



École St. Charles School

Governing Board Minutes	
March 26 th , 2025	
Present	Status
Bellas, Madison	Teacher Representative
Bennett, Laura	Daycare Technician
Guy, Stephanie	Teacher Representative
Hersh, Kelly	Teacher Representative
Hunting, Brittany	Teacher Representative
Larocque, Mathieu	Principal
Leithman, Shannon	Support Staff
Orenbach, Steve	Parent Representative
Parasuco, Vanessa	Parent Representative
Read, Julianne	Parent Representative
Shore, Allyson	Substitute Member
Soles, Justine	Teacher Representative
Tataris, Anna	Secretary / Parent rep.

Absent: Genevieve Roberge (Parent rep)
 Marc Montmarquette (Substitute member)
 Shawn Jackson (Chairperson, Parent Rep.)
 Ross McLean (Parent Rep/Parent Committee Rep)
 Jason Doan (Commissioner)

1. Welcome and call to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

2. Land Acknowledgement

“In order to show our deep respect for the land on which our event takes place today” we would like to acknowledge that Lester B Pearson School Board is located on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka People. Lester B. Pearson School Board honours, recognizes and respects the Kanien'keha:ka People as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today and recognizes that this land has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations.

We also acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and commit to informing ourselves about this truth in order to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation”

3. Review and adoption of Agenda

- Reviewed

MOTION to adopt the agenda of March 26th, 2025

RESOLUTION #: 2024-65-GB-1

MOVED BY: Julianne Read

SECONDED BY: Steve Orenbach

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Review and adoption of minutes from meeting on February 26th, 2025

- Reviewed

MOTION to adopt the minutes from meeting on February 26th, 2025

RESOLUTION #: 2024-65-GB-2

MOVED BY: Steve Orenbach

SECONDED BY: Kelly Hersh

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Questions from the Public

- None at this time.

6. New Business Arising

a) Field Trips

- None at the moment

b) Home & School Requests

- **Grad Breakfast:**

The Grad Committee requests approval to hold a grad breakfast on the last day of school on June 20th. The breakfast will take place upon agreement by the teachers and Mr Larocque. The breakfast will be organized by the grad committee and will be free of charge to the students.

- **Grad Dance:**

The Grad Committee requests approval to hold a graduation dance on the same day as the graduation ceremony night in the school gym. The dance will be supervised by the staff. Dinner will be served as well as dessert from Pickrell's Ice-cream truck. There will be a DJ and photobooth for dancing and fun! The start time will be 30 minutes to an hour after the end of the ceremony and will end at 9 pm.

- **Welcome Back BBQ:**

Request for approval to host a Welcome Back BBQ in September 2025 from 5:30 – 8:00 PM (date to be decided by M Larocque). The BBQ would be held in its usual format which will include an invitation to the local firemen and/or police officers and a BBQ provided by Home and School. We will likely have the magician again this year as the children really enjoy him.

MOTION to approve the other Home & School requests

RESOLUTION #: 2024-65-GB-3

MOVED BY: Justine Sole

SECONDED BY: Brittany Hunting

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Reports

a) Daycare Report

- Nothing to report at this time

b) Principal Report

- For the past few weeks, I have had the chance to be a judge for an in-house robotics competition. I get to see our teams in action, as they attempt to complete several challenges within a timeframe. It is very impressive to witness how much the students have learned and what they are able to accomplish with this form of technology!
- On Thursday, March 13th, students in cycle 3 celebrated "Pi Day" (which is on March 14th) by making their own little pies. It was an exercise in precision and creativity as they designed their top crusts. Thank you to the teachers and parent volunteers for making this fun activity possible.
- Students in grade 4 had the opportunity to go to the Ecomuseum on Friday, March 14th. It was a beautiful day, as the students received a warm welcome from the staff and the animals they were visiting! Thank you to Home & School for pivoting so seamlessly and making arrangements for those who had ordered Dagwoods on this day.
- The grade 4 vaccination session was held on Wednesday, March 19th and it went very well. All those who received a vaccine were very cooperative and made the nurses' job very easy and enjoyable!
- On Friday, March 21st, St. Charles students and staff recognized World Down Syndrome Awareness Day by wearing blue and yellow, as well as mismatched socks. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthy cause.

- Term 2 report cards were made available on Mozaik on March 10th. We are well into Term 3, which brings us to the last day of school on June 20th. Only 12 weeks left of the 2024-2025 school year!
- Enrollment at St. Charles for the 2025-2026 school year stands at 280 students. This is very similar to our current enrollment of 286 students.
- Finally, a decision has been made with regards to changes to the lunch periods and the student schedule. There will continue to be two lunch periods at St. Charles for the 2025-2026 school year. That said, there will likely be changes made to the daily schedule to help alleviate some of the concerns that come with the current one. More information to be shared at a later date.

c) Commissioner Report

- Nothing at this time.

d) Home & School Report

- The QFHSA AGM is being held on Thursday, June 5th at 7:00.
- QFHSA is very happy with the National Assembly's decision to join Canada's National Food Act. We have been asking the government to recognize that children are attending school hungry which leads to health and educational problems.
- Our next scheduled lunch will be Amir on Friday, March 28th, and then Pizza Pizza Monday, March 31st. We will be having a lunch committee meeting on March 31st.
- Our second annual family photo fundraiser will be held on May 3 with rain date May 4 in the St Charles Park. The cost is \$65 and includes 2 digital high resolution photos. Please feel free to ask Home and School for the link and more information.
- The Grad yearbook is in full swing, thank you to all staff who submitted a blurb and/or pictures. Grad parents will host a bake sale at the talent show this Thursday.
- Preparations for Staff Appreciation that is being held the week of April 14 - 17th are underway. As always, the community has been extremely generous and it is because of their generosity that Home and School is able to host Staff Appreciation Week. Staff will be treated to lunch on the Wednesday and little surprises throughout the week. Please remember to sign up for lunch (an email was sent out to staff) and for the games, that sign up sheet is posted in the staff room.
- The inflatables have been reserved for Footloose which is on June 13th - Rain Date June 17th. We have also made some adjustments to some of the games.
- Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 7th, 2025.

e) Regional Parent Report

- Nothing to report at this time

8. Correspondence

- None at this time.

9. Varia

- A future discussion will come in regards to possibly holding fewer Governing Board meetings during the year as some months do not have much to discuss.

10. Questions from the Public

- None at this time.

11. Next meeting date and time

- April 30th, 2025 via zoom

12. Closure

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 7:17pm

RESOLUTION #: 2024-65-GB-4

MOVED BY: Laura Bennett

SECONDED BY: Shannon Leithman

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairperson Signature

Principal Signature