



ÉCOLE GARDENVIEW SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Click or tap to enter a date. - Choose an item.

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

- Rona Lapidus

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: Rona Lapidus

3. Election of Governing Board Executives

3.1. Chairperson

Ashley Kushneryk self-nominated for the position of Chairperson. No other candidates were put forth.

The nomination was **moved by** Diane Biard-Goble and **seconded by** Michael Stoller.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.2. Vice-Chairperson

Ilan Dahan self-nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson. No other candidates were put forth.

The nomination was **moved by** Diane Biard-Goble and **seconded by** Jessica Black.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.3. Secretary

Sharone Callender self-nominated for the position of Secretary. No other candidates were put forth.

The nomination was **moved by** Peter Gazetas and **seconded by** Rona Lapidus.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.4. Treasurer

Peter Gazetas self-nominated for the position of Treasurer. No other candidates were put forth.

The nomination was **moved by** Ernestina Oppong and **seconded by** Marianne Botelho.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of minutes of June 9, 2025

Motion to approve the June 9, 2025 minutes: Jacqueline Matuszewski

Seconded by: Rona Lapidus

Abstentions: Peter Gazetas, Michael Stoller, Sophie Predan-Chauvin, Lorraine Black, Sharon MacPherson, Anna Commodari

5. Business arising from previous minutes of June 9, 2025

No business arising.

6. Approval of minutes of General Assembly of September 18, 2025

Motion to approve the September 18, 2025 minutes: Rona Lapidus

Seconded by: Peter Gazetas

Abstentions: Marianne Botelho, Olga Ntokolas, Ernestina Oppong, Sophie Predan-Chauvin, Lorraine Black, Adamantia Menexis, Sharon MacPherson, Anna Commodari

7. Public Question Period

A question was raised about school sports teams. The example of the hockey team was given. The hockey team was organized by the parents. M. Luc organizes GMAA sporting events.

8. New Business

8.1. Dates of Governing Board Meetings

The Governing Board Meetings will be held as follows:

- **November 13, 2025**
- **December 11, 2025 (if necessary)**
- **January 15, 2026**
- **February 12, 2026**
- **March 19, 2026**
- **April 16, 2026**
- **May 21, 2026**
- **June 4, 2026**

Motion to approve to Governing Board meeting dates for 2025-2026: Peter Gazetas

Seconded by Rona Lapidus.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve that the Governing Board meeting be held virtually, with the exception of May 21, 2026: Adamatia Menexis

Seconded by Sharon MacPherson.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.2. Review of Internal Rules of Operation 2025-2026

Motion to approve the Internal Rules of Operation 2025-2026: Rona Lapidus

Seconded by Peter Gazetas.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.3. School activities/Field trips

Two field trips were presented to the Governing Board for approval:

- **Cosmodome (PreK) - November 14, 2025**

Cost to parents/guardians per student: \$5 - *Sortie Milieu Culturel* budget

Motion to approve: Diane Biard-Goble

Seconded: Peter Gazetas.

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Maison des Arts (Grade 1) - December 1, 2025**

Cost to parents/guardians per student: \$11 - *Sortie Milieu Culturel* budget

Motion to approve: Jessica Black

Seconded: Alaa Zaini.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.4. School Fundraiser

- **Batshaw Youth and Family Services:**

During the month of December, a fundraiser with Batshaw Youth and Family Services is being proposed. Families will sponsor a gift for a youth in care. The gift will be purchased from a wishlist. The Great Committee will wrap and deliver the gifts.

Motion to approve: Rona Lapidus

Seconded: Ernestina Oppong.

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Montreal Children's Hospital:**

There will be an online donation page for donations to the Healthy Kids Fund. Students will receive fish to colour, that will be added to our aquarium.

Motion to approve: Ernestina Oppong

Seconded: Adamatia Menexis.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Reports

9.1. Principal

- Enrollment is currently at 637 students (down from 652 last year). Still a healthy amount of students
- Renovations update:
 - Almost completed
 - 90% of windows completed. Screens will be installed. Blinds will also be installed.
 - Generator has been removed. We are 100% powered by Hydro Quebec.
 - Exterior doors will be changed.
- The school will be used as a polling station on November 2, 2025 (municipal elections)
- Anna Commodari is the new daycare technician.
 - There will be no daycare service offered on November 7th.
- Code silver: lockdown exercise took place. All went well.
- Operating Budget: The school will receive a reduction of 20% (based on last year's allocation). We received 25%. The remainder will be received after the Council of Commissioners vote occurs.

9.2. Vice-Principal - See 8.3

9.3. Teachers

The teachers are appreciative of the GHSA's wish list initiative. Some have taken advantage already.

9.4. Chairperson - NIL

9.5. Treasurer - NIL

9.6. Parents Committee Report(Delegate) - The first meeting upcoming

9.7. Home and School Liaison

- Teachers wish list (see 9.3)
- Request to offer an online holiday market that will include a few different vendors (all Canadian)

Motion to approve: Marianne Botelho

Seconded by Peter Gazetas.

The motion passed unanimously.

- The pasta fundraiser replaced Dagwoods and was well received
- The used uniform sale is coming up and will include used Halloween costumes
- Mad Science Halloween event
 - All day event. Every grade will attend for approximately 40 minutes
 - 7 different stations
- Bake sale will be held during the parent/teacher interviews
- New website: ghsa.info
- Volunteers can sign up via Amelia
- The teachers would like to receive GHSA emails in order to remain aware of upcoming activities.

9.8. BASE Report

- First ped day service will be held on October 24, 2025, at the school
- The ped day service on November 27, 2025 will be an outing due to parent/teacher interviews taking place in the classrooms.
- Two new educators were hired
- The handbook will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

9.9. Commissioner - NA

10.Varia - NIL

11.Date of Next meeting: November 13, 2025 at 7:00pm, virtually

12.Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:10pm: Rona Lapidus

Seconded by Ernestina Oppong.

The motion passed unanimously.