



Dunrae Gardens (“DG”) Governing Board (“GB” or “Board”)
Minutes for June 3rd, 2025

Present:

- 1) Alison Beck (“**Chair**”)
- 2) Despina Michakis (“**Principal**”)
- 3) Noémie Battista
- 4) Kelly Chatzis
- 5) Tina Lanni
- 6) Daniel Gervais
- 7) Mary Kyres
- 8) Diana Theophilopoulos
- 9) Éric Pauzé
- 10) Amel Hadjoudj
- 11) Mélissanne Mathieu
- 12) Lena Stuart
- 13) Vanessa Contenta
- 14) Melanie Carreira - substitute

Absent:

- 1) Bertin Bateng Tchoukwa
- 2) Emmanuel Koinoglu – substitute

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The following modifications were proposed to the Agenda:

- Addition of Section 6.2.5 “Pizza Lunches”
- Addition of Section 6.2.6 “Sustainability Fair Fundraiser”

Motion to adopt the Agenda as modified (Kelly Chatzis, Vanessa Contenta)

Motion passes unanimously

3. Governing Board Operations

3.1. Approval of Minutes

It was proposed to modify the Minutes of April 29th, 2025 to read as follows:



“Ms. Tina requested that the Daycare close at **4:00pm** on June 11th, 2025, due to the Fun Fair.”

Motion to approve the Minutes of Meeting of April 29th, 2025, as modified above (Noémie Battista, Mary Kyres)

Motion passes unanimously

4. Principal's Report

The Principal's Report was presented by the Principal:

On May 9th, 2025, Cycle 3 students participated in the Halo Road Race. One of our Grade 6 students won first place, and a few additional students were amongst the top ten winners.

Over the course of the last month, several field trips took place, namely:

- Planetarium and Botanical Gardens (Grade 5);
- Quebec City (Grade 5);
- Nid d'otruche (Cycle 2);
- Voiles en Voiles (Grade 6).

On June 6th, 2025, Grade 6 students will travel to Ottawa for the day.

The Principal thanked the teachers for selecting the fields trips, and Mme Noémie for organizing the excursions.

On May 13th and 15th, 2025, *Sports Mobile* organized various activities at Dunrae, including flag football and leadership/communication building activities.

On May 13th, 2025, Dunrae participated in a “Living Radar” operation whereby certain students wore radars and worked with Public Security and the SPVM to educate drivers on speeding in school zones.

On May 22nd, 2025, Cycle 2 students participated in a 1km-run on the Dunrae field. Parents were invited to come cheer on their children.

On May 28th, 2025, Dunrae held its annual Spring Concert. Two shows were held, and the event was a great success. During the Concert, the Grade 6 students organized a bake sale to raise funds for the Sustainability Fair. The sale generated approximately \$1,500.

Also in May, Grade 2 students worked on a beautiful mural with professional artist, Peter Gibson (Roadsworth).

Mr. Éric has been working on planting a beautiful garden with his Grade 5 students. Parents generously offered plants, gardening supplies and monetary donations towards the project.

On June 4th, 2025, the Pre-school Orientation will be held for new parents.



On the evening of June 5th, 2025, our art teacher Mr. Mike will be hosting a Vernissage showcasing the students' work and creations. Funds raised will go towards Dunrae's art program.

On June 10th, 2025, students involved in the "Destination Imagination" enrichment program will present their work to their family members.

On June 13th, 2025, the Grade 6 graduation ceremony will be held at the school. Dunrae will be hosting its first Kindergarten graduation on June 16th, 2025.

On June 17th, 2025, the Grade 6 students will hold an all-day Sustainability Fair whereby they will present their sustainability/STEAM projects before a panel of judges.

On June 18th, 2025, Dunrae will host an Olympic Day on the school field. A variety of sports and athletic activities will be organized for all students.

5. Business Arising

5.1. Staffing Update

The Principal confirmed that school enrollment has gone up, and that there are 342 student registrations for the 2025-2026 school year. There will be three Kindergarten classes and two Pre-K classes.

The Principal also confirmed that there will be three Grade 4 classes next year.

6. New Business

6.1. Budget 2025-2026

The Principal presented the proposed school fee structure for school year 2025-2026. Workbook fees are increasing slightly, and shall range from \$42 to \$140 depending on grade level. The price increase considers the fact that the "Univers social" course in Cycles 2 and 3 does not have a manual. Therefore, there is an additional cost for teachers to make photocopies and printouts for students. The Lunch fees will be increased from \$316.75 to \$360 per student. The increase will allow the school to engage more lunch hour supervision resources.

Motion to approve the School fees as set forth above (Tina Lanni, Daniel Gervais)

Motion passes unanimously



6.2. Fundraising Approvals

Sections 6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, 6.2.4 and 6.2.5 were voted on collectively.

Motion to approve the fundraisers as set forth above (Daniel Gervais, Kelly Chatzis)

Motion passes unanimously

6.2.1. Oliver's Labels

Please see above.

6.2.2. TCBY

Please see above.

6.2.3. Éditions Vaudreuil

Please see above.

6.2.4. ECA

Please see above.

6.2.5. Pizza Lunches

Please see above.

6.2.6. Sustainability Fair Fundraiser

To raise money for the prizes to be awarded at the Sustainability Fair, the Grade 6 students would like to sell T-shirts with various Dunrae-theme slogans. T-shirts would be sold for \$25 (cost is \$15).

Motion to approve the fundraiser as set forth above (Noémie Battista, Vanessa Contenta)

Motion passes unanimously

7. Reports

7.1. Central Parents Committee ("CPC") Report

Daniel Gervais presented on behalf of the CPC.



Road safety is an issue for certain EMSB schools. Next school year, a committee will be formed to oversee this matter and to implement guidelines.

Enrolment at several EMSB schools is in decline.

Dunrae is not impacted by either of the aforementioned issues.

7.2. DGFA Report

Mary Kyres presented on behalf of the DGFA.

At the DGFA Annual General Meeting held on May 14th, 2025, members voted to register the DGFA as a formal non-profit organization. Members also voted in the new executive members for school year 2025-2026. Miranda O'Reilly was re-elected as President. Mary Kyres shall hold the position of Vice-President. Anthony Gifuni shall hold the position of Treasurer. Jen Duchesne shall hold the position of Secretary. In addition, three Members-at-large were elected.

The annual Fun Fair will take place after school on June 11th, 2025. DGFA is currently selling raffle tickets for a chance to win various prize packages. The prizes were donated by local businesses and Dunrae parents.

DGFA will also be offering iced treats to students on hot days in June.

7.3. PPO Report

No update.

7.4. Marketing Committee

Mme Noémie presented on behalf of the Marketing Committee.

On June 4th, 2025, Dunrae will host a Pre-school Student Orientation session.

7.5. Schoolyard Beautification Committee

Daniel Gervais presented on behalf of the Schoolyard Beautification Committee. Mr. Gervais obtained estimates from contractors to level the school yard, as well as to add pavers around the outdoor classroom. The estimates were very high, and the committee will continue exploring various options. There is approximately \$13,000 left in the school yard beautification fund.



8. Question Period

During Question Period, a parent expressed concerns regarding the misbehavior of certain Grade 3 students and inquired as to (i) the disciplinary actions taken, and (ii) the resources/support that would be offered to these classes next year. The Principal indicated that consequences were imposed that took into account the children's particular circumstances. The Principal also confirmed that there is an aide present in each class to assist the teacher and that neurodiversity workshops will be held.

*****Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes (Kelly Chatzis, Vanessa Contenta)**

Motion passes unanimously

9. Varia

There is a surplus of \$250 in the GB fund. The Principal requested that this money be used to purchase gift cards for Grade 6 students who will receive awards at the Graduation.

Motion to approve the use of GB surplus funds to purchase gifts for Grade 6 students as set forth above (Tina Lanni, Daniel Gervais)

Motion passes unanimously

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned (Tina Lanni, Daniel Gervais) at 8:41 pm by unanimous consent.

Approved by the GB on _____

Diana Theophilopoulos

Secretary

Alison Beck

Chair

Despina Michakis

Principal