



LEONARDO DA VINCI ACADEMY

Governing Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 1, 2025

Members in attendance (alphabetical)

Jennifer Brisebois, Rosemarie Carlomusto, Antonella D'Angelo, Marco Di Manno, Ana-Maria Di Gaetano, Sabrina Gavita, Johanne Lancellotta, Maria Loria, Fatima Marandola, Francesca Muro, Renata Nespeca, Anna-Maria Parente, Nadia Sammarco, Francesca Santone, Stellana Romeo, Tina Spiridigliozzi

Members not in attendance (alphabetical):

Kurt Blagden, Sabrina Recine Di Nezza, Vanessa Giancioppi, Karen Polletta

1. Welcome and opening remarks

Stellana Romeo welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

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 Fatima Marandola. All in favour.

Motion approved.

4. Approval of the minutes of the April 2, 2025, meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2025, meeting with corrections by Fatima Marandola, seconded by Francesca Muro. All in favour.

Motion approved.

5. Business Issues

a. Approval of hot meal provider for the 2025-2026 school year

Mrs. Sammarco explained that this approval process must take place every year. Feedback regarding Le Doral's meal service has been excellent. An email has been sent to parents regarding a slight increase in cost for the 2025-2026 school year. The cost has increased by \$0.25 for a total of \$7.00 per meal.

Motion to approve Le Doral as the hot meal provider for LDVA by Antonella D'Angelo, seconded by Fatima Marandola. All in favour.

Motion approved.



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b. Approval of the School Code of Conduct for the 2025-2026 school year

Mrs. Sammarco reviewed the document with the members and highlighted the important points and updates.

Motion to approve the School Code of Conduct for the 2025-2026 school year by Fatima Marandola, seconded by Renata Nespeca. All in favour.

Motion approved.

c. Presentation of teaching minutes for the 2025-2026 school year

Mrs. Sammarco explained the breakdown of teaching minutes according to the bilingual program guidelines. The minutes for the Social Studies program have increased from 60 minutes to 120 minutes for cycle 2 and cycle 3.

Motion to approve the teaching minutes by Sabrina Gavita, seconded by Renata Nespeca. All in favour.

Motion approved.

d. Approval of Denim Day – The CURE fundraiser May 13, 2025

Motion to approve The CURE Denim Day fundraiser by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Johanne Lancellotta. All in favour.

Motion approved.

e. Approval to close the daycare at 5:15 p.m. on June 20, 2025

The grade 6 graduation ceremony takes place on June 20, 2025. Closing the daycare early will allow all staff to attend. For this to happen the daycare would need to close at 5:15 p.m. That said, this early closure would only be necessary if all daycare educators attend the graduation.

Motion to approve the closure of daycare at 5:15pm on June 20, 2025, by Fatima Marandola, seconded by Ana-Maria Di Gaetano.

Motion approved.



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6. Reports

a. Principal's Report

- The annual Halo Run will be taking place at Mount Royal next week. Students have been preparing and training. They will be travelling via coach bus.
- Starting this month, Sharon Scimeca will be back offering play sessions with students in pre-k and kdg as well as study habits workshops to grades 1 through 6.
- Once again, the Neuro Gala was a tremendous success and highlighted the amazing talent of students and staff. Almost \$25,000 was raised.
- Friendly reminder to everyone that June 6 is no longer a pedagogical day but rather a regular school day.
- Reminder that grade 6 students have begun Ministry exams and as such must be present at school. A medical note is required for any absences during ministry exams.
- Student enrolment as of today is 472. That said, there is often a certain degree of fluctuation between now and the start of the new year.
- The spring matinee concert will take place on June 13, and the theme is Disney music.
- The grade 6 graduates will participate in the anticipated tradition of walking through the halls for the last time on June 13, 2025
- The Pre-k Celebration of Learning will take place on June 18.
- The Kindergarten Moving on Ceremony will take place on June 19.
- The annual Fun Day is scheduled to take place on June 16.
- Family Feud Sports day is a new activity day that will be taking place on June 17 for the entire school.

b. Vice Principal's Report

- Mr. Joseph expressed thanks to Mrs. Sammarco and Mme. Gavita for all the hard work and time invested in the Neuro event.
- Mr. Joseph shared that administration was showered with smiles and gratitude for Administration Day. This was greatly appreciated.
- Carina Messina was recognized at Pius as EMSB Student of the Month for April.
- Futsal soccer league will continue for cycle 2 and 3. Sign-up sheets have been sent out.
- Many field trips are scheduled to take place in June. The dates can be found on the school calendar for May and June.
- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten orientations will be taking place at the end of May.



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c. Commissioner's Report

- No report.

d. Teacher's Report

- This is a very busy time, and teachers are doing their best to make sure the children succeed on their exams.

e. Regional Delegate Report

- The last meeting took place on April 3, 2025.
- Several Educational Services policies were discussed for approval.
- Bill 94 was discussed and the EMSB Parent's Committee will be participating in the discussion.
- The EMSB provided a rationale as to why the Governing Boards will not be given an email address. The EMSB Parent's Committee has many questions about this decision.
- A new Code of Ethics was developed by the Ministry that outlines the practices and conduct expected of those who work with minors and people with disabilities.

f. Daycare Report

- Francesca Muro wished Mrs. Sammarco and Mr. Joseph a Happy Administration Day.
- Daycare Week is the week of May 12. The theme this year is: "Together we Grow - Celebrating our Daycare Stars". There will be many activities and treats planned for the children throughout the week.

g. Home and School Report

- The Mother's Day cookie fundraiser has ended, and delivery will be made next week.
- The chocolate fundraising company will be presenting our chocolate bar options for next year's campaign at the next Home and School Meeting.

7. Question Period

No questions.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Fatima Marandola. All in favour.

Motion approved.



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Stellana Romeo, Chairperson

Date

Nadia Sammarco, Principal

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