



# École FACE School

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## Governing Board – Minutes

<b>Date/ time:</b>	December 8th, 2025 6:15PM	<b>Location:</b>	Zoom (Virtual)
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Present	
<b>Parents:</b>	Elsa Acem (EA) Elizabeth Foley (EF) Carissa Springer (CS) Vincent Tam (VT)
<b>Teachers/Staff:</b>	Christelle Akl (CA) Theodora Stathopoulos (TS) Mircille Tehbelian (MT) Maddalena Amanda Triassi (MAT)
<b>Students:</b>	Isla McDade (IMD)
<b>Principal:</b>	Jennifer Harriet (JH)
<b>Regrets:</b>	Hannah Nelson-Teutsch (HNT) Allison Gonsavles (AG)
<b>Absent:</b>	Safa Bahget (SB) Elizabeth Roy (ER) Eva Hassel (EH)
<b>Also Present:</b>	Maria Corsi, EMSB Commissioner (MC) Victoria May, Board member FACE foundation (VM) Anne Krag, PPO president (AK)





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	Action		Documents
1.		Welcome	
2.	Approval	<p><b>Approval of the agenda</b></p> <p>Moved: TS   Second: AM   Approved: Unanimous</p>	
3.	Approval	<p><b>Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of October 20<sup>th</sup> 2025</b></p> <p>The minutes are adopted as is, and will be published on the school website.</p> <p>Moved: EF   Second: TS   Approved: Unanimous</p>	
4.		<b>Business Arising</b>	
4.1.	Discussion To be added to agenda of February meeting	<p>Follow-up to survey administered in June 2025 to evaluate transportation needs to the new elementary school location.</p> <p>This subject is moved to the next GB meeting.</p>	
4.2		<p>Conflict of interest form</p> <p>JH: Reminder to members to send in their conflict-of-interest form. This is required every year, even for returning members.</p>	
4.3		2 <sup>nd</sup> Governing Board Community Member	





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		<p>Victoria May agrees to serve as the second governing board community member. She checked with the FACE foundation and there is no conflict of interest.</p> <p>Given that the position does not entail voting rights, there should be no issues with a conflict of interest. The goal is just to share information.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> TS   <b>Second:</b> EF   <b>Approved:</b> Unanimous</p>	
4.4		<p>Governing Board representation on Conseil d'établissement</p> <p>The members discuss naming a representative to the CE in order to better share information between the two schools. After discussion EA offers to be the representative, with VT as the first alternate and EF as the second alternate.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> VT   <b>Second:</b> EF   <b>Approved:</b> Unanimous</p>	
5.		<b>New Business</b>	
5.1		<p><b>Follow-up on the annual school budget</b></p> <p>JH: FACE has received its allocation for the current school year, and is in good financial condition (this is linked to enrolment). Though 20% of the allocation was cut by the Ministry, the school is confident that services can be maintained.</p> <p>The 20% cut mostly affected rollover amounts from the previous year, so there is no impact for daily school activities. The school has received the allocation for device purchases, and teachers have</p>	





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		been given funds as well.	
5.2	Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic Votes</li> </ul> <p>1. Orchestra Metropolitain FREE concert November 14 2025 a.m. Maison Symphonique. Students will be walking with their teachers. 7E beginner strings Grade 11 The students will be absent from classes from Periods 1,2 &amp; 3</p> <p>12 Votes YES</p> <p>2. Play Kisses Deep December 10 , 2025 Centaur Theatre Supervision of Ms. Toula Maltezos. Grade 8 students accompanied two teachers The school will be paying for this outing. Students would leave at 10:30 a.m. return at the end of the day. 13 Votes YES</p> <p>3. 2 Projects on behalf of our student council Bake sale Thursday, December 4 School lobby 12:30-1:40 and 6:15-7:00. Proceeds from the bake sale will go the 11E class to finance graduation activities.</p> <p>Candy cane grams sale Week Dec 8 – 12</p>	





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		<p>Profits would go to Dans la Rue</p> <p>13 Votes Yes</p> <p><b>These outings were already approved by GB members prior to this meeting. The minutes simply attest to this.</b></p>	
6		<b>Reports</b>	
6.1		Principal	
	Information	<p>JH : Concert season has begun with the elementary and vocal concerts. The concerts for grades 2 through 6 in elementary will be held at the university school auditorium. JH and MT thank all the teachers that make these concerts happen. The 11<sup>th</sup> grade students produced and put on three shows. Also, there was the fashion show at the beginning of November.</p> <p>The secondary 3, 4, and 5 students had communication workshops to prepare for job interviews, as well as cegep applications.</p> <p>The secondary I students had a late orientation night with lots of activities to build connections between the students.</p> <p>There are lots of holiday activities happening as well. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the high school students will visit the elementary school to sing Christmas carols.</p>	





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		Also CS and EF participated in the draw for next year's admissions.	
	Approval	<p>1. December 18<sup>th</sup> (Movie matinée for Ms. <b>Toula's</b> class) Cost 8,75\$</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> EF   <b>Second:</b> CS   <b>Approved:</b> Unanimous</p> <p>2. A play for Mme Breton's grade 4 class at Maison Théâtre (afternoon outing) The cost will be covered by the school</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> TS   <b>Second:</b> CS   <b>Approved:</b> Unanimous</p> <p>3. An outing for the kindergarten kids in Ms. Safa's class at Théâtre Marionette on March 26<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Moved:</b> EF   <b>Second:</b> CS   <b>Approved:</b> Unanimous</p>	
	Discussion	The members briefly discussed the fact that there were comments on Facebook regarding the fashion show. The parents who raised these concerns met with the principal of the French school, Mr. Abran.	
6.2		<b>Teachers / Staff</b>	
	Information	<p>TS: All is going well at the high school.</p> <p>CA: A new social emotional learning pilot program will start in January for grades 7 and 8 targeting relationship and social skills (the platform is called Schoolbeat, formerly Moozoom). The program aims to see how students are progressing with their social and emotional skills. Every student will have a unique</p>	





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		username and password on the platform.	
6.3		Students	
	Information	IMD: A bake sale was held for the student council, and a candy cane sale will benefit the homeless shelter Dans la rue.	
6.4		Commissioner's Report	
	Information	<p>MC: At the end of October the EMSB adopted a deficit budget of 7,8M\$. Last year alone, the government cuts amounted to 2,6 M\$. Some funds were reinjected, however there were stringent conditions concerning the use of those funds. Additionally the school board is not allowed to tap into the surplus in order to have a balanced budget.</p> <p>The Quebec English school board association sued the government in October, and the two parties settled out of court. However, the ministry still does not want to allow the Emsb to go into its surplus to cover the cuts.</p> <p>Normally the Emsb takes approximately 15% of its surplus to pay for its debt. This year that amount was equivalent to the debt, but the Emsb was unable to do so due to the government restrictions.</p> <p>Joe Ortona held a town hall for the governing board chairs and parent committees in person at the head office on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Updates on the different court challenges (Bill 21, 40, 96) were discussed.</p>	
	Follow-up	VT did not get an invite and will follow-up to ensure that he is invited to the next town hall.	





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6.5		EMSBPC Delegate	
	Information	<p>HNT forwarded her report which was read by VT. HNT will be available to answer any questions at the next meeting.</p> <p>Approving an expansion of the ROSEMOUNT TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (RTC) CARPENTRY PROGRAM at Lester B. Pearson, which was provisionally approved in August and needs more space to expand for permanent approval.</p> <p>Discussion of ways in which parent representatives can be more involved in advocating against the budget cuts and maintaining parent priorities A letter will be sent to the EMSB to request a detailed presentation of the budget at the next meeting</p> <p>Approval of a plan to prepare for online town hall meetings with parents throughout Montreal to assess parent concerns and build towards greater solidarity.</p> <p>We received confirmation that there is no new policy to replace the policy governing the inspection and maintenance of physical education equipment that was rescinded; new guidelines are being prepared A letter will be sent to the EMSB to request information about when the new guidelines will be ready.</p> <p>A request will be sent to the Minister of Education to request clarification about whether the Education Act precludes conferring email addresses on governing boards. This official request takes shape as part of a larger initiative to ensure governing boards have secure, consistent access to their communities to prevent against knowledge loss during transfer and ensure accessibility.</p> <p>Notification that the EPCA Parent representative will testify to the National Assembly opposing Bill 1.</p>	





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6.6		Parent's participation organization	
	Information	<p>AK: Vaccination day, parents were there to help.</p> <p>OPP made a donation of two Christmas trees, one for the elementary school and one for the high school.</p> <p>A question concerning the fact that not all FACE students celebrate Christmas and how the OPP is being aware of that with all the Christmas decorations and activities was raised. The OPP will take that into consideration.</p> <p>Sale of polos, there was a problem with the timing during parent-teacher interviews, but extra options for obtaining the polos were put in place.</p> <p>Lost and found can be challenging at times because volunteers are needed to manage everything.</p> <p>Kindness workshops are coming up, as well as black history month (activities are being planned).</p>	
6.7		FACE Foundation	
	Information	<p>VM: On February 18<sup>th</sup> during perseverance week, a wonderful donation by Desjardins for an amount of 25 000,00\$ will be donated to students.</p> <p>The lunch money fund is inspired by Jacques Archambault.</p> <p>The foundation encourages project proposals supporting creative arts, be it for vocal, music or strings.</p> <p>The fundraising is going well with many initiatives such</p>	





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		as the 50 <sup>th</sup> FACE tuques, the BoSapin campaign, as well as the concert recordings and concert tickets.	
7.		<b>Correspondence</b>	
	Information	<p>Invitation to a CÉ meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 – Consultation on l'Acte d'établissement scolaire (Deed of Establishment)</p> <p>VT: EF and VT were invited to the meeting of the CÉ in November as concerned members of the FACE community. The Deed of Establishment of the school was being reviewed and the president of the CÉ noticed that a significant change was made to the document designating the elementary school on Christophe Colomb as the main building of FACE.</p> <p>Both the GB and the CÉ have the same position which is to reunite the elementary and secondary school at the University location. Modifications to that effect were integrated into the Deed of Establishment.</p> <p>Henceforth, the GB will have a community representative on the CÉ in order to be able to offer observations on questions that come up and increase collaboration between the two schools.</p>	
8.		<b>Varia</b>	
		The board members wish everyone a happy holiday season.	





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9.		Date of the next meeting: February 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2026 via Zoom	
10.		Adjournment  Moved: EF   Second: EA   Approved: Unanimous	

Feb 02 2026

Vincent Tam, Chair

*Manit Feb. 2, 2026*  
**Jennifer Harriet**  
Directrice - Principal

