

GOVERNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
2022 / 2023

School:	Edinburgh Elementary School
Principal:	Gaetano Sifoni

Governing Board members and meeting attendance breakdown

NAME	POSITION/ GROUP REPRESENTED	MEETINGS ATTENDED												TOTAL
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Robert Fiori	Chair / Parent	Attendance as recorded in minutes												
Meg McKenna	Vice-Chair / Parent													
Jean-Michel Brunet	Treasurer / Teacher													
Alex Struck	Secretary / Parent													
Johanna Miller	Parent													
Anne-Marie Yaworski	Parent													
Steve Szabo	Parent (parent delegate)													
Michael Rodger	Parent (stepped down)													
Steve Muoio	Parent - Alternate													
Jody Mason	Parent - Alternate													
Geneviève Hébert	Teacher													
Geneviève Guay	Teacher													
Pina Trengia	Teacher													
Stéphanie Babalis	Teacher													
Abdelghafou El Hama	Teacher													
Marco DeCrescentis	BASE													
Gaetano Sifoni	Principal													
Joseph Lalla	Commissioner													
Total Regular Meetings		7		Total Special Meetings								1 (AGM)		

Activities, Programs, Services & Issues and Actions Taken
Governing Board Resolutions Discussed

Activities, Programs, Services and Issues	Actions Taken
September	
Annual General meeting held	Voted in new members and elected parent delegate
October	
Robert F. elected GB Chair, Meg M. elected Vice-Chair, Alex Struck Secretary and Jean-Michel Brunet Treasurer	Meeting dates set for the rest of the school calendar year
Annual Report presented by Rob Fiori	Annual report approved
Reviewed year-end financials, and a full slate of school fundraisers	A slate of school fundraisers was approved
Mowest Golf tournament announced a \$1250 donation to the school	
Discussed upcoming PED days, library re-opening	Steve Szabo elected parent delegate
November	
Discussed actively recruiting a community member of GB and all possible avenues to explore	Rob took action to create profile for a Community GB member and Alex took up active recruitment
Michael Rodger informed Gaetano he would be leaving GB	Steve Muoio was elected as Michael's replacement via acclamation
Review the BASE Daycare Handbook	
A full slate of BASE fundraisers was presented	BASE fundraisers approved
Every GB chair and Parent Committee member was invited to an EMSB dinner. Rob and Steven attended → Discussed the advisability of drafting and passing a resolution of support, at our next GB meeting (support of EMSB challenges to Bill 40, 21 and 96)	
December	
Reviewed Safe School Action plan and the Sexuality Educational Curriculum	Decided to suspend the search for a Community rep as GB was functionality smoothly
Reviewed the different approach to monitoring recesses and lunch (BASE team will do it)	GB meetings in 2023 were rescheduled to accommodate the Commisioners meeting
The most recent OURschool survey was completed Nov. 17. Improvements were seen from last spring to this fall, with a positive change of almost 10% (decrease in anxiety, increase in sense of belonging).	
January	
Alivia Wainberg has replaced Stéphanie Babalis on GB	Edinburgh GB voted in favour of drafting a letter of support to the EMSB with regards to the legal challenges against Bills 21, 40 and 96
	Approved the subject-time allocation, budget building process and criteria for selection of principal
February	
N/A	
March	
N/A	
April	
Reviewed a full list of upcoming field trips	Approved amendment to subject time allocation and the approval of the hot lunch provider (Merenda)
Edinburgh hosted the West Storytelling Festival	Approved a full slate of upcoming field trips

Concerns over enrollment was discussed → GB agreed that it can/needs to be an active participant in recruitment as Edinburgh is trending under capacity	
BOKS Build your Kids Success was discussed → Edinburgh will be an active participant again	
May	
Discussed how best to use the GB funds → Rob to come back at next meeting with a plan	Formal resolution passed to send final letter to EMSB in support of their legal challenges
Reviewed upcoming fundraisers and the update on the modular dismantling → which will get done in fall 2023	Approved Code of Ethics, school supply list and lunch fees
June	
Discussion was held over a potential shift to a school uniform → discussions to continue in 2023-24 school year	GB allocated its funds mostly towards science fair prizes and to help purchase a new BBQ
The Education Ministry has allocated funds for one pre-kindergarten (K4) class at Edinburgh for next year. → approved	Approved school fees and budget
Everyone agreed, the fall enrollment campaign needs to focus on the message → plenty of space at Edinburgh	

Informing the School Community

We informed the school parent body through email communications the GB meeting dates and topics to be discussed, as well as the annual meeting & elections.

Unlike the past few years, this school year was pretty stable in terms of emerging issues (i.e. modulars/capacity, COVID etc). However, the school remains under capacity and this situation should remain top of mind.

Recommendations

Continue to host GB meetings virtually as much as possible to facilitate participation; but it's recommended to hold in-person meetings at key points in time (first GB meeting of the year, holiday GB and year-end/budget review).

Closely monitor the classroom space at Edinburgh and assure a smooth transition with the modular removals.

Continue to maintain Edinburgh's social media presence; it's been crucial in promoting the school and communicating with current/past/future parents.

Chairperson's message

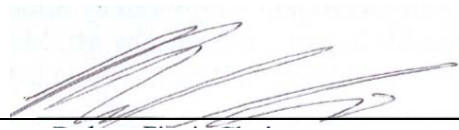
Edinburgh is in good hands with Mr. Sifoni as principal; the future is bright. The past few years as Chair of the Governing Board have been an honor and a privilege, it's been a true joy to serve this great school community. I wish this school year's Governing Board the best of luck and I will remain a reference when needed.

Adopted by the Governing Board on:

October 19, 2023



Gaetano Sifoni
Principal



Rob Fiori
Governing Board Chair