

## **ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD**

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 6:30 p.m.

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

#### **1.1 Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Board Chair**

Julie McGoldrick opens the meeting

#### **1.2 Attendance /Regrets**

##### **Present:**

Andrew Salzberg (parent), Julie McGoldrick (parent), Johanne Bohn(parent), Whitney Lee (parent), Andrea Truffa (teacher), Naomi Aldrich (teacher), Nadine Thomas (daycare), Elisa Campisi (daycare), Natalie Szytych (support staff), Holly Kusiewicz (principal), Ahlia Mathura (Community Representative-Action Gardien), Emilie Jacques (Community Representative-St. Columba)

**Absent/Regrets:** Carol Clifton (support staff), Wisely Louis  
[wisely@actiongardien.org](mailto:wisely@actiongardien.org)

**Special Guest:** None

#### **1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

Whitney Lee approves, seconded by Johanne Bohn

### **2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

2.1 Review and approval of minutes from the last meeting: currently not possible as the file has had some technical challenges (corrupt no longer accessible)

### **3. Open Forum / Public Comments**

#### **3.1 Opportunity for parents to address the board**

No parents present

### **4. New Business**

#### **4.1 Budget Building Process**

Document reviewed, was prepared in collaboration with staff council, moved to email approval by Monday of following week (which was thereafter accomplished and completed)

#### **4.2 Calendar**

Approval circulated by email (which was thereafter accomplished and completed)

#### **4.3 Lunch Supervision – Request for increase in fees:**

Whitney Lee approves, seconded by Andrea Truffa

4.4 Building Update – major repairs and update on process and progress as well as mitigation of negative consequences, key decision to update parents/communicate as well as to continue to follow closely (Holly Kusiewicz) and investigation of options for front green space and indoor spaces (gym) for alternatives for students.

4.5 Enrollment – progress of current enrollment numbers and discussion of action plans

Naomi Aldrich approves, seconded by Andrea Truffa

## 5. Old Business

### 5.1 Marketing

## 6. Principal's Report

## 7. Committee Reports

### 7.1 Community Reps

St-Columba House after school to end June 6<sup>th</sup>, prep for daycamp (full), currently interviewing for staff of the camp and in search of new full time permanent Executive Director for a 2 yr mandate.

Action Gardien – update on vots for Le Ber project. Festi Point May 17<sup>th</sup>. Brick a Brack backpack distribution May 16-27. Art Hive May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Book parade May 1<sup>st</sup> sign up

### 7.2 Teachers

- Andera – Gr 6 exams, end of cycle French, Science Fair gr 3-6 (May 15-16), comedy for kids workshops. Mid May public Speaking and visit of James Ling for Gr 5 students
- Naomi & John – working on writing songs, see St-Gabriel youtube channel and Sans Taverne performance Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pj. Choire at Hotel Espresso soon.
- Other activities: Eco activities going well. High school transition workshops. Cyber bullying and in general/ reported. Theater, Folk dancing, Astronaut NASA & Inuit group performances. School-wide clean up. And visits of contemporary & muse de beaux arts.
- 3 staff retirements celebrated.
- End of pilot for Math & English – general report to follow.

### 7.3 Home and School

None

#### 7.4 Daycare

2 peds days mean for activities – ceramic café, Mr Puffs truck, upcoming ice cream truck (June 2<sup>nd</sup>) facepainting, etc. Spider plant project, etc.

#### 7.5 Regional Delegate

The day following the meeting was the next meeting – to be reported in May.

#### 7.6 PPO

- Game night was cancelled – transitional year and idea is to enrich school life and reach out including staff – they are investigating options to assist them in projects and overall goals to engage all stakeholders. More to come.

### 8. Adjournment

#### 8.1 Next Meeting Date: May 28th, 2025 at 6pm in person

Approval of adjourning – Johanne Bohn seconded by Whitney Lee

#### 8.2 Closing Remarks

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Approved Johanne Bohn, Seconded Tim Lagace

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Principal Date

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Chairperson-Governing Board Date