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2026-2027 Governing Board Meeting #1 Minutes

Tuesday, 6 October 2026 at 6:30 pm

Members in attendance:

Governing Board Members		GB Meeting #1 Tuesday, 6 October
Agnello, Cathy	Daycare	Present
Berry, Natasha	Parent	Present
Bozzo, Virginia	Parent	Present
Carrara, Bianca	Parent	Present
Cocco, Doina	Parent	Present
Di Nardo, Antonietta	Daycare	Present
Di Stefano, Andrea	Parent	Present
Di Zazzo, Erica	Parent	Present
Klinck, Emma	Teacher	Present
Latin, Bianca	Teacher	Present
Morizio, Tasha (substitute)	Parent	Absent
Negrii, Eugen	Teacher	Present
Ricci, Mirella	Teacher	Present
Simon, Katie (substitute)	Parent	Present
Stroz-Breton, Olivia	Parent	Present
Temple. Martha	Teacher	Present

Administration: Lisa Ancona, Principal

Guests: none

Members of the Public: none

1. **Welcome**
   - The meeting was called to order by Ms. Di Zazzo at 6:35pm.
   - Ms. Simon is attending the meeting as an observer, since all voting members are present.
   - Ms. Di Zazzo is leading the meeting as former chair until a new chair is voted in.
   - Ms. Perera, the EMSB Commissioner, is attending the meeting.
   - Mr. Di Stefano, as former secretary, is taking the minutes until a new secretary is voted in.
   - Ms. Stroz-Breton shared she needed to leave early, and left at 8:20pm. Ms. Cocco shared

she needed to leave early as well, and left at 8pm. Mr. Negrii was experiencing technical issues and dropped at 8pm.

2. Introduction of Members

All members introduced themselves, and Ms. Ancona thanks all members, new and returning, for volunteering their time in support of the school.

3. Additions to the Agenda

None.

4. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Agnello, seconded by Ms. Stroz-Breton, to approve the agenda. All in favour; motion unanimously passed.

5. Adoption of the Minutes from GB meeting #7 – 4 June 2026

It was moved by Ms. Bozzo, seconded by Ms. Berry, to approve the minutes from the 2025-2026 GB meeting #7. 5 abstentions, no objections; motion passed.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Ms. Ancona shared that a Community Development Agent hasn't yet been hired as part of the Community Learning Centres (CLC) EMSB program. Without a PDCIA, it is still unclear who will be conducting workshops, trainings, etc.

Ms. Ancona also shared that the final Standards & Procedures document was provided at curriculum night and is now available on the OLP website.

7. Question Period

None.

8. Election of the Executive for 2026-2027

8.1 Election of Chairperson

Mr. Di Stefano, seconded by Ms. Berry, nominated Ms. Di Zazzo as Chairperson. Ms. Di Zazzo accepted; all in favour; motion unanimously passed.

8.2 Election of Vice-Chairperson

Ms. Stroz-Breton, seconded by Mr. Di Stefano, nominated herself as Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Di Zazzo, seconded by Ms. Cocco, nominated Ms. Berry as Vice-Chairperson, who accepted the nomination. The votes were 8 votes to 7 in favour of Ms. Stroz-Breton, who was welcomed as Vice-Chairperson.

8.3 Election of Secretary

Ms. Di Zazzo, seconded by Ms. Agnello, nominated Mr. Di Stefano as Secretary. Mr. Di Stefano accepted; all in favour; motion unanimously passed.

8.4 Election of Treasurer

Ms. Carrara, seconded by Ms. Agnello, nominated herself as Treasurer. All in favour; motion unanimously passed.

8.5 Election of RPC Alternate

Ms. Cocco, seconded by Ms. Stroz-Breton, nominated herself as RPC Alternate. All in favour; motion unanimously passed.

9. Operations

9.1 OLP GB Code of Conduct

It was moved by Ms. Berry, seconded by Mr. Di Stefano, to accept the OLP GB Code of Conduct as is; no changes. 1 abstention; motion passed.

9.2 OLP GB Rules of Operation

It was moved by Ms. Bozzo, seconded by Ms. Ricci, to accept the OLP GB Rules of Operation as presented. 1 abstention; motion passed.

9.3 Community Representatives

It was moved by Mr. Di Stefano, seconded by Ms. Carrara, to nominate Mr. Giuseppe Rosciano, former OLP parent and GB member, as community representative. 5 in favour, 1 objection, 7 abstentions. Motion was not accepted.

9.4 Schedule of meetings

Ms. Ancona presented a slightly revised schedule of meetings compared to previous years' schedules, including meetings on both Tuesdays and Thursdays. 9 meetings are scheduled, and a minimum of 5 meetings are required.

10. New Business

10.1 GB Meetings Location

The group discussed the advantages of online vs. in-person vs. hybrid meetings. Although hybrid format was preferred in previous years, it also presented technical issues for those members attending virtually due to poor network connection at the school.

It was moved by Mr. Negrii, seconded by Ms. Agnello, to hold all GB meetings fully online. 2 abstentions, no objections. Motion passed.

10.2 Governing Board Operating Budget

It was moved by Ms. Carrara, seconded by Ms. Stroz-Breton, to table this item until next meeting. All in favour; motion unanimously passed.

10.3 Electronic Votes

On 17 June 2026, it was moved via email by Ms. Bozzo, seconded by Ms. Berry, to send students to a robotics competition in Ontario funded by the parents of attending students, one school fundraiser, and sponsorships led by the Robotics facilitator, with transportation managed by

parents. All in favour; motion unanimously passed.

Also on 17 June 2026, it was moved via email by Ms. Di Zazzo, seconded by Ms. Berry, to transfer $350 from the PPO fund to the Graduation Committee to cover the costs of upcoming initiatives related to graduation. 1 abstention, no objections; motion passed.

10.4 Educational Project Report

Ms. Ancona shared information about the Educational Project Report and the OLP students' results from ministerial exams, in comparison with the 2023 exam results. Results were also shared from a school-wide survey that was conducted to students from grades 4 to 6. Some questions arose and a discussion ensued regarding some of the results from the ministerial exams and survey, and about interpreting the results in context.

10.5 Open House

Ms. Ancona shared that Open House will be held on 26 Nov 2026. She emphasized that parent participation to spread the word, pass out flyers, etc. is essential to the event's success. Open House Committee is organizing the event and consists of two teachers, the Student Life Coordinator, and PPO members have also been enlisted for their support. One member emphasized that in addition to recruitment efforts, the GB should also think about student retention and ways of improving retention. One barrier to recruitment that was identified was the certificate of eligibility for studying in English; however, no data is available to identify parents that have eligibility certificates and allow for more targeted communications. Marketing the school's strengths, like the robotics program and the music program, might help to encourage parents to travel from further away to enroll their children at OLP. Word of mouth and parent participation will be a big part of attracting more attention for the school. Families who are staying with a temporary worker visa may also be eligible to attend English school for a limited amount of time.

10.6 PPO Funds

Ms. Ancona presented the background about a former GB schoolyard subcommittee and work that was done to obtain quotes and submit grant proposals for a renovation of the school's north schoolyard. A grant has become available this year by Valsef Dream Big foundation. The deadline to submit a grant proposal is at the end of October 2026, and one of the conditions of the grant is that the school must cover 10% (up to $10k) of the total project amount which can be a maximum of $100k.

It was moved by Ms. Temple moved, seconded by Mr. Di Stefano, to request $5000 from PPO to help support the grant proposal and cover the 10% of the total project cost. All in favour; motion unanimously passed.

10.7 Fundraisers Schoolyard Grant

Ms. Ancona facilitated a discussion about planning for raising funds for the remainder of the Valsef Dream Big foundation's requirement of the school paying 10% of total project costs of the proposed schoolyard renovation. For donations, tax receipts can also be issued by the school board to donors for donations of $20 or higher. The group also discussed potential fundraisers that might help raise the remainder of funds needed to support the project.

It was moved by Mr. Di Stefano, seconded by Ms. Stroz-Breton, to approve three new fundraisers, with details to be confirmed at a later date, to fund the remainder of the 10% of the total project cost required for the schoolyard renovation grant. 12 in favour, 1 abstention, no objections. Motion

passed.

11. Reports

11.1 Commissioner

Ms. Perera shared the commissioner's report.

- Ms. Perera presented herself to GB members and shared her role in contributing to the school's activities and success.
- Budget situation: Ms. Perera shared some information about the financial challenges facing the EMSB. The EMSB is currently operating with a deficit budget, and the Ministry of Education is not allowing the school board access to their surplus funds that were amassed through some of their vocational and adult education programs.
- Quebec provincial election: Ms. Perera discussed the election results, and also shared details about some of the measures that were put in place by the outgoing CAQ government that posed challenges to the school board's financial situation.
- OLP 2025-2026 graduation event: Ms. Perera shared her congratulations and appreciation for the event, which was greatly appreciated by all.

11.2 Principal

Ms. Ancona shared the principal's report.

- Welcome back event: Silent disco was a huge success. Thanks to all teachers, staff, and volunteers that contributed to the event's success. The students loved it and staff had fun as well.
- Fire drills: all fire drills have been completed, with the most recent one occurring this morning. The results were very positive, particularly for the morning's drill, as the students' response time was very quick.
- Robotics competition: Kudos and thanks to everyone involved in organizing the school's participation in this event. Parent volunteers shared that everyone involved, including the students, worked hard throughout the summer to make this happen for the group.
- Free magic show took place last week, and the students greatly enjoyed it:
- Sept. 30 was attestation day. Parents of any students who were absent should contact the school secretary to ensure all students are accounted for.
- The students participated in a Terry Fox walk last Thursday, which was a great success and the weather cooperated.
- Monday, 5 Oct was a ped day due to the provincial elections.
- Students will be receiving their first progress report on 14 Oct.
- 16 Oct will be a ped day, and both the school and daycare will be closed due to staff attending an all-day event.
- 23 Oct. will be a ped day.

11.3 Teachers

Ms. Ricci shared the teachers' report.

- Welcome back committee: thank you to all teachers in the committee, and thank you to all parent volunteers as well.
- GB teacher members reached out to other teachers asking them to share some updates or interesting things happening in their classrooms. The K5A teacher answered the call and shared some details about an activity the kindergarten students completed on the theme of apples, and how they explored and learned about apples together.

11.4 Daycare

Ms. Agnello shared the daycare report.

- 90 children including some sporadic attendees.
- The first ped day of the year was on Sept 18, and the children enjoyed play-based learning activities.
- For the Oct.5 ped day outing was at Fun Zone in Lasalle, and everyone had a blast.
- For the Oct 16 ped day, daycare is closed due to an annual daycare conference.
- For the Oct 23 ped day activity, the team ordered pumpkins and they will be decorated by daycare students to decorate the school, and then on Halloween the students will be allowed to bring their pumpkins home.

11.5 RPC

The RPC meeting has not taken place yet, so no updates to share.

11.6 PPO

Ms. Berry shared the PPO report.

- Pizza fundraiser permission forms were sent out last week
- Preparations for Halloween activities are underway
- A cheese fundraiser will take place in November
- On December 6, the school will be hosting a holiday popup market fundraiser in the gym
- PPO is collecting books for both parents and children to sell during a school event
- PPO is also collecting used clothing (school uniforms) to sell to parents of the school and give the clothes a second life.

12. Varia

12.1 Extending the meeting

At 8:29pm, it was moved by Ms. Berry, seconded by Ms. Bozzo, to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Motion unanimously passed.

13. Next Meeting/Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting put forth by Ms. Agnello, seconded by Ms. Bozzo. All in favour; meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

The next GB meeting is scheduled for 5 November 2026.

Signatures:

Principal	Date
Governing Board Chair	Date