

Westmount Park Elementary School | Governing Board Minutes

Date: March 19, 2026

Start time: 4:12 pm

Present:

In person: Marco, Jessica (*admin*), Tina, Marie (*staff reps*), Caitlin (*parent reps*)

Online: Rony (*parent rep*), Mujdat, Marjan (*alternates*), Joanne (*PPO chair*), Rachel (*community rep*), Guests: Ashely, Divya, Hanan, Makiko, Rakhi, Kassaye, Fumihito, Joaquin, Bharath, Mishra

Absent: Shanali, Cristina (*parent reps*), Deborah (*daycare*), Julian Feldman (*Ward 10 commissioner*)

Land Acknowledgement:

Westmount Park School (Tiohtiá:ke/Montréal) is situated on the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehà:ka, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst many First Nations including the Kanien'kená:ka of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, Huron/Wendat, Abénaki, and Anishinaabeg. We recognize and respect the Kanien'kehà:ka as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which we meet today. We are grateful to live, learn, and work on this land - home to a diverse population of Indigenous communities and people from around the world. As parents and guardians, we strive to foster communities that embrace diversity, equity, and inclusivity for all.

1. Welcome:

1.1 Additions to the agenda: none

1.2 Approval of Agenda: 1. Marie 2. Mujdat, approved.

1.3 Approval of Feb 2026 minutes: 1. Caitlin 2. Tina, approved.

1.4 Public Question Period: none

2. Business Arising From The Minutes:

2.1 Bus transportation safety-related discussion of PC:

-update next meeting, as the busing companies are a third party, we should direct any feedback to the transportation department

2.2 School website updating follow up: With Miss Hope, the website was surveyed for information requiring updating. Webmaster needs to be updated. Jessica will contact the EMSB. Follow up tabled until May meeting, if updates arise they will be added to the Principal's report.

3. Business requiring approval:

3.1 Budget Building Process 2026-2027 and completion of Appendix B: overall, we are seeing a 10% budget reduction when compared to past years. We strive to maintain the same quality of education and resources for students and our priorities remain similar to last year - students benefitting first and foremost, however addition administrative support has been added as a priority given the unique nature of our school.

-Marie 2. Tina, approved

3.2 School Fence and 2ndVP/Admin letters:

3.2.1 Fence: discussion and formatting of request for a school fence in alignment with the Education Act.

-parent letter of support will be created and parents, especially those directly impacted by the lack of fencing, can sign to demonstrate the severity of the need.

-1. Marie 2. Caitlin, approved

3.2.2 Admin request: additional discussion is needed, will be tabled for a future meeting as more time is needed to prepare.

4. Items requiring discussion:

4.1 Condition of school services: up-to-date

5. Reports

5.1 Teacher's Report:

5.2 Daycare Report:

- February 27th Ped day Activity- Daycare students had the opportunity to spend a great day at Lac des Castors (Beaver Lake), where they enjoyed Tubing, and a walk in the woods. Students also enjoyed lunch in a cozy area and took the opportunity to play board games, card games and coloring. It was the perfect day to kick start spring break!
- Tax receipts for all parents that provided their SIN were issued on Mosaik under the Finance Tab as of February 23rd, 2026.
- March 16th Ped Day Activity- Daycare students celebrated St. Patrick's Day by dressing in green, making green pancakes, making green playdough and creating Shamrock crowns to celebrate this day. They also enjoyed the afternoon by taking a walk to Westmount Park playground
- Daycare registration for the 2026-27 school year is now available on Mosaik for our returning students. All new students who registered in February with the school have been contacted by Ms. Deborah. Those still interested in registering must contact Ms. Deborah by email, to schedule an appointment by March 30th.
- Extracurricular Activities- Basketball will be offered to daycare students every Wednesday between 3:00-4:00 pm to students interested.

5.3 Principal's Report: covered in Teacher's Report

- There is a consultant from Giant Step in all our specialized classes, they will be providing feedback and observations

5.4 PPO Report:

- March 27 will be the WPS Family Movie night; we are screening Luca
 - Snacks will be for sale
 - Cash only
 - Leadership craft sale
 - 204/325 tickets have been reserved
- April 17 Pizza Day

5.5 Regional Parent Committee Report: to be shared electronically

5.6 Community Updates:

- Rachel provided an update on Big Brothers and Big Sisters programming at the school.

5.7 Commissioner Report (expected): Commissioner absent

6. Varia:

7. Date of next meeting: April 16, 2026

8. Adjournment: 5:46 pm 1. Caitlin 2. Tina.