

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting No. 5

Date: March 10, 2026

Time: 7:07 p.m. (Virtual)

Attendance

Present:

Nadia Marinotti	Chairperson (Community Non-Profit)
Schiavone, Martina	Principal
Scrocca, Antonietta	Vice Principal
Tronca, Vera	Teacher, SP
Preto, Ana	Support Staff
Cynthia Pupil	Support Staff
Linda Boudreau	Community Business
Di Cristo, Vito	Community Business
Gaetano Orsini	Community Non-Profit
Ivan Rivas-Santamaria	Academic student
Marilyn Damato	Teacher, Academic (replacement)

Regrets:

Anna Persichilli	Teacher, SVI (replacement)
Trotto, Lisa	Teacher, SP
Angelique Spiroulas-Balinakos	Academic student

5.1 Additions to Agenda

- United Dreams (5.13) & Request from Ivan (5.14)
- Agenda unanimously approved

5.2 Approval of Agenda

- Agenda unanimously approved

5.3 Approval of the minutes of January 12, 2025

- Minutes unanimously approved

5.4 Public Question Period

- No questions raised

5.5 Financial—Fund 5 B&G—January & February month

- January: 7,837\$ (snow removal; Zamboni repairs; Charbonneau construction for SP apartment demolition)
- February: approx.3000\$ (pest control, snow removal)
- Unanimously approved B & G Fund

5.6 Financial– Fund 3 – January & February month

- January: 10,300\$ (culinary, books, Uline racks to put boxes for SP work program, guest speakers)
- February: 33,000\$ (staff & student appreciation week – food, smoothies, Sugar Shack for day & evening students, students' books, veggie bowls workshop SP class, studio Accento, culinary projects in class, selling of roses valentine's day students lead , Academie de Danse performance, Jamaican patties for students Black Hst Month, planting in Miss Tanya's class)
- Unanimously approved Fund 3

5.7 Selection Criteria for the Appointment of Galileo Principal

- GB members must revise documents before sending them out for approval
- Unanimously approved revision

5.8 School Calendars for 2026-2027- Galileo's 2 Ped days

- Three semesters:
 1. Fall session: Special Needs – Aug. 27, 2026 to June 23, 2027 / CCBE. Francisation & Academic AM – Aug. 27, 2026 to Nov. 27, 2026 / PM Sept. 1, 2026 to Nov. 26, 2026
 2. Winter session: CCBE, Francisation, Academic AM – Nov. 30, 2026 to Mar.18, 2027 / PM Nov. 30, 2026 to Mar. 18, 2027
 3. Spring session: CCBE, Francisation, Academic AM – Mar. 22, 2027 to June 30, 2027 / PM Mar. 22, 2027 – June 23, 2027
- Two Ped days we can choose from will be on November 27, 2026 & March 19, 2027
- Calendar unanimously approved

5.9 Update Resolution for Transfer of Fund (\$5,000) from Fund 3 to Fund 5

- GB must accept transfer of 5000\$ from Fund 3 (330-3-62100-891) to deposit into Fund 5 B&G (562-5-62100-901)
- Unanimously approved transfer

5.10 Resolution #26-02-10-09 - Budget Building Process 2026-2027

- Due to budget cuts, we may not receive all that's been written on the requested list (decreased from 5 to 4 points)
- Principal Martina will send the final version to GB member to be approved before the next meeting due to when the document is due for the EMSB.

5.11 Principal Report

a) New Culinary Teacher for SP

- Gail Grief will begin on March 17, 18, 19 with a soft-entry workload of 3 days (9:00-2:00) and will initiate by observing, assessing, rearranging, etc. to acquaint herself with the kitchen and the SP students
- Gail has a B.Ed.; DEP in culinary; 20 years' experience; catering experience and is a Chef on call

b) Recognition Awards for Academic Term 2 – March 12

- Fourteen (14) students will be recognized and nominated by teachers with an end of session celebration where all peers can attend, including Academic advisors, tutors and staff
- Gift cards of 25\$ will be given to each student as well as a lunch for all

c) Six (6) New Smart Boards - 101, 105, 107, 204, 205, 207

- 20,000\$ was allocated from IT budget to acquiring new Smart Boards, along with our granted wish of having WIFI in the building for both staff and students to facilitate their learning goals
- Much background work and effort have been put into obtaining this wish list

d) Moving to Windows 11

- All desktops and laptops will be changed this month to Windows 11

e) Cabane-a Sucre, Black History Month, Budget Boutique Flash Sale

- Cabane-a-sucre: Held on Feb. 26 with over 220 students attending during the AM. Students paid a portion of the entrance fee which was 25\$. Galileo paid for the bus and portion of the entry fee a total of \$35. In the Evening (pm) a catered Sugaring Off meal was provided in the gym for 120 students.
- Black History Month: teachers held activities and lessons in their own individual classes and as a group in the gymnasium enjoyed some Jamaican patties and a grand 3-part performance routine from Lil' Afro Krew, a golden buzzer dance group from Academie de danse. Students and staff were engaged, participated and had much positive feedback for them to return next year.
- Flash Sale: friends and family attended for 2 days and turn-out was successful – to be repeated in April

f) Nathalie Rabbat's Workshop with Academic and SVI

- Nathalie is a guest speaker who leads workshops – has done 2 so far with Academics and will do another for the SVI students (Miss Tanya & Anna) specializing in the Art of Communication & Workplace Etiquette

g) New Purchases: 100 classroom desks, 5 cafeteria tables, new SP walkie-talkies, racks for SP, laptop cart

- All major purchases have been made before the end of the year to ensure delivery by June 23, 2026
- Lots of upgrades in the classrooms and common areas to give back to students ensuring positive learning spaces

5.12 Date of Next Meeting – April 13, 2026

5.13 (Addition) United Dreams

- Gaetano and Vito will be donating 2,500\$ to Galileo
- After May 10 Mother's Day event, more money will be donated to Galileo
- Thank you, Gaetano and Vito!!!

5.14 (Addition) Ivan's Request on behalf of all Academic students

- Requests for a Science class to be opened for 5-7 students (minimum *must* be 12-15)
- Requests for Galileo Café to return as students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The first time having sold 64 coffees at 4\$ a coffee (not a problem as long as there is staff to upkeep it; extra milk frothers will be purchased as well as potential donation of coffee beans from Milano's (Linda's connection))
- Requests a prep week before exam time (no problem - to the discretion of the teacher)

5.15 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Chairperson – Governing Board

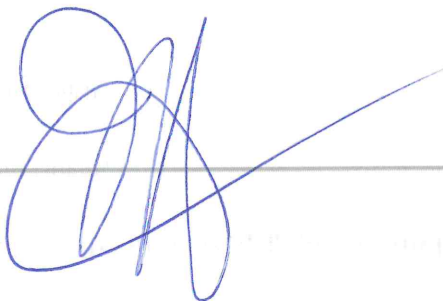
Date



April 29th, 2026

Centre Principal

Date



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