

Gerald McShane Elementary School

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting
Held on Tuesday October 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM
School Staff Room

Present:		Absent/Regrets
Tony Petosa, secretary	David Lee, principal	Silva Muzzo
Shane Fombuena	Karine Gomes Silva	
Claudio Prioletta	Elisa Baronello	
Lara Villani	Christina Gioia	
Elvira Corso	Pammy Lacroce	
David Reda, Vice-chair	Sonia D'Addario	
Mary Di Fulvio, Chair	Linda Matteo	
Amalia Lavoratore, treasurer	Clementina Fraga	
Angie Iadinardi		
Sandra Renzi (alternate)		

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

2. **Adoption of Agenda:**

Additions to Varia:

- Boys club (Mary D)
- Skating program (Mary D)
- Pictures
- Bo Sapin fundraiser (David L)

Mover: Mary D.; Second: Clementina F.

Agenda approved unanimously.

3. **Adoption of previous minutes:**

From meeting of June 12, 2024

Mover: Pammy L.; Second: Tony P.

10 in favor, 5 abstentions, 0 nays

Minutes approved.

4. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

None

5. **Election of GB positions:**

- Chairperson:
 - Mary Di Fulvio was nominated.
 - Mary Di Fulvio elected by acclamation.
- Vice-chair:
 - David Reda was nominated.
 - David Reda elected by acclamation.
- Treasurer:
 - Amalia Lavoratore was nominated.
 - Amalia Lavoratore was elected by acclamation.
- Secretary:
 - Tony Petosa was nominated.
 - Tony Petosa was elected by acclamation.

- EMSB Delegate and Alternate:
 - Shane Fombuena was elected as delegate by acclamation.
 - Claudio Prioretta was elected as alternate delegate by acclamation.

6. New Business:

6.1 Rules of Conduct for GB

Mr. Lee presented the rules of conduct for GB members for consultation.
No changes were proposed.

Mover: Tony P.; Second: Elvira C. – Approved unanimously.

6.2 GB Meeting Formats

6.3 GB Meeting Dates

Proposed dates and format: November 12, 2024 – in-person
 December 17, 2024 – virtual
 January 21, 2025 – virtual
 February 25, 2025 – virtual
 March 25, 2025 – virtual
 April 22, 2025 – in-person
 May 20, 2025 – in-person
 June 10, 2025 – in-person

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM
No changes were proposed.

Mover: Clementina F.; Second: Tony P.; Approved unanimously.

6.4 Annual Report 2023-2024

Mr. Lee presented the GB annual report for 2023-2024.
No changes or corrections were made.

Mover: Sonia D.; Second: Tony P.; Adopted unanimously.

6.5 Adoption of 2023-2024 GB Financial Report

Mr. Lee presented the financial report.

Mover: Pammy L.; Second: Angie I.; Adopted unanimously.

6.6 PELO for 2024-2025

Mr. Lee requested retroactive approval to offer lunchtime PELO (Italian) for 2024-2025.
Sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays from October 15 to March 25.
There will be two groups: Junior and Senior.

Mover: Angie I.; Second: Karine G.; Approved unanimously.

6.7 Blanket approval for day trips

Mr. Lee requested, like previous years, approval to have the principal be able to approve all day trips inside school hours without requiring GB approval. All extended day and overnight trips will still be presented to GB for approval.

Mover: Tony P.; Second: Angie I.; Approved unanimously.

6.8 PPO Poinsettia Fundraiser

Mr. Lee presented PPO's request to move forward with the Poinsettia's school-wide fundraiser from October 28 to November 11. Pickup of poinsettias will be during parent-teacher interviews on November 21.

Mover: Tony P.; Second: Elvira C.; Approved unanimously.

6.9 Afterschool ECAs

Mr. Lee presented the after-school ECA from October to December.

They include Karate (Thu), Yoga (Wed), Cooking (Mon) and Floor hockey (Tues).

New activities will be offered in the New Year.

Lara V. asked about supporting low-income families: Mr. Lee said the school can provide some funds to help students and Enfant & Compagnie also provides 2-3 free spots.

Shane F. mentioned that a grant can be applied for through the Team Canada Olympic Day Grant.

Mover: Clementian F.; Second: Karine G.; Approved unanimously.

6.10 Daycare Handbook 2024-2025

The daycare handbook is not yet available.

Item tabled until it is made available from the school board.

6.11 PPO Funds for Halloween

PPO requests **UP TO** \$1000 for Halloween (décor, haunted house, candies for students)

Mover: Elvira C.; Second: Claudio P.; Approved unanimously.

6.12 Cycle 3 Winter Camp

The winter camp for cycle 3 will take place at Camp Jouvence January 15-16-17.

Mover: Clementina F.; Second: Angie I.; Approved unanimously.

7. Reports

Principal's Report:

- Our current enrollment and official September 30th count is 281, representing an increase of 12%. Since our increase is 10% or more of last year, we will receive additional operational budget for this year.
- We held a welcome BBQ for students and staff on Sept 6 and Welcome BBQ for families on Sept 27. The family BBQ was very well attended with close to 490 people.
- School pictures were held on Sept 16, with retakes and sibling photos this past Monday.
- Our curriculum evening on Sept 19 was also well attended.
- Grade 6 students and teachers had a nice experience with our first overnight camping outing where everyone slept in tents. It was a nice relaxing way to start the year with our future grads.
- On Sept 30, our school held a 2nd annual Every Child Matters awareness walk around the block to honor victims and survivors of residential schools.
- Grade 5 students and teachers went hiking at Mont-Saint-Hilaire last week on October 3.

No reports: GB Chairperson, EMSBPC, Commissioner.

Reports were presented by: Teachers, Daycare, Sports concentration, PPO, CLC.

8. Varia

8.1 Boys' Club (Mary D.): interest in a boys' club similar to the current girls' club. School will search for organizations that can offer similar services.

8.2 Skating (Mary D.): can skating be offered again? School needs to check ice time availability. The only time available was Thursday morning, but time was not convenient. We will keep checking arena schedule.

8.3 Bo Sapin: PPO requested to offer a small fundraiser with Bo Sapin, which allows people to purchase Christmas trees and decorations while supporting the school. Everyone was in favor.

9. Question Period

Andy L. (Public) asked about Sports play days to promote the school.

10. Adjournment

Clementina F. moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM.

Next meeting: November 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM (in-person at GMS).

Principal

GB Chair

Secretary