



## **Académie John Caboto Academy**

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### **JOHN CABOTO ACADEMY**

#### **GOVERNING BOARD**

**February 10, 2025**

#### **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 Pettillo, and Alexander Rosauri

PRINCIPAL: Ms. Sonia Marotta

COMMUNITY REP: Rosemarie Federico

REGRETS: Rosemarie Federico and Amanda Palmieri

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

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

Motioned by Ms. Michael, seconded by Ms. Carbone.

#### **2. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2024**

The minutes from the Governing Board meeting of December 9, 2024 was adopted unanimously and motioned by Ms. Carbone, seconded by Ms. Michael.

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

None

#### **4. REPORTS**

##### **4.1 Chairperson's Report**

None

##### **4.2 Principal Report**

###### Best of Montreal Award:

John Caboto Academy won Gold Best Elementary School in the Best of Montreal Awards for the second year in a row! This achievement reflects the dedication of our students, staff, and community. A celebration will be held soon, and Ms. Marotta congratulates everyone who contributed towards our success!

###### Enrollment for 2025-2026:

Ms. Marotta is pleased to announce that enrollment numbers for the 2025-2026 school year remains the same.

##### **4.3 Teacher's Report**

###### Reading and Holiday Week (December 16 to 20)

Students enjoyed a fun-filled week of reading and holiday celebrations with activities, festive spirit, and literary adventures. Thank you to the Reading and Holiday Week Committee and the PPO!

###### Winter Carnival

On February 3rd, our students had an unforgettable Winter Carnival!

K4 to Grade 2 students enjoyed outdoor activities at Notre-Dame-de-Fatima, while Grades 3 to 6 enjoyed a day of tubing at Summit Versant Avila.

#### 100 Days of School

On February 13, our Pre-K and Kindergarten students will celebrate their 100th Day of School! The students will enjoy cupcakes and a day filled with fun activities!

#### CEPSUM Field Trip

On February 21, K5 to Grade 6 students will visit CEPSUM, a sports complex at Université de Montréal. K5 to Grade 3 will enjoy gym activities, while Grades 4 to 6 will participate in supervised swimming.

#### **4.4 Daycare's Report**

None

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

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

##### OMETZ – Services for Students & Parents

Services offered to students and parents on a wide range of topics in the form of:

- Workshops
- One-on-One support
- Therapies
- Drop-in center
- Events

##### EMSB Parent Committee Award of Merit:

- \$50 award for each EMSB elementary school
- \$100 award for each EMSB high school
- Principals at each school have to nominate a student to receive the award. The awards come from the EMSB Parents Committee

##### EMSB Parent Committee Literacy Award:

- This award was started in 2016. One book will be chosen per school.

This year, JCA's PC Delegate, Ms. Evangelia Michael is part of the selection committee.

##### Budget Building Process

Each EMSB school must send in their 2025 – 2026 Budget Building Process to the EMSB by April 4, 2025.

#### **4.6 Community Representative's Report**

None

#### **4.7 Treasurer's Report**

None

#### **4.8 Commissioner's Report (Reported by Ms. Susan)**

Budget Cuts Announcement:

The CAQ government announced \$200 million in education cuts, with EMSB losing \$2.6 million by March. Department directors will determine specific reductions, but pedagogical budgets remain unaffected.

EMSB Annual Report and Success Rate:

The council approved the 2023-2024 Annual Report, highlighting EMSB's record 95.9% success rate. The new graduation target is 92%.

Budget Consultation and School Priorities:

The council approved the budget consultation, which will be sent to Governing Boards (GBs) and the Parents Committee for input on funding priorities.

Supreme Court Challenge – Bill 21:

The Supreme Court of Canada will hear EMSB's legal challenge to Bill 21.

Court Challenge — Bill 40:

The Court of Appeal has reviewed the Bill 40 challenge; a decision is pending.

#### **4.9 PPO & Fundraising Report**

Félix and Norton Cookies Fundraiser:

PPO made \$1,194.77 from this fundraiser. Cookies will be delivered by next Tuesday.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Confirmation of Email Approvals**

##### **5.1.1 Staff Appreciation Lunch 2025**

#### **5.2 JCA's 2024-2025 Budget**

The budget for the 2025-2026 school year was presented by Ms. Marotta, and approved by all Governing Board members.

Motioned by Ms. Carbone,

Seconded by Ms. Mignacca.

Approved unanimously.

#### **5.3 JCA's Anti-Violence Anti-Bullying Action Plan 2025**

The JCA Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Action Plan 2025 was presented by Ms. Marotta and adopted by all Governing Board members.

Motioned by Ms. Mangione,

Seconded by Ms. Michael.

Approved unanimously.

#### **5.4 Principal's Criteria 2025-2026**

Tabled to the next meeting.

#### **5.5 PPO**

##### **5.5.1 Domino's Pizza Night**

A motion was passed that JCA have a Domino's pizza fundraiser for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motioned by Ms. Michael,

Seconded by Mr. Rosauri.

Approved unanimously.

**5.5.2 JCA Movie Night 2025**

Movie night will take place on Friday, March 28 in JCA's gymnasium. More information to follow.

**6. VARIA**

Staff Appreciation Lunch:

On February 12, staff will be treated to a lunch! A heartfelt thank you to the PPO for their generosity in providing this special meal.

**7. QUESTION PERIOD**

Will there be a virtual workshop for parents?

Ms. Marotta confirmed that this year, Ms. Demetra will host an online workshop on strategies for managing anxiety.

School Bus Application:

A parent reported that the application is disabled and not being used by the bus driver, though Bus 239 provides an ETA update when delayed. Ms. Anna S will be informed of the issue.

Are there any treats for Valentine's Day?

No treats will be distributed for Valentine's Day.

**8. NEXT MEETING SUGGESTED DATE: March 24, 2025**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned **at 7:41 p.m.**

Motioned by Ms. Codipietro

Seconded by Mr. Rosauri.

Approved unanimously.

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Sonia Marotta, Principal

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Vanessa Chimienti, Chairperson