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Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 8th, 2025 at 4:45 P.M.

Location: TEAMS

1. Welcome

1.1 Attendance

Alexander Kulczyk, Lise Kuhn, Jennifer Rutt, Erika Marsan, Darlene O'Connor, Roberte Louisma, Julian Feldman, Jean-Philippe St-Louis

Regrets:

Mubeenah Mughal, Alex Lalos, Matthew Maxham

1.2 Public Question Period #1

No question from the public were asked.

1.3 Additions to the Agenda

No additions were made to the Agenda.

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as is. Jennifer Rutt moved for the approval of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Roberte Louisma.

2. New Business

2.1 List of members of 2025-2026 Governing Board

Alexander Kulczyk and Lise Kuhn will be representing the School Administration

Ethan Kam-Tong will be representing James Lyng's students

Roberte Louisma and Matthew Maxham will be representing the teachers.

Darlene O'Connor will be representing the support staff.

Julian Feldman, the district school commissioner, and Jennifer Rutt, parent school commissioner, will also be present.

Alex Lalos, the guidance counselor, will also be joining the Governing Board this year.

As for the parents, Jennifer Rutt, Jean-Philippe St-Louis, Erika Marsan and Mubeenah Mughal are the representative this school year.



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2.2 Election of Secretary

Jean-Philippe St-Louis volunteered to serve as Secretary for the 2025–2026 school year. His nomination was unanimously approved.

Seconded by: Jennifer Rutt

2.3 Election of Chair

Jennifer Rutt volunteered to serve as Chair of the Governing Board for the 2025–2026 school year. Her nomination was approved.

Seconded by: Erika Marsan

2.4 Governing Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Kulczyk proposed the following meeting dates for the year:

November 19, 2025

January 21, 2026

February 18, 2026

April 15, 2026

May 20, 2026

June 3, 2026

All dates were approved by the Governing Board.

2.5 Community Representatives

Ms. Kuhn shared that she will be approaching potential community partners to join the Governing Board. She plans to contact Jonathan Sbrolini (Camp Lift) and representatives from Word I Believe.

3. Items Requiring Discussion & Approval

3.1 Approval of AGA Minutes – September 2025

The AGA minutes were shared with all members and approved without modification.

Moved by: Jean-Philippe St-Louis

Seconded by: Jennifer Rutt

3.2 Rules of Internal Procedures and Guidelines for Conduct

- Mr. Kulczyk reviewed the key Governing Board rules established by the EMSB. Highlights included:
- All remarks during meetings must be addressed to the Chair.
- The Vice-Chair acts in the Chair's absence.
- The Chair ensures quorum is met and prepares the agenda.
- Half of the members must be parents (minimum 4).
- Decisions must prioritize the best interest of students.
- Personal or identifiable student information must not be discussed.
- Meetings are public; closed sessions may be requested when confidentiality is required.
- Members should respect speaking turns and follow the agenda.
- Any member may request an item be added to the agenda.
- Mr. Feldman reminded members of the obligation to follow the Code of Conduct, as outlined on page 44 of the EMSB document.

3.3 Approval of Daytime Field Trips

General approval was granted for daytime field trips. Reports will be provided following each outing.

Approved by: Erika Marsan

Seconded by: Roberte Louisma

3.4 Approval of Fundraisers

The Principal requested blanket approval to conduct fundraisers throughout the year, including soliciting external organizations to help support meal costs for students.

Moved by: Erika

Seconded by: Louisma

4. PPO Events and Involvement

Mr. Kulczyk proposed organizing activities similar to the successful events held last year.

4.1 Potential Parent/Guardian Involvement

(To be developed further during upcoming meetings.)

5. Reports

5.1 Student Report

No report (student representative absent).

5.2 Principal's Report

M. Kuyliczyk and Ms. Kuhn reported the following:

- September 1: First day of school
- September 2: Orientation Day
- September 4: False fire alarm triggered by contractor
- OPUS Card Day held successfully
- Curriculum Night took place
- Second fire drill: September 19 — evacuation completed in 3 minutes
- September 29: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event featuring a Métis musician/artist performance and a corn boil
- September 30: Orange Shirt Day activities
- Clubs launched at the end of September

- Grade 7: Welcoming and orientation activities completed
- Final fire drill: October 2
- Lockdown drill completed today – successful
- Renovations: After 3 years, work is now complete; Phase 4 included upgrades to gym locker rooms and new universal, girls' and boys' bathrooms.

5.3 Teacher's Report

Ms. Louisma reported the following:

Teachers report a smooth start to the year. Students are engaged, well-supported, and familiar with available resources. The school climate is positive, with good adherence to cell phone rules and a strong sense of community.

5.4 Support Staff Report

Ms. O'Connor reported the following:

- Two meetings held with administration to share improvements and ideas.
- Staff continue floating programming, circulating to support students and ensure compliance with rules (including cell phone expectations).
- Student collaboration is strong.
- Uniform policy is respected.
- Main concern remains food logistics for students.
- Remediation schedules are being organized early to support student success.
- Overall, the team is functioning well.

5.5 Parent Committee Report

Ms. Rutt reported the following:

The first EMSB Parent Committee meeting will take place on October 3, 2025.

5.6 Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Julian Feldman reported the following:

- Significant provincial budget cuts were imposed last spring.
- The EMSB is legally challenging restrictions preventing the use of its \$75M surplus, historically used to manage financial pressures.
- Ongoing legal efforts aim to counter CAQ government decisions affecting minority-language school boards.
- Bill 21: Now before the Supreme Court; the case originated in this district.
- Bill 96: EMSB continues to contest measures affecting school board autonomy.
- Reassurance provided that every effort is being made to protect services and prevent additional cuts.

5.7 PPO Report

No report.

6. Varia

No varia items were discussed.

7. Public Question Period #2

No question from the public were asked.

8. Date of Next Meeting

November 19, 2025

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Moved by: Jean-Philippe St-Louis

Seconded by: Darlene O'Connor

Governing Board Chair

Principal