



## **Académie John Caboto Academy**

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### **JOHN CABOTO ACADEMY**

#### **GOVERNING BOARD**

**November 12, 2025**

#### **GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:**

GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR: Vanessa Chimienti

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Vanessa Brisson, Vanessa Chimienti, Tilda Carbone, Angie Michael, and Amanda Palmieri

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES: Jessica Attardo, Katia Codipietro, Anna Mignacca, Sandra Petrillo, and Alexander Rosauri

PRINCIPAL: Ms. Sonia Marotta

COMMUNITY REP: Rosie Federico

REGRETS: Rosie Federico, Anna Mignacca

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#### **1. READING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

Motioned by Ms. Carbone, seconded by Ms. Brisson, unanimously approved.

#### **2. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025**

The minutes from the Governing Board meeting of October 1, 2025 were adopted.

Motioned by Ms. Palmieri, seconded by Ms. Carbone, unanimously approved.

#### **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

#### **4. REPORTS**

##### **4.1 Chairperson's Report**

None

##### **4.2 Principal's Report**

###### Halloween

Ms. Marotta thanked the Halloween Committee for organizing many activities in which the students really enjoyed.

###### Class Chant Challenge

We held a Class Chant Challenge, where students had to come up with their own chant which demonstrated their school spirit. The following grades won: grade 3, 4 and 6 and will celebrate with a pizza lunch.

###### Open House

November 6, JCA had the Open House, tours were given both daytime and an evening session.

##### **4.3 Teacher's Report**

###### Maryam Ganni Presentation:

October 28, students attended the Jackie Fisher Empathy Tour at JCA, where Maryam, the guest speaker, shared her story of overcoming challenges and embracing self-confidence.

###### GMAA Volleyball Tournament:

November 19, Cycle 3 students will attend a volleyball tournament at Laurier Macdonald High School.

#### **4.4 Daycare Report**

None

#### **4.5 Parent Committee Delegate's Report**

##### **Meeting Summary: October 30, 2025**

Executive members were elected, including the Chair, Vice-Chair, Transportation and Safety Advisor, and EPCA Delegate (two-year term).

##### **Meeting Summary: November 6, 2025**

**Purpose:** The PC met online to discuss issues affecting parents, students, and schools within the EMSB, focusing on budget impacts, policy updates, and advocacy.

**Role:** The PC is the official voice for parents, promoting parent engagement in student success.

##### **Key Updates**

##### **Budget Cuts:**

- The provincial government made two significant education budget cuts in the past year. Some funding was restored after challenges, but not all. The PC's own budget was reduced, affecting support for activities (e.g., babysitting, travel, meal vouchers).
- Year-end cheques will be given to delegates to offset some expenses.
- The PC will not fund the literacy award or Awards of Merit this year due to budget constraints. A fundraising committee will be formed to restore these prizes in the future.

##### **Action Items for Governing Boards (GBs):**

- Review and update internal rules.
- Share GB meeting dates with the school community.
- Consider inviting Board Commissioners to meetings (optional).

##### **Other Topics:**

- A contact list of PC delegates/alternates will be distributed (with an opt-out for privacy).
- The PC will write to EPCA to advocate for changes to Bill 94 (secularism in education).
- The physical education equipment safety policy was revoked and is pending replacement.
- The PC will inquire about governing board email accounts with the Ministry of Education.
- Clarification is being sought on PPO (Parent Participation Organization) memberships.
- Concerns raised about school trip costs, travel advisories, and fundraising limits.
- A petition for crossing guards will be circulated.
- Sub-committees are active; members are encouraged to join.
- Parents are encouraged to use EPCA resources and join their mailing list.

**Next Meetings:** December 4, 2025 (JFK Library) and April 9, 2026.

#### **4.6 Community Rep Report**

None

#### **4.7 Commissioner's Report**

The CAQ introduced restrictive education budget measures. QESBA responded with a legal challenge, seeking an injunction. After discussions led by Minister Sonia LeBel, school boards, including the EMSB, received approval for functional budgets.

#### **4.8 Treasurer's Report**

None

#### **4.9 PPO & Fundraising Report**

See point 6.

### **5. New Business**

#### **5.1 Confirmation of Email Approvals**

##### **5.1.1 Update to JCA Dress Code**

It was motioned that our Grade 6 students to be allowed to wear their black Grade 6 Graduation Hoodies during class time.

Motioned by Ms. Carbone, seconded by Mr. Rosauri, unanimously approved.

#### **5.2 Collection of Donations for the Pediatric Research Foundation (2 December Casual Days)**

It was motioned to collect donations for the Pediatric Research Foundation.

Motioned by Ms. Carbone, seconded by Ms. Michael, unanimously approved.

#### **5.3 Community of Collective Drive (ACRA, Sox in a Box and others)**

It was motioned to collect donations for the Collection Drive.

Motioned by Ms. Michael, seconded by Ms. Brisson, unanimously approved.

#### **5.4 Daycare Handbook 2025-2026**

The Daycare Handbook was presented to all Governing Board Members, by Ms. Petrillo.

Motioned by Mr. Rosauri, seconded by Ms. Carbone, unanimously approved.

#### **5.5 Scholastic Book Fair 2025**

Total sales \$4,695.48. A profit of (40%) \$1,727.94 which will go towards classroom materials and essentials for all grades.

### **6. PPO**

#### **6.1 St. Viateur Bagel Fundraiser**

301 bagel bags were sold with an amount of \$652 raised.

#### **6.2 Holiday Fair 2025 Update**

Ms. Chimienti reported that to date that there are 28 vendors confirmed for the Holiday Fair.

#### **6.3 Fratelliz Pizza Fundraiser**

It was motioned that Fratelliz Pizza Fundraiser will be one of our school fundraisers for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motioned by Mr. Rosauri, seconded by Ms. Brisson, unanimously approved.

**6.4 PPO Funds for Holiday Fair \$1000**

It was motioned that \$1000 was allotted from PPO for the Holiday Fair.

Motioned by Ms. Michael, seconded by Ms. Palmieri, unanimously approved.

**7. VARIA**

None

**8. QUESTION PERIOD**

None

**9. Next Meeting Suggested Date: January 14, 2026 (virtual meeting)**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m..

Motioned by Mr. Rosauri, seconded by Ms. Codipietro, unanimously approved.

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Sonia Marotta, Principal

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Vanessa Chimienti, Chairperson