



LEONARDO DA VINCI ACADEMY

Governing Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 30, 2026

Members in attendance (alphabetical)

Joseph Carlucci, Rosemarie Carlomusto, Antonella D'Angelo, Ana Maria Di Gaetano, Sabrina Recine Di Nezza, Sabrina Gavita, Rosemary Greco, Johanne Lancellotta, Maria Loria, Fatima Marandola, Francesca Muro, Renata Nespeca, Anna-Maria Parente, Karen Polletta, Nadia Sammarco, , Stellana Romeo, Tina Spiridigliozzi

Absent: Kurt Blagden, Francesca Santone, Vanessa Giancioppi

1. Welcome and opening remarks

Stellana Romeo welcomed the members and started the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

2. Additions to the agenda

No additions to the agenda.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda by Sabrina Gavita, seconded by Fatima Marandola. All in favour.

Motion approved.

4. Approval of the minutes of the March 10, 2026, meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2026, meeting with correction by Sabrina Gavita, seconded by Rosemarie Carlomusto. All in favour.

Motion approved.

5. Business Issues

a. Approval of Le Doral hot meal provider

Discussion was had about the excellent quality of service to the school as well as the community. Le Doral assists in the distribution of meals and is extremely helpful and accommodating when needs arise.

Motion to approve Le Doral as the hot meal provider for the 2026-2027 school year by Renata Nespeca, Seconded by Antonella D'Angelo. Abstention by Maria Loria.

Motion approved.



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b. Approval of school calendar 2026-27

Ms. Sammarco reviewed the dates of the 2026-2027 calendar, making special note of important dates such as the beginning and end of the school year, pedagogical days and holidays.

Motion to approve the calendar for 2026-2027 by Francesca Muro, seconded by Renata Nespeca. All in favour.

Motion approved.

c. Approval of School Code of Conduct for the 2026-27 school year

- ☐ Ms. Sammarco explained that the code of conduct remains mostly unchanged. The revised document includes the new calendar for 2026-27 with all important dates. An addition was made regarding the special LDVA event t-shirts. Those will be permitted, as well as the grade 6 entrepreneur t-shirts from previous years. Not permitted are biker/running shorts or short tights more than 5cm above the knee.

Motion to approve the Code of Conduct for the 2026-27 school year by Sabrina Recine Di Nezza, seconded by Fatima Marandola. All in favour.

Motion approved.

d. Registration 2026-27 update

Mrs. Sammarco explained that there are currently 455 students registered for the coming school year which is basically maintaining the current numbers. There are fewer kindergarten students who have registered and some students in other grades are moving out of the area. Despite this very minor drop in enrollment, there will be three fewer homerooms for 2026-2027 but thankfully all the tenured teachers will remain.

Approval of fundraising for Denim Day

Mrs. Sammarco explained that this is an EMSB initiative and LDVA traditionally supports the cause. The children will be asked to donate \$2.00.

Motion to approve fundraising for Denim Day by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Renata Nespeca. All in favour.

Motion approved.



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6. Reports

a. Principal's Report

- The LDVA Habs Day was a tremendous success filled with incredible energy. City News covered the event as well as the EMSB.
- On Monday, May 4 the Fearlessly Kind workshop will be given at the school to approximately 22 grade four girls. The workshop will take place during the lunch hour.
- Universe of Play sessions with Sharon Schimeca are being offered to K4 and K5 students. This program emphasizes the importance of learning through play and is greatly enjoyed by the students and teachers.
- The free vision screening service will be offered again this year to the K4 and K5 students on May 27. Since the adoption of this program many students have been identified as requiring glasses, proving that it is a worthwhile endeavor that supports student learning.
- The students performed phenomenally at the Robocup competition that was held at Royal Vale. LDVA students were able to compete with high school level students, proving their skill level is very high. This program has shone a light on the talent for some of the students that would not have been recognized had it not been for this initiative. There will be an in-school celebration taking place on May 7 for those who participated.
- On May 8 the K4 team is hosting Muffins for Moms (or mother figures) whereby they will enjoy a morning crafting with their children and eating some delicious muffins.
- On May 13 the annual Halo Run will take place. As usual a coach bus has been reserved so they can arrive in style and stay cool.
- The Neuro Gala was an absolute success, raising almost \$30,000. Ross Aitken expressed his admiration for the LDVA community and its support for this event. Also, having Dr. Petrecca present was an incredible honour. The alumni did an incredible job with the service of the meal and all the staff volunteers celebrated today with cake. An enormous thank you to everyone who contributed.

b. Vice Principal's Report

- Storytelling festival took place at the end of March. The LDVA representatives went to Gerald McShane for the finale and did incredibly well.
- Cycle 2 students went to the Verdun Circus, and the feedback was very positive.
- Cycle 1 students will be going to Intermiel in June
- Cycle 3 will be going to Ottawa.
- Pre-Kindergarten will be having an in-house theatre and workshop presentation at the end of May.



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- The last session of after school extra-curricular activities such as Di Bella, Cosom Hockey, Jewelry making, Rocco Placentino Supra
- Futsal league during the lunch hour for cycle 2 and 3 as well as a girl's league for cycle 2 and 3.

c. Commissioner's Report

- Mr. Mercuri offered congratulations for the incredible success of the Neuro Gala.
- The Volunteer Appreciation event hosted by the EMSB took place before the Council of Commissioners meeting which took place on April 21, 2026 at St. Pius X Career Centre.
- During the meeting Jasmin Kleeche from Lynx High School was recognized as student of the month in April.
- The EMSB Lifetime Achievement award was presented to Angelo Komatsoulis who was the first ever Director General of the School Board.
- Several Volunteers of Distinction were also honoured:
 - Marie Di Fulvio and Claudia Musto from Gerald McShane Elementary School in Montreal North
 - Leah Trineer from Roslyn Elementary School in Westmount.
- Mr. Mercuri shared that a revised budget was approved showing a deficit of 2.6 million. The current situation is extremely difficult, and the hope is that the next government will understand that public education is severely underfunded.

d. Teacher's Report

- Anna-Maria Parente shared that grade 6 students are well underway for the exam period. They began French already, English Language Arts will begin May 19 and finally June 9-11 will be the Math exam. Students are focused and working hard.

e. Regional Delegate Report

No report.

f. Daycare Report

- Daycare week is taking place May 11-15 and many activities and surprises have been planned. Parents of daycare students are asked not to pick their kids up early that week so they don't miss anything.
- The May 15 Ped day cost decreased from \$48-\$45.
- Surprises have been planned for Administration Day.



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In order for daycare educators to attend the grade 6 graduation taking place on June 23, the daycare would like to close at 5pm.

Motion to approve closing the daycare at 5pm on June 23, 2026 by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Renata Nespeca. All in favour.

Motion approved.

g. Home and School Report

- Preparations are underway for the grade 6 graduation, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten graduation as well as Fun Day.
- May 22nd will be the first Volunteer Appreciation breakfast.

7. Question Period

No questions.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Johanne Lancellotta. All in favour.

Motion approved.