



# Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Edinburgh Elementary School

Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

In person meeting at Edinburgh Elementary School

*We would like to acknowledge that Edinburgh School is located on unceded Indigenous lands. The Kanien'kehá:ka/Mohawk Nation is recognized as the traditional custodians of Tiohtià:ke/Montréal, which has long been a site of meeting and exchange for many First Nations and is currently home to diverse groups of Indigenous and other peoples. We are grateful to live, work, and learn here, and recognize the important role of education in reconciliation and in maintaining connections between the past, present, and future.*

## **Present:**

Parents: Anne-Marie Yaworski, Steven Szabo, Steven Muoio, Robyn Dalton, Alessandra Cesari  
Staff members : Gaetano Sifoni, Catherine Brault, Geneviève Guay, Pina Trengia, Abdelghafour El-Hama, Marco DeCrescentis, Geneviève Hébert

**Absent:** Jean-Michel Brunet, Johanna Miller

**Guests:** Johnny Piazza (Le Doral Service de traiteur Catering Services)

## **1. Welcome**

Anne-Marie Yaworski (Chair) called this meeting to order at 7:05 pm

## **2. Adoption of agenda**

The order of the agenda was arranged to allow for the discussion of agenda item 5.1 to be advanced to the beginning of the meeting out of courtesy to the guest presenter on the topic of catering services.

First : Robyn Dalton

Second : Mme. Catherine Brault

Motion carries unanimously

### **5.1 2024-2025 Hot Lunch Supplier (Le Doral)**

Mr. Johnny Piazza who is operating the Le Doral catering company presented to the Governing board. There was a discussion about the need to ensure high-quality meals are being offered to students who participate in the meal program. The governing board will be requesting that Le Doral supply the meals for the 2024-2025 school year.

First: Alessandra Cesari

Second: Steven Muoio

Motion carries unanimously

### **3. Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2024**

First : Steven Muoio

Second : Alex Cesari

Motion carries unanimously

### **4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (April 18, 2024)**

Principal Sifoni confirms that the librarian position has been filled for the remainder of the school year, only one day a week.

### **5. New Business**

#### **5.2 Subject-time allocation 2024-2025**

There will not be any changes to the subject-time allocation. Parents can access this document on the school website.

#### **5.3 ABAV End-of-Year Report**

Mr. Sifoni presented the ABAV End-of-Year Report outlining the effectiveness of this year's plan and possible changes for the upcoming school year. As a reminder, this plan replaces the Safe School Action Plan from previous years.

First: Robyn Dalton

Second: Steven Muoio

#### **5.4 School supplies list (2024-2025)**

Mr. Sifoni presented the school supply lists for each grade for 2024-2025. Some items (duotangs) will be removed from the list and will be supplied by the school. That expense will be covered by the school fees which are collected

First: Anne Marie Yaworski

Second: M. El-Hama

#### **5.5 Lunch fee adjustment**

Lunch fees will be adjusted from 1.41\$ to 1.50\$ in order to respect EMSB guidelines

First: Anne Marie Yaworski

Second: Steven Szabo

#### **5.6 Upcoming field trips**

The following school trips are scheduled:

May 24: Eureka Science Festival at Parc Jean Drapeau Gr.5

May 31: La Maison Nivard-De Saint-Dizier Gr.3

June 7: Biodôme Gr. 3

June 12: Centre Notre-Dame-de-Fatima (At N.D.de l'Île Perrot) Gr.1

June 14: Carillon Hydroelectric Dam (Hydro-Quebec) Gr.4

First: Robyn Dalton

Second: Alessandra Cesari

## **6 Reports**

### **6.1 Principal's Report**

Mr. Sifoni reports that

- Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 6 students are readying for their math exam and can count on a weekend tutorial on May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Halo Race on May 8<sup>th</sup> was attended by over 5000 students from English School
- Students raised over 2000\$ for Jump Rope for Heart thanks to Mr. Cho's dedication to the cause
- During upcoming Field Day, Grade 6 students will be running the activities and demonstrating their sportsmanship and leadership skills
- Mr. Covaciu will be hosting the end-of-year concert on June 18 and 19
- Renovations to Edinburgh school will begin in the summer of 2025. The school will be modernizing its HVAC system, replacing the ceiling, repairing the floors, restoring the gym floor, and installing new lighting systems, among other renovations. The school yard will be patched up and repaired during the summer of 2024.

### **6.2 Commissioner's report**

No report available

### **6.3 Treasurer**

The account balance is 182\$

### **6.4 EMSB Parents Committee delegate**

Steven Szabo provided a brief summary of the May 2nd meeting of the Parents committee. A presentation from Chabad Lifeline on screen addiction outlined community supports for parents of children who have become heavily dependent on using their laptop, tablet, or phone devices too often (too much screen time). Administrators from the EMSB presented plans to inaugurate a new school for children with special learning needs within Nesbitt's school building.

### **6.5 Teacher's Report**

Mme. Guay reports that the students will be participating in a concert and that Grade 2s are hard at work preparing for their presentation on animals

### **6.6 Home and School Liaison**

The annual Spring fair is set to take place on May 30<sup>th</sup> and Home and School members and volunteers are in place to ensure a successful and fun-filled family event. The annual Wear Green Day in honor of Matteo Palumbi will raise funds for the Montreal Children's Hospital.

## **6.7 BASE**

Mr. DeCrescentis reports on the many themes that students at BASE will be explore during the months of Spring. They are in no particular order:

- Autism awareness
- Passover holiday
- Mother's Day
- Gardening activities (student-powered food blender, planting vegetable garden, recycling)
- Sports activities such as baseball, badminton, dodgeball

Additionally, students will be able to enjoy a fun filled ped day on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Students will break out into various groups to play sports and enjoy food from a local food truck. Ice cream will be enjoyed as a dessert treat.

Daycare Appreciation Week: The theme for this year's daycare appreciation week will be "play together, work together". Edinburgh community members are invited to celebrate our dedicated team of educators that comprise the BASE staff.

BASE will be organizing an end of year food drive with proceeds going to Carolyn's Community association.

**7. Varia**

**8. No correspondence**

**9. No questions**

## **10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.

First : Robyn Dalton

Second : Alessandra Cesari

Motion carries unanimously

Next meeting to be virtual on June 13, 2024

Respectfully submitted:

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Gaetano Sifoni, Principal

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Anne-Marie Yaworski, Chairperson