



Edinburgh Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday November 26, 2025

Online on Teams

Present: Laetitia Kachmar, Travis Hall, Frederic Arcouette, Giselle Alleyne, Michal Muallem, Alexandra Kelebay, Claudia Iacampo, Stéphane Vaval, Abdelghafour El-Hama, Navid Azadi, Geneviève Hébert, Jean-Michel Brunet, Johanna Miller, Paola Samuel, Anthony Rainone

Absent: Pina Trengia; Geneviève Guay, Ivo Marloh

1. Welcome

Travis welcomes members and invites additions to the agenda.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt: Giselle Alleyne, seconded by Navid Azadi. Approved.

3. Approval of Minutes (September 25, 2025)

- A small modification must be made under item 5.1; Treasurer should be listed as Frederic Arcouette (identified by Anthony Rainone).
Motion to make the modification by Frederic Arcouette and seconded by Michal Muallem. Motion approved.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 E-Votes – Grade 6 Fundraising Committee

Approval of the following fundraisers: car wash, Halloween candy sale, Movie Night face painting/bracelet sale, bake sale, and Holiday Concert raffle.

Motioned by Giselle Alleyne; seconded by Claudia Iacampo. Motion approved.

5. New Business

5.1 Grade 6 Fundraisers – Hoodies & Chocolate Drive

Two final fundraisers will take place: sale of Edinburgh hoodies and an upcoming chocolate drive.

Motioned by Giselle Alleyne, seconded by Abdelghafour El-Hama. Motion approved.

5.2 Holiday Concert – December 11, 2025

- Email and RSVP reminders will be sent next week.
- Same format as the spring concert:



- K4–Grade 2 from 8:30-9:30am
- Grades 3–6 from 10:00–11:00am
- Tickets required to limit attendance to two family members per student for safety and space constraints.

5.3 Donations for Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

- Linked to the Holiday Concert.
- Optional monetary donations will be collected to support the opening of a new EMS station in Côte-Saint-Luc. Information will be shared with parents.
- A donation box will be placed at the event.
Motioned by Giselle Alleyne; seconded by Claudia Iacampo. Motion approved.

5.4 Carolyn’s Community Toy Drive 2025

- Annual toy drive traditionally coordinated by Mr. Marco.
- This year features an online platform allowing families to “sponsor” a child and donate directly.
Motioned by Michal Muallem and seconded by Giselle Alleyne. Motion approved.

5.5 Daycare Handbook

Key updates reviewed by Giselle:

- Outlines BASE operations, behaviour expectations, and hours.
- Updated with new fee increases, otherwise consistent with past versions.
- Will be distributed to parents once approved by Governing Board.
Motioned by Michal Muallem, seconded by Claudia Iacampo. Motion approved.

6. Reports

6.1 Principal’s Report – Ms. Kachmar

- **GMA Cross-Country Run:** Excellent participation.
- **Emergency Drill:** Second drill in October ran much more smoothly.
- **Field Trips:**
 - K4–K5 Maison de théâtre
 - Grades 5–6: Field trip
 - Grades 1–2: Centre des sciences



- **Halloween Bingo:** Organized by the team-building committee; pizza lunch for winners next week.
- **Open House (Nov 10):** Strong turnout; Grade 6 student guides and greeters received positive feedback.
- **Hockey Tournament (Nov 7):** First-ever Edinburgh participation; students performed well.
- **Remembrance Day:** Grade 5–6 students participated in a community walk.
- **Movie Night:** Successful Home & School event.
- **PT Interviews:** Completed and successful evening.
- **PELO / ECA Update:** Italian will be added as an extracurricular activity starting in January.

6.2 Commissioner's Report – Paola Samuel

- Budget cuts remain a major issue. MNAs have expressed interest in advocating for EMSB schools.
- Paola requests a consolidated document outlining Edinburgh's main challenges.
- Discussion items raised for crossing guard and the history curriculum

6.3 Treasurer's Report – Frederic Arcouette

Everything is in good standing.

6.4 Parent Delegate (EMSBPC) – Michal Muallem

- EMSB Parent Committee facing 70% budget cuts, impacting awards (literacy, etc.).
- Discussed Bill 94 (religious symbols in the workplace); petition filed opposing it.
- Last year: new funding for physical education equipment inspection.
- Climate-related scheduling concerns discussed (snow days, heat days) with goal of reducing cancellations.

6.5 Teacher's Report – Jean-Michel Brunet

- Multi-level school activities continue: 16 mixed-grade teams rotating through activities; next event in early December.
- Report cards sent home, PT interviews successful.
- Grade 6 participated in the annual Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest.
 - Winner: Chelsea McLennan (advancing internationally; final prize USD \$5000).



- Special Mentions to the runner ups: Oliver Taguchi, Elijah Sidel.
- Appreciation expressed to Home & School for ongoing support, Teacher Appreciation meals, classroom supply funding donations, and a \$150 allocation per teacher.
- Home & School also donated over \$1000 to the Graduation Committee.
- Travis commends teachers for the success of the multi-level activity program.

6.6 Home & School Liaison – Alexandra Kelebay

Alexandra notes that most Home & School updates have already been mentioned, including providing dinner for Parent–Teacher night and the success of Movie Night. She adds that H&S has now wrapped up most of the fall fundraisers — Big Box of Cards, Félix & Norton cookies, and the new cheese fundraiser. She reiterates that Home & School is committed to supporting teachers, staff, and the school community in every way possible as we all navigate ongoing budget cuts.

6.7 BASE – Giselle Alleyne

- Completed sessions: Ninja Factory; Club FY (Thai culture program).
- Approval requested for upcoming outings:
 - April 27: Soccer
 - June 12: Fun HouseMotion to approve by Frederic Arcouette, seconded by Anthony Rainone. Motion approved.

7. Varia

None.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Question Period

No questions.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: El Hama, seconded by Jean-Michel.
Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.