
Gerald McShane Elementary School

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting
Held on Monday June 16, 2025, at 5:00 PM
In Person

Present:		Absent/Regrets
Antonio Petosa, secretary	Vince Timpano, principal	Karine Gomes Silva
Shane Fombuena	Elisa Baronello	
David Reda, Vice-chair	Christina Gioia	
Mary Di Fulvio, Chair	Pammy Lacroce	
Elvira Corso	Sonia D'Addario	
Clementina Fraga	Silva Muzzo	
Linda Matteo	Suzan Perera	
Lara Villani	Amalia Lavoratore, treasurer	
Sandra Renzi (alternate)		
Claudio Prioletta		
Angie Iadonardi		

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

2. **Adoption of Agenda:**

2.1 (June 16, 2025).

Mover: Clementina

Second: Elvira

Agenda approved unanimously.

3. **Adoption of previous minutes:**

From meeting of April 15, 2025

Mover: Elisa; Second: Sonia

Approved by group that was present.

4. **Business arising from last minutes:**

- Daycare handbook
 - Work in progress and will be presented shortly – will be tabled for September.

5. **New Business:**

5.1 ABAV – End of the Year

- SPVM officers visit school, there are workshops that are done throughout the year
- Presentations were done for the children (ie: autism; bullying etc.)
- Boys club – there will be a virtual meeting the 17th at night with the parents of the children that participated.
- Conflict resolution – to help children find ways to deal with conflicts.

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- Looking for guest speakers as well as activities for next year.
 - Mover: Christina; Second: Antonio
 - Unanimous approval.

5.2 Tentative Budget 2025-2026

- Revision of the budget calculations for next year.
- Number of students can change throughout the summer or at the beginning of the new school year (August).
- Number of lunch monitors will be 5 people for next year
- Budget for lunch supervision is tentative depending on signup
 - Mover: Shane; Second: Clementina
 - Unanimous approval.

5.3 Fundraiser Discussion

- Discussion is to see which fundraisers we would like to keep.
- Some of the parents have voiced that there are too many fundraisers that are very close in timing and that it can be costly.
- Fundraising will be tabled in September of 2025 – calendar as well
- Fundraising happens during the holiday season which is harder for parents – idea is to space the fundraisers so it's easier for parents.
- Suggestion to do a garage sale (May) and a market fair with vendors (November)

5.4 Newsletter Concern (POI)

- Comments made that next year's newsletter be more accurate.

5.5 Skate Activity Update (POI)

- Organization that originally was implicated in this activity has formally withdrawn from the project due to financial constraints.
- Activity would take place from October to March
- \$500 for transportation fees (one way)
- Activity would run 3:30 – 4:30

5.6 Fall Activities (POI)

- Terry Fox
- Welcome back event
- Pelo Classes
- Skating for K4-K5-Gr1 and Gr2 (Rolland arena early AM)

5.7 Report Cards June 25-26

5.8 School closes June 27 (POI)

5.9 Welcome back package for returning students (POI) – with school list etc. will be given June 2025

5.10 Lunchtime Supervision 2025-2026 (POI)

6. Reports

6.1: Commissioner Susan Pereira.

- Bike paths: Ms. Pereira wrote a letter with the school board which was handed out during the meeting to GB
 - Necessary modifications were made to the letter to voice concerns for this project.
 - If bike paths were to be installed a drop off zone would be necessary for pick-up and drop-off
- Bill 40 – QC government want to abolish school commissions etc.
 - EMSB has been fighting and court of appeal sided with EMSB
 - Government challenged it and is bringing case to Superior Court of Canada.
- Face (Elementary and High School) – requiring renovations, children will be relocated from the building and school will not be renovated.
- June 12th QC government announced that there will be a budget cut of \$510 million dollars – effective July 2025 - (service centers and school boards) – on top of the \$200 million in December 2024

6.2: GB Chairperson – Financial report (treasurer) (approval) – amount from this year (\$250) rolls over to next year.

- Mover: Clementina; Second: Elvira
- Unanimous approval.

6.3: Teachers:

- Funday went very well. (POI)
- K4-K5 Celebration (POI)
- Grade 6 End of Year activities
- Story-telling Gr3-4
- Seussical Musical
- Ball Hockey – GMS hosted John Caboto
- Intramural Soccer Tournament – GMS hosted Edward Murphy
- Bio-Dome K4 and K5 (POI)
- Bois de Boulogne Outing Cycle 1 (POI)
- Track and Field
- Halo and Jr. Halo
- Camp Jouvence Winter Trip – 14-15 January - Grade 6 approval
 - Mover: Clementina; Second: Claudio
 - Unanimous approval.
- Grade 6 activities – gave a power point presentation for memories, water balloon fight and dress-up day and many other activities.

6.5: Daycare (Ms. Clementina)

- Gardening was done on the daycare side of the school yard
- Yard clean-up
- Daycare week (different types of food and inflatables)
- Getting ready to close up shop for the summer.

6.6: Sports concentration:

- Dancers have final show Sunday the 22nd.
- We are looking at 4 SC classes for next year (74 students).
- Enrollment is closed currently.

6.7: PPO:

- Spring fling was a success
- Thank you, student volunteers.

6.8 – EMSBPC:

Here are the minutes from the last meeting:

6.9: CLC (Ms. Linda):

- Boys empowerment group – pilot project - (Mr. Svens) – 6 sessions were held, went very well. There will be a wrap-up meeting tomorrow night with the parents (June 17)
 - Program will continue next year
 - Sports children were also involved.
- Thank you, plaques, given to Maxi and to Saint Viator Bagel for helping school.
- Erica Cipolla Plaque – former student that passed away from cancer – and the library was named in her honor. Plaque for the library was redone in her honor.
- Nutrition week went very well – donation from Canada-Wide.
- Basketball – 5 sessions of basketball with DOD (organisation) and was held at lunchtime. Opportunity will be given next year as well.

7. **Varia**

- GMS merchandise for next year.
- Display case with merchandise for visitors to see
- Principal Vince will be back for a year – commissioners meeting tomorrow will confirm this.

8. **Question Period**

- No topics announced.

9. **Adjournment**

Moved: Clementina – second Pammy. All moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM.

Next meeting: September 25, 2025.


Principal


GB Chair


Secretary