Edinburgh Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 15, 2026, in person

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

Absent: Geneviève Guay

1. **Welcome**

   - Ms. Kachmar welcomed the Governing Board members of 2026-2027 and is looking forward to starting a new school year at Edinburgh.

2. **Adoption of agenda**

   - Motioned by Jean-Michel Brunet, seconded by Fréderic Arcouette. All in favor.

3. **Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2026**

   - Motioned by Giselle Alleyne, seconded by Abdelghafour El-Hama. All in favor.

4. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

   - Anthony Rainone was marked absent on June 17, 2026, minutes. He was present and the changes will be updated on the minutes.
     Motioned by Vanessa Mendaglio, seconded by Steven Szabo. All in favor.

5. **New Business:**

   - Assignment of Roles: Chair, Alternate Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Delegate for the EMSB Parents' Committee and alternate delegate:

     Chair: Travis Hall

Alternate Chair: Fréderic Arcouette

Secretary: Alexandra Kelebay

Treasurer: Fréderic Arcouette

Delegate for the EMSB Parents' Committee: Steven Szabo

Alternate Delegate: Travis Hall

The GB Assignment of Roles were motioned by Claudia Iacampo, seconded by Geneviève Hébert. All in Favour.

5.2 Scheduling of Meetings for the 2026-2027 school year

- The following tentative dates were scheduled for the next Governing Board meetings: October 19, 2026, November 19, 2026, December 14, 2026, January 20, 2027, February 17, 2027, April 13. 2027, May 17, 2027, June 17,2027
  Motioned by Ivo Marloh, seconded by Claudia Iacampo. All in favor.

5.3 Approval of virtual meetings

- Motioned by Fréderic Arcouette, seconded by Vanessa Mendaglio. All in favor.

5.4 Approval of online voting

- Motioned by Giselle Alleyne, seconded by Abdelghafour El-Hama. All in favor.

5.5 Approval of Scholastic Reading Club

- Motioned by Geneviève Hébert, seconded by Jean-Michel Brunet. All in favor.

5.6 Approval of Home & School for the 2026-2027 school year

- Motioned by Steven Szabo, seconded by Ivo Marloh. All in favor.

5.7 Approval of Field Trips

K4-K5	Verger Le pirate	22 septembre 2026
K4-K5-1ère-2e	Maison théâtre	11 décembre 2026
K4-K5-1ère-2e	Maison théâtre	20 avril 2027
Première année	Centre des Sciences de Montréal	20 octobre 2026
4e année	Camp Bois-de-Boulogne	10 juin 2027
K4-K5	La petite valise : les minidoux (à l'école)	11 février 2027

- Motioned by Fréderic Arcouette, seconded by Giselle Alleyne. All in favor.

5.8 Carolyn's Holiday Toy Drive

- It was motioned by Steven Szabo to approve Carolyn's Holiday Toy Drive. Seconded by Ivo Marloh. All in favor.

5.9 Grade 6 Grad Fundraisers

-Freezies sale/Face Paint at the Welcome BBQ
-Raffle: hopefully to start by mid-October and run until end of November/early December
-Bake Sales (parent/teacher day and concert)
- Chocolate sale
- Move Night sales
-Grocery store bagging
- Sport tournament
-Baking Studio Event

- Motioned by Claudia Iacampo, seconded by Jean-Michel Brunet. All in favor.

6. Reports

1. **Principal**

- Very successful Breakfast with New Parents: September 8 Thank you Home and School!
- Welcoming Day: September 11, 2026, thank you to our Home and School for covering the cost of this beautiful day.
- Picture Day: September 15, thank you to the volunteers that came to help at the school.

Coming up:

- Welcome back BBQ Sept. 18
- Terry Fox: September 24, 2026
- Attestation Day September 30, 2026: very important for students' attendance
- Orange t-shirt day September 30,2026

2. **Commissioner**

3. **Treasurer**

- In good standing. No changes to report.

4. **Parent Delegate (EMSBPC)**

5. **Teacher**

- Parents met the teachers during Curriculum Night on September 10, 2026
- Grade 6 students are currently participating in a mock vote as part of the provincial elections. The purpose of this activity is to introduce Cycle 3 students to the role of a citizen during an election campaign.

6. **Home and School Liaison**

- The Home & School Association is looking forward to welcoming families back at the Welcome Back BBQ on September 18, a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and build school community spirit.
- Planning is underway for new special lunch offerings throughout the school year, bringing additional variety and exciting options for students.
- We are also exploring new and refreshed fundraising initiatives to encourage family participation and support school programs and activities

7. **BASE**

- Approval of October 5 ,2026 and October 26, 2026, Ped Days activities and trips
  Motioned by Frédéric Arcouette, seconded by Steven Szabo. All in favor.

8. **Varia**

- Ms. Kachmar answered questions regarding the lunch location and charities. Parents are welcome to bring forward charitable initiatives for discussion at future Governing Board meetings.

9. **Adjournment 7:26pm**

- Motioned by Jean-Michel Brunet, seconded by Claudia Iacampo. All in favor.