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Governing Board – Minutes

Date/ time:	February 2 nd 2026 6:15PM	Location:	Zoom (Virtual)
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Present	
Parents:	Elsa Acem (EA) Elizabeth Foley (EF) Carissa Springer (CS) Alex Megelas (AM) Vincent Tam (VT) Hannah Nelson-Teutsch (HNT) Allison Gonsalves (AG)
Teachers/Staff:	Maddalena Amanda Triassi (MAT) Elizabeth Pellicone (EP)
Students:	Isla McDade (IMD) Elizabeth Roy (ER)
Principal:	Jennifer Harriet (JH)
Vice-principal:	Mireille Tehbelian (MT)
Regrets:	Safa Bahget (SB)
Absent:	Eva Hassel (EH) Christelle Akl (CA) Theodora Stathopoulos (TS)





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Also Present:	Maria Corsi, EMSB Commissioner (MC) Anne Krag, PPO president (AK)
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	Action	
1.		Welcome
2.	Approval	Approval of the agenda Moved: IMD Second: EF Approved: Unanimous
3.	Approval	Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of December 8th 2025 The minutes are adopted as is, and will be published on the school website. Moved: HNT Second: VT Approved: Unanimous
4.		Business Arising
4.1.	Discussion	Follow-up to survey administered in June 2025 to evaluate transportation needs to the new elementary school location. HNT: The survey by the governing board was conducted between 2024 to 2025 in order to assess the school's transportation needs and the impact of the primary school relocation on FACE families. Questions about the relocation were included.





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There were 77 responses, and 3 evaluators. 83% of respondents were from the primary school.

The survey had the following results:

- Most children use the metro to get to school, followed by car and bus;
- For most families the new location is farther away from home;
- Most families replied that the transportation situation to the new school will not cause them to change schools, however 67% of respondents stated that they knew parents who had decided to change their children's school based on this;
- An important majority of parents are very dissatisfied with the permanent relocation of the school, and want the lobbying efforts to continue in order to preserve the school on University.

The GB members thank HNT for all her hard work with this survey, as well as the committee members who worked alongside her.

EP: Has the possibility of the EMSB purchasing the university building been discussed?

MC: CSSDM own the building, so there is very limited room to buy and/or renovate the building ourselves. An important factor is also the lack of funds to purchase the building.

However the survey raises important issues that highlight the lack of consultation done by the government with the relocation, as well as the statutory responsibility of FACE's mission, and it would be important to be able to share the results of this survey.

The members discuss ancillary issues such as enrollment, and staff retention following the primary school relocation.

JH: There has not been an impact on enrollment or staff retention as the latter are very dedicated to FACE. However, we have received





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		<p>comments relating to limited parking, as well as the lack of an auditorium to fulfill the school's mission.</p> <p>EP: There is also an important issue for support staff as they have to go to multiple locations in a single day, which translates into less time with students, and more time traveling. Also there is no space in the elementary school to bring in performers and hold special activities.</p> <p>AK: There is no physical education on the French side because of the space constraints in the new elementary.</p> <p>The members of the GB agree to share the results of the survey, notably to encourage participation in future surveys, to brainstorm solutions for the transportation issues, and to prepare another survey to continue monitoring this situation, and to delve more deeply into parents' concerns for the new elementary school.</p> <p>JH: The response to the survey was approximately 50% of total enrollment at FACE.</p> <p>VT proposes to adopt a resolution to share the results of the survey Moved: EF Second: HNT Approved: Unanimous</p>
4.2	Discus sion	<p>Conflict of interest form</p> <p>JH: Thanking everyone, all forms have been submitted.</p>
4.3	Discus sion	<p>Governing Board representation on CÉ</p> <p>VT: The members received the information that no alternates are allowed on the CSSSDM, so if our representative cannot assist, there can only be observers.</p> <p>EA: It was very interesting to assist at the CSSSDM meeting. Several topics were discussed, most notably the fact there is no physical education class for the maternelle classes due to lack of space at the new building. Also M. Abran announced changes to the</p>





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	Follow-up	<p>curriculum for the 4th and 5th year high school students (essentially that they must take classes according to their grade level in math). The student representative raised objections to this, and a special meeting was held on the 10th of February to debate the issue.</p> <p>The president of the CSSSDM/FACE met with the director general of the CSSSDM concerning the ongoing lobbying to save the university building. Essentially Ms. Joutel was told that the decision did not lie with the CSSSDM but rather directly with the Ministry of Education, the Treasury, and the Société Québécoise des Infrastructures (SQI). It was quite disappointing for the president of the FACE CSSSDM.</p> <p>The members of the GB wish to participate if another such meeting is held in the future. VT will reach out to Shannon Joutel on this subject by email.</p> <p>M. Abran wished to make clear to all parents that the preference for siblings is limited to each school system. In other words, if one child goes to the French side, sibling preference will only be valid for another sibling also attending the French side of FACE.</p> <p>As the representative from the GB if there is information to be communicated to the CSSSDM, a time slot was allotted to me during the meeting.</p>
5.		New Business
5.1	Approval	<p>School Budget – Elementary (Document 6.1A)</p> <p>JH: There are no concerns for the budgets. There is money to cover technology needs and cultural outings. With MT, we are preparing workshops as well for parents.</p> <p>A question was raised concerning fundraising needs, and the FACE foundation generally covers this more than adequately.</p>





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		<p>JH:</p> <p>WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 95 of the Education Act, the governing board is responsible for adopting the school's annual budget as proposed by the principal;</p> <p>WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 96.24 of the Education Act, the school budget must maintain a balance between expenditures, on the one hand, and the financial resources allocated to the school by the school board and the school's own revenues, on the other;</p> <p>WHEREAS this budget is based on the 2025-2026 MEQ budgetary parameters;</p> <p>Vincent Tam MOVED THAT, the governing board of FACE School adopt the school budget for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented by the school Principal, which forecasts revenues of \$146, 052 and expenditures of \$ 146, 052.</p> <p>Moved: VT Second: CS Approved: Unanimous</p>
5.2	Approval	<p>School Budget – Secondary (Document 6.2A)</p> <p>JH:</p> <p>WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 95 of the Education Act, the governing board is responsible for adopting the school's annual budget as proposed by the principal;</p> <p>WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 96.24 of the Education Act, the school budget must maintain a balance between expenditures, on the one hand, and the financial resources allocated to the school by the school board and the school's own revenues, on the other;</p> <p>WHEREAS this budget is based on the 2025-2026 MEQ budgetary parameters;</p> <p>Carissa Springer MOVED THAT, the governing board of FACE School adopt the school budget for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented by the school Principal, which forecasts revenues of \$229, 676 and expenditures of \$ 229, 676.</p>





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		<p>Moved: CS Second: HNT Approved: Unanimous</p> <p>These outings were already approved by GB members prior to this meeting. The minutes simply attest to this.</p>
5.3	Discussion	<p>Electronic Votes</p> <p>A day at Edgar Rouleau Rink and Toboggan Hill in Dorval (for skating, sledding and winter fun)</p> <p>Date: January 26, 2026</p> <p>Person responsible : Ms. Kathryn Garratt, High School Teacher.</p> <p>Who : 11E students in the Science Pathway</p> <p>Cost: 0\$</p> <p>Transport: Public transport</p> <p>9 Votes YES</p>
5.4	Discussion Follow-up for March meeting	<p>Criteria for the selection of the school principal</p> <p>The EMSB sends out a consultation on criteria to select the school principal each year. If the GB members have comments to add they can contact VT, otherwise the same comments from last year can be submitted anew. This item will be revisited at the next meeting.</p>
5.5	Approval	<p>Planning table - Academic and Career Guidance Content, Content for the Development of Personal and Social Competencies and Content in Sexuality Education – Elementary (Document 6.5A)</p> <p>JH : The planning table is designed to meet the needs of students for their academic and career goals, as well as to increase their motivation in school.</p> <p>The content of the Quebec culture and citizenship curriculum is mandatory, and is presented to the council of teachers.</p>





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		Moved: CS Second: EF Approved: Unanimous
5.6	Approval	<p>Planning table - Academic and Career Guidance Content, Content for the Development of Personal and Social Competencies and Content in Sexuality Education - Secondary (Document 6.6A)</p> <p>HEREAS The Minister has established academic and career guidance content without creating a new subject, in accordance with his power to prescribe content in the broad areas of learning (Education Act, s. 461). School staff members are entrusted with teaching this content. The conditions and procedures for integrating the ACGC into the school's educational services are developed in collaboration with teachers and proposed by the principal to the governing board for approval (Education Act, ss. 85 and 89).</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY Elizabeth Pelicone AND RESOLVED THAT the 2025-2026 Academic and Career Guidance Content Curriculum Plan be approved, as presented, to the Governing Board.</p> <p>Moved: EP Second: AM Approved: Unanimous</p>
5.7	Approval	
6		Reports
6.1		Principal
	Information	JH : It is teacher appreciation week, and both the principal and vice-principal truly appreciate all the teachers' commitment to





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		present their accomplishments and challenges to their parents directly. SB will be on hand to answer any questions.
6.3		Students
	Information	ER: At the high school for Valentine's Day a booth was set up where the kids could buy things for each other and have them delivered with a note to their classmates.
6.4		Commissioner's Report
	Information	<p>MC: The last meeting was held on December 9th and the next one will be on the 10th of February.</p> <p>At the board meeting the use of the Lester B. Pearson space for the Rosemount technology Center was approved.</p> <p>A resolution was passed for the celebration of Black history month.</p> <p>The EMSB's legal challenges continue. A new lawsuit was approved concerning linking the governance structure to the school tax. Changes by the government affects how allocations are made, and ultimately services offered by the EMSB.</p> <p>Bill 94 removes commissioners from the committee and replaces them with general directors. This is essentially taxation without any representation and violates s. 23 Charter rights.</p> <p>On Feb. 18th, a representative will also be present at FACE's perseverance gala.</p>





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6.5		EMSBPC Delegate
	Information	<p>HNT: At the January 8th meeting, the parents' committee is working to solicit a budget from the EMSB. Currently waiting to hear back from them.</p> <p>A parent resource guide is in development. There will be two meetings in person and one online as well as a parents' column in the EMSB newsletter.</p> <p>The PC has also sent a letter to the EMSB and government concerning Bill 94.</p> <p>There was an inquiry regarding library services at the elementary school.</p> <p>JH: The library services fall under the CSSSDM's mandate for FACE, but each sector can purchase books. Currently in the elementary school students have access to a librarian and can take out books, but there is no dedicated library space.</p> <p>The GB members highlight the importance of having a functioning library and that this is another disadvantage of the relocation and reason that the schools should be reunited at the university location.</p>
6.6		Parent's participation organization
	Information	<p>AK: There will be kindness workshops next week, and staff appreciation events.</p> <p>For Valentine's day there will be a kindness tree where the elementary and high school students can exchange notes.</p> <p>For pink shirt day, the PPO is looking into buying pink shirts for the students and doing arts and crafts.</p> <p>The PPO is also looking for grants to bring in special performers.</p>





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6.7		FACE Foundation
	Information	JH: M. Gervais communicated information for tonight's meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1000 tickets sold for the 50th vocal concert.- Concert videos will be available next week.- 25 000\$ from Caisse Desjardins.- FACE phenomenal is coming up.- Strings concert in May.- New scholarships coming in honour of Jean-Guy Comeau.
7.		Correspondence
	Information	None.
8.		Varia None.
9.		Date of the next meeting: March 23 rd 2026 via Zoom
10.		Adjournment Moved: EF Second: CS Approved: Unanimous

Jennifer Harriet

Vincent Tam