

# ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Wednesday September 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Melanie Hebert (parent), Julie McGoldrick (parent), Whitney Lee (parent), Ryan Martin (parent), Andrea Truffa (teacher), Tara McGuire(teacher), Nadine Thomas (daycare), Carol Clifton (support staff), Natalie Szytch (support staff), Emilie Jacques (Community Representative-St. Columba House), Ahlia Mathura (Community Representative-Action Gardien), Jim Daskalakis (principal)

Absent/Regrets: Rebecca Macdonald (parent)

Guest: Amanda Macdonald (Home and School), Parent

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (with correction to date; should read Wednesday not Monday)  
Carol Clifton approves the agenda, seconded by Andrea Truffa.  
Unanimous
  - 1.1 Election of Governing Board President  
Andrea Truffa nominates Melanie Hebert. Melanie accepts the nomination.  
Nomination acclaimed. Congratulations to **Melanie Hebert** the new Chairperson.
  - 1.2 Election of Governing Board Treasurer  
Carol Clifton nominates Ryan Martin for Treasurer. Ryan accepts the nomination.  
Nomination acclaimed. Congratulations to **Ryan Martin** the new Treasurer.
  - 1.3 Election of Secretary  
Andrea Truffa nominates Natalie Szytch for Secretary. Natalie accepts the nomination.  
Nomination acclaimed. Congratulations to **Natalie Szytch** the Secretary.
2. Approval of the minutes from the June 7, 2023 meeting and business arising;  
Andrea Truffa approves the minutes and business arising of the June 7, 2023 meeting, seconded by Ryan Martin.  
Unanimous
3. A word from the Chair
  - 3.1 Other Information:
    - 3.1.1 Rules of Operation (see annex)  
Read over. Information
    - 3.1.2 Internal Rules of Management (see annex)  
Read over. Pay attention to section 6 and 11. Tabled to next meeting.
    - 3.1.3 Guidelines for Conduct of Members (see annex)

Read over. Information.

3.2 Correspondence: NIL

4. Period reserved for non-members of the board: NIL

5. Reports

5.1 Consultations and Decisions: NIL

5.2 Information

5.2.1 Report from Principal

- Stable at approximately 215 students
- September 7, 2023- Corn Roast to welcome students back went well.
- September 14, 2023 -BBQ to welcome parents on Curriculum Night went well.
- Extra-Curricular Activities will begin soon; Sistema - October 3, Irish Dancing-October 5, Choir (lunchtime), Piano. Share the Warmth-Boite a lunch for Grades 4 and 5, and French Tutoring.
- Snacks will begin on September 25. 2023.
- Math Success Plan for all grades was already begun.
- Bathrooms on second and third floors are complete.
- Geordie Productions - every year our school gets the first dress rehearsal for their play productions.
- First Parent/Teacher Communication will be October 12, 2023.  
Important that the school has a working parent email for communication through Mosaik app. No printed copies are sent home. Only IEP's are printed and sent home with students.

5.2.2 Report from Teachers

- Three NUTRI TOWERS are in the school
- Terry Fox and Orange Shirt Day will be held on September 29. 2023.
- Reading Week will take place October 10-12, 2023.
- English Language Arts - DIBLES Program evaluation will take place on October 18, 2023.
- Honey Jar/ Bee Keeping Workshop

5.2.3 Report from Parent Committee Delegate

- Whitney Lee is the Parent Committee Delegate for 2023-2024.
- Ryan Martin is the Alternate.

5.2.4 Report from Daycare

- 128 students have registered.
- Activities will begin on October 16, 2023  
(e.g. STEM, Sports Ball, Mad Science and Champions for Life).

5.2.5 Report from Community Representatives:

St. Columba House

- After-School Program is going well
- Sexual Health will begin soon in partnership with Saint Columba House.

Action Gardien

- Calendar of upcoming events were presented
- Trying to get more information out to the English Community

5.2.6 Report from PPO

- Supports the school a Governing Board Committee.
- Will call a meeting to bring in members and discuss fundraising events.

5.2.7 Report from Home and School

- Will begin the annual Chocolate Bar Drive next week.

6. Business Arising:

6.1 Field Trips

Mr. Daskalakis asked for “Blanket Approval” on field trips that cost less than 15.00\$.  
Tara McGuire moves to approve, seconded by Natalie Sztynch.  
Unanimous

6.2 E-mail and Contact Information

A sheet was passed around so that everyone could enter their information for communication purposes.

7. Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting

Natalie Sztynch moves to adjourn, seconded by Carol Clifton.  
Unanimous

Next Meeting will be held on October 19, 2023, at St. Gabriel School for 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

## Dates for Governing Board Meetings

October 19, 2023
November 30, 2023
January 18, 2024
February 22, 2024
March 21, 2024
April 25, 2024
May 2024                   *Tentative
June 6, 2024

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**Principal**

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**Date**

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**Chairperson-Governing Board**

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**Date**

## ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Thursday October 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Melanie Hebert (parent), Julie McGoldrick (parent), Ryan Martin (parent), Andrea Truffa (teacher), Tara McGuire (teacher), Nadine Thomas (daycare), Carol Clifton (support staff), Natalie Szytch (support staff), Emilie Jacques (Community Representative-St. Columba House), Ahlia Mathuro (Community Representative-Action Gardien), Jim Daskalakis (Principal)

Absent/Regrets: Rebecca Macdonald (parent), Wisely Louis (Community Representative, Whitney Lee (parent)

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Julie McGoldrick approves the agenda, seconded by Andrea Truffa.

Unanimous

2. Approval of the minutes from the October 19, 2023 meeting and business arising

Tara McGuire approves the minutes and business arising of the October 19, 2023 meeting, seconded by Andrea Truffa.

Unanimous

2.1 Governing Board Contact Information

Jim. Daskalakis presented the Governing Board Contact List.

2.2 Rules of Internal Management

Everyone read over the information and agree with it.

2.3 Sex and Health Education

Meeting was held to inform parents of the Grades 4,5 and 6 program.

The program began with the Grade 4 classes. The new animator, Erin, was on hand to answer questions.

Grades K-3 will begin their program after the holidays. An information session for parents will be planned.

2.4 Educational Project

This occurs every 5 years. It is a school plan that is ongoing and made up from information collected by consulting the school, community, and parents. It also involves data from the Cycle III English, Math and French exams. Information gathered from these exams help the School plan different strategies to help the students excel in these competencies and prepare them for High School.

3 A word from the Chair

3.1 Other Information:

3.2 Correspondence:

3.2.1 Financial Statements for the EMSB.

3.2.2 Rebecca Macdonald-Member will be resigning.

4 Period reserved for non-members of the board: NIL

5 Reports

5.1 Consultations and Decisions: NIL

5.2 Information

5.2.1 Report from Principal

- Terry Fox Run-raised over 4000\$.
- All Grade 3 students received a beautiful dictionary donated by the Rotary Club of Point Claire.
- On October 11, 2023 some of the Grades 4,5,6 students will be visiting the Dentistry Clinic at McGill. Second visit will be November 8, 2023.
- Sistema Program began-39 students registered.
- Irish Dancing Program- 31 students registered.
- Lunch Sports for Grades 2,3 students on Tuesdays and for Grades 4,5,6 students on Thursdays have began.
- Grade 3 Friendship Club takes place on Wednesday and Thursday.
- McGill Piano Program began Monday. There are 10 tutors with 2 students each.
- Bag a Book for Reading Week was successful.
- Book Fair coming end of November.

5.2.2 Report from Teachers

- Big Brother Big Sister Program is back.
- October 30, 2023, Transition, Grades 5/6 and 4A will be attending MSO.
- Reading Week objective is to read 500 books.
- Dentistry Program and Brushing Teeth Program has begun.
- Grade 3 and SEEDS C classes are planning an outing in conjunction with Ecole Montcalaise.

5.2.3 Report from Parent Committee Delegate

- Whitney Lee the delegate was unable to attend tonight's meeting but sent in a report. Please refer to the email.

5.2.4 Report from Daycare

- STEM Program began with Grade 5,6 students.
- Tulip Fundraiser raised 845.00\$ (10 tulips for 6\$ or 12 tulips for 20\$).

### 5.2.5 Report from Community Representatives:

#### St. Columba House

- Bake Sale October 31, 2023 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Lunch program starts again next week.
- Space is a problem at St. Columba House. Looking into space available at Centre St. Charles.

#### Action Gardien

- Committees to engage with Schools and Daycares on February 1, 2024.
- Committee Jeunesse Party for 11-17 year olds on October 27, 2023.

### 5.2.6 Report from PPO

- Meetings held last Monday and upcoming Nov.6, 2023.
- Haunted House October 29 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
There will be Games, and a BBQ.

### 5.2.7 Report from Home and School

- Chocolates have now been all distributed. Sales are going well.
- Halloween treat will be distributed to all the students.

## 6 Business Arising

### 6.1 Governing Board members

There is an opening on the Governing Board due to Rebecca Macdonald resigned from their post. Therefore, there is a parent member vacancy.  
An email will be sent out to the Governing Board for possible candidates.

### 6.2 Open House

St. Gabriel will have its Open House on November 9 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Posters will be put up and tours will be available for parents that night.

June 6, 2024, is a complication, we have our meetings overlapping with that of the Parent Committee Delegate. Will decide change on a later date.

## 7 Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting

Natalie Szytych moves to adjourn, seconded by Carol Clifton.  
Unanimous

Next Meeting will be held on November 30, 2023, at St. Gabriel School for 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

### **Dates for Governing Board Meetings**

November 30, 2023
January 18, 2024
February 22, 2024
March 21, 2024
April 25, 2024
May 2024 *Tentative
June 6, 2024

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**Principal**

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**Date**

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**Chairperson-Governing Board**

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**Date**



# ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Thursday November 30, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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Absent/Regrets: David Burrige (parent)

Guest: Peter Giser (parent)

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Nadine Thomas approves the agenda, seconded by Carol Clifton.

Unanimous

2. Approval of the minutes from the November 30, 2023 meeting and business arising;

Andrea Truffa approves the minutes and business arising of the November 30, 2023 meeting, seconded by Julie McGoldrick.

Unanimous

2.1 Educational Project Report

This report is based on a five-year plan. The consultation period has ended, and the analyzation process has begun.

2.2 Anti-Bullying an Anti-Violence Action Plan Approval

This plan of action is based on 10 elements.

Ryan Martin moves to approve the Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Action Plan, seconded by Nadine Thomas.

3. A word from the Chair

3.1 Other Information: NIL

3.2 Correspondence: March 12

3.2.1 Criteria for a Principal: Tabled to our January Meeting.  
Bill 9 Complaint Examination Procedure

4. Period reserved for non-members of the board: NIL

## 5. Reports

### 5.1 Consultations and Decisions: NIL

### 5.2 Information

#### 5.2.1 Report from Principal

- David Burrige is the new parent member on the governing Board.
- MTA, FTQ, APPA-strike on December 8 -14 2023.
- December 7, 2023 is the Holiday concert.
- December 19, 2023 will be the Pyjama Day and Breakfast festivities.
- December 21, 2023 Santa and Presents will take place.
- December 22, 2023 will be the last day of classes before Christmas Break.
- Honey has is available and the cost 5\$.
- Book Fair was well received.

#### 5.2.2 Report from Teachers

- The beehive will not be available next year the price is too high.
- Drama Presentations coming up for Cycle I and K5.

#### 5.2.3 Report from Parent Committee Delegate

- Bill 9 Complaint System Process has been made available to the whole EMSB community.
- Received Corporate Donations from Rolls Royce, Bombardier, Pratt and Whitney. Etc.

#### 5.2.4 Report from Daycare

- BIODOME visit was well received by the children.
- December 8, 2023, PED. DAY/ Pyjama will be cancelled if strike takes place.
- Daycare Handbook is available on our website.
- STEM workshop activities last day will be on December 4, 2023.
- On December 1, 2023 PED. DAY the students will be preparing soup, rolls and an apple dessert.

#### 5.2.5 Report from Community Representatives:

##### St. Columba House

- Program ends as of December 20, 2023 for the Holiday Break.
- Due to strikes not many students are attending.

##### Action Gardien

- The Campaign for Violence Against Women Commemorative Ceremonies will take place on December 4, 2023.
- Survey for the Refurbishing of Wellington Street is now available.

- 5.2.6 Report from PPO
  - It is a Dynamic Team
  - December 14, 2023 is designated as Movie Night, with a Christmas theme. In case of strike, it will postpone to January and be winter themed.

- 5.2.7 Report from Home and School
  - Chocolate Bar Drive Prizes have now been distributed.

6 Business Arising:

- 6.1 School Yard Beautification Project  
A proposal will be submitted.

7 Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting

Natalie Sztynch moves to adjourn, seconded by Carol Clifton.  
Unanimous

Next Meeting will be held on January 18, 2024, at St. Gabriel School for 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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**Principal**

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**Date**

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**Chairperson-Governing Board**

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**Date**



## ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Thursday January 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (5 min.)
  - 1.1
  - 1.2
  
2. Approval of minutes of the November 30 meeting and business arising (15 min)
  - 2.1 Educational Plan
  - 2.2 2023-2024 Budgets
  - 2.3 Criteria for a Principal
  - 2.4 School Yard Beatification
  
3. A word from the Chair (10 min.)
  - 3.1 Other information
    - 3.1.1
    - 3.1.2
    - 3.1.3
  
  - 3.2 Correspondence
    - 3.2.1
    - 3.2.2
  
4. Period reserved for non-members of the board (10 min.)
  - 4.1
  - 4.2
  
5. Reports (35 min.)
  - 5.1 Consultations and Decisions
  - 5.2 Information
    - 5.2.1 Report from Principal
    - 5.2.2 Report from Teachers
    - 5.3.3 Report from Parent Committee Delegate
    - 5.3.4 Report from Daycare
    - 5.3.5 Report from Community Reps
    - 5.2.6 Report from P.P.O.
    - 5.2.7 Report from Home and School
  
6. Business Arising (10 min.)
  - 6.1 Staff Appreciation Week
  - 6.2
  - 6.3
  - 6.4
  
7. Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting (5 min.)

Annexed Documents  
Budget (9 pages)  
Yard Plans (1 pages)  
Criteria for Principal 2023. (1 page)

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Regrets/Absent: David Burridge (parent), Andrea Truffa (teacher)

Guest: Peter Giser (parent)

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (with addition 6.2 Christmas Presents)  
Julie McGoldrick approves the agenda, seconded by Nadine Thomas.  
Unanimous
  
2. Approval of the minutes from the November 30, 2023 meeting and business arising:  
Tara McGuire approves the minutes and business arising of the November 30, 2023 meeting, seconded by Whitney Lee, with corrections to 5.2.1 change the word “tale” to “take”/ and 5.2.4 separate the words “be cancelled”.  
Unanimous
  - 2.1 Educational Program  
Consultation Survey of parents, cycle III students, Daycare, Governing Board members and the Community was completed before the holiday break. The Analysis of this information has also now been completed. Governing Board members will receive a copy of this document to look over before our next meeting so that it can be voted on.
  
  - 2.2 2023-2024 Budgets  
Mr. Daskalakis went over the budget, explaining it to the members of the board. After a brief discussion Julie McGoldrick moved to adopt the 2023-2024 Budgets, seconded by Whitney Lee.
  
  - 2.3 Criteria for a Principal  
Previous year “Criteria for Principal” document was reviewed and some amendments were made to it. Melanie Hebert will tweak it with the new additions/changes and email it to the School Board.
  
  - 2.4 School Yard Beautification  
Jim Daskalakis submitted a proposal for the beautification of our junior yard. The total cost of the grant project would be 20,000\$ of which the school would only need to pay 2,000\$. We will have to wait and see if this project is accepted.

3. A word from the Chair: Everything is going great.

3.1 Other Information: NIL

3.2 Correspondence: Christmas card from the EMSB

4. Period reserved for non-members of the board: NIL

5. Reports

5.1 Consultations and Decisions: NIL

5.2 Information

5.2.1 Report from Principal

- Holiday School Festivities went very well.
- Math Success Plan Workshops will continue.
- Registration for Kindergarten students will take place February 5 online.
- St. Charles Church and Sister Diana (Food Bank) were very happy with our Holiday donations.

5.2.2 Report from Teachers

- Strike is hopefully done and settled.
- Heritage Week is coming up, and students are very excited. Students will be cooking food from their countries of study.
- Math Success Plan Workshop is very helpful and teachers are finding materials engaging.
- Naomi Aldrich is working on a mural with Grade 4 students.

5.2.3 Report from Parent Committee Delegate

- Wellness Survey was taken on the January 11, 2024 meeting.
- New portal to replace Mosaik coming.
- Mike Cohen spoke about ways to market your school.

5.2.4 Report from Daycare

- Registration will take place in March on Mosaik.
- Winter activities beginning January 22, 2024, there will be Art with Grades 1 and 2.
- Sports Life Activities in the Spring.

5.2.5 Report from Community Representatives: Action Gardien

- Wellington Street Overhaul Survey is complete.
- Family Outreach Program to keep in touch.

St. Columba House

- Christmas Party was very successful there were approximately 80 people in attendance.
- The After-School Program is back on after the strikes.
- Need a new Youth Worker.

5.2.6 Report from PPO

- On February 15, 2024, there will be a Family Movie Night at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

5.2.7 Report from Home and School

- Will buy treats for the students for Valentine's Day.
- Looking into a Paint Night Fundraiser for parents and children

6. Business Arising:

6.1 Staff Appreciation Week

This occurs from February 13-16, 2024.

Governing Board will discuss their options for their support.

6.2 Christmas Presents

Something to think about for next year: Perhaps we could have non-gender specific gifts.

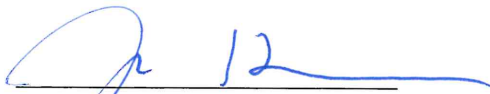
7. Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting

Whitney Lee moves to adjourn, seconded by Tara McGuire.

Unanimous

Next Meeting to be held on February 22, 2024, at St. Gabriel School for 6:30 p.m.

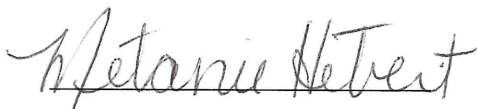
Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



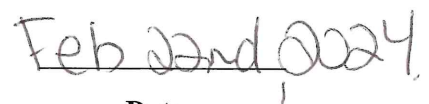
**Principal**



**Date**



**Chairperson-Governing Board**



**Date**

# ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Thursday February 22, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Melanie Hébert (parent), Whitney Lee (parent), Julie McGoldrick (parent), Ryan Martin (parent), David Burrige (parent), Tara McGuire (teacher), Andrea Truffa (teacher), Nadine Thomas (daycare), Carol Clifton (support staff), Natalie Szytych (support staff), Emilie Jacques (Community Representative-St. Columba House), Ahlia Mathura (Community Representative-Action Gardien), Jim Daskalakis (principal),

Regrets/Absent: None

Guest: Peter Giser (parent)

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (correction date should read Thursday)  
David Burrige approves the agenda, seconded by Andrea Truffa.  
Unanimous
2. Approval of the minutes from the February 22, 2024, meeting and business arising.  
Julie McGoldrick approves the minutes and business arising of the February 22, 2024, meeting, seconded by Tara McGuire, with correction to 6.1, it should read 2024.  
Unanimous
  - 2.1 Educational Project  
This document outlines a five-year plan set-up for the school. It highlights the school, its programs as well as the community. It concentrates on three academic objectives: Mathematics, English and French and what strategies the school will put into place to help students' success.  
Julie McGoldrick moves to accept the Educational Project, seconded by Whitney Lee.
  - 2.2 Criteria of a Principal  
Melanie Hébert will finish tweaking document with the new additions/changes and email it to EMSB
  - 2.3 Budget Building  
Modifications and changes were proposed, however, this discussion will be tabled to the next meeting on March 21, 2024 so more time can be given to think about the different priorities and their relevance to the school and the board.



## 2.4 School Fees

A discussion was held, and it was decided that School fees for K4 and K5 would remain at 30.00\$/student and Grades 1-6 would remain at 65.00\$/student for 2024-2025.

Lunch Fees will also remain status quo at 275.00\$/student for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents asked for an open discussion concerning the relevance of an agenda. Discussion tabled for another time.

## 3. A word from the Chair:

3.1 Other Information: NIL

3.2 Correspondence: Annual Reports are available

## 4. Period reserved for non-members of the board:

Gabriel and Simon from Action Gardien gave an update on the Wellington Street Survey project. It is still in the consultation process so if the community has any other ideas, concerns they can contact Action Gardien. The goal is to make the Wellington Street more safe and secure.

## 5. Reports

5.1 Consultations and Decisions: NIL

5.2 Information

### 5.2.1 Report from Principal

- Perseverance Week, Friendship Week, Black History Month are all events occurring in February.
- Carnival Day will take place on February 22, 2024.
- Staff Appreciation Week went well. Staff enjoyed all the treats.
- Movie Night was an enjoyable family experience.
- March 22, 2024 Pedagogical Day will now be regular day and April 8, 2024 will now become an Pedagogical with no Daycare. This due to the Eclipse on that date.
- March is designated as Nutrition Month.
- Report Cards will be available on Mosaik, February 27, 2024.
- Pink Shirt Day will take place on February 28, 2024.
- The February 10, 2024, Irish Dancing Feis was well received, and medals were brought home by many.

### 5.2.2 Report from Teachers

- Carnival Day went well.
- Hockey Game between Teachers vs Students was great fun for all.
- Are now working on Graduation.
- Friendship Week is coming up.
- Transitions Class are working on a book with an author.

- 5.2.3 Report from Parent Committee Delegate
- School Board meeting was mainly about Budget Building and its Process.

- 5.2.4 Report from Daycare
- Tax Receipts will be available through the Mosaik App.
  - Registration for Daycare will take place in April and staffing will occur in May.

5.2.5 Report from Community Representatives:

Action Gardien

- Registration for Summer Camp will take place on March 12, 2024, at the Lorne Street Centre.
- Tentative Date for Book Parade with Grades K4, K5 and Grade 1 is in May 28, 2024.
- New Community Resource Guide is now available.

St. Columba House

- Day Camp registration will take place online on April 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.
- New Youth Worker Facilitator Fred Erik has been hired. He will be continuing with the Sex and Health Program at St. Gabriel School.

5.2,6 Report from PPO

- BINGO NIGHT is being organized for April.

5.2.7 Report from Home and School

- Distributed Valentine treats to all the students.
- Still looking into a Paint Night Fundraiser for parents and children.
- Getting ready for St. Patrick's Day Festivities.
- 18 students participated on February 10, 2024, Irish Dancing Feis and brought back a number of medals.
- On March 17, 2024, the school Irish Dancers will be performing at Batiment 7.

6 Business Arising: NIL

7 Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting

Carol Clifton moves to adjourn, seconded by Andrea Truffa.  
Unanimous

Next Meeting to be held on March 21, 2024, at St. Gabriel School for 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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**Principal**

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**Date**

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**Chairperson-Governing Board**

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**Date**



## ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (5 min.)
  - 1.1
  - 1.2
  
2. Approval of minutes of the March 26 meeting and business arising (30 min)
  - 2.1 2023-2024 Calendar
  - 2.2 School Hours
  - 2.3
  - 2.4
  
3. A word from the Chair (5 min.)
  - 3.1 Other information
    - 3.1.1
    - 3.1.2
  
  - 3.2 Correspondence
    - 3.2.1
    - 3.2.1
  
4. Period reserved for non-members of the board (10 min.)
  - 4.1
  
5. Reports (40 min.)
  - 5.1 Consultations and Decisions
  - 5.2 Information
    - 5.2.1 Report from Principal
    - 5.2.2 Report from Teachers
    - 5.3.3 Report from Regional Delegate
    - 5.3.4 Report from Community Reps
    - 5.2.5 Report from Daycare
    - 5.2.6 Report from P.P.O.
    - 5.2.7 Report from Home and School
  
6. Other Business Arising (10 min.)
  - 6.1 Exam Schedule
  - 6.2 General Assembly date
  - 6.3
  
7. Adjournment Date Place and Time of next Meeting (3 min.)

### Annexe Documents

2023-2024 Calendar (1 page)

Exam Schedule (1 page)

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# ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Wednesday April 26, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Melanie Hebert (parent), Michael Olewinsky(parent), Marc Saab(parent), Rebecca Macdonald (parent), Andrea Truffa (teacher), Tara McGuire (teacher), Nadine Thomas(daycare), Carol Clifton (support staff), Natalie Sztych (support staff), Emilie Jacques (Community Representative-St. Columba House), Wisely Louis (Community Representative-Action Gardien), Jim Daskalakis (principal),

Regrets/Absent: Ryan F. Martin (parent),

Guest: Amanda MacDonald-Adams (Home and School)

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (with correction to 2.1: change date from 2024-2025 to 2023-2024)  
Rebecca MacDonald approves the agenda, seconded by Andrea Truffa.  
Unanimous
2. Approval of the minutes from the April 26, 2023 meeting and business arising;  
Andrea Truffa approves the minutes and business arising of the April 26, 2023 meeting, seconded by Tara McGuire, with correction to 5.2.5, change the wording from “Pont” to “Bridge”  
Bonaventure Project.  
Unanimous
  - 2.1 2023-2024 Calendar  
Mr. Daskalakis went over the calendar and pointed out specific dates that are of importance during the school year.  
Melanie Hebert approves the 2023-2024 School Calendar, seconded by Nadine Thomas.
  - 2.2 School Hours  
All grades, including Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will finish at the same time (2:40 p.m.). Preschoolers will also resume their afternoon recess.
3. A word from the Chair:
  - 3.1 Other Information:  
Volunteer Night at the Board went well. Congratulations to all the Volunteers of Distinction, Natalie Sztych and Debbie Fox, as well as our St. Gabriel Student of the Month for EMSB, Shayne Armstrong.
  - 3.2 Correspondence: NIL

4. Period reserved for non-members of the board: NIL

5. Reports

5.1 Consultations and Decisions: NIL

5.2 Information

5.2.1 Report from Principal

- Bingo Night went well. It raised 1,100\$.
- Our very own Declan McAleer won the big prize at Bingo a PS5
- Visit from Mike Matheson was a big hit with the students.  
Thank you to the Champions for Life Organization
- Cycle III end of year exams for Grade 6 will begin with French on May 1, 2023, followed by English and Math.
- Grades 1, 2, 3 and Preschoolers will be going to the Biodome on May 12, 2023.
- Swim to Survive for Grade 3 will take place on May 10,17 and 25 at St. Charles Pool.
- Welcome to Kindergarten Festivities will take place on June 8, 2023.

5.2.2 Report from Teachers

- Futsal Tournament with grades 4-6 went very well.
- Earth Week and Science Fair activities went well.
- Biodome and Planetarium Trip went well for Grades 5/6, 6 and TRANSITION.
- Halo Race coming up in May for Grades 5, 5/6, 6 and TRANSITION.
- Freezie Fridays 1\$ will begin on May 5, 2023, a Graduation Fundraiser
- Still organizing Graduation Trip and Festivities
- Comedy for Kids will begin again for TRANSITION and Grade 5A

5.2.3 Report from Parent Committee Delegate

In the April 13 meeting :

Discussed High School Exams.

Spoke about reintroducing Prayer at school.

EMSB is drafting a letter outlining their position on said subject.

5.2.4 Report from Daycare

- STEM Program for Grades 5 and 6 has resumed.
- Indoor soccer is back.
- Comic Book Club on Fridays ends May 5, 2023.
- NUTRI-TOWERS and Pollination Project is on its way.
- Tulip Project and solar car project continue.
- Butterflies for Pre-schoolers and Grade 1 is maturing.
- Boks Competition is on going.
- 122 students registered for next year

5.2.5 Report from Community Representatives:

St. Columba House

- Day Camp Registration has ended.
- Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on April 25, 2023 was a great success.
- Staffing for Summer Camp is going well.

Action Gardien

- Festi-Point will take place on May 20, 2023.
- Parade de livre in take place on May 31, 2023. Approximately 100 students will take part.
- Projet Bridge Bonaventure Consultation is planned for the land across from Costco to be slatted for affordable housing.
- Operation Back Pack for school supplies is available

5.2.6 Report from PPO

- Yard Spring sale is organized for May 13, 2023.
- Bingo Night which took place on April 21, 2023, was very successful.
- On June 10 a Car Wash and BBQ will take place.

5.2.7 Report from Home and School

- Will be Preparing Graduation decorations.

6. Business Arising:

6.1 Exam Schedule

Parents will be informed of the dates. Important that the students be present and punctual.

6.2 General Assembly Date

It will take place on September 7, 2023. There will be (2) positions available.

7. Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting

Natalie Sztych moves to adjourn, seconded by Carol Clifton.

Unanimous

Next Meeting to be held on June 7, 2023, at St. Gabriel School for 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Principal



Chairperson-Governing Board



Date



Date