

PARKDALE GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday February 18, 2026

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

Absent: Ms. Darseha Kodeeswaran

Meeting Started at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Ms. Diana Piazza

1. Addition to and Approval of the Agenda for February 18, 2026

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held January 21, 2026

Motion to approve: Ms. Diana Piazza Seconded by: Ms. Cynthia Chaumont. All in favour.

3. New Business:

3.1 Parkdale 2025-2026 School Budget

The principal went over the 2025/2026 School Budget with the governing board. He broke down all monies used in the school.

Motion to adopt the 2025-2026 School Budget: Ms. Thirtsa Ernest Seconded by: Ms. Angela Zambito. All in favour.

3.2 Principal's Report

SUMMIT SCHOOL VISIT 2: Grade 5 students enjoyed Valentine's treats and an Arts & Craft program in partnership with Summit School students. It was a wonderful collaboration.

STAFF APPRECIATION: We collected over \$3100.00 from Parents in honor of Staff Appreciation Week. Parents were extremely generous and staff truly felt the love. The theme was RetroWeek: 60s: Staff received a carnation and messages of Peace, Love and thanks from students; 70s: Staff were treated to a Disco Party with a wonderful Boustan Luncheon for all; 80s: Staff were treated to Pop Culture Candy, 80s Trivia Game and a Waffle Bar yummy treat; 90s: Staffroom was converted into Central "PERKdale" from FRIENDS with a Coffee Bar, Barista and baked goods; Y2K: Staff celebrated Healthy Mind, Healthy Body And Healthy Soul treated to a Chocolate Fountain of Youth with fruit and other treats and a yoga class with Ms. Raquel. It was an amazing week thanks to all of you!

A thank you email with pictures of the week's events has been sent to parents. You can also find some of the week's activities on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and support of our wonderful staff.

VALENTINE TREATS FROM PPO: All students at Parkdale received a special Valentine Goodie Bag from the PPO. Thank you to our PPO members who took the time to volunteer for this special endeavor. All students were excited and grateful for the treat.

BASKETBALL TRIP GR.5 & 6: Selected Gr. 5 & 6 students went to a basketball funday at Pearson high School. Students had an amazing time and showed great sportsmanship!

BLACK HISTORY CULTURAL AFRO DANCE SHOW: PDCIA Punyung organized a cultural event where 2 dancers performed traditional dance from the Geecha Gullee Peoples of Africa.

CHINESE CULTURAL DANCE PERFORMANCE: Our PDCIA Punyung organized a beautiful interactive assembly for the Lunar New Year with a lovely Chinese Dance performer and authentic costumes.

RECESS SUCCESS: Grade 5 & 6 Recess Success students completed their second training session and have been leading fun games outside with the younger students. The younger students are having a ball. The Leaders are invested and taking quite the initiative.

K4 & K5 BIODOME TRIP & 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL: Preschool students went to the Biodome on February 18th and are celebrating the 100th day of school on Feb.19. They had a lot of fun.

GRADE 3 & INT. LANG TRIP TO SCIENCE CENTER: Students enjoyed a wonderful day exploring the Montreal Science Center. They were hands on and very inquisitive. They had a wonderful experience.

PINK SHIRT DAY: On February 25th we will have a Pink Shirt Day to Stand -Up to Bullying. We have invited LaurenHill Academy Leadership Students to address our students about the importance of STANDING-UP, being good friends, and sharing personal stories to connect, empower and impact our students.

STAFFING UPDATE: Gr.1 Ms. Nancy, Gr. 1 Ms. Mireille, and K4 Ms. Melissa D.T. will be on leave. Parents have been made aware. Ms. Georgia will be replacing Ms. Mireille; Ms. Arianne will replace Ms. Melissa, and Mr. Paul is replacing Ms. Nancy until March Break.

REPORT CARDS & PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: Report cards will be made available to parents as of February 26th on Mozaik Portal. Parent Teacher conferences

are being held on February 26th on an as needed basis. Parents received a letter indicating if their teachers were requesting an interview and the opportunity to book an appointment with the teachers. IEPs were updated and revised where necessary. Messages were sent to parents in K4 and Grade 1 Ms. Nancy's class that Interviews will be cancelled at this time. Ms. Georgia Paraskevopoulos will hold interviews for Grade 1 Ms. Mireille's class.

UPCOMING:

MARCH 2 -6: MARCH BREAK

MARCH 12: GRADE 4 VACCINATIONS

MARCH 16: PED. DAY / DAYCARE OPEN

MARCH 17: DRESS YOUR OWN WAY FUNDERAISER \$2

MARCH 18: GRADE 3 TRIP TO MUMAQ

MARCH 19: GR 6 & SR LANG. TRIP TO ROSEMOUNT TECH CENTRE

MARCH 23 – 27: PARKDALE I LOVE TO READ WEEK

MARCH 23: CREE STORYTELLER MOE CLARK VISIT

MARCH 23: PLAY WORKSHOP FOR PRESCHOOL 6:30 P.M.

MARCH 24: BOOK FAIR

MARCH 25: GRRADE 4 TRIP TO POINTE A CALLIERE MUSEUM

MARCH 30: DENTAL SCREENING GRADE 2

3.3 EMSB Parent's Committee Report

Ms. Thirtsa Ernest went over how the school board is committed to making your voice count at school. There will be forums where parents can come and voice their opinions in an effort for more involvement.

3.5 Daycare report

Ms. Angela went over the ped day on February 13th: got a mask to decorate for carnival where they had 18 students registered. Next Friday ped day (Feb. 27th) will be art themed.

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None

5. Question Period

None

6. Adjournment

Mentioned by: Ms. Thirtsa Ernest. Seconded by: Ms. Diana Piazza

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm