

Bancroft Governing Board Meeting Agenda

May 13th 2025; 6:30 PM ET ONLINE

Meeting Details:

Format + Location: ONLINE

Members of the parent community that wish to attend must RSVP at least 24 hours in advance by contacting the school secretary.

Invited Participants: Governing Board Parents: Yannick Riopel (Chair, EMSB Parent Committee Delegate), Veronica Reis, Olivia Lecoufle (Vice Chair, EMSB Parent Committee Alternate), Jonathan Culm, Evita Macmillan (Secretary), Megan Jeannotte (Treasurer)

Governing Board Alternate: N/A

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

Attendees: Yannick Riopel, Veronica Reis, Jonathan Culm, Gaetano Sifoni, Fernando Kutcher, Vanessa Krystal Giancioppi, Cristina DeSousa

Regrets: Maria Corsi, Josie Sabelli, Olivia Lecoufle

Agenda:

6:30 PM ET: Welcome and Good News

6:35 PM ET: Adoption of Today's Agenda (2 mins)

6:37 PM ET: Adoption of April 22nd Meeting Minutes (3 mins)

6:40 PM ET: Business Arising from the Minutes

❖ Update on field trips and activities approved by email (2 mins)

None

❖ Air Conditioning in the school - Update (5 mins)

One AC was brought in today and put in the science room. If this one works well 2 more will be ordered.

❖ School yard improvement and safety around the school - Discussion (10 mins)

Veronica updates on what volunteers have been doing. Volunteers did work in the front yard, installing a border between the plants and the rocks as well as planting some plants and flowers with more to come. Volunteers also installed a bench in the north yard with 3 more to come. Volunteers started refreshing the paint in the north yard.

Question brought up by chair. Why do parents have to do this kind of work, shouldn't it be the school? Mr. Sifoni tells us this kind of work falls under building maintenance, and that budget is

already all used for the likes of snow removal.

Safety around the school will be discussed in the reports.

❖ Communication with Parents (GB to parents, school to parents) - Discussion (15 mins)

Nothing to discuss this month, item should be removed.

❖ Change of June GB meeting date - For Discussion and approval

June GB will be June 10th at 18h in-person. All in agreement

7:12 PM ET: Reports

❖ Chairperson Report (5 minutes)

❖ Principal's Report (8 minutes)

Grade 6 French exams done, English next week and math the week after. Halo race was a success, thank you Mr Fernando. On April 29th Veronica was honored as volunteer of distinction, thank you Veronica. A shelter, not lockdown, happened at Bancroft because of a prank call. The team provided support to kids as needed. SPVM reacted quickly.

❖ Teachers Report (5 minutes)

Mrs. Cristina reiterated the support student received following the shelter. Grade 2 released their butterflies, thank you Mrs. Cynthia. Mrs. Josie started the calendar alphabet for the 26 last days of school. Mr Fernando had a concussion workshop done for all his classes.

❖ GB Treasury (5 minutes)

Nothing to report

❖ Commissioner Reports (5 minutes)

The chair reads from the commissioner's email. Maria thanks volunteers. Veronica honored at the council of commissioners as well as a student, another volunteer and a lifetime achievement award were given out. Council adopted by-laws for the council meetings. Council approved a consultation to expand 3 outreach schools. Council approved the consultation for the 3 year plan. Government is requiring the adoption of a code of ethics. Resolution sent to education minister to keep the FACE school building

❖ EMSB Parents Committee Report (5 minutes)

Yannick updates on multiple issues. Ron and Yannick voiced concerns about road safety around the school at the conseil d'administration du plateau meeting in February. Members of the conseil then met with Mr. Sifoni. Reception to our questions on both occasions were not encouraging, the council members mentioning obstacles to change and no solutions. GB sent a letter to the members of the conseil including the burrow mayor. Yannick, Ron, Veronica and another parent went to the May council meeting to again reiterate our concerns to the same reception. Yannick emailed Mrs. Corsi to suggest involving the chair of the EMSB and/or the director general. The DG will seek a meeting with the city as there are multiple issues at many schools.

April 3rd PC meeting, 3 obsolete policies were rescinded. PC discussed bill 94 and the impacts on our schools. PC sent a 3rd letter to the EMSB administration requesting again EMSB email addresses for GBs. Multiple awards received throughout the EMSB community. 2,6 million\$ cuts coming to EMSB from government.

May 1st PC meeting. Outreach schools as mentioned above. Presentation on what EPCA does. Discussion on road safety. Accepted the 3 year plan. Discussion on the ban on cell phones.

❖ PPO Update (5 minutes)

Book fair is this week in different area of the school. Discussion on after school activities happening at the same time as daycare week activities and parents having to choose.

7:50 PM ET: New Business

❖ PPO Items - For Approval (2 mins)

Veronica asks for 2000\$ to use on ACs for the classrooms. Vanessa motions, Cristina seconds.

Veronica asks for 600\$ for watermelon, Lemonade and ice cream for the ABC calendar days. Vanessa motions, Jon seconds.

❖ Daycare/PED Day Activities - For Approval (2 mins)

Nothing to approve. Vanessa reports on daycare week and educators working hard to make it special. The week includes mad science, festilu, piri piri chicken, party with obstacle course, pet day, robotics, science, etc.

Daycare to have a report in the agenda next time.

❖ School Field Trips - For Approval (2 mins)

None

❖ 2024-2025 ABAV Action Plan End of Year summary

Mr Sifoni presents us the summary. Discussion on the cell phone ban coming.

❖ 2025-2026 Code of Conduct

Few changes from last year. GB approves with Veronica's modification to allow for sleeveless tops. Discussion on possibly having a school t-shirt for outings or gym t-shirt. Veronica motions, Jonathan seconds.

❖ 2025-2026 Lunch Fees

Lunch fees have not been increased in at least a decade and is low compared to other schools, some of which are well over 2\$ per day or even 3\$ in the french sector. Daycare right now manages by using CCWs to supplement monitors. A 25 cent per day increase would allow daycare to hire 1 to 1.5 new monitors depending on attendance and release CCWs to do their actual CCW work. Vote to increase daycare fees to 1.50\$ per day. Jonathan motions, Fernando seconds.

❖ 2025-2026 Hot Lunch Provider

Motion to keep Le Doral as provider Veronica, second Jonathan.

8:00 PM ET: Public Question Period

8:10 PM ET: Varia

❖ Phys ed t-shirt

Already discussed above.

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

❖ Proposed date and time for the next meeting: To be discussed.

June 10h at 6pm in person at school.

❖ Next meeting to be Online or In-Person - Vote

8:30 PM ET: Meeting Adjourned

Veronica motions, Vanessa seconds.