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Governing Board Minutes – December 8, 2025
6:30 p.m. (in-person)

Administration: Joseph Vitantonio, Maria Pizzichemi, Patrizia Tummillo,

Parents: Sandra Greco (Chair Person), Sabrina Ficca (Vice-Chair Person), Jack Algieri (PC Delegate), Angela Antonacci, Annelisa Rende, Maria Pensato (Secretary), Daniela Marino (Treasurer), Jocelyne Cacciatore

Parent Alternates: Natalie Carrier, Francesca Petruzzello

Teachers: Catherine Clarabut, Paul Karpontinis, Nicholas Adornato, Gennifer Girardello, Sabrina Pisaturo, Tania Licursi

Non-Teaching Staff: Charles Préfontaine

Students: Alessio-David Martineau, Ludovic Barker

Commissioner: Susan Perera

Absent: Grace Fanelli, Casey Gagné, Cynthia Masi

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Sandra Greco welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the 2025 at the start of the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Ludovic Barker read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda with the correction to the date was moved by Jocelyne Cacciatore and seconded by Angela Antonacci. All in favour.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of November 17, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes with the change to the absences was moved by Sabrina Ficca and seconded by Daniela Marino. All in favour.

E-Vote for Carnival Day

The information for the Carnival Day was sent by email on Dec 3, 2025:

- February 5
- Skiing and Tubing at Versant Avila
- Boulzeye Indoor Activity for those students who would rather be indoors.

Cost Breakdown:

Skiing (with rental, lift ticket, and helmet): \$55

Skiing (with rental, intro ski lesson and helmet included): \$60

Transportation to Mont Avila with own Equipment: \$35

Tubing: \$35

Boulzeye: \$40

The students will be asked to 20\$. The school will cover the remaining costs. The costs above reflect the deduction of the \$20 contribution.

The votes were in 8 in favor; the motion is approved.

Update: the date was changed to March 11, 2026

Motion to approve the date change for the Carnival was moved by Annelisa Rende and seconded by Nicholas Adornato. All in favor.

4. New Business

4.1 Mandatory Content Planning

A hard copy of the Mandatory Content Planning table was handed out to the members and presented for review. There was an initial by staff council and will share with staff after this meeting.

Note on page 3 there is a spelling error under Secondary 2 column, second row the word should be "Ethical".

Motion to approve the Mandatory Content Planning was moved by Jocelyne Cacciatore and seconded by Antoinette Licursi. All in favor.

4.2 Course Selection 2026-2027

The course selection will be done in Mozaik beginning January 12, 2026, during registration week.

Motion to approve the 2026 -2027 Course Selection was moved by Annelisa Rende and seconded by Daniela Marino. All in favor.

5. Reports:

i. **Principal**

1. Mandatory Content

- This is mandatory content to be covered in sec. 1- 5 related to Academic and Career Planning, as well as Development of Personal and Social Competencies and Content in Sexuality Education.
- Although we already approved our sex ed plan, moving forward it will all be summarized in this table for approval.
- Some of these topics are covered in ELA, Science, CCQ and some are offered by outside organizations like the SPVM, Maison Jean Lapointe, or Silk.
- Our PDIG is also responsible to cover some of the material in class.

Motioned and approved in section 4.1

2. Course Selection

- The subjects being offered are the status quo to this year with the addition of a 4-period Biology course to the secondary 4 students as an elective.
- Some of the optional classes in secondary 4 and 5 may not be programmed if there is not enough student interest for a full class.
- The dates for the re-registration and course selection will take place between January 12- January 16, 2025. It will all be done on Mozaik, electronically like last year. The only paper versions sent out will be to families who are not yet using Mozaik.
- Some concerns with the Histoire and the difficulty associated with the type of MEQ exams being presented to students in sec. 4- graduation requirement.
- The format of the exam requires students to examine documents and make inferences and conclusions, which is very different from the exams from the past which were more straight forward.
- This year, we will be offering a choice to parents to see who would like the English option for students in Francais programme enrichi.
- There will be a minimum of 15 students for the sec. 3 Histoire to continue and a minimum of 18 for the sec. 4 Histoire to continue, as per teacher allocation ratios. Normally the ratio is 18.5 for each teacher, but since we only have 17 students in the upcoming sec. 3 cohort, I have set the minimum to 15 which is less than the normal minimum.
- This concern has come forward both by parents and the department.

Motioned and approved in section 4.2

3. ELA Play Presentation:

- Shakespeare Theatre – A Comedy of Errors
 - Secondary 1 – Tuesday March 17, 2026, from 10:00am to about 12:00pm

- Secondary 2 – Wednesday March 18, 2026, from 10:00am to about 12:00pm
- Kiss Me If You Want:
 - Part of our sex. Ed plan.
 - A play about preventing STIs
 - February 11, 2026 during period 2.
- Georgie Production - 1984 2061
 - Secondary 4 – Wednesday March 25, 2026, from 8:30 am to 9:30am
- Secondary 5 – Wednesday March 25, 2026, from 10:00am to 11:00am

Motion to allow the plays to take place during class time was moved by Jack Algieri and seconded by Gennifer Girardello. All in favour.

4. SPVM Projet XOX:

- A workshop for secondary 3 students through the FSL classes.
- Role play activity on tablets regarding consent.
- Students are able to follow along the animated storyline and make choices regarding the outcomes for the plot.
- Taking place at the end of January.

Motion to allow the workshops to take place during French class time was moved by Sabrina Ficca and seconded by Jocelyne Cacciatore. All in favour.

5. Staff Appreciation Week (**Approval Required**):

- Staff appreciation week will be celebrated the week of February 23, 2026.
- We normally ask GB to help us fund the supper on PT night and some treats during the week.
- We are requesting \$40 per staff member to pay for the dinner and coffee break.

Motion to support the staff appreciation week treats was moved by Jack Algieri and seconded by Daniela Marino. All in favour.

6. Anti-Bullying Initiative (**Information Item**):

- The Anti-Bullying club is a place where students can share their stories without judgement and come up with ideas to prevent it in the school.
- We will meet weekly to come up with activities to help with prevention and also share stories and talk about how and who we can ask for help.

ii. **Commissioner**

- First opinion piece was published in Montreal Gazette about the effects of the government cuts to the education system.
- Thank you to everyone a wonderful first year as commission.
- If you would like to read the opinion piece you can find it in the Montreal Gazette website, dated December 2, 2025: **Education is never the place to cut corners**

- Had a meeting at the board last week with where all the Governing Board chairs and PC delegates were invited to attend. Our Chair, Joe Ortona made a speech about all the budget cuts that we faced and all the bills that we challenged the government.
- Wished everyone happy holidays.
- Sabrina Ficca thanked Susan Perera for being at all our meeting and taking an active interest.

iii. Chairperson

Sent the letter for AVES proposal and confirmed it was received.

iv. Regional Delegate

Nothing to report. Could not attend the December 4, 2025 in person meeting.

As the Regional Delegate Alternate, Maria Pensato is on the marketing committee and had the first meeting to discuss ways to better allow governing boards to communicate and share information, this included the parents committee. One suggestion was to create a Teams space for each school where GB members can chat and all documents are stored. The goal is have one system where information is stored and can be easily shared with all members and across the EMSB.

Joseph Vitantonio suggested that he could create a space in Teams for this governing board to be able to share documents, communicate and attend virtual meetings.

v. Treasurer

Nothing to report

vi. Secretary

Nothing to report

vii. Student Council

During November we had a non-uniform day, half of its profits went to charity along with December's non-uniform day. In total \$2110 was raised.

- \$700 was donated to St- Brendan
- \$400 was donated to SPCA
- \$510 was donated to Moisson Montreal
- \$500 was donated to Old Brewery Mission

Spirit of giving Food Drive:

- We have been collecting food and hygiene items all through November and December and donate it all at the end of the month to local food banks.

Door Decorating Contest:

- The Student Council will be judging doors of homeroom classes that have been decorated for christmas and the class that wins will be receiving their prize.

Chocolate Boxes:

- Student Council has been selling chocolate boxes to raise money for our social justice project and, once we raise the funds, students will choose 1 local and 1 global charity to support.

Grad Hoodie Sales:

- The Grad Hoodies should be coming on Monday!

Ensemble:

- The Ensemble organization is planning on organizing a social justice event in the future with members of the student council, we have been meeting with them on Wednesdays.

Breakfast with Santa:

- Student Council gave the secondary 5 a breakfast with Santa on December 7th, we had a breakfast buffet, Our very own Kris “Adornato” Kringle and students were able to win some gift packages! Students were extremely happy to be there and it went amazingly well.

School Spirit Week:

- During the week of the 15th students would be invited to dress out of uniform following the following themes:
- December 15th they will be allowed to wear ugly Christmas sweaters.
- December 16th they can wear holiday socks, ties, and accessories.
- December 17th they can wear their wackiest holiday hats, elf ears and antlers.
- December 18th they can dress up in red, green or white, of course along with the LBP bottoms.
- December 19th is a non-uniform day for the winning grade of the Spirit of Giving Competition.

Movember:

- The Student Council will be selling Cotton Candy/ Barbe a papa for 2 days as a way to support Movember \$120.

Lunch Hour Games:

The student council is proud to announce, instead of every Wednesday we now do Mondays and Wednesdays for lunch hour activities.

Finally, Student Council would like to acknowledge and thank Corrine Leroux (one of the student's parents) for donating a generous amount of candy that Council sold for Halloween, used them as treats for the haunted house and replenished our current lollipop supply.

- i. **Teacher's Report**
 - Nothing to report
- ii. **Sport-études**
 - Nothing to report

6. Next Meeting

Will be a virtual meeting on January 19, 2026 at 6:45 pm.

7. Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was moved by Sabrina Ficca and seconded by Angela Antonacci. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.



Principal



Chairperson