOVED BY: Tania Mendonca

SECONDED: Kayla Liberatore

VOTE: Unanimous

7.4 Student timetable 2026-2027 (document attached)

The document presented remains unchanged from the previous year.

MOTION TO: Adopt the timetable 2026-2027

MOVED BY: Christina Mallozzi

SECONDED: Gennifer Girardello

VOTE: Unanimous

7.5 Subject time allocation 2026-2027 (document attached)

The document presented remains unchanged from the previous year.

MOTION TO: Adopt the subject time allocation 2026-2027

MOVED BY: Catherine Laberge

SECONDED: Christina Mallozzi

VOTE: Unanimous

7.6 Charitable cause 2026-2027

- Mrs. Barafatto presents the charitable organization selected for the 2026–2027 school year, namely the Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada in Montreal.
- The organization was selected considering the quality of its proposed presentation for students, as well as its well-structured educational component, which was considered appropriate and adaptable to the various student age groups.
- Mrs. Barafatto explained the criteria used in selecting charitable organizations. She noted that the chosen cause must be one that can be meaningfully presented to children, resonates with students, and is supported by an integrated educational component, including presentations, resources, and opportunities for representatives to engage directly with the school community and students.

MOTION TO: Adopt the charitable cause selected

MOVED BY: Connie Cirella

SECONDED: Alicia Di Stefano

VOTE: Unanimous

7.7 Basketball provider 2026-2027

Basketball activities are back and will be offered by **Kevin Mondésir** for a period of **9 weeks**. The program fee will range from **\$100 to \$120**, depending on the level selected.

Different skill levels will be available, from **beginner to intermediate**.

MOTION TO: Adopt the basketball activity

MOVED BY: Catherine Laberge

SECONDED: Gennifer Girardello

VOTE: Unanimous

7.8 Lunch caterer 2026-2027

The lunch caterer has proposed a price increase from \$7.30 to \$7.45 per meal. Given current inflation rates, the increase appears reasonable.

MOTION TO: Allow the increase

MOVED BY: Damien Caruso

SECONDED: Catherine Laberge

VOTE: Majority

7.9 Field trips & activities

Ms Barafatto presents the different activities and field trips:

- Grades 3 and 4 will attend the Halo Rac on May 14th
- Selected students of grade 5 will attend a track and field course at Riverpark on May 27th
- Grades 4 and 5 selected students will have a plein-air walk at the Rivière-des-Milles-Îles' Park.

MOTION TO: the field trips and activities

MOVED BY: Alicia Di Stefano

SECONDED: Gennifer Girardello

VOTE: Unanimous

7.10 Recording of electronic votes

Here are the electronic votes that the members of the board held in between meetings:

- A vote to adopt the budget building, guiding principals, criteria & related orientations document.
- Adopt field trips.

8. Reports

8.1 Commissioner

- The last meeting began with a **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**, followed by the regular meeting at **7:00 p.m. at St. Pius X Career Center**.
- **Jasmine Cliche** from **LINKS** was recognized as **Student of the Month for April** for her involvement in volunteering, clubs, and academics.
- A **Lifetime Achievement Award** was presented to Angelo Komatsoulis. The honor celebrates his **34-year career in public education**, which included structural leadership spanning back to the former Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (PSBGM).
- The event also celebrated three Volunteers of Distinction—Marie Di Fulvio, Claudia Musto, and Leah Trineer
- An initial budget projecting a **\$7M deficit** was presented, with the intention of using the accumulated surplus to offset the shortfall. However, the government did not approve the use of the surplus. A revised budget with a **\$6M deficit** was subsequently presented and is currently awaiting approval.
- Meeting dates and other related items were approved.
- Various **Human Resources resolutions** were adopted.
- A meeting regarding **transportation boundaries** was also discussed.

8.2 Chairperson

Nothing to report given her absence at the meeting.

8.3 Principal

- The **March 13 Carnival Day** was a success, thanks to the support and involvement of Home & School
- In mid-March, the **Grade 6 hoodies** were distributed, and students are proud to wear them. Thanks were extended to the committee for organizing this initiative.
- On **March 26**, **Adriana Gentile** from **CityNews** visited to highlight and showcase the school's **STEM program**, alongside two teachers.
- The **English Book Fair** was held over **two days**, with an additional session in April, and was a success.

8.4 Teachers

- Ms. Kayla reported that, with the end of the term, evaluations are underway.
- The ongoing STEM projects with Grades 3 and 4 have been successful and well-received by students.
- Mme Catherine is also in training with the selected students for thetrand and field

activity planned for May.

8.4 Daycare

Nothing to report.

8.5 Home & School

- **Ms. Mendonca** reported that the **Book Fair** has concluded successfully.
- All fundraising activities are now closed.
- Preparations for end-of-year activities are currently underway.
- The family event will be combined with the **Welcome Back** event.

8.6 EPC

Ms. Di Iorio could not attend the last meeting; we are waiting for the highlights of the meeting to resume to the board.

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 25. The meeting might be postponed to the June meeting which will be held in person.

Adjournment 7: 35 pm

MOTION TO: adjourn the meeting

MOVED BY: Alicia Di Stefano

SECONDED: Catherine Laberge

VOTE: Unanimous

Signatures:

Date:

Principal

Governing Board Chair

June 16, 2026

June 15, 2026

