



## **Académie John Caboto Academy**

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### **JOHN CABOTO ACADEMY**

#### **GOVERNING BOARD**

**December 9, 2024**

#### **GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:**

GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR: Vanessa Chimienti

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Vanessa Chimienti, Tilda Carbone, Mariasabrina Mangione, Angie Michael, and Amanda Palmieri

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES: Jessica Attardo, Katia Codipietro, Anna Mignacca, Sandra Petrillo, and Alexander Rosauri

PRINCIPAL: Ms. Sonia Marotta

COMMUNITY REP: Rosemarie Federico

REGRETS: Rosemarie Federico

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#### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

Motioned by Ms. Palmieri, seconded by Ms. Carbone.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2024**

The minutes from the Governing Board meeting of October 7, 2024 was adopted unanimously with the following correction regarding the Daycare Report: The closure was due to a conference, not the cancellation of QPAT.

Motioned by Ms. Codipietro and seconded by Ms. Carbone.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

The minutes from the Governing Board meeting of November 13, 2024 was adopted unanimously.

Motioned by Ms. Palmieri, seconded by Ms. Mignacca.

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

None

#### **5. REPORTS**

##### **5.1 Chairperson's Report**

###### Holiday Fair

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated during this year's Holiday Fair; it was a great success.

##### **5.2 Principal Report**

###### Budget

The budget will be presented at a later date.

###### Holiday Fair

Thank you to Ms. Mangione and Ms. Chimenti for organizing the Holiday Fair, and a special thanks to all the parents who volunteered during the event.

###### Helping Hands Program

This Thursday, Ms. Demetra, an expert in behavioural management, will launch the Helping Hands program. Forty students from grades 4 to 6, selected through an interview process, will organize outdoor sports, with each station led by a designated leader. The green outdoor space is now blue and serves as a relaxation zone for reading and socializing. Special thanks to Ms. Filippone for cleaning the space, Ms. Petrillo for the turf, and Mr. Hisney for assisting with the wooden planks. A school-wide assembly will introduce the project, designed as a year-round initiative.

### **5.3 Teacher's Report**

#### Reading Week and Holiday Festivities

December 16: Students are invited to bring a flashlight for a special reading session in the gymnasium.

December 17: Students can dress as their favourite book characters and be paired with reading buddies from other classes.

December 18: Cycle 1 to 3 teachers will be reading a story where students from different cycles are welcome to join. Students will also enjoy a performance from the Lauren Hill Dance Troupe.

December 19: Eddie Sanchez (volunteer) will be joining us and will read to K4 to Grade 3 students.

December 20: Students will enjoy a pancake breakfast, watch a movie with their homeroom teacher, and participate in a festive sing-along in the school gymnasium.

### **5.4 Daycare's Report**

#### Nike, Marché Central

Nike will be providing a free service for various activities in an effort to keep the students active and engaged. This program will initially begin in October and run through December, once a month. In the second half of the school year, the program will run twice a month.

### **5.5 Parent Committee Delegate's Report**

#### **Points mentioned at the recent meeting:**

##### Elementary Literacy Projects 2024-2025:

The EMSB focuses on enhancing literacy skills through initiatives like phonological awareness, biliteracy, structured literacy, literature circles, and digital literacy, accompanied by teacher professional development.

##### STEAM Presentation:

The EMSB's STEAM Education program combines science, technology, engineering, arts, and math to offer interdisciplinary, real-world, and student-centered learning experiences. It emphasizes teachers' professional development, creating multidisciplinary themes, and enhancing 21st-century skills over three years.

##### Truth and Reconciliation Programming at the EMSB:

Focused on past, present, and future initiatives to support Indigenous students and educate non-Indigenous students and staff. Key priorities include funding, cultural programming, professional development, student support, curriculum improvements, and systemic growth, highlighting events like Orange Shirt Day and providing contact information for Indigenous support consultants.

### **5.6 Community Representative's Report**

Ms. Chimenti informed GB that our city councilor, Madame Julie Roy, donated \$100 from the borough of Ahuntsic toward the JCA Holiday Fair.

### **5.7 Treasurer's Report**

None

## **5.8 PPO & Fundraising Report**

### Big Box Fundraiser

The Big Box Fundraiser was a great success, with a sale of 100 boxes and a profit of \$883.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Confirmation of Email Approvals**

#### **6.1.1 Money for Holiday Fair 2024**

### **6.2 JCA's Educational Action Plan 2024-2028**

The Educational Action Plan was presented by Ms. Marotta and approved by all Governing Board Members.

Motioned by Mr. Rosauri,

Seconded by Ms. Carbone.

Approved unanimously.

### **6.3 PPO**

#### **6.3.1 JCA Garage Sale Fundraiser**

It was motioned that the JCA Garage Sale will be one of our school fundraiser events.

Motioned by Mr. Rosauri

Seconded by Ms. Codipietro.

Approved unanimously.

#### **6.3.2 Movie Night Fundraising**

PPO will be organizing a Movie Night. More information will follow.

Motioned by Ms. Palmieri.

Seconded by Mr. Rosauri.

Approved unanimously.

#### **6.3.3 Félix and Norton Cookies Fundraising**

It was motioned that the Félix and Norton Cookies will be one of our school fundraiser events.

Motioned by Ms. Palmieri.

Seconded by Ms. Carbone,

Approved unanimously.

#### **6.3.4 Super Recycleurs Fundraising**

It was motioned that the Super Recycleurs will be one of our school fundraiser events.

Motioned by Ms. Codipietro.

Seconded by Ms. Palmieri.

Approved unanimously.

#### **6.3.5 Holiday Pancake Breakfast Funds (December 20<sup>th</sup>)**

It was motioned that \$1000 was allotted from PPO in order to provide a pancake breakfast for the students and staff.

Motioned by Ms. Carbone.

Seconded by Ms. Michael.

Approved unanimously

**6.4 Helping Hands Program- Transfer of funds**

To allow the transfer of \$4,000 from Fund 3 to the Helping Hands program.

Motioned by Ms. Michael.

Seconded by Ms. Palmieri.

Approved unanimously.

**7. VARIA**

None

**8. QUESTION PERIOD**

**Parent Teacher Interviews:**

Could we increase the interview time from 10 to 15 minutes?

Ms. Marotta informed the parent that this would be a discussion that she would have with her staff.

**What will be served during the pancake breakfast?**

Pancakes, maple syrup and juice.

**9. NEXT MEETING SUGGESTED DATE: February 10, 2025**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned **at 7:19 p.m.**

Motioned by Mr. Rosauri

Seconded by Ms. Codipietro.

Approved unanimously.

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Sonia Marotta, Principal

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Vanessa Chimienti, Chairperson