Gerald McShane Elementary School

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting #1
Held on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 6:30 PM
In person

Present	Absent/Regrets
Elisa Baronello	Sonia D'Addario
Michael Basile	Christina Gioia
Elvira Corso, Secretary	
Mary Di Fulvio, Chair	
John Di Liello	
Vanessa D'Onofrio	
Raquel Faustini	
Shane Fombuena, Vice-Chair and PC Rep.	
Clementina Fraga	
Karine Gomes Silva	
Pammy Lacroce	
Silva Muzzo	
Keshia Pierre	
Claudio Prioletta, Treasurer and Alternate PC Rep.	
David Reda	
Stephanie Talarico	
Vince Timpano, Principal	
Andy Lee, Guest	

Unanimous vote to prolong meeting 15minutes at 8pm, 8:15pm and 8:30pm.

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

   Moved by: Clementina Fraga
   Seconded by: Elvira Corso
   All in favour.

3. **Approval of Minutes from GB Meeting on June 16, 2026 (see attached)**

   Moved by: Shane Fombuena
   Seconded by: Claudio Prioletta
   All in favour of those present at that meeting.

4. **Business Arising from Minutes (see attached)**
   - 2025-26 Fundraiser Info
     Document was presented.

5. **New Business**

   5.1: Elections of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer
   - Chair: Shane Fombuena nominated Mary Di Fulvio and Claudio Prioletta seconded, all in favour.
   - Vice-Chair: David Reda nominated Shane Fombuena and Clementina Fraga seconded, all in favour.
   - Secretary: Mary Di Fulvio nominated Elvira Corso and Shane Fombuena seconded, all in favour. Alternate Secretary is Shane Fombuena. Moved by: Mary Di Fulvio and seconded by: Clementina Fraga, all in favour.
   - Treasurer: Shane Fombuena nominated Claudio Prioletta and John Di Liello seconded, all in favour. (We have $414 rolled over from previous years, plus $250 from this year.)

   5.2: GB Handbook (see attached)
   - Document was sent to all for their information.

   5.3: Approval of GB Meeting Dates for 2026-27 / GB Internal Protocols
   - #2 October 21st, 2026
   - #3 December 2nd, 2026
   - #4 January 20th, 2027
   - #5 March 10, 2027

- #6 April 21st, 2027
- #7 May 19, 2027
- #8 June TBD

- Start Time: 6:30pm
- End Time: 8pm
- Afterwards, need to extend meeting every 15 minutes.

Moved by: Claudio Prioletta
Seconded by: Clementina Fraga
All in favour.

5.4: Approval of Extra-Curricular Activity Donation Account

Moved by: Stephanie Talarico
Seconded by: Pammy Lacroce
All in favour.

5.5: Enrollment Number

- 306 students this year compared to 280 students last year.

5.6: CDA Update

- Community Development Agent post was put up.

5.7: Apparel Letter

- It will be sent out to parents beginning of November.

5.8: Intercom Update

- Thanks to GB Members, we finally got an Intercom. We can communicate safely.

5.9: Claudia Musto Hiring

- She is part of PPO and was hired to help in the morning with breakfast. If CDA gets hired, Claudia will still be present.

5.10: Warm Coat Give Away

- There is a possibility that all students receive a winter coat from the Warm Coat Organization, to be confirmed.

6. **Reports**

6.1: Commissioner Susan Perera - Absent

6.2: GB Chairperson

- Mary Di Fulvio advises that our Commissioner, Susan Perera will inform us at our next meeting regarding P.E.L.O.

At 8pm, extended meeting by 15 minutes;
Moved by: Elvira Corso
Seconded by: Clementina Fraga
All in favour.

6.3: Teachers

- Moozoom Update: Stephanie Talarico informs that it is being used in the classrooms and is running smoothly (result from Anti-Bullying Committee).
- Welcome Back BBQ / Concordia Engineering Dept. Visit: Elisa Baronello informs that both, the Welcome Back BBQ on September 18 where all students received a hot dog lunch and the visit from the Concordia Engineering Dept. showcasing their cars, were enjoyed by all.
- Apple Picking: Elisa Baronello informs that the school-wide Apple Picking trip held on September 25th was also enjoyed by all.
- Giant Steps Pen Pal: Stephanie Talarico informs that this was started last year and will continue this year where students from both schools interact with each other exchanging letters.
- Attestation Day / Truth and Reconciliation Walk: Elisa Baronello informs that September 30th will be Attestation Day where all students are counted for, as well as, a Walk at the Pearson track for Truth and Reconciliation will take place. All students are encouraged to wear orange t-shirts.
- Open House: Elisa Baronello informs that Open House will take place on October 22nd and

teachers are helping to organize it.

- Space Contest Prize: Elisa Baronello informs that our librarian entered us in a contest, Plateau Astro and we won.
- Terry Fox Walk: Elisa Baronello informs that we will have a Walk for Terry Fox on October 27 around the school, as per usual, to raise money.
- Hiking Trip: Karine Gomes Silva asks for approval that the Grade 5s can go on a Hiking Trip to Mont St-Bruno on October 8.
  Moved by: Claudio Prioletta
  Seconded by: Pammy Lacroce
  All in favour.
- Mini Volleyball: Karine Gomes Silva asks for approval that the Grade 6s can go to Pearson and play Mini Volleyball on November 17.
  Moved by: John Di Liello
  Seconded by: Elvira Corso
  All in favour.
- Apple Pies: Ms. Melissa and Ms. Pammy will be baking apple pies with the children, looking for 60 pie crusts.

6.4: Daycare

Clementina Fraga informs of activities taking place on Ped Days;

- October 5th – decorating baseball caps
- October 16 – Daycare is closed.
- October 23rd – decorating pumpkins
- November 9 – Mad Science and Slime Rocket Launch

- Hop-Hop Update: This is an app that parents have been using since last year to advise when they are on their way, so children are ready when they arrive. Clementina Fraga informs that she sent a letter to all parents regarding this.

6.5: Sports Concentration

Vince Timpano spoke on behalf of Sonia D'Addario.

- Learn to Skate: every Wednesday K4 and K5 go to Rolland Arena, volunteers will help out. Cycle 1 will begin in the new year.
- CF Montreal Partnership: They are officially our new partner for our Soccer Sports Concentration.
- Possible Baseball SC Addition 2027-28: In discussion, seeing if this is possible and would take place at Pearson, more info to come.
- GMS Hockey Tournament: On October 16, we will have our first hockey tournament this year. Four schools will be playing; Edinburgh, Gardenview, Royal Vale, and GMS. We will do Selwyn later on in the year.

At 8:15pm, extended meeting by 15 minutes;
Moved by: Stephanie Talarico
Seconded by: Raquel Faustini
All in favour.

6.6: PPO

- Claudia Musto was on the phone informing us that we will do a couple of fundraisers including the Chocolate Fundraiser which provides a good profit margin.
- We will also have 1 or 2 Bake Sales which usually do well.
- She asks for Approval of $800 in order to prepare for Halloween.
  Moved by: Elvira Corso
  Seconded by: Shane Fombuena
  All in favour.
- As for Breakfast with Santa, she will ask for funds later on.
- PPO's first meeting will be held tomorrow, September 29.

6.7: EMSBPC (see Highlights from their last meeting attached)

- Shane Fombuena is the PC rep.
- Claudio Prioletta is the alternate PC rep.

7. Varia

- None

At 8:30pm, extended meeting by 15 minutes;
Moved by: Mary Di Fulvio
Seconded by: Raquel Faustini
All in favour.

8. Question Period

- Andy Lee asked why we don't have a used uniform sale?
  Answer: We will look into it.
- He also asked if GMS has Para Scolaire?
  Answer: It's only for high schools and not elementary schools. We use AMSFA and ICORE.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Karine Gomes Silva
Seconded by: David Reda
All in favour.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Next meeting: October 21st, 2026 at 6:30pm.

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Principal GB Chair

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Secretary