



MINUTES

PARKDALE GOVERNING BOARD

March 19, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Present: George Koutsoulis, Karolyn Liverman, Amanda Tsitouras, Cynthia Chaumont, Angela Zambito, Anthony Mohammed, Darseha Kodeeswaran, Hadas Noama

Absent: Thirtsa Ernest

1. Addition to and Approval of the Agenda for March 19, 2025

Approved by Angela Zambito and seconded by Anthony Mohammed.

2. Approval of the minutes from meeting held February 5, 2025

Approved by Anthony Mohammed. Seconded by Angela Zambito

3. New Business:

3.1 Parkdale Budget Building Process 2025-2026

- Admin identified 5 priorities of existing services or services needed to meet the needs of our students. Firstly, having a vice-principal. Secondly, increase resource allocation. It has been kept to 2.6. It has not increased even though the number of IEPs has been increased. Thirdly, asking for new service to open a class for students with severe learning difficulties not meeting criteria for language disorder. Fourth, to increase allocation of school psychologist due to high number of students who need screening for learning difficulties or social behavioral issues. Students are often put on waiting list. Increasing it to 3-4 days would allow us to make diagnosis and psychological assessments. Lastly, increasing level of qualifications of handicap pupil attendant and behavior technician.

Motioned by Amanda. Seconded by Cynthia. All in favor.

3.2 Mtransport

- Initiative involves students who take regular buses in the 200s. The main objective is to improve safety of all students. It will monitor in real time students that are absent by having a QR code that the bus drivers scan. This information is transmitted to the parents through an app that alerts them when they are on and off the bus and when they are a stop away. Parents can monitor where the buses are. This will ease parent stress when busses are late. It will follow fall under the Canadian laws and regulations. Only employees of mPhase will have access to the data. EMSB Its department is allowed to do security tests if the data is safe.

- There will be a trial period of 3 weeks to see if it is working properly starting April 2nd until April 23rd. After the 3 weeks, parents will be informed and will be able to download the app on Apple or Android device or access it through the web portal.

4. Principal's Report

Attached to the appendix.

5. Selection criteria for the appointment of a school principal

- Discussed criteria for principal and are all in favor to keeping the same principles. Will be added to the appendix. All in favor.

6. EMSB Parents Committee Report

- Asking for chairperson to have an EMSB email to be shared with parents in case they want to bring forward an issue.
- EMSB is losing a lot of students and the one big issue is the marketing.

7. PPO Report

- Mme. Nathalie will bake mini muffins for the entire school for nutrition month. PPO approved \$200 funding for this.

8. Daycare Report

- Monday, March 24 Ped Day. Angela hired a company that will be bringing T-shirts and students will be creating tie-dye shirts.

9. Varia

10. Adjournment

7:13 pm

APPENDIX

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT MARCH 19

February 6	Library Dedication & Black History Month & Hooked on School Week Launch honoring Dr. Horace Goddard– EMSB Admin, Malik Shahid, Family
February 3 – 14	FSL French Exam
February 10 – 28	Staff Appreciation: Collection of over 3000.00\$ Thank you to all parents. Staff was so appreciative. Thank you letter sent. Theme: Best Staff in the World”.
February 11	High School Success Parent meeting 12 parent turn out for transition to high school information session by Epique.
February 19	Grade 4 Vaccination Campaign
February 21	Lock Down Drill. Students were excellent. It was a successful practice.
February 24 – 27	Spirit Week: Wacky Monday; Sports Day; Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying, Dress Down Day
February 26	Pink Shirt Day Anti-Bullying/Cyberbullying Presentation with Malik Shahid
February 27	Local Police Visit re: Consequences of Cyberbullying for Cycle 3 Parent Teacher Interviews
March 13	Nutrition Month: Bring green vegetable to eat
March 17	St. Patrick's Day - wear green
March 18	Nutrition Month: Bring red or orange fruit to eat LHA Jazz Band Performance Cycle 2&3
March 24	Pedagogical Day- Parkdale Loves to Read Week
March 25	Book Fair
March 26	TCBY Fundraiser Read my T-shirt Day Guest author - Samantha Caucci Science Center K4 &K5
March 27	Dress-Up: Book Character Day Under the Parachute

March 28

Pajama Day
Under the Parachute

Criteria for Parkdale Principal

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Qualities

- Is assertive, yet flexible, fair, consistent and compassionate.
- Is able to meet deadlines and respect commitments.
- Actively involved in school life and promotes school spirit.
- Is able to remain composed, focused, and make effective decisions under pressure.
- Has good interpersonal skills.
- Is proficient and transparent in the financial management of the school.

Students, Parent and Staff

- Is able to motivate, support and address the needs of the staff, students and parents.
- Seeks to enhance parent and family involvement.
- Must be able to evaluate the needs of the school and define its specific objectives while taking into account legalities and policies that are required.
- Is sensitive to a diverse range of intellectual, cultural and social needs.
- Understands the importance of community partnership and willingness to work with community services such as the Community Learning Center (CLC)
- Must demonstrate the ability as a moderator, negotiator and arbitrator.

- Must have the ability to represent the school's interest at the school board level and within the community.
- Must have integrity and a sense of accountability.

Special Education

- Must have an understanding of working with students with special needs as well as experience in educational programs pertaining to such needs (IEP's and adapted/modified programs)
- Is able to collaborate with the various professional/consultants within the school board.