



JAMES LYNG

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Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday June 18th , 2025

Location: Virtual

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1. Welcome

1.1. Land Acknowledgment

A land acknowledgment was read by Lise Kuhn.

1.2. Welcome Message

Jennifer Rutt welcomed the participants.

1.3. Attendance

Alexander Kulczyk, Lise Kuhn, Jennifer Rutt, John Davlin, Darlene O'Connor, Matthew Maxham, Farah Mulki, Ethan Kam-Tong, Erika Marsan, Jean-Philippe St-Louis, Julien Feldman

Regrets:

Jonathan Sbröllini, Samantha Forget, Mubeenah Mughal

1.4. Public Question Period

No public questions were asked.

1.5. Additions to the Agenda

A point was added by Mr. Kulczyk for Budget. It was added to the agenda as point 3.5.

1.6. Approval of the Agenda

Approved by Matthew Maxham, seconded by Darlene O'Connor.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

2.1. Approval of May 21st Meeting Minutes

Approved by Matthew Maxham, seconded by Jean-Philippe St-Louis.

3. New Business

3.1. School Calendar 2025-2026, follow up

May 8, 2026 is now a regular school day since a mistake was made and there was an extra ped day in the 2025-2026 calendar, as presented at the last GB meeting.

3.2. School Fees 2025-2026

The detailed costs for the school fees were presented by Mr. Kulczyk. The 2025-2026 agenda will be customized to James Lyng's reality and will include the pedagogical days. It's a trial for next year and its utility will be assessed during the upcoming school year. The total costs that parents/tutors will have to pay will vary from \$85 to \$135 depending on the program/school year. For the current year, the fees varied from \$75 to \$105. The uniform costs will be increased by \$1 each.

The school fees for 2025-2026 were approved. This was moved by Erika Marsan and seconded by Matthew Maxham.

3.3. Budget Review for 2025-2026

The 2025-2026 school activities fee breakdown was presented by Mr. Kulczyk. This was moved by Matthew Maxham and seconded by Farah Mulki.

3.4. Governing Board End of Year Report

Jennifer Rutt presented the annual report for James Lyng High School Governing Board (GB). The attendance, the subjects discussed at the GB meetings, and a summary of activities organized by the school were included. Jennifer presented a message for the GB members. A special thank you to Ethan Kam-Tong, our student GB member.

3.5. Funding for Textbooks

Fund 3 has some funding left and has to be spent on student items. Mr. Kulczyk is requesting \$2000 to be transferred from Fund 3 to Fund 5 to buy textbooks. The remainder of Fund 5 will be spent on buying textbooks for James Lyng classrooms.

This was approved by Matthew Maxham and seconded by Erika Marsan.

4. Reports

4.1. Student's Report

Ethan mentioned that he started a petition and many students signed it in order to maintain one staff member next year. This employee's position will be cut following budget constraints requested by the Ministry of Education.

The GB members really appreciated the mobilization in order to maintain the position.

4.2. Teacher's Report

Mr. Maxham mentioned that the teachers were very busy in the last weeks preparing the students for the exams. They underlined the great work made by the Grad committee.

Mr. Devlin mentioned that teachers really appreciated the end-of-year activity.

4.3. Support Staff Report

Ms. O'Connor mentioned that support staff helped students get ready for exams, dealt with the bus strike, and supported them during this difficult period (exam and strike). Students really enjoyed the end-of-year activity. It was a fun day and a nice way to end the year.

4.4. Principal's Report

By Mr. Kulczyk and Ms. Kuhn

- June 2: parent-student meeting for the incoming Aim High and Sec 1 and new students for next year.
- June 5: 3rd final James Lyng showcase (visual, music, English Language Art, few awards) and Dragon boating activity on Canal Lachine with Mr. Kulczyk and 12 students.

- June 6, 2025: end-of-year activities: food truck, activities in the field behind the school, bouncy castle parcours course, popsicles. Students enjoyed the end-of-year festivities.
- Final exam period went from June 9 to June 18. The team adapted to students with special needs (intervention plan, adaptations, etc.).
- Sec 5 students went to La Ronde with staff as part of the end of High School.
- The Sec. V Grad night will happen tomorrow, June 19, 2025, and GB members are invited.

4.5. Parent's Committee Report

Jennifer Rutt reported the last meeting discussions (access to email for GB members across EMSB, what can be done during extreme weather to protect the students, the last Parent's Committee was held recently).

4.6. Commissioner's Report

Julien Feldman extended a special thank you to Ethan Kam-Tong, the student representative on the Governing Board, for his leadership and dedication throughout the year.

He also addressed the significant budget cuts announced by the Ministry of Education. While an initial reduction of \$200 million had been communicated, a revised figure of \$510 million was later confirmed—substantially higher than what was shared in May 2025. For the EMSB, this translates to approximately \$20 million in cuts, representing 5% of the board's budget, with very limited time to implement the necessary adjustments.

Julien Feldman wrote a letter to all EMSB commissioners proposing an injunction to prevent the government from reclaiming the \$7.5 million in accumulated surplus. He argued that this surplus could help mitigate the impact of the ministry's imposed cuts.

Alexander Kulczyk thanked Julien Feldman for his continued advocacy in promoting student well-being and defending the resources essential to the school community.

4.7. PPO Report

No PPO report was presented.

5. Varia

No varia items were discussed.

6. Public Question Period #2

No public questions were asked.

7. Date of Next Meeting: AGM

The first meeting of the 2025-2026 school year will be decided soon by Mr. Kulczyk and Ms. Kuhn.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Matthew Maxham and seconded by Darlene O'Connor.

