



# LEONARDO DA VINCI ACADEMY

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 5, 2025

### **Members in attendance (alphabetical)**

Kurt Blagden, Jennifer Brisebois, Rosemarie Carlomusto, Antonella D'Angelo, Marco Di Manno, Sabrina Recine Di Nezza, Sabrina Gavita, Vanessa Giancioppi, Johanne Lancellotta, Fatima Marandola, Francesca Muro, Renata Nespeca, Anna-Maria Parente, Karen Polletta, Nadia Sammarco, Francesca Santone, Stellana Romeo, Tina Spiridigliozzi

### **Members not in attendance (alphabetical):**

Ana-Maria Di Gaetano, Maria Loria

#### **1. Welcome and opening remarks**

Stellana Romeo welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 6:35p.m.

#### **2. Additions to the agenda**

No additions to the agenda.

#### **3. Adoption of the agenda**

Motion to adopt the agenda by Kurt Blagden, seconded by Sabrina Recine Di Nezza. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

#### **4. Approval of the minutes of the December 11, 2024 meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024 meeting by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Fatima Marandola. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

#### **5. Business Issues**

##### **a. Approval of the school budget**

Mrs. Sammarco reviewed the various fund allocations and reviewed the expenditures. Stellana Romeo read the resolution to the members.

Motion to adopt the resolution for the 2024-2025 budget by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Fatima Marandola. All in favor.

*Motion approved.*



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### **b. Approval of educational project action plan**

Mrs. Sammarco reviewed the document with the members.

Motion to approve the Educational Project Action Plan by Fatima Marandola, seconded by Renata Nespeca. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

### **c. Registration feedback**

Mrs. Sammarco explained that registration is ongoing, and the numbers are looking positive. The goal is to maintain the existing number of groups per level as we do not have room to grow further.

### **d. PT Interviews and Term 2 Report Cards**

Letters will be sent home shortly regarding the Parent/Teacher interviews that will be taking place via Microsoft Teams. These interviews will be by request of the teacher(s), however, any parent wishing to have an appointment can request one. Report cards will be available on February 25, 2025 via the Mozaik Portal.

### **e. Hooked on Schools**

This is a province-wide initiative that LDVA school participates in annually. There will be a Buddy-Reading afternoon whereby junior classes will be paired with senior groups to read a story. This year's event is taking place on Valentine's Day.

### **f. Antibullying Week**

Preparations are well underway. A full week of presentations and activities have been planned. This includes the LDVA's Got Talent show auditions.

### **g. Staff Appreciation Week**

Staff appreciation Week will take place February 10 - 14, 2025. The staff will enjoy a week of surprises and treats prepared by Home and School and Admin.

### **h. National Sweater Day – Eco Schools: February 6**

This event is part of a green initiative across the Canada. The goal is to save energy by turning down the thermostats and wearing sweaters. LDVA students will be participating this year.

## **6. Reports**

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

- Grade 4 vaccination day will be taking place on February 6, 2025. The nurses will be present at the school, snacks will be set up and parents will be volunteering.
- On Friday, February 7, 2025 the pre-kindergarten parents will be invited for a play activity with their children with Sharon Scimeca from Universe of Play.



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- Parents of children who have been selected to participate in the LDVA talent show will be invited to watch the show on February 21, 2025.
- A friendly reminder to parents that February 28, 2025 is a pedagogical day.
- Save the date! Graduation pictures will take place March 14, 2025.
- The Physical Education Department participated in a workshop on how to incorporate the use of a smart TV in gym class. With this comes a free smart TV and iPad.

### **b. Vice Principal's Report**

- Mr. Joseph expressed gratitude for being in his new role as Vice Principal. He shared that students helped to decorate his office and also acknowledged his birthday.
- He shared that the students loved the Ski-mobile activity and that it was very well organized.

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

- Mr. Mercuri shared that a group of students from JFK called the Girl's Group, who focus on community initiatives, were recognized as Students of the Month. They packaged boxes and donated them to women's shelters.
- Annual report of the Student Ombudsman was presented. The document is public for anyone wishing to see it.
- The 2023-2024 Annual Report, which includes the Commitment to Success Plan, was presented. The overall success rate is 95.9%, best for EMSB and best in all English School Boards in Quebec.
- Two more members were added to the Governance and Ethics committee, Mr. Mercuri being one of them.
- The 2025-2026 school calendar was adopted.
- Due to a change in the law, Policy DG26.1 was rescinded. This was the former policy about the disclosure of wrong doings.
- A resolution was passed to continue the Sport Etudes program at Lester B. Pearson High School. This process must take place every four years.
- A resolution was passed to send the budget building process out for consultation.





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

- Karen Polletta shared that the Ski-mobile activity was really enjoyed by the students and seconded what Mr. Joseph said that it was very well organized.
- Next week marks the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. There will be many activities planned for Kindergarten students on Thursday, February 13.
- Ms. Anna-Maria Parente updated the members regarding the Entrepreneurship Project. Unfortunately, the government funding was cut so the project is now on hold.

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

- The Budget Building Process and the impending budget cuts were discussed.
- A motion was discussed for a "One-Vote" rule since some parents on the committee represent more than one school and as such had greater voting power. Motion was defeated.
- Discussion was had regarding two draft letters. The wish is for schools to standardize how they are surveying parents. A draft letter to the EMSB requesting clarification was approved.
- A letter was sent to the EMSB requesting clarification regarding the denial of a request for Governing Board's to be assigned an EMSB email address. It is felt that an EMSB email would help streamline communication and improve record keeping, etc...

### **f. Daycare Report**

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| • March 28, 2025 | Sugar Shack at LDVA, Cost: \$30 |
| • May 16, 2025   | Le Kid Foot, Cost: \$27         |
| • June 6, 2025   | Sport's Life, Cost: \$37        |

Motion to approve the pedagogical day activities by Fatima Marandola, seconded by Karen Polletta. All in Favour.



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*Motion approved.*

### **g. Home and School Report**

- Plans for Staff Appreciation are well underway.
- A budget was voted upon to support the music and art program, the stage used for end of year celebrations and the robotics program.

### **7. Question Period**


No questions.


### **8. Adjournment**

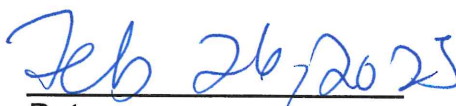
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Vanessa Giancioppi. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

  
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Stellana Romeo, Chairperson

  
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Nadia Sammarco, Principal

  
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