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Governing Board Minutes – June 9, 2026

6:00 p.m. (In Person)

Administration: Patrizia Tummillio

Parents: Sandra Greco (Chair Person), Angela Antonacci, Maria Pensato (Secretary), Daniela Marino (Treasurer), Jack Algieri (PC Delegate), Jocelyne Cacciatore

Parent Alternate:

Teachers: Catherine Clarabut, Paul Karpontinis, Nicholas Adornato, Sabrina Pisaturo, Gennifer Girardello, Terry Morabito

Non-Teaching Staff: Charles Préfontaine, Francesca Magliocco

Students: Alessio-David Martineau, Ludovic Barker, JJ Gesualdi, Lily Rose Coneiatori

Absent: Susan Perera (Commissioner), Joseph Vitantonio, Casey Gagné, Tania Licursi, Annelisa Rende, Francesca Pitruzzello, Nataly Carrier, Cynthia Masi, Maria Pizzichemi, Grace Fanelli, Teresa Morabito, Sabrina Ficca (Vice-Chairperson)

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Sandra Greco welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 6:49 pm.

Alessio-David Martineau read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda moved by Jack Algieri and seconded by Jocelyne Cacciatore. All in favour.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of April 29, 2026

Motion to approve the minutes with the corrections of was moved by Paul Karpontinis and seconded by Angela Antonacci.

Correction to be made to Section 4.1, should be Code of Conduct not Conduction.

4. New Business

4.1 CLC presentation, (Ms. Francesca Magliocco, Inner City Pedagogical Consultant)

Community Learning Centre (CLC) Network Expansion

Overview & Strategy

- **School Improvement Strategy:** CLCs transform schools into community hubs connecting families with local/regional services, fostering shared responsibility and enhanced learning.
- **Core Pillars:** Focuses on inclusive partnerships, family/community engagement, collaborative leadership, and improved access to health/social services (especially for English-speaking minority communities).

Model Transition & Provincial Growth

- **Shift to Multi-Site Models:** EMSB is transitioning existing single-site CLC schools to multi-site networks for the 2026–2027 school year to broaden reach and share resources across feeder schools.
- **Network Expansion:** Provincial CLC sites have grown from 15 (in 2006) to over 124, with EMSB expanding from 4 to 12 schools.

New "Pathway CLC" & Regional Groupings (2026–2027)

- **Pathway CLC (Brand New):** Lester B. Pearson, JFK, and Links schools received approval/funding to form a new multi-site CLC based on shared programming needs rather than geography.
- **Updated Multi-Site Groupings:**
 - **Montreal North:** John Grant & Our Lady of Pompei
 - **St. Laurent:** Parkdale & Cedarcrest
 - **Montreal West:** James Lyng, Saint Gabriel, & Katz West
 - **St. Leonard:** Laurier Macdonald (El Mac) & Pierre de Coubertin

Community Development Agent (CDA) Role

- **Responsibilities:** Acts as the primary bridge between schools and the community; builds partnerships, applies for external funding/grants, sits on local roundtables (*tables de concertation*), and shares learning resources/parent workshops.

- **Deliverables:** Responsible for three online journals and an annual action plan (3–5 year target objectives). *Requires no additional administrative paperwork from teaching staff.*
- **Presence & Logistics:** CDAs work across multiple sites and out in the community. Daily scheduling across assigned schools will be finalized between principals and HR once staffing is confirmed.

4.2 ABAV plan

Plan was sent to the GB committee members for review and was already approved at a previous meeting. The plan was reviewed by the teachers. No questions.

Motion to approve the ABAV plan was moved by Paul Karpontinis and seconded by Nicholas Adornato.

4.3 Standards and Procedures Summaries

- Item presented purely as a point of information; the underlying full document was previously approved earlier in the year.
- No formal motion, resolution, or vote was required.

4.4 Preliminary Budget

- Funds 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 are not recorded at this time of year and were left empty.
- **Correction Noted:** A \$10 typo in the itemized item list for Secondary 3 fees was flagged—the actual total fee is **\$183** (not \$173).

4.6 Resolution Fund 3 spending

- A formal resolution was passed for Fund 3 spending (collected school fees previously approved in April).

4.7 GB Chair Annual Report

- Report submitted as presented, with minor updates to reflect the current meeting's attendance roster.

5. Reports:

i. **Principal**

- Lester B. Pearson 50th Anniversary: Successful celebration held with alumni, past administrators, Commissioner Susan Herrera, and Board Chair Joe Ortona in attendance.
- Special thanks to the organizing committee led by Sports Gala (June 3): Event organized by Sabrina Di Malo and team to recognize student athletes.

- **Secondary 5 Leaving Ceremony:** Graduation ceremony held at a new venue with positive feedback from parents and staff; organized by Grace Fanelli and the committee.
- **Graduation Brunch:** Hosted successfully with student council support, overseen by Paul Karpontinis.
- **Canceled Trip Note:** Clarified that a previously planned trip to La Ronde was canceled due to low student participation, insufficient staffing ratios late in the term, and proximity to ministry exam dates.
- **Ministry Exam Scheduling & Extension Concerns. Conflict with Regular Classes:** Concerns were raised regarding ministry guidelines requiring regular classes to run concurrently with ministry/board exams through late June.
- **Logistical & Educational Impact:** Secondary 1–2 students and specific student groups (ILP/DLP) remain in regular classes while Secondary 3–5 write high-stakes exams, causing classroom relocations, room shortages, and student anxiety. Secondary 5 students have minimal home-study time directly prior to required graduation exams.
- **Board & Parent Level Discussion:** Clarified that while the issue stemmed from wider ministerial/Central Parents Committee debates on required instructional days (180-day rule), the current execution creates severe scheduling friction for staff and students.

ii. Commissioner

Susan Perera sends her regrets for not being able to attend.

iii. Chairperson

- **Outgoing GB Member:** This was the Sandra's final Governing Board meeting, concluding a tenure of service since 2013 following the graduation of her third and youngest child.
- **Appreciation:** Extended gratitude to the teaching staff, administration, and board members for years of dedication, collaboration, and community support.
- **Future Support Offer:** Offered to assist the school community in the future, specifically as a contact for Pop classes (offering job shadowing opportunities for students) and providing a liaison for police officer presentations.
- **Leaving Ceremony (June 6) - Venue & Formal Atmosphere:** Positive feedback was shared regarding the new venue (Place des Arts). It was noted that the setting provided a greater sense of importance, resulting in significantly improved decorum and respectful behavior from both students and parents during speeches.
- **Organization:** Commendations were extended to the Graduation Committee, Mr. Galiano, Mr. Greco (MC duties), the administration, and the support staff for seamless event execution and speech presentations.

iv. Regional Delegate

- Proposed Legislative Impact: Discussion was held regarding proposed extension to Bill 101 to adult education and vocational programming. Concerns were raised that restrictions could block up to 70% of students in the English adult education system, impacting enrollment, shared facility resources, and overall school viability across various EMSB locations.
- Student Action: It was noted that the central EMSB Student Committee passed a motion and drafted a formal letter of opposition to send directly to the government.
- Individual parents remain fully entitled to take personal action, contact elected officials, or share sample advocacy materials independently.

v. Treasurer

Nothing to report

vi. Secretary

Nothing to report

vii. Student Council

Coop

The Student Council Coop has raised \$3,832 in May. This is from:

- TCBY
- Seedlings
- Regular Coop Sales

Breakfast Club

- Students no longer need to pay for the breakfast offered in the coop in the morning, instead they can donate money if they'd like to.
- Non-Uniform days
- Denim day unfortunately didn't make that much money, we approximately made \$250

Monthly MVPs

- The student council has been nominating members for MVPs each month. Sofia and Danika won for May. President Selection winners were Ravie Barker and Elisabetta. MVP for secondary 1-4 winner was Simon, MVP for secondary

5 was Ayden German Cruz. We would like to thank them for their dedication to LBPHS.

May Team Builder

- The Student Council had a team building activity, it went great and it was very fun! We also had another one where we made cakes. It was interesting, but very fun!

Ensemble

- The Ensemble committee had their last meeting, celebrating a successful year! All those involved enjoyed their experience with the group.

Entrepreneurship

- The Entrepreneurship project was very successful; they made a lot of profit.

Pride fest

- Student Council is going to have a couple of activities at lunch on May 14th to help raise awareness and to generally inform people about things pertaining to the LGBTQ+ community. The Ensemble committee will also be helping with these activities.

Denim day

- Students will be invited to wear a denim on May 12th for a \$2 contribution which will be going to the Cure foundation.

Senior Lock-In

- Student Council is currently organising and coming up with ideas of activities for the upcoming Senior Lock-In event.

Senior Brunch

- Senior brunch happened earlier today, most of the secondary fives participated and they had a lot of fun. It was the last senior activity of the year and we are glad to say that it was greatly appreciated!

Dance

- Unfortunately, due to low ticket sales, the student council was unable to host a dance May 22.

TCBY

- The Country's Best Yogurt were sold throughout the first weeks of May. Students really liked the TCBY and were an extremely popular product.

Seedlings

- Student Council's Seedling Club has nearly sold 80% of the plants grown. They are currently being sold at a discounted price and being offered for free for the teachers.

Student Council Registration

- The Student Council has accepted their future members and we have decided our future executive members.

Top Marks

- Top Marks came in on the 5th and the 6th of May to do fitting and sales for new and returning students. Several student council members helped them out.

Multicultural day

- Student Council planned a multicultural day, it went amazingly well! There was music, free food from around the world and a photobooth.

Golden Block Party

- Student Council helped set up the Golden Block Party for the celebration of LBPHS 50 Anniversary. The party went extremely well! We served cotton candy and slushes.

Graduation

- Thank you all for those who came! We really appreciate all your hard work. We couldn't have done it without you. Graduation went very well and graduation was where we gave out some student council awards. Like the Secondary 5 MVP. Coincidentally Ayden German Cruz had also won the Governor General Award!

i. Teacher's Report

- Student Council completed nearly all planned annual activities on their roadmap, executing over 440 events across 180 school days. Presidents Alessio-David Martineau, Ludovic Barker were commended for their leadership.

- Breakfast Club of Canada: A formal liaison visit rated the school's student-led program as a model for the region. The partnership will continue, providing roughly \$75,000 annually in food.
- President's Choice Children's Charity: An application was finalized for an additional \$15,000 grant to maintain free snack and pantry programs for all students without singling out those in need.
- Games Room Improvements: Profits from Student Council fundraising, supplemented by administrative support, were reinvested into purchasing commercial-quality pool and foosball tables to ensure long-term durability.
- Staff Outlook: Final grading and mark entries are underway through the end of June.

ii. Sport-études

- Congratulations to Sec. 5 student-athlete, Olivia Miranda, on her acceptance and commitment to Marist University in New York. Olivia will be continuing her education and her passion for soccer at this D1 American university.
- Congratulations to Sec. 1 student-athlete, Alessandro Cristiano, on winning the RSEQ Bantam Boys Indoor Track MVP award.
- Congratulations to Arianna Gattuso and Cassia Pesce on their selection to the U15 team by Soccer Quebec at the Quebec Ontario Series this past May.
- Congratulations to Isaiah Byer, Gabriele Cristiano, and Dante Di Pietrantonio on their selection to the U17 team by Soccer Quebec at the Quebec Ontario Series this past May.
- Shout out to former Sport-études student-athlete, Lucas Beckman on winning the Quebec Maritimes Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) Championship with the Chicoutimi Saguenéens and signing his first NHL contract with the Ottawa Senators this past May.
- The Sport-Études program is preparing to move into a newly renovated space along the designated corridor for the upcoming school year.
- **Bourassa Regional Association Collapse:** The school was notified late in the academic year (April 26) that its primary Sport-Études partner, Association de Soccer Bourassa (servicing 86 students), was being folded and could no longer offer services.
- **Transition Challenges:** Soccer Québec mandated that students shift to Soccer Montréal. Late notification created significant logistical issues for families, threatening potential enrollment drops, scheduling conflicts (ending times extending from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM), and classroom allocation difficulties, as course selections and teacher HR allocations were already finalized.

- **Escalation & One-Year Compromise:** Following escalation to Soccer Québec, administrators negotiated a one-year transition period with Soccer Montréal. For the upcoming school year, training will end at 4:00 PM (utilizing shared field space for the final 30 minutes) to accommodate parent schedules and minimize student attrition from the program.

6. **Varia**

Last meeting for Angela Antonacci as parent, thanked the administration and staff for their dedication and hard work.

7. **Next Meeting**

Will be in person meeting on Curriculum Night in September to choose new members.

8. **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Principal

Chairperson