

**Bancroft Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 22nd 2025; 6:30 PM ET ONLINE**

**Meeting Details:**

**Format + Location:** ONLINE

**Invited Participants:**

**Governing Board Parents:** Yannick Riopel (Chair, EMSB Parent Committee Delegate), Veronica Reis, Jonathan Culm, Evita Macmillan (Secretary), Megan Jeannotte (Treasurer)

**Community Representative:** Reubens Ernest (Sun Youth representative)

**Bancroft Staff:** Gaetano Sifoni (Principal), Josie Sabelli (Teacher), Catherine Cyr (Teacher), Fernando Kucher (Teacher), Ian Mackenzie (Support Staff), Vanessa Krystal Giancioppi (Daycare), Christina DeSousa (Teacher)

**Commissioner:** Maria Corsi

**Agenda:**

**6:30 PM ET: Welcome and Good News**

**6:35 PM ET: Adoption of Today's Agenda.** Motioned by Mrs Josie, second by Mrs Catherine. Agenda approved.

**6:37 PM ET: Adoption of March 25th Meeting Minutes.** Motioned by Mrs Josie, second Jonathan. Approved by all.

**6:40 PM ET: Business Arising from the Minutes**

- ❖ Update on field trips and activities approved by email: Ped day April 28, collection drive.
- ❖ Air Conditioning in the school - PPO will help purchase some
- ❖ School yard improvement and safety around the school, letter to borough council. PPO and GB approved. Will send the email. Also Yannick started a petition to bring to the council, asking them to take our concerns and suggestions into consideration.
- ❖ Communication with Parents (GB to parents, school to parents) - haven't met with committee yet.
- ❖ GB budget and how to spend it - donation to PPO. Motion to approve by Mr Fernando, second Evita. All in agreement.

**7:12 PM ET: Reports**

- ❖ Chairperson Report - nothing to report
- ❖ Principal's Report:
  - Annual Grad trip - big success. Happy to support that tradition.
  - Fieldtrip grade 2 - cirque de Verdun (April 4) for Grade 2.
  - Les Amies de la Montagne presented a workshop for Grade 5 (April 8). Grade 5 also enjoyed a

field trip to an escape room (April 11).

-Bancroft was represented by two Grade 6 students(NeelaKrishnaswamy, Alexander Sieradzki) at the EMSB StorytellingFestival on April 10. They did a fantastic job!

We had our Zumbathon on April 15-16. Very much enjoyed by the whole school.

-Today (April 22) our students in Grades 3-6 enjoyed a "Holst the Planets" presentation, organized by Mr Francois - a game show style presentation and then enjoyed listening and watching a performance of the movements with popcorn handed by PPO.

-Looking forward to Science Fair on April 23. Parents invited at 2.30

-FSL exam begins for Grade 6 - April 24

-New ped day added on Election day (April 28)

❖ Teachers Report - Halo race coming up on May 8th

❖ GB Treasury - nothing to report

❖ Commissioner Reports:

-School board meeting March 18, next one end of Month.

- The Court of Appeals heard the case regarding Bill 40. The QESBA was successful in obtaining a declaration that several requirements are unconstitutional. In particular, the Court of Appeal concluded:

- Bill 40 severely limits the ability of members of the linguistic minority to choose the individuals who will act as its representatives. In a way, it neutralizes their right to choose their representatives.
- Funding must be the responsibility of minority language representatives and can no longer be micromanaged by the government,
- What is more, the Court firmly rejects, once again, the Government's argument that only parents with children presently in English schools are rightsholders pursuant to section 23 of the *Canadian Charter*.

-FACE was undergoing renovations. Government will no longer fund renovations. Elementary and highschool are now going to be separated.

❖ EMSB Parents Committee Report- will report at next meeting

❖ PPO Update - we discussed the letter on street safety, beautifying our school with adding murals and doing work outside at the yard. Discussing adding play structures for the children to enjoy. Discussion and planning on purchasing ACs.

## **7:50 PM ET: New Business**

❖ PPO Items

- Spring Fair, 5\$/person or 15\$/family. Bouncy castles. Motioned by Mrs Vanessa, second Mr Fernando. All in agreement.
- Asking 8,000\$ for the summer Carnival. There will be 4 stations.
- Asking for 1200\$ for hot lunch in June. Hot dogs, vegetarian and halal & juice boxes. Mrs Josie, second Mrs Vanessa.
- Asking 400\$ for gardening.

Motioned Mrs Vanessa, second Mrs Catherine. All in agreement.

❖ Daycare/PED Day Activities - nothing new to approve

❖ 2025-2026 Subject-time allocation - Mrs Vanessa moving to approve. Mrs Josie seconds. All in favor.

❖ 2025-2026 Calendar - Mrs Josie motioned to approve, Jonathan second. All in favor.

**8:25 PM ET: Recap Action Items and Next Meeting Date/Time**

❖ Proposed date and time for the next meeting: Next meeting Tuesday May 13th 2025.

❖ Next meeting to be Online

**7:30 PM ET: Meeting Adjourned**