

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting No. 3

Date: November 24, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Attendance

Present:

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

Regrets:

Gaetano Orsini	Community Non-Profit
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3.1 Additions to Agenda

- None
- Agenda unanimously approved

3.2 Approval of Agenda

- Agenda unanimously approved

3.3 Approval of the minutes of October 27, 2025

- Minutes unanimously approved

3.4 Public Question Period

- No questions raised

3.5 Financial Report 2025-2026 – Fund 5 B & G

- Shovels and ice were purchased for outdoor maintenance (131\$)
- Unanimously approved B & G Fund

3.6 Financial Report 2025-2026 – Fund 3

- In the month of November, money was spent on:
 - IMAX Science Centre (paid through Bugatti funds)
 - SOFAD (Academic books)
 - CCBE evening Planetarium & Botanical Gardens outing (paid through Bugatti funds)
 - Smoothies (SP project)
 - Academic Awards lunch
 - Candies for students
 - Culinary expenses
 - Total: 2151\$
- Unanimously approved Fund 3

3.7 Galileo's Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan 2025-2026

- The Government requests for each school to create a plan for anti-bullying and anti-violence in schools
- In this document, the yellow section is reserved for Galileo to fill out their plan
- Every year, the plan must be updated according to the number of students present
- No approval until GB members read through document

3.8 Galileo fundraisers:

a) Budget Boutique Flash Sale:

- On Nov. 5th, the Budget Boutique (thrift shop) had a Flash Sale with Galileo students and families and friends in the gym (though it was a collaboration among teachers and students, Marisa F. and Lisa G. organized the event)
- Items such as jewelry, make-up, shoes/boots and Xmas decor were sold totaling \$5000.00
- Money made will be given back to the Galileo school community
- Potential Flash Sale in January

3.9 Principal's Report

a) Term 1 Academic Recognition Awards

- Nov. 13th: Fifteen (15) students were nominated for recognition for perseverance, attendance, academic success, etc. and handed awards – after which a lunch was offered to all students including academic advisors and administrators

b) School Activities: Nov. 11th, Dec. 2025 (Holiday Activities)

- Nov. 11th: Remembrance Day organized by Remembrance Day Committee
- Newspapers and postcards were given to each class in both English and French where students worked on their reading skills as well as wrote encouraging messages on postcards to Veterans
- Poppies were sold and money and postcards were collected by Veterans
- Students in different departments read 'In Flanders' Fields' in both English and French on the PA system
- Veteran guest speakers joined Tanya & Anna's classes in SVI as well as Marilyn's class in the Academic department
- Other activities include pizza-making with Petulli Mobile Pizza with Marilyn's students –
- Dec. 8-11 holiday festivities: surprises for all classes: pizza, panettone, candy canes, Santa visit.

c) Special Olympics: Nurse Project Update

- SP classes (8) were blessed with a new group of student nurses in their 3rd year at McGill University
- Nurses first observed the SP classes and then created a project geared toward the SP students on hygiene, germs, sleep habits, anxiety and stress and they handed each student a document with information and activities to complete
- Very useful and successful

d) New Social Media & Podcast Development: Olivia Integlia

- Recommended by the EMSB, Olivia will clean up Galileo's social media (Instagram) accounts with her professionalism in hopes of offering more exposure to Galileo
- Olivia will also professionally film and edit Podcasts, hosted by Ivan, in Marilyn's Academic class

*Note from Vito at United Dreams Foundation: a donation to Galileo will be made soon (more info to come); Vito has also invited Galileo staff/students to his initiatives of Tributes to Elton John and the Beatles in February for Valentine's Day and on Mother's Day at Vogue reception hall

3.10 Date of Next Meeting

- Postponed to: January 12, 2026

3.11 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Chairperson – Governing Board

Date



Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026

Centre Principal

Date



Tues / Jan / 27 / 2026
