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Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting #6

June 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Celzi, Cristina	Principal	P	Passucci, Stephanie	Chair	P
Monti, Jessica	Vice-Principal	P	Cabral, Vanessa	Parent	P
Barnabé, Valérie	IB Coordinator	P	De Ciccio, Angela	Parent	P
Castonguay, Micheline	Teacher	P	Irrera, Angelo	Parent	P
D'Alessandro, Andy	Teacher	P	Settino, Emiliana	Parent	P
De Ciccio, Veronica	Teacher	P	Tartamella, Sandra	Treasurer	A
Di Viccaro, Alex	Teacher	P	Vasile, Mary	Parent	A
Marcogliese, Lisa	Teacher	P	Zarusso, Antonio	Parent	P
Pinto, Marcel	Teacher	P	Pietrangelo, Mario	Commissioner	A
Potesta, Ramona	Staff	P	Pagano Castle, Amya	Student (Sec. 4)	A
Tullio, Gerry	Staff	A	Lisi, Lucia	Student (Sec. 5)	A
Required for Quorum: 12 Present, 4 Parents			Members Present:		16

Call to order: 7:04 PM

1. Welcome-Land Acknowledgements

- Motioned by Vanessa Cabral; seconded by Antonio Zarusso to not read land acknowledgement in said meeting as the students who read the Land Acknowledgement were not present. All in favor, motion passed.

2. Appointment of the meeting secretary

- Vanessa Cabral was appointed by the Chair to take the meeting minutes.

3. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion to approve agenda by Antonio Zarusso seconded by Lisa Marcogliese; all in favour, motion passed.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the April 30, 2025 Governing Board Meeting

Motion to adopt by Alex Di Viccaro; seconded by Antonio Zarusso; all in favour, motion passed.

5. Business Arising from the minutes of April 30, 2025, GB meeting

- None

6. New Business:

6.1 School Budget

- Ms Celzi presented the 2025-2026 expected school budget for next year from the school.
Money received from parents at the beginning of the year from school fees.

Motion put forward to approve 2025-2026 fund 3 fees to parents to be approved as shown by the principle. Motioned by Alex Di Vicarro seconded by Marcel Pinto; all in favour, motion passed.

6.2 Annual Report

- Ms Celzi couldn't present the annual report at the moment. It will be presented at the first GB meeting in September.

6.3 Financial Report

- Ms Celzi presented the Governing Board report of expenditures for the year ending June 30, 2025.

6.4 End of back credits

- Starting next year back credits will no longer be in effect. If a student fails a course, they will have to repeat that course the following year. They may be promoted to the next level of education however they will repeat the course that was failed or attend summer school if it is available.

6.5 Cell phone policy

- The children are not allowed to have their cell phones on school grounds. However, it is not clear whether the school can have their own policies enforced. There was no final decision of the schools have to follow it or if the schools have some flexibility. Once the school has the directive there would have to be an update to the code of conduct sent to parents since it will not be in the 2025-2026 agenda.
- A discussion within the GB members on the pro's and con's of having a total ban on cell phones on the school grounds.

6.6 Uniform sale part 2

- There has been a discussion about having another uniform sale at the beginning of the next school year. Ms Celzi will send an email to all parents asking if they have school uniforms to donate to the school. Parents will be able to drop off items until July 7th. Another email will be sent in September to ask parents if they have uniforms to donate. Date of next uniform sale will be discussed at the first GB meeting in September.

6. Student Report

- None

7. IB Report

- End of year projects
 - On May 8th, we had our Vow of Silence Day. Students stayed silent to raise awareness about the children who don't have a voice. About 100 students participated.

- Sec 1 did their Egg drop project in Design. It's always a big success and students have fun designing a device that protects the egg from a fall all the way down the Central Stairs.
- Sec 3 une bande dessinée dans le cadre du cours de français, le sujet était les Rébellions de 1837-1838.
- In sec 3 design class they did the bridge project.
- All current secondary 4 students have submitted their personal project proposals.
- It's time to close this year and start thinking about the next one.
- Costa Rica 2026 was cancelled due to lack of registration
- On Behalf of Mr. Monachino
 - In May there was a few activities and dress down day.
 - On May 6, the secondary 5 students attended the MADD presentation.
 - Dress down day: GSA club dress down day collected about 720\$ and was donated to Gris foundation.
 - A lot of students participated in the vow of silence initiative on May 8th. Raising awareness against bullying in children who don't have a voice.
 - 2025 Graduation dress down day
 - The LMAC pantry food was donated to charity.

8. CLC Report

- All CLC initiatives and groups have successfully concluded for the year, with many set to return in the upcoming school year. Based on both verbal and written feedback, these initiatives have had a meaningful and positive impact on our students.
- We would also like to highlight a special initiative in support of Mme Boussour: thanks to the generosity of our students and staff, we collected over six bags of school supplies, which will be shipped to an orphanage in Venezuela this summer.
- Planning for next year is already underway. Our goal is to expand and enhance our programming by introducing new, engaging initiatives in collaboration with potential community partners.

9. EMSB PC Report

- Last meeting was a dinner nothing extraordinary to report.
- Cell phones was one of the topics discussed that is still pending.
- Elementary schools are giving out awards from the PC this time of year. The literacy award where the student is given a book selected by the PC. A bursary of 50\$ is also given to a student that the administration selects. At the high school level \$100 is given during the graduation ceremony.
- All budgets have been reviewed and completed are set for next year.

10. Question Period

- None

11. Varia

- None

12. Adjournment

- 7:55 PM, motioned by