Edinburgh Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 20, 2026, on Teams

Present: Laetitia Kachmar, Vanessa Mendaglio, Ivo Marloh, Steven Szabo, Travis Hall, Claudia Iacampo, Giselle Alleyne, Genevieve Hébert, Jean-Michel Brunet, Frédéric Arcouette, Genevieve Guay, Abdelghafour El-Hama, Anthony Rainone

1. Welcome

- Ms. Kachmar called the meeting to order and chaired the proceedings.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda: Travis Hall; seconded by Ivo Marloh.

3. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2026

- Steven Szabo requested that his name be included in the minutes.
  Motion to approve the minutes as amended: Giselle Alleyne; seconded by Frederic Arcouette.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- No business arising was recorded.

5. New Business

5.1 Assignment of Governing Board Chair

- It was clarified that an EMSB member may serve on the Governing Board but cannot serve as its Chair. Travis Hall therefore cannot continue as Chair.
- Ms. Kachmar thanked Travis Hall for his service. Travis expressed appreciation for working with Ms. Kachmar and the Board.
- Steven Szabo nominated himself to assume the Chair position.

Motion regarding appointment of Steven Szabo as Chair: Travis Hall; seconded by Giselle Alleyne.

5.2 Terry Fox Run Fundraiser

- Retroactive Governing Board approval was sought for the Terry Fox Run Run fundraiser on September 24, 2026.

Motion to approve: Anthony Rainone; seconded by Frederic Arcouette.

5.3 Grade 6 Graduation Fundraisers

- The graduation committee is organizing an outdoor yoga event.

- A parent will collect recyclable bottles, with proceeds supporting Grade 6 graduation activities.

Motion to approve: Ivo Marloh; seconded by Claudia Iacampo.

6. Reports

6.1 Principal

- The Home & School Welcome Back BBQ was a success, with excellent weather and strong participation.
- Free Hebrew and extracurricular activities have begun. The Italian Foundation, represented by Anthony Rainone, provided substantial sponsorship following the end of PELO. Ms. Kachmar will acknowledge and thank the foundation in a post.
- The Terry Fox Run raised more than $11,000, an exceptional result for a small school.
- Orange Shirt Day and Attestation Day took place successfully.
- Earth Rangers presented on October 8.
- Sibling photo day is scheduled for October 29.

6.2 Commissioner

- No report; Commissioner absent.

6.3 Treasurer

- Frederic Arcouette reported that finances are in good standing.

6.4 Parent Delegate (EMSBPC)

- Steven Szabo had no update to report.

6.5 Teacher

- The first communication to families was sent, with comments received on various subjects.
- Grade 6 students have begun leadership activities and are organizing guided visits for the Open House in early November.
- The first multi-age activity of the school year is taking place this week. A teacher committee plans the activities.
- Students are divided into 15 teams, each led by two Grade 6 students. Activities throughout the year include reading, art, outdoor activities and board games.
- Teams accumulate points throughout the year, culminating in a carnival-style final activity.
- Cycle 3 elections were held successfully.

6.6 Home & School Liaison

- The Welcome Back BBQ was held.
- Planning continues for new special lunches and fundraising initiatives.
- Preparations are underway for Movie Night.

6.7 BASE

- Educators are reinforcing BASE core values: be kind, respectful, responsible, safe and do your best.
- A Board re-adaptation officer is working with Grade 2 and will extend support across all grades through the end of the school year.
- Grade 4 students participate in a Wednesday astrology and science collaboration with Concordia University.
- Upcoming pedagogical days: October 26 — Everblast; November 16 — Soccer IQ; November 26 — Sciences en Folie; November 27 — Beyond Fun; January 4 — movie outing.
- Approval was requested for the November 16 and January 4 Ped Day activities.

Motion to approve the November 16 and January 4 BASE Ped Day activities: Travis Hall; seconded by Claudia Iacampo.

7. Varia

- No questions or comments were raised.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Jean-Michel Brunet; seconded by Abdelghafour El-Hama.