



# Leonardo da Vinci Academy

## Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

**Members in attendance (alphabetical):** Kurt Blagden, Jennifer Brisebois, Antonella D'Angelo, Rosemarie Carlomusto, Marco Di Manno, Ana-Maria Di Gaetano, Sabrina Recine Di Nezza, Sabrina Gavita, Vanessa Giancioppi, Johanne Lancellotta, Maria Loria, Fatima Marandola, Francesca Muro, Renata Nespeca, Anna-Maria Parente, Nadia Sammarco, Stellana Romeo

**Members not in attendance (alphabetical):** Joseph Carlucci, Karen Polletta, Francesca Santone, Tina Spiridigliozzi.

**1. Welcome and opening remarks**

Stellana Romeo welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 6:38 pm. She also welcomed guest Sabrina Niro, student teacher.

**2. Additions to the agenda**

No additions to the agenda

**3. Adoption of the agenda**

Motion to adopt the agenda by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Johanne Lancellotta

*Motion approved*

**4. Approval of minutes of the Wednesday, February 5, 2025, meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes by Jennifer Brisebois, seconded by Vanessa Giancioppi. All in favour.

*Motion approved*

**5. Business issues:**

**a. Budget Building**

This is something that happens annually with the school board. Mrs. Sammarco reviewed a list of all the suggestions that fall under budget priorities, as well as guiding principles, criteria, and related orientations.

The document was presented to the Staff Council as well and approved prior to this meeting.

Motion to approve the budget building by Sabrina Di Nezza, seconded by Fatima Marandola. All in favour.

*Motion approved*

**b. Change in 2024-25 calendar**

Administrators had a meeting and were advised that since we had 2 snow days, one pedagogical day had to be removed if the snow day did not already fall on a ped day. The day selected was Friday, June 6th, 2025. Therefore, June 6<sup>th</sup> now becomes a regular school day.

A Federal election was then called on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This day has now become a Pedagogical Day due to the election. Daycare services will still be offered.

**c. Effective Study Habit and Learning Workshops Grades 1-5**

Our school will be offering 3 sessions of Effective Study Habit and Learning Workshops from grades 1 to 5, focusing on reading, writing and effective studying for the entire classroom. Ms. Sharon Scimeca will be leading the workshops and providing support to all our students starting April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**d. Closure of daycare at 4:30 p.m. on April 11, 2025**

Mrs. Sammarco shared the details pertaining to the Neuro Gala, taking place on April 11, 2025. Exceptionally, the daycare will have to be closed for the caretakers to clean the building as they prepare for this event.

Motion to approve the closure of daycare at 4:30 pm on April 11, 2025 by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Johanne Lancellotta. All in favour.

*Motion approved*

**e. 2025-26 School Calendar**

Mrs. Sammarco mentioned the new calendar is out for 2025-2026 school year.

Motion to approve the school calendar by Fatima Marandola, seconded by Francesca Muro. All in favour.

*Motion approved*

## **6. Reports:**

### **a. Principal's Report**

- Storytelling competition is being held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Michelangelo International. Alicia Guerrero is our grade 6 English winner, James Di Lillo is our grade 6 French winner. Our runners up are Mauro Simoniello and Adriana Caternicchia. Congratulations to them.
- Carina Messina was nominated as Student of the Month. She has demonstrated a great leadership role in a very respectful way leading up to our big Neuro Gala event. She will be recognized at the Commissioner's meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- The Neuro Gala has a great list of raffles totaling 82 prizes, demonstrating a great generosity in sponsorship.
- Pre-kindergarten will have their teddy bear picnic with treats and fun games on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten will have their vision screening on April 25, 2025.
- Grades 5 and 6 will participate in the RoboCup competition on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This competition will take place at Royal Vale High-School.

### **b. Vice Principal's Report- absent- no report**

### **c. Commissioner's Report**

- Mr. Mercuri shared the EMSB and Director General Nick Katalifos was presented with the King Charles III Medal. This award is a way to recognize outstanding individuals o
- A record number of 23 students were presented with the Robert Alfred Peck Prize for Excellence in French at the monthly Council of Commissioners meeting on March 18.
- Aiva Furfaro, was nominated as student of the month for March 2025 was nominated and was awarded a full scholarship.
- Resolution code of ethics will be sent for final approval.
- 2.6-million-dollar budget compression by the government but the School Board is capable of not reducing services or allocations to schools despite this cut.

### **d. Teacher's Report**

- Rosemarie Carlomusto thanked all Home & School parents for treating teachers during Staff Appreciation Week.

### **e. Regional Delegate Report**

- Jennifer Brisebois updated us by sharing news on the outcomes of the Educational Project.
- The EMSB reiterated their policy against providing an email address to governing boards due to confidentiality.
- Budget Building Process reviewed on their side; input was provided on the budget building principles. They will be continued to be reviewed at their next meeting.
- First ever approved PPO at Laurier Mac high-school.
- Literacy prize book was chosen and will be given to each winner.
- A new app for school transportation was implemented and piloted in 16 schools.

### **f. Daycare Report**

- April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 is election day. The daycare is open and school is closed. Cost: 15\$

- Francesca thanked everyone for having approved the closure of daycare at 4:30 pm on April 11, 2025.
- Ms. Sammarco has been nominated as one of our school board's exceptional employees, to represent all Principal's, in an interview video. This video will be used to encourage individuals to apply to the EMSB.

Motion to approve the fee on the Pedagogical day by Johanne Lancellotta, seconded by Antonella D'Angelo. All in favour

*Motion approved*

**g. Home and School Report**

- Budgets have been increased for RoboCup to 4500\$.
- Art budget was also increased to 2500\$.
- Music budget also went up to 2400\$.
- This year was the first year using Chapman's ice cream and shown to be very profitable.
- They are carrying over 13,000\$ over to next year.
- Mother's Day fundraiser coming up where 2 types of boxes will be sold from Bar à Beurre, one sold at 20\$, one at 40\$.

**8) Question Period-no questions**

**9) Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Fatima Marandola.

Minutes taken by S. Gavita

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson

Principal