

MIND High School

4563 St-Urbain, Montreal, Quebec H2T 2V9

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

April 2, 2025, 6:30-8:00 pm

In attendance: Gaetano Sifoni, John Panetta, Aline Saba, Andrew Carroll, Elias Panetta, Ana Milic, Michael Basilico, Maria Antonietta, Heidi Small

1. Adoption of Agenda

- Maria asked to add Commissioner's update
- Aline/Andrew to add a field trip notice
- Motion to adopt agenda: Michael
- Second: John
- Unanimous vote

2. Approval of minutes from February meetings

- Motion to approve Aline
- Second John
- Unanimous vote

3. Business arising from Previous Minutes

3.1 MIND School Budget

3.2 Governing Board Budget

As of today: \$1477 in the GB fund. Gaetano suggests introducing a GB Prize for a deserving student (or 2) at Grad
Motion to pass: John; Second Aline; Unanimous vote

4. Reports

4.1 Commissioner's report

- Nick Katalifos awarded King Charles III award;
- EMSB Commissioner Sharon Nelson recognized as one CBC's black changemakers;
- Former MIND student Anaïs Mark award for high marks in French Ministry exam;

- Ministry cut \$2.6m from current year; after analysis, cuts were made at school board operations level and not school level. There was no effect to allocations to schools/students, and cuts were achieved by leaving vacant positions unfilled;
- Government will require all school boards and centres to adopt a Code of Ethics, an act to protect students from all forms of violence. A template will be shared to commissioners for review, and there will be more information to come in future meetings.

4.2 Chairperson report

None

4.3 Principal's report

- 2 changes to calendar: May 6 Ped cancelled for snow; Apr 28 Ped added for election;
- congrats to Anaïs

4.4 Teachers' report

- Student Vote on Apr 25;
- Laser Tag Field Trip: optional field trip on Wednesday Apr 9; motion to charge parents up to \$40 by Andrew, seconded by John, unanimous vote;
- John mock trial LEX program field trip at McGill with Sec 5

4.5 Student Council report

Prom and Grad planning, likely the 18th or 19th of June, date TBC
End-of-year Talent Show date TBC

4.6 Parent Delegate report

Responses to Letters from PC to EMSB Admin (Ed Proj survey, and service email account for GB) are in verbally: EMSB cannot mandate a process for the Ed Project Survey, as it is a school-level decision; as for email address, GB will not be assigned any for security and privacy reasons;

Budget building consultation discussions;

Bike lane safety issues at some schools—not for MIND, but John added that there are ongoing discussions to find solutions for the students and staff who cycle into school;

EPCA report: workshop calendars up on website; of note is that QC family wellbeing was surveyed, and connectivity/screen time issues were highlighted as the main concerns for parents

4.7 Field Trips Organized under the Blanket Motion this month

Walking Tour for Sec 1 and 4 Geo/Hist (John)

LEX Mock Trial for Sec 5 (John)

5. **New Business:**

5.1 Budget Building Consultation

- Document send by email, keeping same priority list as last year
- Motion to adopt John
- Second Aline
- Vote unanimous

5.2 Garage Sale Fundraiser

- Fundraising activities for Student Council Activities
- Motion to adopt Aline
- Second Elias
- Vote unanimous

6. **Next Meeting :**

May 6th at 6:30

7. **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn Aline
- Second John
- Vote unanimous