



ÉCOLE GARDENVIEW SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 2026-01-15- _VIRTUAL (TEAMS)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Elena Zervas

1. Attendance

Parent Representatives

- Ashley Kushneryk
- Sharone Callender
- Alaa Zaini
- Ilan Dahan
- Jessica Black
- Diane Biard-Goble
- Jacqueline Matuszewski
- Peter Gazetas
- Michael Stoller
- Maja Falvo (alternate)
- Clotilde Fascine (alternate)

Teaching Staff Representatives

- Marianne Botelho
- Olga Ntokolas
- Ernestina Oppong
- Sophie Predan-Chauvin
- Lorraine Black
- Adamantia Menexis
- Sharon MacPherson

Non-Teaching Professionals

Daycare Representative

- Anna Commodari

Support Staff

- Rona Lapidus

Home & School Representative

- Jessica Black

Commissioner

- James Kromida

Principal

- Elena Zervas

Vice-Principal

- Laura Fundaro

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Diane Biard-Goble

Seconder: Alaa Zaini

3. Approval of minutes of November 13, 2025

Motion to approve the November 13, 2025 minutes: Michael Stoller

Seconded by: Diane Biard-Goble

4. Business arising from previous minutes of November 13, 2025

No business arising.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence

6. Public Question Period

No questions from the public.

7. New Business

7.1. ABAV report and Summary Report (English & French version) - For Approval

Must provide a French version for the MEQ. The English version will be uploaded to the website for parents.

Reviewed the summary of the report (original plan is 41 pages) – key priorities and prevention measures.

A copy of the report will be sent to parents via email.

Digital citizenship is included, which incorporates AI, deep fakes, etc.

Minor edits that are embedded in the template. We cannot alter it. Note taken and the board will be informed.

Motion to approve the ABAV report and Summary Report: Peter Gazetas

Seconded by Rona Lapidus.

The motion passed unanimously.

7.2. Content for the Development of Personal and Social Competencies - For Approval

This is a new document. Last year it was the ACGC for cycle 3. This is now embedded into this document.

The topics are already being discussed through other means and embedded on a daily basis as the teachers teach.

This is not mandatory for preschool.

Staff council met to discuss how they will implement these specific topics.

The spiritual animator now referred to as the PCDA

Sexuality is embedded in the CCQ program – healthy relationships competency. It is no longer a standalone document.

Motion to approve the content for the Development of Personal and Social

Competencies: Rona Lapidus

Seconded by Adamatia Menexis.

The motion passed unanimously.

7.3. Field trips

The following field trips were presented to the Governing Board for approval:

Glissades des pays d'en haut - Grade 6 - February 19, 2026

Cost to parents : \$31.00 (partially funded by Wellness budget)

Motion to approve: Peter Gazetas

Seconded by: Rona Lapidus

Maison des arts de Laval - Grade 2- March 11, 2026

Cost to parents: \$8.00 (partially funded by Sorties milieu culturel)

Motion to Approve: Jessica Black

Seconded by: Michael Stoller

GMAA Soccer - Grade 5 - 6 (40 students) Lester B Pearson - March 20, 2026

Cost to parents - \$0 (funded by In School We Move)

Motion to approve: Peter Gazetas

Seconded by: Rona Lapidus

Camp Edphy International - Grad Trip - April 23, 2026

Cost to parents: \$65.00

Motion to approve: Alaa Zaini

Seconded by: Rona Lapidus

Zoo-Eco Museum - Kindergarten- April 30, 2026

Cost to parents: \$0 (funded by sorties milieu culturel)

Motion to approve: Ernestina Oppong

Seconded by: Jessica Black

Holocaust Museum - Grade 5 - May 13, 2026

Cost to parents: \$0 (funded by sorties milieu culturel)

Motion to approve: Lorraine Black

Seconded by: Michael Stoller

Zoo-Eco Museum - Pre-K - May 14, 2026

Cost to parents: \$33.00

Motion to Approve: Lorraine Black

Seconded by: Diane Biard-Goble

Halo Race - Grade 3-6 (80 students) - May 14, 2026

Cost to parents: \$0 (funded by In School We Move)

Motion to approve: Diane Biard-Goble

Seconded by: Adamatia Menexis

GMAA Flag Football - Grade 6 (30 students) - Royal Vale - May 20, 2026

Cost to parents - \$0 (Funded by in school we move)

Motion to approve: Michael Stoller

Seconded by: Diane Biard-Goble

All of the above motions passed unanimously.

8. Reports

8.1. Principal

- Sibling registration has begun
- February 3rd - A visit from author Lori Wong for grades 3-6
- We have now received all of our budget
- We have funds for classroom books
- We have funds for the librarian to acquire new books. Our librarian is on sick leave. The EMSB librarian will be coming to help
- Additional funding for tutoring sessions before and after school by Gardenvue teachers. Students will be identified by teachers
- Governing board allocation received

8.2. Vice-Principal

- Le kid foot will be offered to students in grades 1 & 2 - 28 sessions (total) - at lunch time
- Grade 5 students will participate in an art mural project. Mr. Gibson will be coming to assist. The mural will promote creativity, collaboration and school pride.
- Missing Children's will host age-appropriate student safety workshops for grades 1-6.
- PDCIA collaboration - Guest speakers will visit for Chinese (Lunar) New Year & Black History month (waiting on confirmation of speakers)
- Our website is being revamped.

8.3. Teachers - NIL

8.4. Chairperson - NIL

8.5. Treasurer - NIL

8.6. Parents Committee Report(Delegate)

If the Governing Board is interest in having workshops for parents, it could be brought to the Parents Committee for support.

8.7. Home and School Liaison

- Teacher appreciation is coming up.
- ECAs will start soon. GHSA is working with a vendor from an administration point of view. The session is 8 weeks long and reflected in the prices. This session will be for grades 1-6. A test with Kindergarten may occur in the last session.
- GHSA is looking into Cabane à sucre and a bowling even.
- The food fundraisers were reopened.

8.8. BASE Report

- A ped day service will be held on January 23, 2026, at the school (winter theme)
- BASE is preparing to issue daycare tax receipts. Outstanding balances must be paid by the end of January for proper tax receipts.
- February 16th Ped Day: Mad Science will come to the school. Total cost to parents is \$37 (includes the usual fee of \$16).

Motion to approve: Ashley Kushneryk

Seconded by: Ernestina Oppong

8.9. Commissioner - NA

Ashley met the Commissioner at an event. We should reach out to him if there is anything that we need.

9. Varia - NIL

10.Date of Next meeting: February 12, 2026 at 7:00pm, virtually

11.Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:17pm: Rona Lapidus

Seconded by Ernestina Oppong.

The motion passed unanimously.