



Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Edinburgh Elementary School

Thursday, December 12, 2024- 7:00 PM

Online meeting on Microsoft Teams

We would like to acknowledge that Edinburgh School is located on unceded Indigenous lands. The Kanien'kehá:ka/Mohawk Nation is recognized as the traditional custodians of Tiohtià:ke/Montréal, which has long been a site of meeting and exchange for many First Nations and is currently home to diverse groups of Indigenous and other peoples. We are grateful to live, work, and learn here, and recognize the important role of education in reconciliation and in maintaining connections between the past, present, and future.

Attendees:

- Staff Members: Gaetano Sifoni, Jean-Michel Brunet, Pina Trengia; Geneviève Guay, Abdelghafour El Hama
- Parent members: Johanna Miller, Steven Muoio, Tammy Dagenais, Anne-Marie Yaworski, Heidi Cheung, Ivo Marloh, Alessandra Cesari, Michal Muallem, Robyn Dalton

AGENDA

1. Welcome; Meeting opened by Miller at 7:01 PM
2. Adoption of agenda. Marloh moved, and seconded by Dalton
3. Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2024 Brunet moved, Seconded by Muoio
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (N/A)
5. New Business:
 - I. 2024-2025 School Budget Update (Fund 6)
 - a. Supplementary educational funds (supervision release monies, IEP creation, funds for field trips, tutoring budget etc.)
 - b. Money needs to be distributed within the specified parameters.
 - c. Need to report usage to the government.
 - II. Edinburgh Educational Project Action Plan update
 - a. Institutional in 23-24 academic year. Allows schools to analyze end of year exams (Grade 6)
 - b. Outlines objectives (5-year plan) (ex. Mathematics baseline was 74% in 2023 and target for 27-28 is 79%)
 - c. Based on the school survey, the teachers will provide the new targets for educational goals.
 - d. Implementation report of new educational project will be provided again on January 2025.

- e. Questions:
 - i. Are we held at the GB level to approve certain aspects of the educational plan?
 - ii. How was the educational plan created for 23-24 onwards? There was a consultation completed by various stakeholders.
 - 1. Main goals were to provide intervention for students with special needs/gifted/perceived bullying.
- III. Brigadier Subcommittee Update (Muallem)
 - a. 206 Families in the school
 - b. Radcliffe intersection has been identified
 - c. Sifoni has contacted Station 9. Governing board will need to complete the letter of recommendation.
 - d. Miller/Muallem suggested that we use the same crossing guard as Elizabeth Ballantyne (as school hours are different).
 - e. Dalton suggests we have a police officer to complete a blitz at the corner to observe activity.
 - f. Miller suggest we look at Northview intersection as well.
 - g. Letter will be sent by Brigadier Subcommittee to police.
- IV. Last Day of Classes for Grade 6
 - a. Sifoni asks, may Grade 6 graduation be the day before last day of school? Cesari moves to approve, Ivo seconded.
- V. Edinburgh Sports Teams
 - a. Principal in St. Laurent has requested to start a baseball team and to start in Spring 2025 (Gr. 4-6). NDG baseball would instruct/guide. Is there enough interest between schools?
 - b. Would it be possible to create a basketball team?
 - c. Hockey Team; has been brought up by several parents. Norm Katz is a teacher at Royal Vale provided some insight into how the program is run. Doug Harvey provides free ice team. If possible, it could be possible to get ice time at Samuel Moscovitz arena. Exhibition game could be created to drive interest.
 - i. Question: Does this conflict with evening time? No, it would not (during school time; 3 PM)
- VI. Upcoming School Trips
 - a. No new trips coming (apart from the ones approved in October 10, 2024)
- VII. Upcoming Fundraisers
 - a. No new fundraisers coming (apart from the ones approved in October 10, 2024)

6. Reports

- I. Principal
 - a. MECCHIES arrived to speak about engineering. (One was a former student, current McGill University student).

- b. Grade 5 had an indigenous beading workshop in the context of coding
 - c. Remembrance Day activities
 - d. Reading activities
 - e. Home and School activities (spirit, open house, movie night, special lunches)
 - f. Sifoni holding private tours will be helping enrolment
 - g. Open a 3rd Kindergarten class
- II. Commissioner (Absent)
- III. Treasurer (Cesari, No report)
- IV. Parent Delegate (EMSBPC) (Muallem/Cheung)
- STEAM program, to be introduced to the schools – 3 years. If we are interested, we should register next year. If they teach it to the teachers, will the teachers be able to maintain the programming?
 - Early literary and how to enhance it in all grades (with reading screenings). So far it is implemented in two schools. If the tested schools
 - Who is updating the website at the schools? Sifoni. Apparently the EMSB does not have the money to provide web services.
 - Bullying website, provides the student a way to confront their bully directly (anonymously.)
 - Parents.quebec website as a resource was created.
 - Bombardier is providing anti-bullying workshop (Edinburgh is on the short list)
 - Truth and Reconciliation (bothersome that September 30 is also the head count). It is possible to change the date.
 - Is it possible to introduce more programming? Brunet mentions it is possible to invite an Elder to speak with students
 - How to introduce more programming?
 - Edinburgh praised for using Indigenous/Women owned supplier for Truth and Reconciliation Day t-shirts as part of Home & School activities.
 - UFLy
- V. Teacher (Guay/Brunet/El Hama)
- Montreal Stepping (dance company) provided lessons for Gr. 4-5 and one general assembly
 - Comm. Pour kids – public speaking presentation for the students (storytelling)
 - Nutrition activities were provided to children.
 - Storytelling programming
- VI. Home and School Liaison (Dagenais)
- Staff lounge was completed (painted)
 - Movie night was a success

- Spirit/Special Lunches/Book fair days went well
- Fundraisers was completed successfully
- Volunteers still difficult to fill
- Teacher and staff appreciation week committee has started as well. Does parent sponsorship of activities require GB approval?

VII. BASE

- \$500 was raised by the toy drive. Food drive is ongoing.
- PED days went well.
- Sports day was well attended.

7. Varia

8. Correspondence

9. Question period

10. Adjournment, Dalton moves, Seconded by Cesari, Motion carries unanimously

Next meeting to be held virtually on February 20, 2025 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Gaetano Sifoni, Principal


Johanna Miller, Chairperson