

PARKDALE SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

Thursday March 26, 2026 at 6:00pm

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

Absent: Ms. Uwarna Markandu, Ms. Darseha Kodeeswaran

Meeting Started at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Ms. Cynthia Chaumont

1. Addition to and Approval of the Agenda for March 26, 2026

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

2. Approval of the minutes from meeting held February 18, 2026

-Motion to approve: Ms. Angela Zambito. Seconded by: Ms. Thirtsa Ernest.

3. New Business:

3.1 Parkdale 2026-2027 Budget Building Process

- The principal, Mr. Koutsoulis covered the Budget Building Process for the 2026-2027 school year.

- Motion to approve: Ms. Diana Piazza. Seconded by: Mr. Asad Nawaz. All in favor.

3.2 Principal's Report

- Ms. Karolyn Liverman, Vice-Principal, presented the Principal's Report.

PRINCIPALS REPORT – MARCH 26th, 2026

PINK SHIRT DAY: On February 25th we had an amazing meaningful Pink Shirt Day to Stand-Up to Bullying. Lauren Hill Academy Leadership Students came to address our students about the importance of STANDING-UP, being good friends, and sharing personal stories to connect, empower and impact our students. It was very authentic and student engagement was very high. It was an excellent partnership. Grade 6 leaders even had the opportunity to do a round table discussion about bullying with the Lauren Hill Leaders during a recess period.

STAFFING UPDATE: Ms. Rani Patel is replacing Ms. Nancy Grade 1 Teacher until further notice.

GRADE 4 VACCINATIONS: Vaccination took place for grade 4 students on March 12. Students were troopers and everything went very smoothly.

DRESS YOUR OWN WAY FUNDERAISER: We raised \$358.15 for this fundraiser which will go towards our end-of-the-year activities for students.

GRADE 3 TRIP TO MUMAQ: Students learned about the different types of artistry in Quebec. Students were exposed to aboriginal art. They did a hands-on workshop making clay vases just like the Iroquois and Egyptians did in historical times.

GR 6 & SR LANG. TRIP TO ROSEMOUNT TECH CENTRE: Students were invited to be a part of 2 different activities: 1) Shirt Printing where they designed their own grad shirt and 2) they learned about the industrial draft program by designing a tower structure made from spaghetti and marshmallows. It was very well received by students. This trip provided opportunity for students to understand and be excited by alternative career paths for their future.

PARKDALE I LOVE TO READ WEEK: Parkdale Loves to read is an annual tradition that promotes literacy engagement. We kicked off the week with colorful reading bracelets for all students. We had an amazing indigenous storyteller Moe Clark, organized by our PDCIA consultant Ms. Puynung, who was animated and incorporated music into her interactive storytelling performance. Students were engaged and participating wonderfully. Students were provided with glowsticks for their D.E.A.R. reading in the dark activity. Many children dress wackily on Wacky Wednesday. It was so nice to see parents engaging in literacy activities with their children on Parent reading day. Students had the annual fun reading under the parachute activity too. Lastly, students were invited to dress up as their favorite book character. Fun was had by all.

BOOK FAIR: We had another successful book fair. Thank you to our parent volunteers who spent the day facilitating the process. This will add to our scholastic bank which gives us opportunity to purchase classroom books, games, and other resources for our school.

PLAY WORKSHOP FOR PRESCHOOL: Preschool Play workshop was a nice success. We had 14 families. The presenter was excellent and very knowledgeable. The topics were helpful, engaging, and very interactive. Parents learned many strategies to engage with their children, to facilitate and foster play, development and creativity in their children. The children also had a lot of fun. Thank you to our Daycare for providing snacks for this activity.

GRADE 4 TRIP TO POINTE À CALLIÈRE MUSEUM: Grade 4 Students went to Pointe à

Callière museum. They engaged in a hands-on workshop about the work of an archeologist. Students got to see the museum exhibit which focused on the History of Montreal. It was a great learning outing to complement the Geography History & Citizenship curriculum.

GRADE 2 DENTAL SCREENING: Dental Hygienists will be here on March 30th to complete the annual teeth screening for Grade 2 students. In May, they will follow up with the sealant process.

UPCOMING:

APRIL IS ACCEPTANCE MONTH: Focusing on Autism Acceptance Month, Self-Acceptance & Peer Acceptance

APRIL 1: COMEDY OF ERRORS – Shakespeare Canada Performances

APRIL 1: SPECIAL OLYMPICS – Selected students form the WINGS Class

APRIL 2: SUMMIT PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY #3 – Grade 2 & 3

APRIL 8: GRAD PHOTOS

APRIL 10: MOVIE DAY

APRIL 13: PARKDALE STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

APRIL 13: K4 & K5 & Gr.3 CIRCUS SCHOOL TRIP

APRIL 14: LHA JAZZ BAND PERFORMANCE

APRIL 15: AUTISM ACCEPTANCE GUEST SPEAKER

APRIL 16: EARTH RANGERS SHOW – Grades 1, 2, 3, & 5

APRIL 16: CENTAUR THEATER SNOW WHITE – Grade 4

APRIL 17: CABANE A SUCRE – Grade 6 & Sr. Lang

APRIL 20 & 22: MISSING CHILDREN’S NETWORK SAFETY WORKSHOPS

APRIL 22: TCBY FUNDRAISER

APRIL 23: BLUE & DENIM DAY & AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WALK

APRIL 24: PED. DAY

APRIL 27: FSL END-OF-CYCLE 3 EXAM BEGINS

3.3 EMSB Parent’s Committee Report

- Nothing to report.

3.4 Daycare Report

- Ms. Angela Zambito reported that the tax slips are available on Mozaik Portal for all parents, daycare and lunch fees. The Mosaik Parent Portal is open for the 2026-2027 Daycare registration, closes March 27, 2026.

3.5 Criteria for Principal

Ms. Karolyn Liverman, the Vice-Principal, reviewed the criteria for Principal and the Governing Board Members added a component on pedagogy.

4. Varia

Ms. Karolyn Liverman, the Vice-Principal, recognizes Ms. Angela Zambito’s dedication and commitment to the breakfast program.

5. Question Period

None

6. Adjournment

Motioned by: Ms. Angela Zambito. Seconded by: Ms. Thirtsa Ernest

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm

Principal: _____

Chairperson: _____

Signed on: _____