



**LAURENHILL ACADEMY**  
**Governing Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday April 30, 2025 at 7PM**



**PRESENT:**

Carmen Nicolas, Principal  
Andrea Dillon, Vice-Principal  
Sarah Ditchfield, Vice-Principal  
Christy Tannous, Vice-Principal  
Elizabeth Destounis, Staff  
Sunita Fowsar, Staff  
Sandy Kocoris, Staff  
Adriano Pagano, Staff  
Shaun Simon, Staff  
Julia Stark, Staff

Maria Argyriou, Parent, Home & School  
Perry Calce, Parent, Treasurer  
Sandra Callender, Parent, Co-Secretary  
Shannon Campbell, Parent, EMSBPC Alt. Delegate  
Karen Der, Parent, Co-Secretary  
Khadija Shabbir, Parent  
Georgia Stamatopoulos, Parent, Chairperson  
Daniel Benarroch, Student Council  
Fatou Konteh, Student Council

**REGRETS:**

Nancy Lemieux, Staff  
Emelia Quintana, Staff  
Daniel Tatone, Parent, EMSBPC Delegate  
James Kromida, Commissioner

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lena Verducci, Public - Parent

**1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

- The meeting was held in person at the Senior Campus library and called to order at 7:05 PM.
- Welcome and opening remarks from the Chair for the fifth meeting of the 2024-2025 academic year.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- Addition of item 4.4 regarding change in date of next meeting.

***MOTION to adopt today's Agenda as amended was put forth by Julia Stark, seconded by Karen Der and carried.***

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***MOTION to approve the March 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes was put forth by Sunita Fowsar, seconded by Sandy Kocoris and carried.***

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Calendar 2025-2026**

- Presentation of the 2025-2026 School Calendar.

***Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Calendar was moved by Elizabeth Destounis, seconded by Sandy Kocoris and carried.***

##### **4.2 LHA GB \$300 Donation for Graduation Scholarships 2025**

- GB has an annual budget of \$250. There is sufficient funds in its current budget to contribute three \$100 Graduation Scholarships for a total disbursement of \$300.

***Motion to approve three \$100 Graduation Scholarships was moved by Karen Der, seconded by Khadija Shabbir and carried.***

##### **4.3 H&S Comedy Night 2026**

- Home & School approved a new Comedy Show fundraiser for spring 2026 at its last meeting.
- Since this is a new fundraiser, H&S would need Governing Board approval.
- Approval would have to be granted this year since H&S has to book the event in the coming weeks to reserve for next year.

***Motion to approve the new Home & School Comedy Show 2026 Fundraiser was moved by Sunita Fowsar, seconded by Adriano Pagano and carried.***

- As for possible booking dates, Home & School would like a Friday date next spring that does not coincide with Drama, Dance or Music Shows or Easter holidays since this would impact ticket sales. After reviewing next year's Calendar, the Administration proposed April 17 as first choice and May 1<sup>st</sup> as second choice dates for Comedy Show.

##### **4.4 Change in Meeting Date**

***Motion to approve changing the next meeting date from June 4 to June 11 was moved by Elizabeth Destounis, seconded by Sandy Kocoris and carried.***

## **5. REPORTS**

### **5.1 Principal's Report**

- This week is the EMSB Volunteer Appreciation Week.
- The Principal went with the SEC 5s on their Washington trip.
- Youth Summit on Student Democracy - student delegates from the 5 Montreal school boards and service centers attended the conference
- The Help Centre is organizing free tutoring sessions to prepare for final exams.
- The school website is being re-vamped.
- The placement tests for incoming Sec 1s is on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **5.2 Vice-Principals' Report: (Junior/Senior)**

- Drama Show – 'Breakfast Club' was performed to a sold-out crowd.
- April 2 - Honour Roll breakfast; students with the highest averages had a Ceramic Café outing with the Principal.
- April 10 - Movie Night in the Agora for the juniors
- April 14 - TED Talks - seniors presented to peers in the auditorium
- Autism Awareness presentation was organized at Junior campus
- April 23 - LHA hosted Hockey Night in the Agora
- Mock student elections were held
- May 2 - PortraitXConcordia art exhibition that will feature the work of LHA students
- May 6 and 7 – Music Show
- May 9 and 10 – Dance Show

### **5.3 Teachers' Report: (Junior/Senior)**

- Girls Juvenile Flag football team did very well
- SEC 2 STEAM students will be presenting their self-designed video games at the Fusion Jeunesse Festival.
- Secondary 5 STEAM Competition on May 12
- Secondary 3 STEAM Exhibition 'Matter that Matters' in the first week of June

### **5.4 Students' Report**

- Student Council organised fun activities throughout Spirit Week
- Student Council members participated in the Youth Summit and Leadership Camp
- Grad Committee has finished selling tickets for Prom

### **5.5 Professional Staff Report**

- Guidance sessions for Cegep applications for SEC 5 students
- Following up with students who are struggling
- LHA hosted the 6th Annual AHEPA Hellenic History Tournament. LHA's teams competed very well against more experienced teams

## 5.6 EMSB Parent Committee Report

- Last meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Discussion of Bill 94
- Discussion of school trips to USA

## 5.7 Home & School Report

- H&S sold snacks at the recent Hockey Night in the Agora.
- H&S will sell flowers at the Music Concert and the Dance Show.
- Krispy Kreme fundraiser in progress with a delivery date of May 23 to coincide with the Sports Banquet. 20 boxes will be donated to the Sports Banquet.

## 5.8 Commissioner's Report

- There was no report.

## 6. VARIA

- None

## 7. QUESTION PERIOD

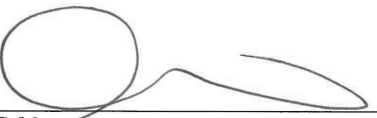
- Discussion and feedback about cord presentation during convocation

## 8. CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

- The last meeting of the year will be June 11.

***There being no further business to discuss motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM was carried.***

Minutes By: Karen Der

  
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CHAIRPERSON