

PARKDALE SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday May 13, 2026 at 6:00pm

Present: Mr. George Koutsoulis (Principal), Ms. Cynthia Chaumont, Ms. Thirtsa Ernest, Ms. Darseha Kodeeswaran, Ms. Marie-Helene Prevost, Ms. Angela Zambito, Ms. Uwarna Markandu

Absent: Ms. Karolyn Liverman (Vice-Principal), Mr. Asad Nawaz, Ms. Diana Piazza

Meeting Started at 5:53 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Ms. Uwarna Markandu

1. Addition to and Approval of the Agenda for May 13, 2026

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

2. Approval of the minutes from meeting held March 26, 2026

- Motion to approve: Ms. Marie-Helene Prevost. Seconded by: Ms. Thirtsa Ernest. All in favor.

3. New Business:

3.1 School Calendar 2026-2027

- Mr. George Koutsoulis presented the school calendar for 2026-2027.

- Motion to approve: Ms. Darseha Kodeeswaran. Seconded by: Ms. Cynthia Chaumont. All in favor.

3.2 School Fees & Lunch Supervision Fees (2026-2027)

- Mr. George Koutsoulis presented the workbooks and supplies costs for the 2025–2026 school year and detailed the upcoming adjustments to the school and lunch fees for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion to approve: Ms. Darseha Kodeeswaran. Seconded by: Ms. Thirtsa Ernest. All in favor.

3.3 Principal's Report

Comedy Of Errors: Shakespeare Canada put on a very interactive musical fun show for all ages. The students and staff enjoyed it very much.

Special Olympics: selected students from the wings class participated in a day of fun physical activities in partnership with McGill university.

Summit Partnership Activity #3: grade 2 & 3 students had a special activity with summit students decorating spring themed ornaments. It was another meaningful partnership, and students were actively engaged and enjoyed the experience.

Grad Photos: students in grade 6 had their graduation photos taken and parents received photo proofs for purchasing through green apple photo.

Movie Day: students were treated to a movie day. The movies chosen addressed the monthly theme of acceptance. Students were also treated to a bag of Popcorners to enjoy as a movie snack.

Parkdale Storytelling Festival: grades 5 & 6 worked on their storytelling skills in English and French, for the month of April. A few storytellers from each class were chosen to participate in the Parkdale storytelling festival. Grade 4- 6 were invited to watch the school storytelling festival. All storytellers did an amazing job! Special thanks to the teachers for organizing this fun morning.

K4 & K5 & Gr.3 Circus School Trip: K4 & K5 and grade 3 went to circus school, they participated in several fun station activities that taught kids circus agility including balancing acts, juggling and circus tricks, jumping tricks etc.

LHA Jazz Band Performance: the LHA school band came to provide Parkdale students with a wonderful concert. It was a great way for our older students to see the music program as part of the transition to high school experience.

Autism Acceptance Guest Speaker: Ms. Angela Marino (Ms. Apple) came to address the students about neurodiversity and autism acceptance. Her presentation was interactive with an informative age-appropriate slide show that highlighted her experiences growing up and learning later in life that she has autism. She also demonstrated her talent on the keyboard, engaging students with a nice musical performance.

Earth Rangers Show: due to unforeseen events on the part of the earth rangers organization our performance was cancelled. We will try to see if we can rebook this performance next year.

Centaur Theater Snow White: grade 4 students have been studying the play snow white in conjunction with Geordie Productions. They went to centaur theatre and enjoyed the theater experience very much.

Cabane A Sucre: grade 6 & sr. Lang had a beautiful spring day to visit the cabane a sucre. Students were immersed in the French culture, enjoyed an authentic meal and had taste delicious homemade maple syrup on snow. A great time was had by everyone!

Missing Children's Network Safety Workshops: our resident PDCIA animator, organized safety workshops for students in grades 1 to 5. These workshops complimented the CCQ curriculum for our students.

TCBY Fundraiser: April TCBY fundraiser raised \$437.35\$

Blue & Denim Day & Autism Acceptance Walk: Parkdale had its annual walk for autism acceptance to celebrate diversity and inclusion. The goal is to encourage understanding and promote respect for all. Students made amazing posters and dressed in blue and denim in honor of this event.

Trip To The Planetarium: grade 1 students visited the Montreal planetarium. Students visited the museum and experienced an immersive show about the solar system.

Sidewalk Chalk Festival: each homeroom was given a box of sidewalk chalk to decorate our school yard with pictures under the theme of "*what makes me happy outside*".

Nature Color Day: it was fun to see all our friends in earthy tones, connecting with nature.

Grade 6 Leadership Workshop: grade 6 students were given a follow-up leadership workshop to enhance communication and teamwork. They worked collaboratively to complete various tasks and fun challenges that improved these leadership skills.

Pizza Fundraiser: may pizza fundraiser made \$355.45

Grade 6 Ottawa Grad Trip: grade 6 teachers have planned a graduation trip to Ottawa. Students would travel by coach bus to the nation's capital. They will visit several museums including the aviation museum, rideau hall, the museum of nature and the supreme court of Canada. They will have dinner in Byward Market area and then return home. Request for approval.

Motion to approve Ottawa Grad Trip: Ms. Cynthia Chaumont. Seconded by: Ms. Marie-Helene Prevost.

Upcoming:

May is Wellness & Outdoor Learning Month

May 13: Pizza day fundraiser

May 14: Halo race – selected gr.4 to 6 students

May 18: Holiday

May 19: Outdoor wellness workshop retreat with PDCIA

May 19: Grade 6 ELA exam begins

May 20-22: Dental hygienist visit – grade 2

May 27: Track & field – grade 5 & 6

May 28: Nature inspired art exhibit & dress-up as a plant or animal day

May 29: Science centre trip – grade 5

May 29: We rock the spectrum trip – Wings classes rms. 1, 8, & 9

June 3: Summer reading scholastic book fair

June 3: Welcome to kindergarten evening

June 4: Talent show 11:00am for parents

June 9-11: Grade 6 math exam

June 12: Farm visits Parkdale

June 12: Ottawa trip

June 18: Graduation ceremony evening

June 19: Graduation party

June 22: Parkdale carnival

3.4 EMSB Parent's Committee Report

- Petition sent out to ask the government to address crisis in education and need to organize a genuine and broad public consultation on education.

3.5 Daycare Report

- Ms. Angela Zambito reported that this week is Daycare week. Monday: Fruit Salad and Movement, Tuesday: Art in nature on canvas, Wednesday: Sundae Bar, Thursday: Movie and popcorn, Friday: Outdoor fun with chalk and dance party.

- Ms. Angela Zambito received some caterpillars for the butterfly project. The students were taught about the cycle of the butterfly. They are currently in their cocoons, and the students are waiting for them to transform into butterflies.

- Ms. Angela Zambito started the garden with the new planters.

3.6 Varia

Next governing board meeting will be held June 10th.

4. Question Period

- None

5. Adjournment

Motioned by: Ms. George Koutsoulis. Seconded by: Ms. Thirtsa Ernest

Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

Principal: _____

Chairperson: _____

Signed on: _____