



# LEONARDO DA VINCI ACADEMY

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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

Kurt Blagden, Jennifer Brisebois, Marco Di Manno, Ana-Maria Di Gaetano, Sabrina Gavita, , Johanne Lancellotta, Maria Loria, Fatima Marandola, Francesca Muro, Renata Nespeca, Anna-Maria Parente, Karen Polletta, Sabrina Recine Di Nezza, Nadia Sammarco, Francesca Santone, Stellana Romeo, Tina Spiridigliozzi

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

Rosemarie Carlomusto, Antonella D'Angelo, Vanessa Giancioppi

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

Stellana Romeo welcomed the members and began the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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

Approval of the electronic vote conducted on May 29, 2025, authorizing the purchase of Pierino ice cream for the entire school from fund 3 in the total amount of \$1,500. Motion to approve by Francesca Muro, seconded by Karen Polletta. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

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

Motion to adopt the agenda by Francesca Muro, seconded by Karen Polletta. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

### **4. Approval of the minutes of the May 1, 2025, meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2025 meeting with corrections by Fatima Marandola, seconded by Anna-Maria Parente. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

### **5. Business Issues**

#### **a. Approval of the Annual Report**

Ms. Sammarco reviewed the document and corrections were made. The document summarized all the decisions made by the governing board throughout the 2024-2025 school year.



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Stellana Romeo read her end of year message to the members.

Motion to approve the Annual Report by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Sabrina Gavita. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

**b. Approval of preliminary budget for the 2025-2026 school year**

Ms. Sammarco reviewed the document presented to the members and explained that only Fund 3 could be included, including charges to parents, as the Ministry has not yet provided the EMSB with confirmation of next year's funding.

Motion to approve the preliminary budget for the 2025-2026 school year by Francesca Muro, seconded by Jennifer Brisebois. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

**c. Approval of the Charges to Parents for the 2025-2026 school year**

Ms. Sammarco reviewed the document presented to the members and provided an explanation of the charges and the items they cover.

Motion to approve the Charges to Parents for the 2025-2026 school year by Sabrina Recine Di Nezza, seconded by Fatima Marandola. All in favour.

Motion approved.

**d. Approval of financial report 2024-2025 school year**

Ms. Sammarco reviewed the document with the members and highlighted that the \$250 GB allocation continues to be used towards graduation plaques.

Motion to approve the financial report by Johanne Lancellotta, seconded by Francesca Muro. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

**e. Approval of offering PELO for the 2025-2026 school year**

Ms. Sammarco explained that the PELO program has consistently been successful and, as a result, there is strong demand to continue it in the 2025–2026 school year.

Motion to approve the PELO program for the 2025-2026 school year by Maria Loria, seconded by Fatima Marandola.



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*Motion approved.*

**f. Approval of offering current extracurricular activities for the 2025-2026 school year**

Ms. Sammarco asked that the school year begin with offering existing programs such as Di Bella, Rocco Placentino Soccer, Enfant & Compagnie.

Motion to approve by Johanne Lancellotta, seconded by Kurt Blagden. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

**g. ABAV End Of Year Report**

Ms. Sammarco discussed the results of the ABAV plan. We would like to focus more on the goals of digital equity and respect and would like to offer more about improving the children's awareness of indigenous communities.

Ms. Sammarco also reviewed the goals for next year.

Motion to approve by Jennifer Brisebois, seconded by Francesca Muro.

All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

**h. Approval of September 26, 2025 Ped Day**

Francesca Muro explained that Sharon Scimeca will be offering her program, The Universe of Play, on September 26, 2025. There will be a \$15 daycare fee and a 15\$ activity fee.

Motion to approve to approve by Marco Di Manno, seconded by Jennifer Brisebois. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*

## 6. Reports

**a. Principal's Report**

- A book giveaway took place today. Children from every grade level were drawn to receive a book, with six books given per grade.
- **June 13:** Musical Matinee – Junior Concert at 9:15 a.m. and Senior Concert at 10:30 a.m. Tickets have been distributed and are colour-coded.





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- **June 13:** Final walk-through for Grade 6 students and the two retirees. Following the walk-through, Grade 6 students will perform *Grease* in the schoolyard for the whole school and parents.
- **June 16:** Fun Day, organized by Home and School. Students will also receive slushies.
- **June 16:** Family Feud Sports Day-style activity in the gym and with various stations.
- **June 17:** Students will be offered a free hot meal catered by *Le Doral*. Chapman's sorbet will be served for dessert.
- Parents will receive updated reading benchmark results: English (PM Benchmarks) and French (GB+) the last week of school.
- **June 18:** Pre-Kindergarten Celebration of Learning.
- **June 19:** Kindergarten Moving on Ceremony.
- **June 19:** A parent has generously donated freezies for the entire school.
- **June 20:** Grade 6 Convocation and party at Plaza Universel, marking their last day of classes in elementary school.
- **June 23:** Report cards will be available on the Mozaik Parent Portal.
- **School Closure:** July 1 to August 13.
- Ms. Sammarco extended warm wishes for a wonderful summer and expressed her gratitude to everyone for their teamwork and dedication to the betterment of the school.

### b. Vice Principal's Report

- Mr. Joseph reported that the Halo Run was a great success.
- He noted that there was positive feedback from both the Cycle 1 and Cycle 2 trips.
- The Futsal Tournament was also very successful, with students expressing great enthusiasm.
- Mr. Joseph expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to work with such a dedicated team and shared his hope to continue in his role at LDVA.

### c. Commissioner's Report

- No report.



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

- Ms. Karen shared that the Kindergarten students are very excited to perform for their parents at the graduation ceremony.
- The Grade 6 students expressed mixed emotions as the school year comes to an end but are eager to participate in the Final Walk Through the Halls tradition.

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

- A meeting was held at St. Pius Culinary School.
- A request was made to the EMSB to prioritize updating school websites, as many are still displaying outdated information.
- The MY Blueprint Program is available to all EMSB students from Grades 5 to 11. The program supports students in planning for high school and beyond by:
  - Using their grades to identify potential academic pathways.
  - Allowing them to build portfolios, résumés, and other tools to apply for CEGEP, scholarships, and future opportunities.

### **f. Daycare Report**

Ms. Francesca thanked the members for an outstanding Governing Board experience, expressing her deep appreciation for their support. She wished everyone a fun and relaxing summer.

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

A new president was elected for the 2025–2026 school year. Appreciation was extended to the teachers, administration, and Governing Board members for an outstanding experience at LDVA. Best wishes were conveyed to all for a happy and restful summer.

## **7. Question Period**

No questions.

## **8. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm by Francesca Muro, seconded by Anna-Maria Parente. All in favour.

*Motion approved.*



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Stellana Romeo, Chairperson

Date

Nadia Sammarco, Principal

Date