



ÉCOLE GARDENVIEW SCHOOL
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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES- THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025 (TEAMS)

Meeting called to order at 7: __PM by Ms. Vicky Pololos

1. Attendance

Parent Representatives

Vicky Pololos
Sharone Callender
Alaa Zaini
Ilan Dahan
Jessica Black (**Home & School Rep**)
Diane Biard-Goble
Ashley Kushneryk
Rebecca Sciotto
Jacqueline Matuszewski
Vincenzo DiNicola (alternate - absent)
Carmela Pansera (alternate - absent)

Teaching Staff Representatives

Karima Tabbi (arrived 7:31)
Marianne Botelho (absent)
Olga Ntokolas (absent)
Ernestina Oppong (absent)
Johanne Boudreault (absent)
Anna-Maria Rubinato (absent)

Non-Teaching Professionals

Deanna laizzo

Daycare Representative

Kanza Mobin

Support Staff

Rona Lapidus

Commissioner

James Kromida (absent)

Principal

Elena Zervas

Vice Principal

Laura Fundaro

Guest

Maja Falvo

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda moved by: Rona Lapidus

Seconded by: Rebecca Sciotto

3. Approval of minutes of April 10, 2025

Motion to approve the April 10, 2025 minutes: Rona Lapidus

Seconded by: Ashley Kushneryk

Abstentions: Diane Biard-Goble, Kanza Mobin, Deanna laizzo

4. Business arising from previous minutes

No business arising.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence.

6. Public Question Period

No questions were asked by the public present.

7. New Business

7.1. School Supply List 2025-2026

- Lists compiled by grade
- Request was made by GB in previous years for the school to purchase the interlined copybooks and then charged to parents as a consumable through school fees ,as they tend to be difficult to find for some parents.

Motion to approve the School Supply List 2025-2026: Rona Lapidus
Seconded by : Jessica Black

7.2. Code of Conduct

Inserted in the agenda pages. Students in cycle 1 & kindergarten receive it by e-mail.

Has been pre-approved by Staff Council.

Major changes made:

- Simplified formatting (point form)
- Birthday party invitations will not be distributed in class
- Sharing of snacks is prohibited
- Digital Device & Social Media Policy added

Motion to approve the Gardenvue Code of Conduct 2025-2026: Kanza Mobin
Seconded by : Jessica Black

7.3. Pre-K Classes 2025-2026

- The school board has allocated two preschool classes for the 2025-2026 school year. A Governing Board Resolution confirming the opening of MEQ funded Pre-K classes is required.

Motion to approve the two MEQ Funded Pre-K Classes 2025-2026: Ilan Dahan
Seconded by : Kanza Mobin

8. Reports

8.1. Principal

Volunteer TEA:

On May 12, Gardenview hosted a Parent Volunteer Tea to express a heartfelt appreciation to the many parents who generously give their time to support our school community. Regular parent volunteers, including all members of the Governing Board, were invited as a thank you for their ongoing contributions. It was a lovely event, and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism that enriches our school.

ENROLMENT

We currently have 648 students registered, with five additional registrations pending. A good number of new enrollments, particularly from families transitioning from private schools.

TOP MARKS UPDATE

- Due to the Canada Post strike, Top Marks has adjusted its shipping plan. Back-to-School Orders (2025/26) placed during the May/June Free Shipping promotion will be held and shipped as soon as Canada Post service resumes.

JUNE GB MEETING

Another GB meeting will be required in June to approve the school fees. The June 5 meeting has been moved to Monday, June 2 at 7 PM.

8.2. Vice Principal

Holocaust Survivor Testimony Assembly - May 23

Our Personal Development and Community Involvement Animator (PDCIA) organized an assembly for our Grade 5 student - A Holocaust survivor will share their testimony, offering students a firsthand account of history, resilience, and the importance of remembrance.

Zumba K to Grade 4 - May 28

A fun and energetic Zumba session will be held in the gym for students from Kindergarten to Grade 4. This school-wide movement activity promotes physical wellness and community spirit.

Welcome to Kindergarten Event - May 30

We are excited to welcome our incoming Kindergarten students and their families. This event, held in the gym, will introduce them to our school environment and staff, helping ease their transition into school life.

Pre-School Carnival - New Date: June 3

Due to forecasted rain, the Pre-School Carnival has been rescheduled to June 3. We look forward to hosting our pre-school parents for two hours of outdoor fun and a shared lunch with their children.

Music Concert - June 5 & 6

Our annual Music Concert will take place over two days. Parents will be invited to attend on the day their child is performing. More detailed information will be shared with families shortly.

Prestigo Productions: "The Mysterious School" - June 13

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 2 will enjoy a magical performance by Prestigo Productions. The show blends storytelling, imagination, and humor while highlighting the importance of stories—both personal and traditional.

Year-End Ceremony with Indigenous Guest - June 16

Mr. Tom Dearhouse, an Indigenous guest and former Chief, educator, and social worker, will lead our Year-End Ceremony. Held outdoors, the ceremony will include traditional elements such as fire, moon, water, and sage, symbolizing the clearing of past energies and welcoming a fresh start for the new school year.

8.3. Teachers

Nothing to report

8.4. Chairperson

Nothing to report

8.5. Treasurer

Nothing to report

8.6. Parents Committee Report (Delegate)

- Summary of the meeting was sent by Vicky to all members of the Governing Board.
- Highlights: Road safety – many of the schools in the East-End as the city will be installing bike paths throughout the streets – will be addressed globally
- Protocol will be put together with regard to the extreme weather conditions in order to have better access to the school
- Urged the members of the parent community to reach out to the school commissioners
- Cell-Phone ban – it will be up to the schools to enforce
- Addressing the teachers with Miss/Mrs. or Mr. is being enforced through out the ministry to emphasize the importance of respect toward the adults

8.7. Home and School Liaison

- Freezy Friday cancelled for May 23 due to the rain
- Magasin scolaire in full swing
- June 9 – Carnival Day for the entire school

- AGM for Home & School is Wednesday, May 28 at 7PM followed by a home and school meeting
 - If anyone is interested in being part of the H&S executive, reach out to Jessica Black – jessblack@gmail.com
- Used uniform sale on June 11 – Still accepting donations until May 30

8.8. BASE Report

- Daycare appreciation week took place last week
- Students enjoyed treats everyday
 - Beaver Tails
 - Chicken Burgers
 - Ice Cream
 - Danishes and pastries
- Planning an end of year celebration and treats for the BASE students

8.9. Commissioner

Absent

9. Varia

10. Date of Next meeting: June 2, 2025 (TEAMS)

11. Adjournment - 7:50 PM

Motion to adjourn the Governing Board meeting: Alaa Zaini
Seconded by: Diane Biard-Goble