



ÉCOLE GARDENVIEW SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES- FEBRUARY 12 (IN-PERSON/TEAMS)

Meeting called to order at 7:06PM by Ashley Kushneryk

1. Attendance

Parent Representatives

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

Teaching Staff Representatives

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

Daycare Representative

Anna Commodari

Support Staff

Rona Lapidus

Home & School Representative

Jessica Black

Commissioner

James Kromida (absent)

Principal

Elena Zervas

Vice-Principal

Laura Fundaro

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Request to move the Principal's criteria to the end of the meeting

Ms. Rona's name should only appear under support staff in the attendance list

Motion to Adopt the agenda: Peter Gazetas

Seconded by: Rona Lapidus

All approved

3. Approval of the Minutes for January 15, 2026

Motion to approve the minutes for January 15, 2026: Ilan Dahan

Seconded by: Michael Stoller

4. Business arising from previous minutes of January 15, 2026 - no business arising

5. Correspondence

6. Public Question Period:

Gates remaining open on Nantel after parents drop off late - request to put out a notice to parents to ensure they keep they close the gates

Question about street signage - request to expand the window for parking on both sides in order to improve the flow of traffic during school hours

Currently: From April 1 to December 1- parking is permitted on one side of the street only

It is possible for the Governing board to write a letter to the city of Ville Saint Laurent to make this request.

Votes: 13 voted in favor of writing this letter

Abstention: 1

7. New Business

7.1. 2025-2026 Budget for Approval

The principal presented the budget for the 2025-2026 academic year. A detailed overview of all the measures received from the ministry, as well as the other budgets, namely the decentralized per capita and caretaking budgets allocated to the school and the projected expenses, was shared.

Motion to approve the budget for the 2025-2026 school year: Ilan Dahan

Seconded by: Adamantia Menexis

7.2. School activities/Field trips

Grade 6 Outing to TOHU - \$21.00 charge to parents - remainder paid by the Sorties milieu culturel budget

Motion to approve: Peter Gazetas

Seconded by: Michael Stoller

8. Reports

8.1. Teachers

Ms Menexis extended her appreciation for the home and school wish list. Money has been spent purchasing board games and books for student indoor recess

Ms Botelho reported that the grade 6 students have been working on their storytelling projects. They were visited by Nicolas Doyon who helped guide their story telling skills and provide tips for improvement.

8.2. Principal

Parent-Teacher Interviews

This term, Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held IN PERSON on February 26 from 4-6PM by invitation only. Homeroom teachers will be sending invitations directly to parents with instructions to book an appointment.

Parent Workshops

Gardenview a new series of online workshops for preschool parents (open to all families). Dates TBD

- Self-Regulation in Children
- The Benefits of Setting Limits
- Staying Safe Online

8.3. Vice-Principal

Pre-K Parent Event

For a special Pre-K event, Pre-K students and parents will go on a tour of the night sky and the Solar System in a mobile planetarium. They'll see the stars and constellations in the night sky. Then they'll fly on up into space and take a tour of the Earth, Moon, Sun, and planets in our Solar System.

Black History Month

On February 17, students will take part in a virtual exchange with Gejeop International School in Kumasi, Ghana—an enriching chance to learn about Ghanaian culture and share their own.

GREAT Committee students will also visit Grades 1-3 to present inspiring Black heroes and their impact.

We're excited to welcome back the Salah and Family Steel Pan Band, whose vibrant performance showcases the musical heritage of Trinidadian steel pan..

Grade 5 Mural

Gardenview received a Culture in School grant, giving Grade 5 students the chance to work with Montreal artist Roadsworth on hands-on workshops inspired by *fleurs en fleurs*. Their artwork will form a new mural installed near the staff room and centre stairwell, bringing colour, creativity, and school pride to our shared spaces.

8.4. Chairperson - Nothing to report

8.5. Treasurer - Nothing to report

8.6. Parents Committee Report(Delegate)

Today, all members of the EMSB received a petition to higher crossing guards₃

for highschools wherever needed following an incident where a 12-year-old student got hit by a car while crossing

Parent complaint about library access for students

- This is a reality out of the school's control.
- This has been due to library employees being on leave of absence and the inability to replace them
- Since mid-January, EMSB librarians have visited Gardenview to clean up and organize our library and provide services to our students
- During the period when the librarian was away, teachers still visited the libraries with their students
- Parent volunteers cannot run a school library due to possible breach of student personal information.
- Ways parents can help: Stamping books, covering books, reshelving books (after a librarian has scanned them)

Ashley also provided highlights from her recent CPC meeting.

8.7. Home and School Liaison

- Teacher & Staff appreciation - H&S have started fundraising for special treats for teachers and staff during appreciation week
- ECAs are going well - addressing some behaviour issues
- Happy to bring back basketball and martial arts
- Balloon decoration for Valentines day went up today
- March 20 - Sugar Shack activity will come to Gardenview

8.8. BASE Report

- Ped Day activity for Monday: Mad Science Activity
- BASE is offering a free ECA once per week as of next week, either Monday or Friday - more details to come.
- February 27 Ped Day - Hot Chocolate will be supplied
- Due to the power outage during the last ped day, parents were not charged or were credited for the next ped day.

8.9. Commissioner - the commissioner was absent.

9. Varia

10. Principal's Criteria:

Every year, all governing boards put together desired criteria to create the profile of a school principal. This criteria will be submitted to the school board.

11. Date of Next meeting: March 19, 2026 at 7 PM via TEAMS

12. Adjournment