



AGENDA
PARKDALE GOVERNING BOARD

February 5, 2025

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

1. Addition to and Approval of the Agenda for February 5, 2025

Motion by Cynthia 2nd by Angela.

1.1 Replacement Teacher –

Amanda Tsitouras replacing Janna. Motion by Cynthia 2nd by Thirtsa. All in favor.

2. Approval of the minutes from meeting held December 18, 2024 Motion by
Cynthia 2nd by Anthony.

3. New Business:

3.1 Parkdale Budget 2024-2025

- Preliminary Budget Allocated school fees. School fees from PreK-grade 6 and specialized classrooms – breakdown by school level and charged by level. Fees were approved in governing board in June and nothing was changed. Basic fees are consumables, reproducible, exercise books, worksheets, gym t-shirts for cycle 2 & 3 students, agenda. Some fees are ministered by the school board or the ministry. School board allots budget based on enrollment. The objective is to spend all of it and have a balance of 0.

- MAO (purchase of furniture) goal is to purchase desks.
- TIC & Digital Sets (tech that we order, laptops, iPads, projectors, etc.) Objective is to order more iPads and Chromebooks.
- No grant for sports equipment and phys.ed.
- Supervision fees are towards supervision salaries.
- Special Funds are allocating to schools based on socio-economic status. Parkdale receives more support.
- ICOR was used for yoga program, after-school soccer, educational leadership, Dynamics, transition to high school workshops for students and parents.

- AMSFA – targets school in Montreal area used for any initiative to support in numeracy, literacy, and school engagement (tutoring, graduation, end of year activities, Ottawa trip)
- Support for FSL – international students who have not had exposure to French who are born outside of Canada get pulled out of class to receive support in French.
- Practicum School Portion – part of it is given to teachers who have student-teacher and portion of it for educational material for the student-teachers.
- Pre-K Volet Parents – used for ordering kit to provide parents for Welcome to Kindergarten (ex. Play-doh, scissors, books)
- CAP is purchase for snacks for students.
- Benchmark – release teachers to assess their own students in English or French.
- In school We Move – funding for any type of physical activity, such as after-school activities like soccer, fieldtrips that involve movement.
- Support to Parents – used for promoting numeracy in cycle 1. Plan to invite someone from Alloprof to provide information to parents.
- Homework Assistance – tutors are hired to help students with homework or general schoolwork they are having trouble with.
- Wellness Program – helping students become more self-aware, such as the yoga activities in the Wings classrooms
- Reading in Schools – for school librarian
- Books in the Homeroom – new initiative: school is given money to homeroom teachers to add to their class library to promote reading
- Teacher Supervision Release – initiative come forward in the last couple of years where teachers are released during their recess supervision which allows teachers to have more time to work on educational matters. Some lunch monitors and tutors who are releasing teachers.
- Sorties milieu culturel – directory approved fieldtrips where transportation and entrance fees are paid for.
- Ecole accessible et inspirante – flexible budget ex. science workshops for students, recess supervision, trip to Ottawa. Depends on needs for our school.
- Liberation des enseignants – to free teachers for substitution cost to work on IEPS.

Motion by Angela Zambito to approve the budget 2nd by Cynthia Chaumont - All in favor.
Motion passed.

3.2 Anti-Violence Anti-Bullying Plan 2024-2025

- All schools must have these documents be produced every year. It includes analysis of bullying survey which were done by grades 4-6 students, reports from transportation departments when there are violent behaviors on the bus, the school's educational

project and how the school can deal with bullying and violence in the school. Staff meeting discussed the results of the bullying survey, and it was discussed that the word bullying might be misunderstood by our students. Students may have confused the meaning of bullying with arguments. The notion of bullying is not clearly understood; therefore, the results may have not been accurate. The survey was also quite long and the scale may have been confusing for our students. We also have students with language difficulties who may not have fully understood the questions asked.

- The beginning of the year, it was noticed that supervision is challenging. The younger students are having a hard time playing nicely outside. Admin added a second leadership program that included grade 5. The grade 5 & 6 students are in the school yard organizing games with the younger students. These students were trained and learned about conflict resolution and fair play.

- Our school's prevention measures include inviting a SPVM socio-community officer to teach the students about safety and behavior in school bus and annual review of school's Code of Conduct. Our curriculum includes mindfulness. We also have SEL and ECA activities. Admin is in the process of including Digital Art as extracurricular activities. Also, breakfast club to promote healthy snacks. Parkdale School Task Force organize workshops and school wide activities to promote cultural diversity and inclusion, Autism Awareness Month, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

- We are also having an event on Feb 6 to Dedicate Parkdale library to Horace Goddard, which will also launch Black History Month. Admin is proud and appreciative of all the hard work of the students and team involved in putting it all together.

- YouthStars to present on Digital Citizenship and Cyberbullying for cycle 3 students such as internet safety and social media.

- Bus safety is a priority due to the lack of supervision on busses and the need of parent involvement to help find solutions to bus safety.

- Any student who witness an act of bullying or violence have the responsibility to report the incident to the school staff.

- Regular complaints – procedure that provides the parents with this step should they not be satisfied with the school's resolution level. They may contact the school board to file a complaint.

- Through CCQ, some students are exposed to sexual assault, identifying appropriate/inappropriate touching, safety rules to prevent a situation that puts you at risk and reporting an incident.

Motion by Angela 2nd by Cynthia. All in favor.

3.3 Registration 2025-2026

- PreK registrations- parents have been signing up

- Unfortunately, we are losing 28 students because families will not be able to renew their certificate of eligibility because of the new Bill in place. The only exception are the students with academic difficulties. If we do not get enough students to register for

preschool to make up for it, we will have to cut teaching positions and may not be able to have a VP. There must be 400 students registered to have a Vice-Principal.

- Hosting an earlier Open House may help and might be considered.

4 .Principal's Report

Black History Month, Staff Appreciation Week, Valentine's Day, Pizza Day, Wacky Monday, Jersey Day, Pink Shirt Day/Cyberbullying Presentation, Dress Down Day, Parent-teacher Interviews in-person by invitation only.

5. EMSB Parents Committee Report

- Formation of sub-committees and budget which is due in April which will be looked at in the next meeting.

6. PPO Report

- Thirtsa will replace Hadas for this month and will present the report next meeting.

- PPO bake sale was a great success.

- Staff Appreciation information will be shared once donations and forms are sent in.

7. Daycare Report

- Winter extracurricular started last week. SportBall comes every Thursday. 1 week younger group and the older group on the other week on rotation.

- Feb 10 Ped Day will be Valentine's theme with Valentine's Day craft and making pita pizza.

8. Selection criteria for the appointment of a school principal

- Tabled to next meeting - March 19 at 6 pm. Motion by Angela 2nd by Cynthia.

9. Varia

10. Adjournment 7:58 pm

Governing Board Chair: _____ **Date:** _____

Principal: _____ **Date:** _____