



Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Edinburgh Elementary School

Tuesday, January 28, 2025- 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: Ms. Laetitia Kachmar, Mr. Jean-Michel Brunet, Ms. Geneviève Hébert, Ms. Pina Trengia, Ms. Giselle Alleyne, Ms. Geneviève Guay, Mr. Abdelghafour El Hama.
- Parent members: Ms. Johanna Miller, Mr. Steven Muoio, Ms. Tammy Dagenais, Ms. Alison Lortie, Ms. Heidi Cheung, Ms. Michal Muallem, Ms. Robyn Dalton; Mr. Noah Sidel.

AGENDA

1. Welcome; Meeting opened by Ms. Miller at 7:08 PM, moved by Mr. Navid Azadi; seconded by Ms. Robyn Dalton.
2. Adoption of agenda. Ms. Dalton moved, and seconded by Mr. Azadi
3. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2024. Mr. Muoio moved, Seconded by Ms. Dalton
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 1. E-vote for the K4 & K5 Field trip on Wednesday, January 22, 2025; Motion to approve; Mr. Muoio, and seconded by Ms. Dalton
5. New Business:
 1. 2024-2025 School Budget;
 - a. Question by Ms. Miller; Budget for paper will this change; considering the increased cost.
 - b. Clarification: Funds starting with "M" are supplied by the government.
 - c. When can the Governing Board review the budget earlier? The schedule is set by the EMSB. However, note that we are unable to determine the budget earlier until the final enrolment has been settled.
 - d. Motioned to approve by Ms. Dalton; Seconded by Ms. Muallem.
 2. Educational Project
 - a. Was created in 2023. Tackles the school climate and education mandates of the school.

- b. Objective to reach goals by 2027.
 - c. Moved to approve by Mr. Muoio and seconded by Mr. Brunet.
- 3. ABAV (Anti-Bullying, Anti-Action)
 - a. Creating a document/process for ABAV events.
 - b. What is the Edinburgh Way? Post-Covid, students had trouble communicating with stakeholders regarding behavioural issues. Goal was to ensure that communication lines are open between all stakeholders. There is a ticketing system, for those who perform as per the Edinburgh Way will be rewarded to encourage positive reinforcement. As well, for those students who are not cooperating with the standards set by the Edinburgh Way will be communicated appropriately.
 - c. Encouraging a healthy school environment.
 - d. Motion to approve by Ms. Dalton; Seconded by Mr. Muoio.
- 4. Criteria for Principal
 - a. Moved to approve by Mr. Brunet and seconded by Ms. Muallem.
- 5. Brigadier Subcommittee Update
 - a. Ms. Muallem provided documentation. Ms. Kachmar presented it to Station 9 and an investigation will be conducted. Pending updates from Station 9
- 6. Hockey Program Update
 - a. Mr. Noah Sidel looking to create a hockey program; perhaps to join the league with LCC, Royal Vale, etc. A form was created to gauge interest; goal to have 15 students. Exhibition games between Royal Vale and LCC to be scheduled. Focus was on Grade 5 and Grade 6 students.
 - b. Looking to create a small program and eventually use the ice rink in Montreal West.
 - c. March 12, 2025 will be the first game at 2:30pm at Doug Harvey
- 7. PELO Hebrew
 - a. Subcommittee of Ms. Muallem, Ms. Cheung to search for interest in PELO. Perhaps share teacher with Merton Elementary.

6. Reports

- 1. Principal
 - a. Ms. Kachmar is the new principal to Edinburgh (starting January 2025)
 - b. MEQ tutoring will be starting next week (February 3, 2025 onwards)
 - c. Compost program (G5+ students) will be starting with paper towels
 - d. Events: Carnival week and Black history month.
- 2. Commissioner (Absent)
- 3. Treasurer (Absent)
 - a. Some monies were spent on Mr. Sifoni's farewell gift
- 4. Parent Delegate (EMSBPC) – Ms. Cheung
 - a. We retained delegate voting rights

- b. School will start after labour day
- 5. Teacher (Mr. Brunet)
 - a. During PED days, some training will occur for the teachers
 - b. Science fair is being planned after Spring Break
 - c. Royal West Academy (exposition is being planned) February 13, 2025
 - d. Mr. El Hama also plans to provide training (in order for the students to be prepared next year)
- 6. Home and School Liaison (Ms. Lortie)
 - a. Staff holiday luncheon in December
 - b. Pancake breakfast for students in December
 - c. Funding guest speaker for Black History Month (author, Higgins)
 - d. Pink doughnut treats for students for Pink shirt day
 - e. Pasta Lunch Jan 28, 2025
 - f. Special lunch in February is Souvlaki George
 - g. Pasta Night and Spring Fair is in the works.
- 7. BASE (Ms. Alleyne)
 - a. Jan 6 – PED day (PJ and Pizza)
 - b. Next PED day is Ninja Factory Jan 31, 2025
 - c. February 14 is the additional PED day
- 7. Varia (N/A)
- 8. Correspondence (N/A)
- 9. Question period (N/A)
- 10. Adjournment, Ms. Alleyne moves, Seconded by Ms. Dalton, Motion carries unanimously

Next meeting to be held virtually in March (post spring break) at 7:00PM. Date TBA.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Laetitia Kachmar, Principal



Ms. Johanna Miller, Chairperson