Edinburgh Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday February 11, 2026
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, Anthony Rainone; Pina Trengia, Ivo Marloh

Absent: Johanna Miller; Paola Samuel

1. Welcome

Travis opened the meeting, noting the importance of respecting everyone's time. A discussion took place regarding moving the principal's criteria item to follow the reports; it was agreed the agenda could proceed as presented.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes (November 26, 2025)

Motion to approve: Navid Azadi; seconded by Jean-Michel Brunet.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

5. New Business

5.1 2025–2026 Budget

The principal presented the 2025–2026 budget, recently received from the school board and based on Ministry of Education allocations. Ms. Kachmar explained the different funds on the budget and their purposes. It was noted that some budget lines were reduced due to the government's budget cuts. Michal Muallem motioned to approve the total budget of $298,709; seconded by Ivo Marloh.

5.2 ACGC and Sexuality Education Plan

The principal outlined updates to the ACGC and Sexuality Education Plan, now combined into one document. Additions include transition career-oriented content for Grades 5 and 6 and an integration of the school's spiritual animator/special guest

speakers. Motion to approve the ACGC and Sexuality Education Plan by Claude Iacampo; seconded by Jean-Michel Brunet.

5.3 Educational Project

The school's educational project was reviewed and commended for strong outcomes. Highlights include increased parent engagement in Pre-K programs, the success of the UFly literacy initiative in Cycle 1, and positive impacts from cross-grade team-building activities. These initiatives will inform planning for the 2027 project. Motion to approve the Educational Project by Ivo Marloh; seconded by Claudia Iacampo.

5.4 ABAV (Anti-Bullying Plan)

The updated Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence (ABAV) plan was presented following changes in government format. The plan includes measures for maintaining a safe school climate, reporting incidents, and addressing sexual violence. Initiatives include workshops with behavioral technicians, police presentations on bullying and cyberbullying, social skills programming for K4, and inclusion discussions for Grade 6. Motion to approve the ABAV plan by Jean-Michel Brunet; seconded by Claudia Iacampo.

5.5 Field Trips

The following field trips were presented for approval: Futsal tournament (March 16, 2026); Grade 3 curling outing (February 25, 2026); K4–Grade 2 visit to Maison Théâtre(May 7, 2026); Grade 5 going to festival Eureka (June 5, 2026) ; Grade 1 visit to Notre-Dame-de-Fatima (June 10, 2026); Biodome visit (June 11, 2026); Grade 4 Centrale Hydroelectrique (June 18 2026), Grade 6 Le petit bonheur (June 19, 2026) and upcoming Halo Race (date TBD). Additional trips are expected to be announced. Motion to approve the 2026 field trips by Michal Muallem; seconded by Giselle Alleyne.

5.6 Principal Criteria

The principal selection criteria were reviewed. Members agreed the existing criteria remain appropriate with no changes required. Motion to approve the Principal Criteria by Jean-Michel Brunet; seconded by Ivo Marloh.

6. Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

The principal reported on recent and upcoming school activities: Holiday concert in December was a success, with donations collected for Côte-Saint-Luc EMS. December 17 staff holiday lunch offered by Home and School and BeaverTails truck event ran smoothly. Library reopening with the consultants has been well received by students. The lockdown drill was conducted successfully. Black History Month activities include classroom discussions, door decorations, and an upcoming Grade 6 exhibition-style fair

in the gym. The book fair was highly successful, with books donated to classrooms. Staff Appreciation Week included meals, treats, and wellness activities. Upcoming events include a second hockey tournament (Edinburgh Dukes), Hooked on Schools week, Carnival, and parent-teacher interviews.

6.2 Commissioner

No report.

6.3 Treasurer

All finances are in good standing.

6.4 Parent Delegate (EMSBPC)

General update: the school is functioning well overall. A parent evening for EMSB was noted. Ongoing concern regarding lack of crossing guards for the high school continues, with no resolution.

6.5 Teacher

Mme. Geneviève Guay reported that the school will participate in a shared reading period next week in honor of Hooked on School week. Grade 3 will attend a curling outing. Teachers expressed appreciation for recent staff appreciation initiatives. Upcoming activities include group events during Carnival week. M. El Hama noted participation in a science fair visit at Royal West Academy for inspiration.

6.6 Home & School Liaison

No additional report recorded.

6.7 BASE

Giselle reported on upcoming pedagogical day activities, including a Sport Life outing on February 13 and a BFly program on February 27. Pre-K students are participating in social-emotional learning sessions focused on reflection, journaling, and impulse control. Mindful Mondays continue as part of the program.

7. Varia

None.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Question Period

A question regarding funding for three Expo Science teams was raised. The principal confirmed that funding is included in the budget. Approval will be confirmed via email vote.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Giselle Alleyne; seconded by Claudia Iacampo.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.