



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL

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Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 8th, 2026

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Virtual, Teams

1. Attendance

Present: Assunta Caruso, Zena Wright, Ahlia Mathura, Naomi Aldrich, Andrew Salzberg, Carol Clifton, Christine Chenier, Jean-Daniel Labbe, Joe Phillipone, Nancy Souffrant, Tim Lagacé, Andrea Truffa, Natalie Szytych, Simon Paquette (Community Organiser at Action-Gardien), "Laura Hamilton", "Liz Bouwman"

Absent: Andréanne Héту

1. Last meeting's minutes:

- Andrew will circulate the last meeting's minutes by email for approval

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Approved

3. Public Questions:

- NA

4. Community Report

- Wellington street safety:
 - Working since 2023, gathering ideas and recommendations à, produced document for the city
 - Getting letters of support from other businesses and organizations on Wellington
 - Goals: safer, greener, and more affordable businesses.
 - Suggestion for our GB to adapt the letter they provided to show our support.
 - Bridge Bonaventure development will bring lost of new housing and population expected to double.
 - Many large projects have already been committed to.
 - Letter will be shared as a google doc to edit.

- Can we get the longer documentation?
- Community clean-up / Corvée communautaire: Friday, April 24th, between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. in front of the Centre Saint-Charles (1055 Rue d'Hibernia).
- Festi-Pointe / Festi-Puces : The 2nd edition of the Festi-Puces flea market will take place on May 16th between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. as part of the Festi-Pointe, the 34nd edition of the Pointe-Saint-Charles block party ! This festive gathering is organized by Action-Gardien, the Pointe-Saint-Charles community development corporation (<https://forms.gle/V2dFDkZFEqwmkrUr6> or contact Camille, Festi-Puces Action-Gardien coordinator. camille@actiongardien.org , 514-509-0795)
- Bric-à-Brac / Backpack distribution Donation Campaign: Registration and Donation Campaign for the backpack distribution start in April. Action-Gardien will provide 250 backpacks with school supplies to the families of the Point. Help us reach this goal by donating here: <https://www.tiing.co/bric-a-brac-de-la-rentree-2026/>
- Portes ouvertes Bridge Bonaventure Open House: Wondering what's happening around Wellington Basin, the North Triangle, and near the river? How will we manage to welcome 20,000 new neighbors in the Point? Come learn more, chat with us, and share your thoughts at our open house!
 - Wednesday, April 22nd, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, at the Lorne Centre (2390 Ryde)
 - Sunday, April 26th, 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM, at the Lorne Centre (2390 Ryde)
 - At the heart of our open house:
 - Housing · Protection against speculation · Densification and building heights · Jobs · High school · Community group development · Businesses · Access to the canal and the river · Street safety · Parks and green spaces · The Quartier des métiers d'art (Art Trade District) · Our community real estate company, Point commun · And much more!
 - Comments or questions about urban planning? Contact Simon Paquette (Community Organiser at Action-Gardien), simon@actiongardien.org
- Summer Day Camp registrations:
 - Maison Saint Columba House, registration open since March 30th (Registration link : <https://forms.office.com/r/p9GPzdNndQ>)
 - LCSO, registration open since February 27th (Registration link : <https://shorturl.at/LACQo>)
- Action-Gardien and the family outreach team/Projet IMF welcomed teachers from the alternative sector at Charles-Lemoyne at Action-Gardien's monthly assembly to discuss potential partnerships with our community group members. We also we went into the school to read to some students for their Reading Month, and participated in a letter exchange/correspondence for School Perseverance Week (JPS) between 3rd cycle students of various schools all over the Southwest. We hope to engage in many more collaborations with all of our neighborhood schools and partners!

5. Principal's report

- Basketball lunch time activity began in mid-March for the grade 4-6 students; plans for tournament with other EMSB schools in June
- agenda book will only be for SEED classes next year (we can revisit next year at this time). Most teachers reported not using them and voted to not keep them, and use Google classroom more instead.
- Code of conduct presented:
 - o **GB voted and accepted:** seconded and adopted by Tim and J-D
- half-day English half-day French versus one day one day for 2026-2027
- current enrolment number: 168. Current student enrollment is 186. At this time last year was 170.
- budget building process (process presented to GB)
 - o Decided to keep same priorities, but changed order of #2 and #3 to make general building maintenance of higher importance than art and music budget.
 - o final version will be sent to GB
- Calendar (information item)
 - o Open house to be during the day again, on a ped day
- Field trip/ Earth Week/celebration of learning
- Grade 6 grade and KDG moving on ceremony in the planning stage
- Extra hours for FSL tutor and Math/ ELA
- On Wednesday, April 22, the 1A, 1 / 2, 2A, and 3A classes Geordie Theatre's performance of Snow White on April 22 nd at 10:00 am as part of the Let's Go to the Theatre program
- Halo race grade 4-6 May 13
- Grade 5 students will be taking part in HIGH SCHOOL student for the day April 29 th at James Lynge high school as a transition to high school program. Transportation, snack and lunch provided by the high school

- Building report:
 - o phase 1 of work beginning this summer. Architects have come and done surveys. Certain classes and offices will be vacated this summer.

6. Teacher's Report

- Parents invited to Science Fair and Celebration of Learning.
- Concert and art show: date coming soon
- Muralist coming this week.
- Earth week activities
- Freezie Friday: fundraising for grade 6. Weather dependent. **GB supported unanimously.**
- Seeds C will be doing swimming again.
- May 14 grad trip until 9:15pm, Outdoor Nature Centre (Ile-Perrot). **GB supported unanimously.**
- Workshop: "unpacking the N word" and training for staff on racist language.

7. Parent Delegate Report

- NA

8. Daycare Report

- NA

9. Home and School report

- gave out treats on holidays. Getting ready to help with graduation.

10. PPO Report

- Hoping to have events this spring.

Next meetings:

Wed. May 27th (in person)

Wed. June 10th (Virtual or in person)