

# Gerald McShane Elementary School

## Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting Held on Tuesday October 7, 2025, at 6:00 PM In Person

Present:	Absent/Regrets
Antonio Petosa, secretary	Vince Timpano, principal
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
Lara Villani	Suzan Perera
Sandra Renzi (alternate)	Amalia Lavoratore, treasurer
Stephanie Talarico	Daniela Alongi
Sandra Renzi (alternate)	Andy Lee (parent visitor)
Keshia Pierre	

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

### 2. Adoption of Agenda:

2.1 (October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025).

Mover: Antonio  
Second: Clementina  
Agenda approved unanimously.

### 3. Adoption of previous minutes:

From meeting of June 16, 2025

Mover: Elvira; Second: Christina  
Approved by group that was present.

### 4. Business arising from last minutes:

- Daycare handbook
  - Work in progress and will be presented shortly.

### 5. New Business:

#### 5.1 - Elect Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

- Chair: Maria Di Fulvio (unanimous vote)
- Vice-Chair: David Reda (unanimous vote)
- Treasurer: Amalia Lavoratore (unanimous vote)
- Secretary: Antonio Petosa (unanimous vote)

#### 5.2 - GB Rules of Conduct (P.O.I)

- Reviewed key points for GB rules. Handbook was sent out to the GB members by e-mail.

#### 5.3 - Internal protocols we wish to adhere to for our GB (Approval)

- GB's internal rules of conduct.
- Meetings – 6:30-8PM – meetings can be extended in blocks of 15 minutes if necessary.
- Winter meetings will be online.
- Inclement conditions – meetings will be called online.
- Meetings will alternate between Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

#### 5.4 - Pick dates for all GB Meetings (Approval)

- Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (online).
- Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (in person).
- Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (online).
- Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (online).
- Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 (online).
- Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 (in person)
- June – TBD

Mover: Elvira  
Second: David  
All in favor.

5.5 - GB Annual Report 2024-25 (Approval) \*\*\*Please see document at the end.

- Review of the 2024-2025 school year was presented by Maria.
  - Mover: Amalia
  - Second: Sonia
  - All in favor.

5.6 - GB Financial Report 2024-25 (Approval)

- \$414 – (\$250 was rolled from last year)
  - Mover: Elvira
  - Second: Pammy
  - All in favor.

5.7 - 2025-26 Budget Update (P.O.I.)

- DG announced that elementary school principals have access to 25% of allotted 80% government budget.
- More information to come.

5.8 - Fundraiser Discussion (Approval)

**School led fundraisers:**

- Ice Cream Fundraiser (Monthly Oct-June) (3\$)
- Terry Fox (Month of October)
- Food drive (Needy families at GMS and Community Nov. - Dec.)
- Bake Sale Musical (March or April)
- Le Phare (Daycare)
- Crew Neck (all year)

**Non-school led**

- Sports Concentration (Bell Centre before hockey games)

**PPO**

- Pop Up Vendor Fair (Nov 19 or 23 – on a Sunday)
- Chocolate (all of Feb 100\$/box)
- Plant or box of cards (15\$) (May Mother's Day) maybe
- BoSapin (Mid-Nov. – Dec.)

**OTHER IDEAS TABLED:** - profit analysis to come.

- Buche de Noël.
- Arts and crafts made my children for sale.
- Gift Cards.
- Mover: Stephanie
- Second: Antonio
- All in favor.

5.9 Pelo Classes Update (P.O.I.)

- Awaiting start date - TBD by school board.

5.10 After school activities (P.O.I.)

- Entities running after school activities (for an added cost) need to have liability insurance to run the activities
- Activities on the list: coding (grade 4-5-6); Yoga

5.11 School Logo (Approval)

- Logo will not replace the school crest.
- Values of the school will be integrated into the logo.
- 9 values in the library can be used for inspiration.

- Mover: Antonio
- Second: Clementina
- All in favor.

5.12 GMS Hosting EMSB Storytelling Contest (April 7) (P.O.I.)

- The parents of the presenters will be invited.

5.13 Vaccinations Grade 4 (April 17) (P.O.I.)

## 6.1 - Principal (V.Timpano)

- Enrollment 293 students; Up from 279 students.
- Welcome back BBQ Staff & Students.
- Picture Day was successful.
- October 17 Retakes and Sibling Photos.
- Curriculum Night.
- Every Child Matters Walk Sept. 30.
- Soccer Play Day (LMAC).
- Looking into schoolwide activity/outing-later in the year.

## 6.2 - Commissioner (S. Perera)

- Court challenges:
  - Bill 40 – governing system and replacement school boards with service centers.
    - EMSB successfully challenged and won. Government has appealed.
  - Bill 21 – any public official must no longer wear religious symbols.
    - Supreme Court will make the final decision.
  - Bill 96 – language rights restrictions; limits the number of students that can enroll in English CEGEPS and limits English public services at the government level.
- Budget:
  - Restrictions were placed on surplus funds allotted to the EMSB for the 2025-2026 years.
    - The concerns are the financial capacity to furnish the direct services that the students require, due to insufficient available funds.
    - Examples:
      - Budget cuts in the number of behavioral techs available for the students; tutors for the students.
      - Replacement teachers' salaries will no longer be paid with the surplus budget. Due to the new restrictions, EMSB must reallocate budget from other internal services to cover salaries.

*Unanimous vote to prolong meeting 15 minutes*

- Petition: 150000 people signed against budget cuts this summer. August 19<sup>th</sup> – EMSB brought government to court for these budget cuts.
- Community highlights:
  - Ms Pereira attended 1<sup>st</sup> GMS graduation ceremony.
  - EMSAC meeting attending.

## 6.3 GB Chairperson (Maria) –

## 6.4 Teachers:

- Activities (Approval)
  - MSO Outing (gr. 5-6) **Jan. 28**
  - Mount St. Hilaire Hike (gr. 5) **Oct. 10**
  - Terry Fox Walk (entire school) **Oct. 28**
  - Mini Volleyball Play Day (gr. 6 only) **Nov. 19**
  - Camp Jouvence (gr. 6) **Jan. 14-16**
  - Mont Habitant (gr. 5-6) **Feb. TBD**
  - Halo Road Race (select gr. 5-6) **May 14**
  - Mini Futsal (select gr. 5-6) **Mar. 20**
  - Track & Field (select gr. 5-6) **May 27**
  - Progress Report **Oct. 17** (P.O.I.)
  - Open House **Oct. 23** (P.O.I.)
  - Halloween **Oct. 31 (Costumes)** (Approval)
  - Lidia Lukidis Writer K4 **Jan. 29** (Approval)
  - Storytelling Gr. 3/4M (Approval)
  - Opéra des bonbons **Feb 9** (Approval)
  - Breakfast with Santa **Dec. 16** (Approval)
  - Rosemount Orchestra and GMS Ensemble **Dec. 17** (P.O.I.)
  - Santa Reading to K4-K5 **Dec. 18** (P.O.I.)
  - Lego STEM Workshops K5 & Gr. 1 (P.O.I.) 10 sessions
  - Book Fair **Nov. 25** for students
  - **Nov. 27** open to parents during Parent/Teacher interviews

- Mover: David
- Second: Amalia
- All in favor.

#### 6.5 – Daycare (Clementina)

- Ped Day Sept. 26
- Ped Day Oct. 27
- Ped Day Nov. 7 daycare closed
- Coding Activity Mondays
- Yoga Wednesdays
- 120 enrolled children in daycare.
- New Safety Procedures after school
  - An educator is present in every different section 5 minutes before. Attendance is then taken and allows for other students' dismissal to run smoothly.

#### 6.6 - Sports Concentration (S. D'Addario)

- Skating for K4-K5-Gr.1 & 2 (P.O.I.)
- Guest speaker - Greg Sutton Oct. 20
- Hockey tournament November 7<sup>th</sup> (8am – 3pm)
- *Unanimous vote to prolong meeting 15 minutes*

#### 6.7 - PPO (M. Di Fulvio)

- Use of Fund 3: Halloween (up to 800)
- Use of Fund 3: Learn to Skate (Cycle 1 up to 800)
- Use of Fund 3: Open House (up to 200)
- X-Mas of Fund 3: Mascot (TBD)/Breakfast/Décor (up to \$1000)
- Mover: Pammy
- Second: Clementina
- All in favor.

#### 6.8 - EMSBPC (S. Fombuena)

- Names of reps must be sent to the board.
- Allocation will be transferred to teacher's funds.

#### 6.9 - CDA (P. Camirand)

- Basketball Activities (Approval)
  - Possible exhibition game with neighboring school.
    - Mover: Stephanie
    - Second: David
    - All in favor.
- Basketball Jamboree Play Day (select gr. 4-5-6) **Jan. 23 (LBP)**
- Loyola Basketball Tournament (select gr. 4-5-6) **Feb. 13**
- Other non-sport related activities will also be tabled in near future.

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- Andy Lee
  - Possibility of doing a pizza fund raiser
- Bicycle path
  - Awaiting a date for a meeting with the city.

### 8 Question Period

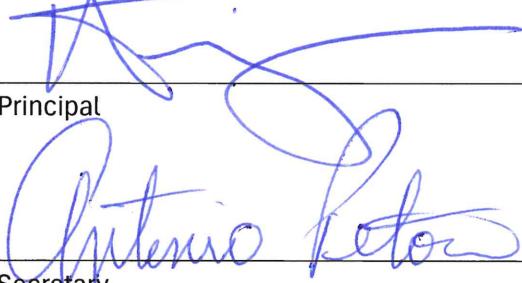
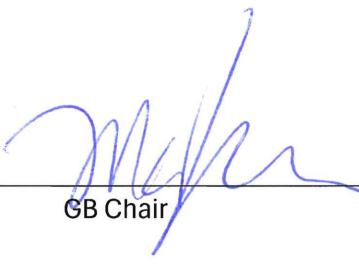
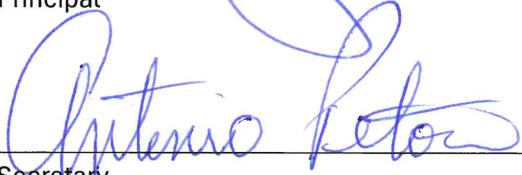
**Gerald McShane School**  
**Governing Board**  
**Tuesday, October 7, 2025**  
**Attendance**

Name	Role
1. Vince Timpano	Principal
2. ANTONIO PETOSA	PARENT - GS SEC.
3. Clementina Fraga	Daycare
4. Susan Perera	Commissioner Ward 1
5. Pammy Laccace	Teacher
6. Daniela Alona	Teacher
7. Elisa Baroneik	Teacher
8. Silva Muzzo	Teacher
9. Stephanie Talarico	teacher
10. Christina Giordano	teacher
11. Sonia D'Addario	Support Staff
12. Sandra Renzi	alternate
13. LARA Villani	parent
14. Elvira Corso	parent
15. Shani Fombuena	parent
16. Keshia Pierre	parent
17. Hana Di Giulio	parent
18. AMALIA LAVORATORE	parent.
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## 9 Adjournment

Moved: Elvira – second Shane. All moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

- Next meeting: Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm (online).

  
Principal  
  
GB Chair  
  
Secretary