

St. Gabriel Elementary School

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 18th, 2026

Time: 6:30pm

Location: St-Gabriel Elementary, Virtual

1. Attendance

Present: Zena Wright, Jean Daniel Labbe, Andréanne Héту, Tim Lagacé, Andrew Salzberg, Christine Chewnier, Naomi Aldrich,, Ahlia Mathura, Andrea Truffa, Assunta Caruso, Nancy Souffrant.

Absent: Carol Clifton, Nathali Sztch,

Alternate: Joe Filippone

Quorum was established.

2. Approval of last GB minutes

Motioned by Andrew and Naomi

3. Approval of Agenda

Question by Joe Filippone, observer and parent participant - Hoping to understand the situation about teachers being absent and understanding the plans in place to help with the situation both for teachers and student stability. Answer from Miss Caruso:

- Speaking to specific situations in K4 and K5, requiring immersion teachers makes filling that role more complicated. The school board is working on recommending a teacher for that replacement for K5. For K4, the teacher is confirmed on the spot.
- As for the plan with regards to helping alleviate the teacher load, they have added in class support in certain classes, HR at the board level is well invested in finding replacement solutions.
- A few staff are on leave in the school, a few behaviour tech and teacher's support. They do their absolute best to work on solutions that ensure stability.

Joe followed up with a request to have the same behaviour tech until the end of the year - Miss Caruso confirmed that this has been already requested to the board. Miss Carley is the stability there with 50% of her time in that class, and Miss Joy is there 100% of her time during her work hours.

4. Staff appreciation

Planning a few activities for the teachers next week for staff appreciation week, and PPO has volunteered to treat them as well. Savoury breakfasts, special treat from principal, etc.

Request to parents on the GB to contribute, help out, small or big.

5. Budget approval

Motion to adopt by Andrew and Zena.

6. Registration option

- 173 students registered so far, with many kids not being enrolled, waiting for certificates of eligibility.

7. Teacher's report

- Cycle 3 going to verdun circus school
- Kindness committee from Miss Elena with murals, positive notes and words of encouragement.
- Winter olympics focus, researching on athletes, students have been super involved and interested.
- Black history month activations and programming was very appreciated

8. Community report

- Month of perseverance at Jeanne Le Ber
- Month of reading in Charles Lemoyne
- Different initiatives are being looked into to help kids transition from daycare to schools, some meetings are being organized by schools to support both daycares and schools in that transition.
- Summer camp options to support families financially with camp. Referral by the school is needed.

9. Parent Delegate Report

No report presented.

10. Daycare Report

- Reading story time with K5, they've been doing it with miss Sandy and miss Anka and students love it.
- New games and supplies for the kids that are very well received. Older groups have tech and robotics items.
- Layout of the plan for daycare until June

11. Home and School Report

No report presented

13. Varia

- PPO reported that they are going to try and revive movie night in march.

14. Principal criteria for hire

Criteria were discussed thoroughly by GB members, edits will be made in the coming weeks.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **20:32**

All in favour.

Approved by the Governing Board on: _____

Chairperson: _____

Principal: _____

Secretary: _____