



Dunrae Gardens (DG) Governing Board (GB)
Minutes for November 25, 2025

Attendance:

1. Noémie Battista
2. Alison Beck (Chair)
3. Melanie Carreira
4. Kelly Chatzis
5. Vanessa Contenta
6. Melissa Coussa-Charley
7. Victoria DeCicco – substitute
8. Daniel Gervais
9. Amel Hadjoudj
10. Paula Kilian (Commissioner)
11. Mary Kyres
12. Holly Kusiewicz (Principal)

Regrets:

1. Ashleigh Bond
2. Despina Kouremenos
3. Tina Lanni
4. Éric Pauzé

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The following modifications were proposed to the Agenda:

- Addition: Item 4.2.2 Holiday Raffle (for approval).

Motion to adopt the agenda (Mary Kyres, Kelly Chatzis)

Motion passes unanimously

3. Adoption of Minutes of October 28, 2025 Meeting

- Correction: Enrollment under Principal's Report updated to 341.
- Correction: Melanie Carreira's last name spelling.
- Correction: Field trips for grade two.



Motion to adopt the minutes (Melissa Coussa-Charley, Melanie Carreira)

Motion passes unanimously

4. Governing Board Operations

4.1. Education Report (Holly Kusiewicz)

- Overview of educational objectives and progress:
 - Mathematics proficiency increased from 61% to 71.8% (target for 2027 already exceeded).
 - English reading: Baseline 95%, slight drop in June 2025; new interventions in place.
 - English writing: 100% success rate.
 - French reading: Baseline 90%, current 91.9%.
 - French writing: 94.6% in June exam.
 - School climate: Bullying reduced from 33% to 29%; sense of belonging at 79%.
 - Parental engagement and digital competencies: Strong participation and ongoing professional development.
- No changes to objectives or strategies until 2027.

4.2. Fundraising Requests

Grad Committee Bake Sale (4.2.1) and Holiday Raffle (4.2.2) presented for approval

Motion to approve the Bake Sale and Holiday Raffle fundraisers (Mary Kyres, Vanessa Contena)

Motion passes unanimously

5. Reports

5.1. Principal's Report (presented by Principal Canale)

- Remembrance Day assembly with guest speakers.
- Grade 6 sustainability projects underway.
- Successful lockdown drill.
- Sun Youth collection ongoing; cards for seniors project.
- Launch of Wonder Works enrichment program for K-3.
- SPVM workshops for grades 5-6 on social media safety and high school transition.
- Sport Life program for grades 4-6.
- Upcoming events: Shakespeare Canada play (Dec 4), Open House (Dec 9), DG Got Talent (Dec 17), We Dance Troupe (Dec 16), Pancake Breakfast (Dec 16), Star of the Month assemblies, Fearlessly Kind Girl workshop for grades 2-5.
- Field Trips (presented by Noemie Battista)



- Added trips for cycle 2 (grades 3 & 4): Cosmodome (May 12 & 19), Parc Nationale des Iles de Boucherville (May 22 & 27).
- DG's Got Talent scheduled for December 17.

5.2. Commissioner's Report (Paula Kilian)

- November 11 meeting cancelled due to power outage; rescheduled for November 14.
- MEQ authorized EMSB to expand vocational education in carpentry at Lester B. Pearson High School.
- Budget approved; schools can operate.
- Commissioner unable to attend Open House due to board commitments.

5.3. Central Parents Committee Report (Daniel Gervais)

- Future meetings to be held in person at 7 PM.
- Parent Commission Literacy Award and scholarships not funded this year; alternatives being considered.
- Paula Kilian provided budget history and breakdown.

5.4. DGFA Report (Mary Kyres)

- Olive oil fundraiser and Christmas market underway; strong participation.
- Habs tickets raffle approved.
- All funds raised go back to student activities.

5.5. PPO Report (Vanessa Contenta)

- Discussion on parent registration for PPO via Google Form or assembly.
- Plan to clarify PPO's role to encourage parent involvement.

5.6. Marketing Committee (Noemie Battista)

- Open House preparations: brochures, booklets, social media, community outreach.
- Website updates and memorabilia for parents.

5.7. School Beautification Committee

- Paula Kilian outlined history and challenges of schoolyard beautification.
- Need for a community-driven plan and fundraising strategy.
- Daniel Gervais reported on playground concepts and cost estimates; awaiting city permits and board approval.

6. Question Period

- Inquiry about kindergarten graduation; to be discussed with preschool team.
- Clarification: Graduation is for K5 only, not K4.



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7. Varia

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned (Kelly Chatzis, Melanie Carreira) at 7:20 pm by unanimous consent.

Approved by the GB on _____

Melissa Coussa-Charley
Secretary

Alison Beck
Chair

Holly Kusiewicz
Principal