

PARKDALE SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday December 16, 2025 at 6:00pm

Present: Mr. George Koutsoulis (Principal), Ms. Karolyn Liverman (Vice-Principal), Ms. Diana Piazza, Ms. Angela Zambito, Ms. Uwarna Markandu, Ms. Thirtsia Ernest, Ms. Marie-Helene Prevost, Mr. Asad Nawaz, Ms. Darseha Kodeeswaran

Absent: Ms. Cynthia Chaumont

Meeting Started at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Ms. Uwarna Markandu

1. Addition to and Approval of the Agenda for December 10, 2025

→ Motion to approve: Ms. Angela Zambito. Seconded by: Ms. Darseha Kodeeswaran

2. Approval of the minutes from meeting held October 8, 2025

→ Motion to approve: Ms. Diana Piazza. Seconded by: Ms. Marie-Helene Prevost

3. New Business:

3.1 Academic and Career Guidance Content, Content for the Development of Personal and Social Competencies and Content in Sexuality Education.

→ Mr. George Koutsoulis went over the Mandatory Content Planning Table for Governing Board approval. He provided a summary of the main themes covered in each cycle.

→ Motion to adopt: Ms. Marie-Helene Prevost. Seconded by: Ms. Angela Zambito

3.2 School Budget 2025-2026 update

→ Mr. George Koutsoulis provided a summary of Parkdale budget 2025-2026.

→ The budget this year is 80% of last year's.

3.3 Principal's report

→ **Apple picking K4 & K5:** K4 & K5 Students had a terrific trip to the apple orchard!

→ **Picture day:** Classes had their pictures taken on October 23.

→ **Halloween:** Halloween Task force had many activities going on around the school, dancing, arts & crafts, Fashion Show, spooky story time under the parachute, and a Haunted House created by our Grade 6 students. A great time was had by all!

→ **Dress down to lift up:** Fundraiser was very successful. We raised a little over 700\$ for student activities.

→ **Remembrance Day:** 11:15 am Mr. Koutsoulis addressed the school via intercom; we had a minute of silence and a student in Grade 6 read an essay she had written about a soldier.

→ **PPO TCBY fundraiser:** Our first TCBY fundraiser for PPO was also a success. It raised 372.70\$

→ **Parent conferences:** Majority of parents were present. Online sign up had some glitches but were easily adjusted. Some parents are still not comfortable with online access, therefore teachers reached out and scheduled appointment times for them. Overall, it turned out very positive.

→ **IEPs:** A new IEP protocol was put in place to ensure quality IEPs for special education students. Parents were asked to participate by doing a google form and sharing information to contribute to goal setting for their child/ren. IEPs were reviewed and signed by parents during parent conferences.

→ **Book Fair:** Very successful book fair. Students had fun shopping and leaving it open during parent teacher conference day was very profitable. We have around 2000\$ in scholastic credits for our school.

→ **Parkdale At Peace Kindness Assembly:** Mr. Koutsoulis addressed the students to educate about Conflict vs. Bullying, Demonstrating Kindness and Tolerance, and students took the Pledge of Kindness. Our K4 students in Ms. Melissa's class sang a Kindness Song and a student in Grade 5 read a beautiful poem in honor of our Peace and Kindness Month.

→ **Recess Success:** In January, selected students will participate in Recess Success, a student Mentorship where older students in Grade 5 & 6 organize games at morning and afternoon recess for Cycle One Students. Students will have 2 formal leadership training sessions at Lunch hour for recess success with Everblast.

→ **Partnership with South Asian woman's community group:** Grade 4 & 5 students will be invited to participate in an extra-curricular lunch hour group to encourage wellness, and communication.

→ **Holiday Food Drive:** Thank you to the entire Parkdale Community. We collected enough food for 18 large boxes to help Parkdale families in need. Our Grade 6 Leadership Crew and Staff sorted the donations and organized the food boxes.

Upcoming:

→ **December 15:** PPO Pizza Day Fundraiser profit approximately 600\$, Crazy Hair Day, Students will be creating Holiday Cards for Parkdale Community

→ **December 16:** Fancy Dress-up Day and Recess Dance Party

→ **December 17:** Laurenhill Academy Dance Troupe Performance & Wear Holiday Hat Accessories Day

→ **December 18:** Cozy winter Sweater Day & Geordie Productions will be performing Beyond Belief .

- **December 19:** Pyjama Day and Class Holiday Breakfasts
- **January 19-20:** Leadership Camp for Leadership Students in Gr.6

3.4 EMSB Parent's Committee Report

- QR code for petition for crossing guard
- Parent engagement at the Town Hall meeting held by EMSB parent committee
- EMSB wants to implement their policy for own safety equipment check

3.5 Daycare report

- Daycare requests 2025-2026 daycare handbook
- Change in rate: \$9.50/day last year to \$9.70/day this year
- Sporadic rate: AM - \$6.40, PM – \$6.95
- Once approved by the governing board, it will be posted on the school website in both English and French
- Motion to approve: Ms. Diana Piazza. Seconded by: Ms. Darseha Kodeeswaran

4. Varia

4.1 Field Trips

- Governing board members were requested approval for field trips involving Parkdale students for any future outings in the 2025-2026 school year.
- Motion to approve: Ms. Darseha Kodeeswaran. Seconded by: Ms. Diana Piazza
- Another approval was requested for Leadership trip to Camp Bon Depart in Wentworth Nord, Quebec.
- Motion to approve: Ms. Marie-Helene Prevost. Seconded by: Ms. Angela Zambito

4.2 PPO

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5. Question Period

→ None

6. Adjournment

Motioned by: Ms. Darseha Kodeeswaran. Seconded by: Ms. Thirtsa Ernest
Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Principal: _____

Chairperson: _____

Signed on: _____