



LEONARDO DA VINCI ACADEMY

Governing Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Members in attendance (alphabetical)

Joseph Carlucci, Antonella D'Angelo, Sabrina Recine Di Nezza, Johanne Lancellotta, Maria Loria, Fatima Marandola, Francesca Muro, Renata Nespeca, Anna-Maria Parente, Karen Polletta, Nadia Sammarco, Francesca Santone, Stellana Romeo, Tina Spiridigliozzi, Pietro Mercuri

Absent: Kurt Blagden, Rosemarie Carlomusto, Anna-Maria De Gaetano, Vanessa Giancioppi, Sabrina Gavita,

1. Welcome and opening remarks

Stellana Romeo welcomed the members and started the meeting at 6:35 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 Sabrina Recine Di Nezza. All in favour.

Motion approved.

4. Approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2025, meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2025, meeting by Fatima Marandola, seconded by Francesca Santone. All in favour.

Motion approved.

5. Business Issues

a. Code of Conduct for staff and volunteers

Mrs. Sammarco reported that the EMSB has launched a mandatory Code of Ethics for anyone working with students. All categories of staff and volunteers at LDVA have signed the document and may therefore continue working with students.

b. Educational Project follow-up

Mrs. Sammarco reported on the progress toward the goals outlined in the Educational Project, which are to be achieved by 2028. The results discussed were from the 2024–2025 school year, as these are the most recent completed examination results.



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c. Approval of Foot Zone Dress Code provider for the 2026-27 school year

Motion to approve Foot Zone as the LDVA Dress Code provider for the 2026-27 by Johanne Lancellotta, seconded by Antonella D'Angelo. All in favour.

Motion approved.

d. Approval of tuques for Anti-bullying Week to be paid from fund 3

Motion to approve payment for the Anti-Bullying Week tuques from fund 3 by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Sabrina Recine Di Nezza. All in favour.

Motion approved.

e. Approval of ABAV document

Mrs. Sammarco reviewed the Anti-bullying Anti-violence document and highlighted key points such as the priorities, prevention measures and procedures for reporting incidents.

Adoption of the resolution to approve the ABAV document read by Stellana Romeo, motioned by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Sabrina Recine Di Nezza. All in favour.

Resolution approved.

f. Approval of Mandatory Content Planning Document

Mrs. Sammarco reviewed the document, highlighting key points and providing members with concrete examples as they relate to LDVA.

Adoption of the resolution to approve the Mandatory Content Planning Document read by Stellana Romeo, motioned by Sabrina Recine Di Nezza, seconded by Fatima Marandola. All in favour.

Resolution approved.

g. Approval of Criteria of a Principal

Mrs. Sammarco left the meeting to allow the members to review the previous document submitted to the EMSB. Stellana Romeo read the document and some discussion took place.

Motion to approve the Criteria of a Principal document with updates by Maria Loria, seconded by Francesca Muro. All in favour.

Motion approved.



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h. Approval of Fearlessly Kind Workshop offered at lunch to grade 4 girls

Mrs. Sammarco explained that this workshop was offered to grade 5 girls in October 2025 and was extremely successful. Mrs. Sammarco recommended the workshop be offered to grade 4 girls after April 17, 2026.

Motion to approve offering the Fearlessly Kind Workshop to grade 4 by Renata Nespeca, seconded by Francesca Muro. All in favour.

Motion approved.

i. PT Interviews- February 26, 2026

Mrs. Sammarco shared the schedule for upcoming Term 2 interviews taking place by invitation and in person. Letters will be going out shortly and the report cards will be made available on February 25, 2026, via the Mozaik portal.

j. Anti-bullying Week: Week of February 16

- Mrs. Sammarco shared that “Unstoppable” is the theme for this year’s events. Activities are planned throughout the week, including workshops offered by the Behaviour Technicians, Comedy for Kids, Fearlessly Kind, and others.
- During the week, there will be a performance by a steel pan band from Trinidad and Tobago. The highlight of the week will be the Talent Show, which shows students’ individuality and outstanding skills.
- The tuques are also being designed and will be distributed to all students and staff to wear proudly throughout the week and beyond.

k. Registration 2026-27

Mrs. Sammarco reported that the enrolment campaign has been launched. Anyone wishing to register should be directed to the administration for the appropriate link. A booking link for siblings has also been set up to schedule appointments.

Registration is open to all new families during the first week of February, and school tours are offered for those who missed our open house. The goal is to maintain the current enrolment numbers.



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6. Reports

a. Principal's Report

- It is extremely important for parents to confirm their child/ren's registration for the coming school year via the Mozaik portal by Friday, January 16, 2026.
- Mme. Gavita is absent due to an accident. Although she is okay, she does require some time to recover from her injuries. During this time, Mme France Paquin is replacing her and ensuring the students are kept on track with their learning.
- Mr. Joseph will be taking his paternity leave and replacing him for the next five weeks is Ms. Anna-Maria Parente. He will be back right after Spring Break.
- Mrs. Stellana Romeo has been on leave due to surgery.
- Five daycare educators are also off now and the EMSB has been contacted for support to replace these individuals to ensure ratios are respected.
- Grade 4 vaccinations will take place on February 5, 2026. The measles vaccinations will also be offered to those parents who request it.
- LDVA is getting ready for the Neuro fundraiser taking place in April. Sponsors and donations are needed for the raffle. Anyone wishing to donate should contact administration.
- The LDVA Neuro Committee has been invited to visit the Neuro as a thank you and to show how the donations raised by LDVA have supported the organization over the years.
- Term 2 ends February 25, 2026. Parents are asked to remind students to keep focused during this last stretch since it carries the highest weighting for the final report card.

b. Vice Principal's Report

- Mr. Joseph expressed thanks to Mrs. Sammarco for supporting his paternity leave as he looks forward to spending quality time with his growing family.
- Breakfast with Santa was a great success, especially with the addition of the Grinch's presence.
- Mr. Joseph expressed gratitude for the Rosemount High School Symphonic Winds performance for LDVA.
- Auditions took place for LDVA's Got Talent and there were many students interested in participating. Students in grade 4 or 5 who were not selected for this year's show were encouraged to audition again in future.
- Di Bella Karate Kickboxing began their first session on Monday.
- Enfant Et Compagnie began Cosom Hockey and the Creativity Studio.
- The after-school soccer program, led by Rocco Placentino, began today.
- Upcoming grade 6 Quebec City trip is highly anticipated by students.



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c. Commissioner's Report

- Pietro Mercuri reported on the last Commissioners' meeting, which took place on December 9, 2025.
- Students of the Month were Adam and Jamie Fernandes from Royal Vale School. After losing their father to cancer, they began volunteering with Mira's Kids Foundation, where they help support other children who are grieving. They also assist individuals experiencing homelessness in NDG by purchasing and distributing food.
- Joey Sousa was also honoured as Student of the Month for January. He is a Grade 4 student at Pierre de Coubertin School and a competitive figure skater ranked in the top 10 in the under-9 category. Joey was diagnosed with leukemia this past summer and has demonstrated remarkable strength and perseverance.
- A proposal to allocate space at Lester B. Pearson High School for an AEVS construction training program was adopted.
- The 2026–2027 school calendars were distributed for consultation.
- The Council of Commissioners adopted the 2024–2025 Annual Report, which includes the Commitment to Success Plan, financial statements, service contracts, and staffing reports.
- The Council of Commissioners resolved to initiate another legal proceeding related to Bill 94.

d. Teacher's Report

- Kindergarten students will be celebrating the hundredth day of school in February. Parents will be kept informed.

e. Regional Delegate Report

No Report

f. Daycare Report

- Staffing shortage has been challenging but the students are doing well, and educators are keeping up with the demands. However, no sporadic students will be accepted for the upcoming ped day or until the staffing needs are met.
- Ped Day Activities for Approval
 - February 27, 2026: Wax Hands Workshop
Cost: \$35.00
 - March 16, 2026: Sugar Shack and Animals
Cost: \$33.00

Motion to approve both ped day activities by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Sabrina Recine Di Nezza. All in favour.

Motion approved.



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- On Thursday, January 8, 2026, the Daycare Handbook was sent to all daycare members and parents which included the Daycare Agreement. Parents must sign and return the signed Agreement.

g. Home and School Report

- Breakfast with Santa was fun and successful. This year the children were given an ornament, and the Grinch's presence added an extra special touch to the event. Thanks were offered to all those who volunteered.
- A special team is working on Staff Appreciation Week.
- A meeting will take place next week to discuss the upcoming graduations.

7. Question Period

No questions.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm by Karen Polletta, seconded by Antonella D'Angelo. All in favour.

Motion approved.