

ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Wednesday, May 26, 2025 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

1.1 Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Board Chair

Julie McGoldrick opens the meeting

1.2 Attendance /Regrets

Present:

Andrew Salzberg (parent), Julie McGoldrick (parent), Johanne Bohn(parent), Whitney Lee (parent), Andrea Truffa (teacher), Naomi Aldrich (teacher), Nadine Thomas (daycare), Elisa Campisi (daycare), Natalie Szttych (support staff), Holly Kusiewicz (principal), Ahlia Mathura (Community Representative-Action Gardien), Emilie Jacques (Community Representative-St. Columba)

Absent/Regrets: Nancy (daycare), Ahlia (late arrival at item 4.1)

Special Guest: None

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Andrea Truffa approves, seconded by Tim Lagace

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

2.1 Review and approval of minutes from the last meeting Naomi Aldrich approves, seconded by Andrea Truffa

3. Open Forum / Public Comments

3.1 Opportunity for parents to address the board

No parents present

4. New Business

4.1 ABAV End of Year Report – levels were determined with the teacher committee, still in progress. ABAV plan discussed what went well this year. We discussed the ECO school being a great initiative and that we will continue to foster a safe and inclusive setting. Approved by Johanne Bohn, Julie McGoldrick seconded. Approved unanimously.

4.2 School Fees – healthy discussion around possibilities and reasons for discrepancies. Revision of school fees – explained fees charged to the parents for workbooks agenda used in class. Cost varied across the grades. Tim Lagace approved, Naomi Aldrich seconds.

4.3 School Supply Lists – List of supplies for each grade was reviewed. Approved by Johanne Bohn, Tim Lagace seconded.

4.4 Subject Allocation – Discussion around the subject allocation and our bilingual program. Discussed ensuring we have time allocated for music, art in our program. In addition, we discussed keeping the pre-school program in French immersion. Approve by Andrew Salzberg approves, Tim Lagace seconded.

4.5 Code of conduct and Dress Code – Reviewed the code of conduct and dress code. GB agreed that we should stress the black and navy bottoms and for students to wear only navy hoodies. Discussed the plan for the uniform sale where parents can pre-order the uniform. Under code of conduct section discipline – education act (racism and discrimination). Holly read aloud online safety memo and tips & tricks for the school year. Communication between home and school was also discussed. Johanne Bohn approved Whitney Lee seconded.

4.6 Governing Board Budget Discussed using money to student awards on the ECO club. All members received a gift card to Indigo. Approved by Whitney Lee seconded by Naomi Aldrich

4.7 Building update : At this time no real update. Holly committed to meeting with the team and communicating the plan with parents. New year considerations were currently underway.

5. Old Business

5.1 Marketing – nothing to report

6. Principal's Report: Event coming up for students - Science Fair & plays/theater, concerts, IEPs, jump rope for heat, field day, food truck, astronaut presentation) – Exams starting June 13th

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Community Reps

St-Columba House : June 6th – last day of interim leader and currently in final 2 candidates, could be an internal fill. Summer programs and closing the school year initiatives. Family outreach year-end review. Columba house mentioned the summer camp program.

Action Gardien: Backpack distribution deadline June 13th 210 or 240 distributed – few more, sign up eds – payments to assist, computer – action gardien to break in summer – festivities – festi pointe got cancelled - - social housing, 3 classes: next week book parade.

7.2 Teachers

- Elena project-based science projects and learning. Science fair next steps. Ted Talk presentations – social media, young leaders, climate change. Centre Phi : Dinosaur. Cultural center playing night of the board meeting – song writing will be shared. Sans taverne June 8th there is a 7 yr B7 celebration.
- Ms Laura – Gr 6s freezy Friday fundraiser – holocaust museum. Yearbook committee. 6 students working on it. 2B class on Miss Veronica. Mentorship & movie for Gr 2 to prepare for exams.

- Seeds : Swimming lesson at PSC pool. Eureka at Jean Drapeau Friday.
- Eco school – reviewing certification placements (platinum vs gold). Front garden – June 5th planting day in preparation. Focus on outdoor education space.
- \$56 from eco donation. Maman prends conge.

7.3 Home and School

Nothing to report. Easter raffle successful. June will be quiet. Decorate for grade 6 graduation and gift from H&S to awards.

7.4 Daycare: discussed (via Holly in absence of representative) ped day ice cream carnival June 2nd, ever blast for laser tag and archery, butterfly pre-k and kindergarten, spider plants, making pizza in the yummy, yummy club – new supplies to be purchased for the daycare, question around donations required was asked. The response was to be determined.

7.5 Regional Delegate – Nothing to report

7.6 PPO – will continue to support the school next year and would like to continue

8. Additions / varia – French immersion and territory. Discussion to continue the benefits of having French immersion in pre school and at St-Gabriel.

9. Adjournment

8.1 Next Meeting Date: June 4th rescheduled to 11th June at 6pm in person

Approval of adjourning – Andrew Salzberg approved, seconded by Whitney Lee

177 – 178 (down 6?) from 200. Enriching programs is the current focus.

8.2 Closing Remarks

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Approved Johanne Bohn, Seconded Tim Lagace

Principal Date

Chairperson-Governing Board Date