



Commission scolaire English-Montréal

English Montreal School Board

COMPLETING THE GOVERNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Members

Please list each member of the governing board and identify the group each member represents, e.g., parents, teachers, other staff, daycare, students, community, socio-economic, etc.

Attendance Record

This is optional but will provide information to the school community that could assist them in the election or selection of members to sit on the governing board.

Number of Meetings Held

Identify the number of regular and special meetings held during the year.

Activities, Programs, Services & Issues /Actions Taken

List the major topics by month that were dealt with and the associated actions taken.

Sub-Committees and their Mandates

If your governing board established sub-committees to look at issues and make recommendations, please identify.

Informing the School Community

The school community includes parents, staff and sometimes the larger community. Briefly describe the method(s) used, e.g, newsletters, notices, etc.

Recommendations

Please indicate any recommendations for next year's governing board in terms of actions to be taken, issues to be addressed, method of operation, etc. You may wish to identify specific measures you would like the school board to take which would assist the functioning of the governing board.

Chairperson's Message

This is optional but might include observations about the general assembly, the accomplishments, the challenges, the general functioning of the governing board, etc.

GOVERNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
2024 / 2025

School:	Royal Vale School
Principal:	Mr. Mauro Zampini

Governing Board members and meeting attendance breakdown

NAME	POSITION/ GROUP REPRESENTED	MEETINGS ATTENDED													
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	
Andrea Batsis	Chair; Elementary Parent	P	P	P	P	P	P							6	
Howard Magonet	Elementary Parent	P	P	P	P	A	P							5	
Joyce Bernas	Elementary Parent	P	A	P	A	A	P							3	
Shimon Becker	Treasurer; Elementary Parent	P	P	P	P	P	P							6	
Karyn Pellatt-Caron	Vice-Chair; High School Parent	P	P	P	P	P	P							6	
Davy Lambiris	High School Parent	P	P	P	P	P	P							6	
Ariella Pardo	High School Parent	P	P	P	A	P	P							5	
Dania Szanajda Monticciolo	High School Parent EMSBC delegate	A	A	A	A	A	A							0	
Jonathan Mustillo	Alternate; Elementary Parent	P	P	P	P	P	A							5	
Andale Evans	Alternate; High School Parent	P	A	P	P	P	P							5	
Karima Douerrachad	Elementary Teacher	P	A	P	P	A	P							4	
Cornelia Mandoiu	Elementary Teacher	P	A	P	P	P	A							4	
Paige Stermer	Elementary Teacher	P	P	P	P	P	A							5	
Valerie Hatchwell	High School Teacher	P	P	P	P	A	P							5	
Stella Halaris	High School Teacher	P	P	P	P	A	P							5	
Anthony Di Domizio	High School Teacher	P	P	P	P	P	P							6	
Paolo Ruscito	Personal Development and Community Facilitator Animator	P	P	P	A	P	P							5	
Eleonora-Foteini Komvopoulou	Student Representative	P	P	A	P	A	A							3	
Dhihan Amin Badrul	Student Representative	P	P	P	P	A	A							4	
Total Regular Meetings		6			Total Special Meetings							1			

Other regular non-voting attendees of meetings included:

Mauro Zampini (Principal)
Christos Lagakos (Vice-Principal, High School)
Ivan Spilak ((Vice-Principal, Elementary School)

Occasional non-voting attendees of meetings included, but were not limited to:

Sharon Nelson (Commissioner, Ward 5)
Marni Rubin (President, RVEHSA)

Regular Meetings

During the 2024–2025 academic year, the Royal Vale Governing Board held six regular meetings. With the exception of one virtual session, all meetings were held in person at Royal Vale School, located at 5851 Somerled Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, H3X 2A5. The virtual meeting took place via Microsoft Teams on Monday, January 27, 2025. All meetings, whether in person or virtual, were scheduled for 7:00PM on the following dates:

- Monday, October 21st, 2024
- Tuesday, November 26th, 2024
- Monday, January 27th, 2025 (via Teams)
- Tuesday, March 11th, 2025
- Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025
- Tuesday, June 17th, 2025

Special Meetings

No special meetings were held during the 2024–2025 school year, with the exception of the Annual General Assembly, which took place in person on September 12, 2024, at Royal Vale School (5851 Somerled Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, H3X 2A5). During the assembly, incoming Governing Board members were elected, along with the EMSB Parent Committee delegate and alternate delegate. A vote in favour of maintaining a Home & School Association was also conducted.

Activities, Programs, Services & Issues and Actions Taken
Governing Board Resolutions Discussed

Activities, Programs, Services and Issues	Actions Taken
September	
Annual General Assembly	Election of incoming Governing Board members
	Election of EMSBPC delegate and alternate delegate
	Election of a Home & School Association
October	
Election of Governing Board positions	Chair: A. Batsis Vice-Chair: K. Pellatt-Caron Secretary: On rotation (no elected member) Treasurer: S. Becker
Approval of Royal Vale Governing Board Annual Report 2023-2024	Moved: V. Hatchwell; seconded: A. Di Domizio; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval of Royal Vale Governing Board Financial Report 2023-2024	Moved: V. Hatchwell; seconded: A. Pardo; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval of Camp Wingate Grade 6 graduation trip	Moved: A. Batsis; seconded: P. Stermer; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval of Grade 6 fundraising activities	Moved: V. Hatchwell; seconded: S. Halaris; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval of High School trips (Chicago, Washington, D.C., New York)	Moved: A. Batsis; seconded: J. Bernas; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval of continuation of PELO program offering	Moved: A. Di Domizio; seconded: V. Hatchwell; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval of changing Grade 8 & 9 Science to English language instruction	Moved: V. Hatchwell; seconded: J. Bernas; Vote: approved unanimously.
*Approval of RVEHSA Staff Appreciation cookie dough and cash collection fundraiser	Moved: H. Magonet; seconded: K. Pellatt-Caron; Vote: approved unanimously.
November	
*Approval of RVEHSA Holiday & End of Year Gift Card Campaign through Funscrip	Moved: S. Becker; seconded: K. Pellatt-Caron; Vote: 13 for; 0 against; 0 abstentions; 4 no response.
Approval of Internal Rules of Operation & Code of Conduct	Moved: K. Pellatt-Caron; seconded: H. Magonet; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval of 1-year extension for Top Marks uniform supplier	Moved: S. Becker; seconded: A. Di Domizio; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval of ABAV Action Plan	Moved: V. Hatchwell; seconded: D. Lambiris; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval of Dance for Alex Fundraiser proceeds to benefit Myra's Kids Foundation	Moved: A. Pardo; seconded: P. Stermer; Vote: approved unanimously.
December	
No meeting.	

January	
Approval of Elementary Educational Project as presented	Moved: K. Pellatt-Caron; seconded: V. Hatchwell; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval of High School Educational Project as presented	Moved: S. Halaris; seconded: S. Becker; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval of Elementary School Budget as presented	Moved: A. Di Domizio; seconded: K. Douerrachad; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval of High School School Budget as presented	Moved: K. Pellatt-Caron; seconded: P. Stermer; Vote: approved unanimously.
Approval to create subcommittee for PELO program discussion and continuity	Moved: H. Magonet; seconded: K. Pellatt-Caron; Vote: approved unanimously
February	
No meeting.	
March	
Approval of forming a subcommittee for uniform skirt discussion	Moved: A. Batsis; seconded: K. Douerrachad; Vote: approved unanimously
Approval of cell phone policy update	Moved: A. Di Domizio; seconded: S. Halaris; Vote: approved unanimously
April	
Approval of RVEHSA 2022-2023 Financial Statement as presented	Moved: A. Evans; seconded: A. Di Domizio; Vote: approved unanimously
Approval of RVEHSA Magasin scolaire school supplies kit fundraiser	Moved: A. Pardo; seconded: P. Stermer; Vote: approved unanimously
Approval of Secondary 1 entrance exam admission policy update	Moved: A. Di Domizio; seconded: S. Becker; Vote: approved unanimously
May	
No meeting.	
June	
Approval of updated ABAV Action Plan	Moved: P. Ruscito; seconded: V. Hatchwell; Vote: approved unanimously
Approval of Elementary school fees as presented	Moved: P. Ruscito; seconded: V. Hatchwell; Vote: approved unanimously
Approval of High School school fees as presented	Moved: P. Ruscito; seconded: V. Hatchwell; Vote: approved unanimously
Approval of Elementary School Budget as presented	Moved: K. Pellatt-Caron; seconded: V. Hatchwell; Vote: approved unanimously
Approval of High School School Budget as presented	Moved: A. Di Domizio; seconded: K. Douerrachad; Vote: approved unanimously

*indicates E-mailed resolution read into that month's meeting

Sub-Committees and their mandates

- At the Governing Board meeting on January 27, 2025, members passed a motion to form a subcommittee to examine funding concerns related to the PELO program. The subcommittee met on February 3, 2025, at 7:30PM via Microsoft Teams. Participants included H. Magonet, K. Pellatt-Caron, J. Mustillo, and A. Batsis, along with Principal Zampini. The meeting focused on analyzing PELO funding and program continuity. The subcommittee recommended that a survey be sent to parents to inform them of the funding changes affecting the remainder of the school year. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled at a later date to discuss the program for the next academic year.
- At the Governing Board meeting on March 11, 2025, members passed a motion to form a subcommittee to discuss uniform regulations for high school students, specifically regarding the skirt option. A. Batsis, S. Halaris, D. Badrul, D. Lambiris, and C. Mandoiu volunteered to participate. However, due to scheduling conflicts, a meeting could not be held before the end of the school year. It is recommended that this discussion be revisited through a renewed motion in the future.

Informing the School Community

Governing Board meetings were held in person on school grounds, with one exception in January 2025, when a meeting was conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams. Meeting dates were posted on the school's website and included in the bi-weekly updates sent to the school community. Meeting minutes were published online once approved.

The Governing Board Chair's email also served as a channel for parent communication. The Chair's email address was posted on the Governing Board page of the school website. The Chair remained accessible via email and during monthly meetings, encouraging parents to share concerns, comments, or questions through these avenues.

Each regular Board meeting (in-person or via Teams) included two designated question periods to encourage parent input, one at the beginning and one closer to the end.

A subcommittee meeting was also held online via Teams, providing volunteer members the opportunity to offer feedback, ask questions, and participate in decision-making discussions with the school principal.

Following the fall elections of Governing Board representatives, the Chair sent a welcome email to the school community. Mid-year and end-of-year emails were also distributed as reminders of the available channels for communication.

Recurring reports were presented at each Board meeting to help provide insight into the school environment. These included updates from, but not limited to: Student Life, Royal Vale Elementary Home & School Association (RVEHSA), Administration, the EMSB Parent Committee, and the EMSB Commissioner for our ward.

The RVEHSA President and the Chair collaborated to share relevant information with meeting participants and guests. RVEHSA was invited to every meeting, and the President attended most sessions throughout the year, submitting a report when unable to attend.

Recommendations

Student mental health and overall well-being should remain a priority, as students continue to face challenges related to peer relationships, online presence, and the pressures of today's society. Further discussions on how parents can support school staff in addressing these issues would help foster an inclusive and supportive environment for all students.

In addition, continued assessment of necessary school renovations and upgrades to the building and equipment will ensure a safe and welcoming environment at Royal Vale. Ongoing improvements, along with consistent attention to cleanliness and maintenance, would further instill a sense of pride among students, staff, and visitors alike.

Maintaining respectful and clear communication between the school and families is essential to strengthening the sense of community and connection across all cohorts. I encourage students, and particularly our Student Life representatives, to continue to advocate for their needs and concerns, and for parents/guardians to bring issues or questions to the attention of the board.

Finally, in light of the recent budget cuts imposed by the provincial government, the Governing Board must use its voice at all levels of governance and administration to ensure that student services and the best interests of students are at the heart of decisions made.

Chairperson's message

Having been a member of the school community for several years and serving in the role of Chairperson, it is heartening to see that incoming families continue to engage in volunteer opportunities at both the elementary and high school levels. Supporting our students in becoming respectful and engaged citizens within this community is something I hope will remain a priority.

Thank you to my fellow Board members for your dedication to Royal Vale and for contributing to a productive and rewarding school year. It has been a pleasure to be in this role, surrounded by respectful parents, staff, and students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to Mr. Zampini and to thank him for his exemplary leadership and guidance during his time as Principal of Royal Vale. I'm confident that the incoming board and administration will bring new energy and perspective, while continuing to build on our shared values. We look forward to working collaboratively with Ms. Michakis and the administration team to continue supporting the growth and success of our students and the wider school community.

Adopted by the Governing Board on:

20/10/2025



Principal *Despina Michakis*



Governing Board Chair



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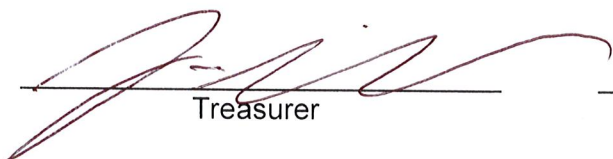
**GOVERNING BOARD
REPORT OF EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

SCHOOL/CENTRE: Royal Vale School

Description	Expenses	Revenues
Funds received from the EMSB for 2024-2025		\$ 250.00
Balance remaining (rollover from 2023-2024)		\$ 332.00
Deduct Expenditures:		
Office Supplies	\$	
Printing/Photocopying	\$	
Transportation	\$	
Babysitting	\$	
Meeting Refreshments	\$	
Other (Scholarships)	\$750.00	
TOTAL:	\$750.00	\$
Balance kept in account for 2025-2026		\$-168.00

Financial statement adopted at the meeting held on:

E-vote on 31/10/2025


Treasurer


Chairperson