

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting No. 1

Date: September 29, 2025

Time: 7:09 p.m. (Virtual)

Attendance

Present:

- Martina Schiavone – Principal
- Antonietta Scrocca – Vice Principal
- Vera Tronca – Teacher, SP
- Lisa Trotto – Teacher, SP
- Vito Di Cristo – Community Representative (Business)
- Gaetano Orsini – Community Representative (Non-Profit)
- Nadia Marinotti – Community Representative (Business)
- Linda Boudreau – Community Representative (Non-Profit)
- Cynthia Pupil – Support Staff
- Ana Preto – Support Staff
- Ivan Rivas-Santamaria – Academic Student
- Angelique Spiroulis-Balinakos – Academic Student
- Anna Persichilli – Teacher, SP (replacement)
- Marilyn Damato – Teacher, Academic (replacement)

Regrets: None recorded

1.0 Proceedings

1.1 Welcome

Meeting opened by the Principal.

1.2 Introduction of Governing Board Members

1.3 Election of Chair

- *Motion approved:* ~~Linda Boudreau~~ elected Chair for the 2025–2026 school year. Should be Nadia Marinotti

1.4 Election of Secretary

- *Motion approved:* Lisa Trotto and Vera Tronca elected Co-Secretaries.

1.5 Additions to Agenda

- None. Agenda unanimously approved.

1.6 Approval of Agenda

- Agenda unanimously approved.

1.7 Approval of Previous Minutes (June 9, 2025)

- Minutes unanimously approved.

1.8 Public Question Period

- No questions

raised.

1.9 Meeting Dates 2025–2026

- October 27, 2025
- November 24, 2025
- December 15, 2025
- January 26, 2026
- February 23, 2026
- March 30, 2026
- April 27, 2026
- May 25, 2026
- June 15, 2026 (or earlier)

1.10 Internal Procedures

- Procedures unanimously approved.

1.11 Annual Report (2024–2025)

- Report unanimously approved.

1.12 Governing Board Expenditures (Year Ending June 30, 2024)

- Annual allocation: \$250
- 2024-2025 rollover: \$666 (last meeting catered)
- 2025-2026 rollover: \$702

1.13 Financial Report – August 2025 (B & G)

- Government announced \$570M cut, later reinstated \$540M.
- EMSB only released 25% of the budget for operations (\$4,000)
- Currently there is a negative balance in B & G account Fund 5.
- Expenditure: \$3,449 (Thrift Shop classroom conversion: painting & décor).
- *Motion approved:* Fund 5 expenditures.

1.14 Financial Report – August 2025 (Fund 3)

- August 1–30: \$27,000 spent on office supplies, photocopier rental, gym equipment, SP stage t-shirts, CCBE books, SP agendas, and mural for Academic.
- September: Purchases included Sofad books academic, culinary, CCBE books, thrift shop racks, and student activities (popcorn, Mr. Puffs).
- Total: \$38,000 (*note: culinary activities are student-funded*).
- *Motion approved:* Fund 3 expenditures.

1.15 Galileo Field Trips 2025–2026

- Resolution: Governing Board authorizes Galileo to plan and/organize field trips
- Attendance is optional since adult students can decide whether to attend or not since it is at their own cost, except Sugar Shack (funded separately).
- *Motion approved.*

1.16 Principal's Report

a) Fall Session Update (Aug. 27 – Nov. 27, 2025)

- 6 programs offered with 600–800 students enrolled:
 - CCBE Day: 115
 - CCBE Evening: 140
 - Francization Day: 130
 - Francization Evening: 80
 - Academic: 50
 - Social Participation (SP): 200
- 80 staff members on site.
- SP runs August–June; other programs run in trimesters.

b) Staff Update

- We are missing 1 support staff member who is on leave. EMSB is not replacing the staff due to budget constraints.

c) Renovation Projects (Measure P-2107)

- 2nd floor kitchen pending approval.
- Bathroom project was completed last year.
- No new projects due to budget cuts.
- Next step: culinary program kitchen project.

d) Emergency Preparedness

- Fire drill, lockdown, and Code Silver procedures to be updated.
- Status cards are used to confirm building evacuation.
- Requirement: 3 fire drills and 3 lockdowns this year.
- Contracted and tenured teachers will be asked to help with the organization of the drills

e) School Activities (Sept.–Nov.)

- Welcome Back Event: Mr. Puffs served 700 students (funded by Bugatti bag sales).
- Sept. 30: Truth and Reconciliation Day – planned activities include orange shirt walk, readings, videos, and donations to a local Indigenous group.
- October: Halloween Committee activities.
- November: Remembrance Day (possible guest speaker) and exam week.
- Healthy Relationships workshops (Anne-Marie Gaudreault, Oct.–Nov.).
- Guest speaker Ivan (Shabat) on overcoming addiction.

f) Special Olympics Quebec Partnership

- McGill nursing students leading hygiene and health workshops (8 weeks).
- Contacts: Vera Tronca and Tanya.

g) Afro-Dance Classes

- 10-week session begins Oct. 2 (45 min classes).
- Cost: \$50 per student.

h) EMSB Education & Career Fair (Oct. 22, 2025)

- Budget

- restrictions limit participation to evening public session.
- Rosanna to distribute information on available booths.

1.17 Next Meeting

- October 27, 2025

1.18 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Monday, October 27th, 2025

Chairperson – Governing Board

Date



Centre Principal

Monday / October 27 / 2025

Date