

# MINUTES

## Honoré Mercier Elementary School Governing Board

Monday, September 18, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. | Meeting called to order by Verena Garofalo

### In Attendance

Verena Garofalo (Chair)	X	Robert Panetta	X
Daniela Buttino	X	Merika Ramundo	X
Diego Di Stefano	X	Peter Tsatoumas	X
Lino Faratro	X	Saffiran Ali	X
Veronica Graniero	X	Giuseppe Fazzari	X
Andrew Martinez	X	Tonie Morena	X
Dykes Sabrina (Alternate)	X	Maria Scicchitano	XP
Sonia Ranellucci (Alternate)		Sally Behjoudi	XP
		Fabiana Ciacciarelli	XP
<b>Administration:</b>		<b>Commissioner, Ward 8:</b>	
Patrizia Tummillo-Principal	X	Mario Pietrangelo	R

X = Present

R = Regrets

XP = Present Public

**Assign minute-taking duties:** Saffiran Ali

**Assign time-keeper duties:** Robert Panetta

### 1. Additions to Agenda

1. Beautification Project
2. Website

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Motion to Approve: Giuseppe Fazzari and Saffiran Ali

**Motion Passed – Unanimously**

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### 3. Adoption of Minutes

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- a. Motion to adopt minutes: Merika Ramundo and Robert Panetta  
**Motion Passed – Unanimously**

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### 4. Nominations and vote

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Nominations and vote:

- a. Secretary: Saffiran Ali  
**Motion Passed:** Giuseppe Fazzari and Diego Di Stefano
- b. Treasurer: Giuseppe Fazzari  
**Motion Passed:** Andrew Martinez and Merika Ramundo
- c. Chair: Verena Garofalo  
**Motion Passed:** Andrew Martinez and Robert Pannetta

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### 5. Business Arising from minutes

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- a. Governing Board meetings rules of engagement/rules of conduct
- Verena went through the rules of engagement from the Governing Board Manual (<https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/community/parents/governing-boards>)
  - AN EXAMPLE OF RULES OF CONDUCT
    - Members of the Governing Board will:
    - Attend meetings regularly
    - Arrive on time
    - Advise the chairperson in advance if unable to attend
    - Raise their hand when they wish to speak
    - Wait for the chairperson to give permission to speak
    - Always address the chairperson when taking part in the discussion
    - Avoid speaking when someone else is speaking
    - Stay on the subject or motion being discussed
    - Keep their contribution to the discussion short and to the point
    - Avoid numerous interventions on the same topic
    - Be objective
    - Not be silent during the debate and then criticize after the meeting
    - Respect the right of others to express their opinions
    - Listen and speak politely
    - React to a point of view, never the person
    - Fully understand any proposal or report that is presented before voting
    - Once a decision is taken, support that decision
    - Be willing to participate in activities of the governing board
    - Respect all rules of procedure and guidelines for conduct
- b. Review + approval GB 2022-2023 Annual Report
- Approved by Robert Panetta and Merika Ramundo

c. Extracurricular activities - Fall/Winter

- Have a single communication near the start of the school year for parents that lists all extracurricular activities.
- Karate notice has been sent and starting Wednesday, Sept 27, 2023
- Académie de danse: The price is the same as in studio, supervision is needed: children are left alone. Communicated with Ms. Maria Scicchitano, she will get back to us concerning availabilities and cost.
- Red Cross and Enfants et compagnie: Chair (Verena Garofalo) will follow up.
- Level Hockey: The chair (Verena Garofalo) will follow up.

**Motion:** Have a single communication near the start of the school year to parents that lists extracurricular activity dates and prices for the first semester (September to January).

Motion: Verena Garofalo and Andrew Martinez

**Motion Passed – Unanimously (2023-06-19)**

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## 6. New Business

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a. Field Trips:

- Field trips (day trips) Approval by teachers

**Motion to Approve:** Merika Ramundo and Robert Panetta

**Motion Passed - Unanimously**

b. Graduation Hoodies:

- Permission to alter school logo for Grade 6

**Motion to Approve:** Merika Ramundo and Lino Faratro

**Motion Passed - Unanimously**

c. School Dress Code provider:

- FootZone as supplier for 2023-24 school year
- Great Quality
- Good service

**Motion to Approve:** Andrew Martinez and Peter Tsatoumas

**Motion Passed - Unanimously**



d. Promotion East-End Schools

- EMSB sending Pamela Pagano to help with promotion (website, community).
- Ms. Tummillo will have a meeting with Pamela on Friday Sept 22, 2023 (more details to come).
- Pamela will help with our Open House on November 30, 2023

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## 7. Varia

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- Beautification fund: Merika Ramundo inquired about the possibility of applying for funds from the EMSB beautification fund. Ms. Tummillo confirmed that the fund exists and that there is a submission process. Ms. Tummillo will email Governing Board members with more information about the fund.
- Website updates: Merika Ramundo mentioned that some content on the GB website was missing or out of date, including some minutes from 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Ms. Tummillo asked Merika to email Veronica and Verena with a listing of the information that required updating.
- Would it be possible for PELO to be offered as an after-school activity?
  - a. Ms. Tummillo will get back to us, if possible.
- Le Doral does not provide plastic utensils anymore.

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## 8. Principals' Report

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- a. Budget review
  - Ms. Tummillo will provide more details in November 2023
- b. School-wide
  - Picture Day: September 21, 2023
  - Sibling Pictures: September 22, 2023
  - Milk program starts: September 25, 2023
  - Curriculum night 2024: Next year it will be a week or two later than this year.
  - Orange Shirt Day: September 29
  - Attestation Day: September 29
  - Progress Reports: October 12
  - Open House: November 30

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## 9. Teachers' Report

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- a. HM Band, an after school extracurricular for students in grades 5 and 6, will start soon and go until June 2024. There will be a fee to participate and this will cover the instrument rental fees.
- b. Practices for Eva the Louse will start soon.
  - Students who auditioned and were chosen to participate were contacted at the end of the 2022/23 school year. These students paid a \$30 registration fee.
- c. Activities during lunch, ie: volleyball, will commence soon. More information to follow.

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## 10. Daycare Report

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- a. There is a shortage of staff and lunch monitors.

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#### 11. Home and School Report

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- a. First meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> (documents to register for the 2023-2024 H&S Association to be filled out by October 15<sup>th</sup>)
- b. Welcome day was a success! H&S provided the ice cream.

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#### 12. Treasurer's Report

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- a. New school year started: nothing to report

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#### 13. Commissioner's Report

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- a. N/A

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#### 14. Central Parents Committee Report

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Merika Ramundo reported:

- a. Letter drafted and submitted from EMSB Parents Committee to EMSB senior administration calling for immediate action to develop a plan around mental health initiatives to be implemented across the school board.
- b. PC Parent Commissioners brought forward a letter against the banning of raffles, bingos, 50/50 draws along with a motion. The motion to reinstate the above fundraising activities was passed as long as Home and Schools and PPOs follow the regulations laid out by the QC government and guidelines set out by EMSB and principals. More information to come.
- c. 2023-2024 will be a key year for EMSB schools and their communities. A board wide review of all educational projects will take place. Governing Board members and constituents will play a key role in this process. More information to come.

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#### 15. Next Governing Board Meeting Date(s)

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- October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 6:30 PM
- November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 6:30 PM
- December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 6:30 PM
- February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 6:30 PM
- March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 6:30 PM
- April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 6:30 PM
- May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 6:30 PM
- June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 6:30 PM

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#### 16. Questions

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- Discussed different extracurricular activities after school, such as music and art
- Question regarding enrollment. Ms. Tummillo reported that 290 students were enrolled at Honoré Mercier as of September 18.

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### 17. Adjournment

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- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.  
**Motion to Approve: Giuseppe Fazzari and Lino Faratro**  
**Motion Passed - Unanimously**



P. Tummillo, Principal



V. GAWFAZO



# MINUTES

## Honoré Mercier Governing Board

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 | Meeting called to order by Verena Garofalo

### In Attendance

Verena Garofalo	X	Robert Panetta	X
Daniela Buttino	X	Merika Ramundo	X
Nancy Cantini	X	Maria Scicchitano	X
Tony Campione	X	Peter Tsatoumas	X
Lisa Ida	X	Jennifer Uniat	X
Veronica Graniero	X	Lino Faratro (Alternate)	X
Angelo Irrera	X	Sonia Ranellucci (Alternate)	X
Andrew Martinez	X	Diego Di Stefano, Stephanie Rossy, Aileen Montesclaros, Emily Rodi, Jessica Triassi, Réal Heppelle, Mrs. Faratro	X
<b>Administration:</b>		<b>Commissioner, Ward 8:</b>	
Sonia Marotta, Principal	X	Mario Pietrangelo	R

X = present

R=Regrets

### Governing Board Elections

#### 2.1 Election of 4 members

The following four members were elected by parents present to serve on Honoré Mercier's governing board:

- Verena Garofalo
- Angelo Irrera
- Robert Panetta
- Merika Ramundo

GB members voted to name positions to the board. Following the vote, returning member Tony Campione nominated Verena Garofalo as chair. She was appointed by acclamation. It was decided by the parent members that secretarial duties (i.e. minute-taking) alternate among all GB parent members. The makeup of the board for the 2022-2023 year is as follows:

- Verena Garofalo, Chair
- Tony Campione, Central Parents Committee, Alternate Representative
- Lisa Ida, Member-at-Large
- Angelo Irrera, Treasurer
- Robert Panetta, Member-at-Large
- Merika Ramundo, Central Parents Committee Representative
- Jennifer Uniat, Member-at-Large

## 2.2 Election of 2 substitutes

The following two parents were elected to serve as alternates:

- Lino Faratro
- Sonia Ranellucci

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## Approval of Meeting Agenda

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- Motion to approve the agenda called by Robert Panetta, seconded by Angelo Irrera. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

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## Approval of June 2022 Meeting Minutes

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- Motion to approve the June 2022 meeting minutes called by Veronica Graniero, seconded by Robert Panetta. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

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## Principal's Report

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- Big thank you to Nancy Cantini and Maria Scicchitano for incredible leadership of Home and School, particularly during the COVID period and most recently for the organization of Welcome Day.
- A second big thank you to Daniela Buttino, Veronica Graniero, Andrew Martinez, and Peter Tsatoumas for going beyond the call in helping to organize the day "Os".
- APPROVALS:

1. Extra-curricular activities:

- a. **Next Level Hockey:** Very successful program last year organized by HM alumni Michael Buonincontri. Tony Campione mentioned that the participation rate was high at approximately 27 participants. The arena area was a little tight for certain types of drills. Tony inquired about Next Level's exclusivity status with Honoré Mercier. Miss Marotta clarified that the exclusivity was linked to the pilot project. Other east-end schools have now started their own programs with Next Level. Merika Ramundo inquired about the price point and whether there might be an opportunity to be more inclusive and offer bursaries or rebates for those who cannot afford to participate. Ms. Marotta said she would inquire about this. Ms. Marotta reported a price increase – from \$700 to \$850.

**Motion to approve the programming of Next Level Hockey called by Robert Panetta, seconded by Peter Tsatoumas. Abstentions: Merika Ramundo. Motion carried.**

- b. **Pelo:** Three Italian teachers are offering Pelo courses in Italian at lunchtime. Grades 1-5 programmed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. Grade 6 programmed on Thursdays. 18 children have signed up in grade 6. Set to begin October 11.

**Motion to approve the programming of Pelo called by Tony Campione, seconded by Robert Panetta. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.**

- c. **EducAction:** EducAction is once again set to roll out extra-curricular activities at Honoré Mercier School. Programming has not been set yet and depends on spaces and EducAction educators available. Verena inquired about the programming selection process and if new/different activities would be planned for this year. Many current offerings have been programmed before and changing activities would keep enrollment for these great sessions high.

**Motion to approve the programming of EduAction called by Tony Campione, seconded by Veronica Graniero. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.**



- d. **DiBella Karate:** Verena Garofalo mentioned that the belt progression process for DiBella was not clear. Daniela clarified that prior to COVID the process was sent to parents via a letter and that children need to go to the DiBella school for testing.

**Motion to approve the programming of DiBella Karate called by Tony Campione, seconded by Veronica Graniero. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.**

- e. **CodeU Coding Bootcamp:** Representative Eran Troshani spoke to the GB (site: codeu.ca). CodeU is an organization that offers coding services to schools in Montreal and to kids all around North America. Program run by students from Montreal universities. Eran presented the group with a proposal. Proposal: 2-month Python coding program for students of Grades 5-6. The BootCamp will be split into 8 classes, 1 class per week, for a total of 2 months. Each class will last 1h30, including a 15 break to give students some time to cool off. Essentially, the class will take place in Honoré Mercier's computer lab, so the students have access to a computer. The BootCamp would start in early to mid-October and end in early to mid-December. Cost: \$190
- f. **L'Academie de Danse for grades 4-5-6 :** Representative Melanie Hattem proposed a Hip-Hop dance program that could start on Thursday October 13, 2022 and end on Thursday December 15, 2022. Classes would take place on Thursdays at HM. They could run 1 day/week (Thursdays) from 3-4PM. Rate: \$185.00 plus tax.

**Motion for governing board to review extra-curricular offerings A, B, C, and D for the 2023-2024 academic year at the June 2023 Governing Board meeting and receive pricing and programming information prior to the approval process called by Merika Ramundo, seconded by Tony Campione. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.**

**Addendum: The Governing Board met virtually on October 12 to review two more extra-curricular activities, items E and F. Motion to approve CodeU and L'Academie de dance extracurricular activities called by Robert Pannetta, seconded by Tony Campione. Approved by all but one GB member.**

## **2. Field Trips:**

- a. **Cross Country (October 6):** For grades 4-6. A difficult course, takes place on Mount Royal, competitive in nature. Grade 4 and 5 participate to prepare students for grade 6 race for banner.
- b. **Holocaust Museum (November 16):** For grade 6 students.
- c. **Maison Symphonique (February 1):** For grades 5-6 students. "Music and Math"
- d. **Maison Symphonique (March 23):** For grades 3-4 students. "Pinocchio"

**Motion to approve the Cross Country, Holocaust Museum, Maison Symphonique "Music and Math", Maison Symphonique "Pinocchio" field trips called by Robert Panetta, seconded by Tony Campione. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.**

- Recap on the sub-committee on enrollment:
  1. Marketing and educational sub-committee struck last June to brainstorm and come up with short and long goals to address low enrollment numbers and promote Honoré Mercier.



2. In June 2022, robotics and STEAM specialists were brought in to give professional development sessions to teachers. Money from the government in the form of "Director Days" could allow for more PD opportunities in these areas. Release time could be approved for visits by consultants.
3. Focus on STEAM and robotics exclusively. HM has the equipment.
4. Teachers were surveyed and administration and consultants are presently reviewing results and needs.
5. A concern that was brought forward is that teachers do not have enough time to work with their partners on building projects. Time from staff meetings will be allocated to address this need. Consultants will be attending some of these meetings.

Verena Garofalo commented that this is great progress and inquired when the initiatives might begin. Ms. Marotta responded that initiatives would likely begin next year as teachers are in training mode. Melissa Mazzotta is working with third-party supplier Youth Fusion on an unrelated project but HM could bring Youth Fusion in again in the future.

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## Teachers' Report

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- **Music Report:**

1. Veronica Graniero reports that music is off to a great start.
2. HM will once again be part of the CBC music competition. Grades 5 and 6 will be singing Oublie-Moi by Coeur de Pirate.
3. Proposing a new after school program – BAND. Veronica Graniero would lead this program and guests would be invited to give special sessions. Open to grades 5 and 6 first. Enrollment minimum: 20, maximum: 30. Program will be open to grade 4 if the minimum numbers are not met. Program will run every Tuesday and Thursday after school from 2:45-4pm from October 11, 2022 to June 2023. Participants will perform songs at the end of the year concert. No experience is required. Four instruments for students to choose from. Cost: \$250/student for the whole year. Payment plan available. Waiver form be filled out in case goods get damaged. Instruments rented by Twig Music.

**Motion to approve BAND after-school program called by Robert Panetta, seconded by Jennifer Uniat. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.**

- **Physical Education Report:**

1. Andrew Martinez reported that students from pre-K to grade 6 are currently participating in gymnastics.
2. After gymnastics grades 3-6 will also be playing Volleyball and team sports. Pre-K to grade 2 will be working on manipulation (objects and no objects).
3. Lunchtime activities, namely basketball and volleyball, will once again be programmed for grades 5 and 6. The reason cycle 3 students participate is because the GMAA programs tournaments for these grades over the school year.
4. Younger children will also take part in structured play. Physical education teachers will be working with Daniela Buttino on this initiative.
5. Mr. Peter Tsatoumas reports that grades 1-6 continue to take Health classes 30 minutes per week and that groups may go outside.
6. The department is looking to bring third party suppliers like Kangoo for different activities but the labour shortage is an obstacle.

**Other teacher-led projects:**

7. Madame Marianna (grade 5): Battery collection contest. Batteries must be individually wrapped and can be brought in over the course of the year.
8. Ms. Toni (grade 5, project school-wide): Project on acceptance and diversity. More information to come.

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## Daycare Report

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- Daniel Buttino reported that 142 students are registered for daycare and 55 participate sporadically.



- Lunchtime activities will once again be programmed:
  1. Cooking classes: each grade will take part.
  2. Green Club: Hydroponic system managed by grade 4s.
  3. Knitting Club
  4. Photo Club
  5. Library, Computer Lab and Gym will also be used. Pre-K and K use the gym 30 minutes per day, 4 days/week.
- Prices have gone up from \$8.55 to \$8.95.
- Daycare is open during the provincial elections, but parents are encouraged to keep children home if possible because children are relegated to the library and daycare room.

## Home and School Report

- Maria Scicchitano and Nancy Cantini reported on upcoming fundraisers and requested APPROVALS for:
  1. Chocolate fundraiser:
    - Laura Secord chocolate bars. Nut-free. \$3 per bar. ROI about 55%.
    - Pre-K to grade 5: money raised goes towards activities and resources that improve the school like library shelves, equipment, furniture, etc.
    - Grade 6 funds will go towards grad and related activities
    - No one is obliged to sell chocolates. Letter sent to parents. If parents don't want boxes, they are to email H&S.
    - Cheques preferred.

**Motion to approve chocolate fundraiser called by Robert Panetta, seconded by Jennifer Uniat. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.**

2. TCBY fundraiser:
  - Ongoing fundraiser held throughout the year.
  - Students buy TCBY cups at lunch. Vanilla, chocolate, sorbet options.
  - Funds go to general needs for the school.

**Motion to approve TCBY fundraiser called by Jennifer Uniat, seconded by Merika Ramundo. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.**

3. Walk for CMT (Charcot-Marie-Tooth):
  - School-wide walk held Friday, October 7 to raise funds for CMT.
  - HM community member has been affected by the disorder and is doing a virtual walk for CMT on October 15.
  - Dress down day on walk day, toonie or loonie donations accepted. All funds to go to CIBD.
  - Tony Campione suggested that walkers walk around the neighbourhood to other schools and get SPVM involved.
4. Grade 6 fundraisers
  - Ornaments to be sold at lunchtime and at the parent-teacher conference
  - Bake sale to be held during the parent-teacher conference
5. Brianna's Fight the Fight Toy Drive
  - Sciascia family would like to hold the "Fight The Fight" toy drive in honor of their Daughter Brianna Sciascia.
  - Toy Drive from October until November 20, 2022.



- Monetary donations are accepted as well. Donation a gift card for the amount collected given to the Hematology/Oncology floor for any activities the Child Life Services department would like to program.

**Motion to approve CMT fundraiser called by Robert Panetta, seconded by Andrew Martinez. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.**

**Addendum: The HM Governing Board voted online on October 11 to approve fundraiser #4. The HM Governing Board also met virtually on October 12 to discuss and vote on fundraiser #5. Motion to approve Toy Drive fundraiser called by Robert Panetta, seconded by Tony Campione. Approved by all but one GB member.**

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#### Treasurer's Report

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- Angelo Irrera reported that there is a carry over of about \$900 from past years.
- These funds could be used for refreshments.

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#### Next Governing Board Meeting Date(s)

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- The following meeting dates were proposed:
  1. Wednesday, October 26 at 6 PM at Honore Mercier School
  2. Wednesday, November 23 at 6 PM at Honore Mercier School
  3. Monday, December 12 at 6 PM Honore Mercier School

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#### Question Period/Varia

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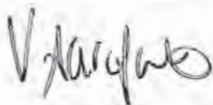
- Angelo Irrera inquired about enrollment numbers for this year. Ms. Marotta reported that 312 or 317 students were currently enrolled.
- Parent inquired about the letter of support that the GB was to send to the EMSB in June 2022 regarding the low enrollment petition of concern from the community. Tony Campione reported that the letter was signed and sent by him on behalf of the GB and chair. Tony met with Pela Nickoletopoulos, Assistant Director General and Jimmy Giannacopoulos, Regional Director at the EMSB. They mentioned that the EMSB can help to bring in resources for teachers but that changing the vision/program of the school would be difficult and take 4-6 years minimum. This change would need to be approved by the government and the EMSB would have to retrain staff. The best route would be to focus on advertising/promoting what make HM stand out.
- Parent asked if the committee on enrollment is a standing committee and would continue their work this year. Verena responded positively. The committee is meeting soon. Ms. Marotta clarified that the committee is made up of 3 GB parent members and 3 teachers.
- Parent suggested that HM highlight great initiatives like Band or basketball by programming special events like a concert in the park or a parents vs. kids game at Delorme Park. These events would be filmed and shared on social media. Students could also take part in robotics and band competitions.
- Merika Ramundo inquired about Open House for this year. It is being held on November 10.

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#### Adjournment

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- Motion to adjourn was made at 9:45 PM by Robert Panetta, seconded by Veronica Graniero. Passed unanimously.





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### In Attendance

Verena Garofalo (Chair)	X	Robert Panetta	X
Daniela Buttino	X	Merika Ramundo	X
Diego Di Stefano	X	Peter Tsatoumas	
Lino Faratro	X	Saffiran Ali	X
Veronica Graniero	X	Giuseppe Fazzari	X
Tonie Morena	X	Andrew Martinez	X
Dykes Sabrina (Alternate)	R	Sonia Ranellucci (Alternate)	R
		Arianna Holowka	XP
		Sally Behjoudi	XP
Andrew Martinez	X	Giuseppe Fazzari	X
<b>Administration:</b>		<b>Commissioner, Ward 8:</b>	
Patrizia Tummillio-Principal	X	Mario Pietrangelo	R

X = Present

R = Regrets

XP = Present Public

**Assign minute-taking duties:** Saffiran Ali

**Assign time-keeper duties:** Robert Panetta

### 1. Additions to Agenda

- BAND

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

- **Motion to approve the meeting agenda:** Merika Ramundo, seconded by Lino Faratro

**Motion Passed – Unanimously**

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### **3. Adoption of Minutes**

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- **Motion to adopt minutes from the September 2023 meeting:** Robert Panetta, seconded by Lino Faratro  
**Motion Passed – Unanimously**

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### **4. Business Arising**

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#### 4.1 PELO:

- PELO is not offered after school as staff is not available and other activities are already scheduled. Ms. Tummillo reported that PELO has started.
- **Motion to approve: PELO to be offered to Honoré Mercier students during lunch time:** Merika Ramundo, seconded by Peter Tsatoumas, **Motion Passed – Unanimously**

#### 4.2 After School Activities:

- Enfants et compagnie:
  - Provided a long list (including baby sitting/ First Aid for 11 years old +).
  - Verena Garofalo will provide a list of recommended activities to Ms. Tummillo and the GB.
  - Goal is to offer at least a 6-week session this term.
- Next level hockey:
  - After conversations with the EMSB, we have been informed that NLH will no longer be a EMSB ECA provider.

#### 4.3 Budget:

- No details to provide at this time.

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### **5. Principals' Report**

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- School-wide
  - We held our first Virtue of the Month assembly – this was focused on “gratitude”.
  - Next month will be on “kindness”
  - Pamela Pagano has started helping promote the school on social media. She will also focus a campaign on promoting HM’s Open House on November 30, 2023
  - Progress reports are available on Mosaik as of October 12, 2023
  - Orange t-shirt day was on September 29, 2023.

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### **6. Teachers' Report**

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#### 6.1 Music:

- Band practice has started – it is after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays until June 2024
- Eva the Louse practice has started – every Monday at lunch – and it’s going very well.



## 6.2 Physical Education:

- Started volleyball this week
- Participated in the cross country run at Mont-Royal with selected students from Grade 4-5-6. Kids had a great time.

## 6.3 Home room:

- Report cards are coming up and there is a lot of evaluation work. Term 2 begins shortly.

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## 7. Daycare Report

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- 120 kids are registered
- Started after-school activities with daycare students, at no extra charge to parents:
  - Soccer on Mondays
  - Mad Science on Thursdays for Grades 4-5-6
  - Dance will start December 4<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten & Grade 1

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## 8. Central Parents Committee Report

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- Enrollment sub-committee at the EMSB Parents Committee was established in order to discuss enrollment issues and how schools can best market their schools to increase enrollment. Parent Commissioner Maria Corsi offered to attend a GB meeting to answer questions or help brainstorm ideas on enrollment in east end schools.

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## 9. Treasurer's Report

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- New school year started: nothing to report

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## 10. Commissioner's Report

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N/A

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## 11. Home and School Report

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- Next meeting is coming up in November.
- Chocolates were sent out in time for Thanksgiving weekend.
- Halloween meeting coming up to discuss details around the HM Haunted House

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## 12. New Business Arising

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### 12.1 Educational Project consultation with HM GB:

- Very formal process this year. Will include a survey sent to all parents. Questions are not known yet.
- Possibility for parents to complete questionnaire during Parent/Teacher Interviews on November 23.
- Governing Board members discussed meeting before the survey distribution so we can discuss the questions.

#### 12.2 This is a negotiation year for teachers:

- Teachers voted in favour of striking.
- A strike notification will be sent out ahead of time.

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### 13. Varia

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#### 13.1 Honoré Mercier Band:

- Practice is Tuesday and Thursdays, 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for grade 5 and 6 students.
- Practices run until June 2024, exact date TBC
- The fee to participate in HM Band is 260\$ student – this is \$10 more than last year, due to inflation. This price covers the instrument rentals and music books.
- **Motion to approve the fee per student to participate in HM Band:** Robert Panetta, seconded by Giuseppe Fazzari, **Motion Passed - Unanimously**

#### 13.2 Grade 6 (Field Trip)

- Winter Camp: for Grade 6 students February 7-8-9, 2024. Additional information will be provided at a later date.
- This is an overnight trip and the preliminary cost per student is \$275 + tax. The cost of the transportation will be added when confirmed.
- **Motion to approve the preliminary cost per student for the grade 6 trip:** Lino Faratro, seconded by Diego Di Stefano, **Motion Passed - Unanimously**

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### 14. Next Governing Board Meeting Dates

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- November 13, 2023, 6:30 PM
- December 11, 2023, 6:30 PM
- February 5, 2024, 6:30 PM
- March 18, 2024, 6:30 PM

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### 15. Questions

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15.1 Discussion regarding the recent complaints and remarks by a HM parent posted on social media. GB members are concerned about the false allegations towards our school and staff.

- **Motion** to call on EMSB senior administration team to consult their legal counsel about these incidents and to come back to the Governing Board with options for recourse within the next 10 days.



- **Motion to approve:** Diego Di Stefano, seconded by Robert Panetta, **Motion Passed, Unanimously**

15.2 Discussion regarding increasing transparency for fundraisers brought to GB board meeting for approval. In the past details on fundraising goals, budgets and projections were not shared with GB. Group encouraged to ask clarifying questions and seek more information regarding these requests before approving.

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## 16. Adjournment

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- Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:05 pm
- **Motion to approve:** Andrew Martinez, seconded by Giuseppe Fazzari, **Motion Passed, Unanimously**



P. Tummito, Principal



V. GAROFALO

# MINUTES

## Honoré Mercier Elementary School Governing Board

Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 6:30PM | Meeting called to order by Verena Garofalo

### In Attendance

Verena Garofalo (Chair)	X	Robert Panetta	R
Daniela Buttino	X	Merika Ramundo	X
Diego Di Stefano	X	Peter Tsatoumas	X
Lino Faratro	X	Saffiran Ali	R
Veronica Graniero	X	Dykes Sabrina (Alternate)	X
Tonie Morena	X	Sonia Ranellucci (Alternate)	X
Andrew Martinez	R	Giuseppe Fazzari	R
Mary Baccari	XP	Arianna Holowka	XP
Nancy Cantini	XP	Sally Behjoudi	XP
Patrizia Tummillo-Principal	X	Mario Pietrangelo	X

X = Present

R = Regrets

XP = Present Public

**Assign minute-taking duties:** Merika Ramundo

**Assign time-keeper duties:** n/a

### 1. Additions to Agenda

14.1 Educational Plan Survey

14.2 GB Training Workshop

14.3 Beautification Funds

14.4 Lead & Water Filtration Question

14.5 Concert motion / art show idea

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Motion to Approve: Veronica Graniero. Seconded by: Sonia Ranellucci

**Motion Passed – Unanimously**



- EMSB teachers and support personnel will be on a general strike November 21-22-23. The calendar was changed to reflect the strike action.

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## 6. Teachers' Report

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Veronica Graniero:

- Volleyball invitational at LMAC on November 20.
- Music concert will be held on December 20. Times to be confirmed later. Donations will be collected at the door.
- Excited to meet all parents during parent-teacher night.
- Congratulations to our grade 6 girls cross country team – they came in third place overall!

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## 7. Daycare Report

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- No budget received yet.
- Daycare will be open on Monday, November 20 and Friday, November 24.
- After school activities have started. Cooking classes will begin in January.

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## 8. Central Parents Committee Report

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Merika Ramundo reported:

- Certificate of eligibility: Parents Committee is seeking clarity on issues related to accessing English eligibility certificates. The perception is that you forfeit your right to English eligibility if you send your children to French school. More information to come.
- Donations: Reminder that community members, like parents, CAN solicit corporate donations. Tax receipts can be issued, and parents are to work with EMSB senior administration and their principal to process the donation.
- Clarification from Regional Director Jimmy Giannacopoulos, at the EMSB that Governing Boards can use the yearly allotment of \$250 towards marketing initiatives like social media advertising.
- EMSB marketing guide for principals: Parent Commissioner Maria Corsi reminded the committee that Michael Cohen who heads up EMSB communications developed a guide for principals on how to market their schools to the community. All principals should have access to this guide.
- General Communications: Larger discussion with PC members on marketing of schools. Website improvements were brought up and the EMSB administration mentioned that a website/migration/redesign process across the system was underway.
- Transco strike: No news on a resolution concerning the bus strike.
- At the end of October the QC government unveiled \$30 million program to prevent school violence. <https://montrealgazette.com/news/quebec/quebec-unveils-30-million-program-to-prevent-school-violence>

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## 9. Treasurer's Report

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Nothing to report.



- + section 28 is a gender equality clause
- There was a 240-page judgement – in which the EMSB won however, the Government appealed before even reading judgement in April 2023
- A judgement on the appeal should be set in the next few months
- If we win again, this will likely go to the Supreme Court

#### Bill 96

- This is a new language bill which would change French language charter
- EMSB is fighting this Bill based on:
  1. We want to maintain the right to manage and control how we function as a school board
    - ex: Parent/teacher communications, school emails, teacher trainings, notes home, etc would have to be in French.
  2. Bilingual court filings
  3. Unilateral update to the Constitution
    - EMSB sought an injunction and should have the ruling soon
    - While French is official language in Quebec, constitutionally, all laws are required to pass in both languages – the National Assembly is bilingual.

13.2 Yoga 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser: Nadia Ramundo, an HM alumni has volunteered to give 19 yoga sessions for the community with all funds going towards grade 6 activities. The drop-in sessions would be held on Wednesdays in the school gym from 7-8 pm. Price: \$10 per person, per session. At March 18, 2024 GB meeting we will revisit how the sessions are going and if we want to cap the funds raised for grade 6 to a determined amount and direct overflow funds to general school needs. **Motion to approve the fundraiser: Sabrina Dykes. Seconded by: Lino Faratro. Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

13.3 Food and Gift Card Holiday Guide: HM School administration would like to run a food/grocery store gift card holiday drive. All food, gift cards, canned goods to be donated to St. Brendan's Church. **Motion to approve the fundraiser: Diego Di Stefano. Seconded by: Veronica Graniero. Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

13.4 Sox-In-A-Box campaign: As was done before, numerous schools across the EMSB are participating in the collection of socks. The motion proposed relates to the collection of socks only. An e-vote will take place should grade 5/6 students be invited to go to another school to wrap the socks. **Motion to approve the fundraiser: Diego Di Stefano. Seconded by: Lino Faratro. Motion Passed – Unanimously.**

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#### 14. Varia

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14.1 Educational Plan Survey: Principal Tummillio reported that a survey to parents and GB members would be distributed at parent-teacher night. Feedback will be gathered from different groups and compiled. More information to come.

14.2 GB Training Workshop: The EMSB is offering a special training session for governing board members on governance and the role of the school governing board. The session is on November 30 from 7-8pm. It coincides with the HM Open House that runs from 6-8pm.

14.3 Beautification Funds: Principal Tummillio reported that administrators have yet to receive the call for proposals for the beautification fund.



ball hockey and 14 children are participating in jewelry making. In 2024, babysitting and first aid classes are being planned for 11+ year olds. Other activities will also be planned. More information to come.

4. FYI There is a water filtration museum in Laval. It is run by a not-for-profit and is free for schools.

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### 17. Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:55 pm

**Motion to Approve:** Veronica Graniero and Lino Faratro

**Motion Passed - Unanimously**



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P. Tummillo, Principal



V. GRANIERO

# MINUTES

## Honoré Mercier Elementary School Governing Board

Monday, February 5, 2024 @ 6:30PM | Meeting called to order by Verena Garofalo

### In Attendance

Verena Garofalo (Chair)	X	Robert Panetta	R
Daniela Buttino	R	Merika Ramundo	X
Diego Di Stefano	X	Maria Scicchitano	R
Lino Faratro	X	Peter Tsatoumas	R
Veronica Graniero	X	Saffiran Ali	X
Tonie Morena	X	Dykes Sabrina (Alternate)	R
Mary Baccari	X	Sonia Ranellucci (Alternate)	X
		Arianna Holowka	XP
		Sally Behjoudi	XP
Andrew Martinez	X	Giuseppe Fazzari	X
Patrizia Tummillo-Principal	X	Mario Pietrangelo	R

X = Present

R = Regrets

XP = Present Public

**Assign minute-taking duties:** Saffiran Ali

**Assign time-keeper duties:** N/A

### 1. Additions to Agenda

- a. Motion to Approve: Lino Faratro. Seconded by: Diego Di Stefano

**Motion Passed – Unanimously**



**Motion to Approve:** Giuseppe Fazzari. Seconded by Merika Ramundo.

**Motion Passed – Unanimously**

**\*\*\* BUDGET REVIEW\*\*\***

- Ms. Tummillo went over the budget with great detail.

**Motion to Approve:** Giuseppe Fazzari. Seconded by Andrew Martinez.

4.5 ABAV-Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Action Plan:

Veronica Graniero presented the plan in great detail.

**Motion to Approve:** Lino Faratro. Seconded by Sonia Ranellucci. **Motion Passed – Unanimously**

Fundraiser approvals:

4.6.1: Saint Viateur bagels- we pay 6.00\$ (per ½ dozen) and 50% of the sales go back to HM.

4.6.2: Raffle tickets: Grade 6 grad. More details to follow.

4.6.3: Cookie dough: Grade 6 grad. More details to follow.

All funds raised will go to support the Grade 6 graduation: yearbook/ decoration/ D.J/ photobooth/photographer.

10% of each fundraisers goes back to the school.

**Motion to Approve:** Lino Faratro. Seconded by Diego Di Stefano. **Motion Passed – Unanimously**

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## 5. Principals' Report

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- Games room update: karaoke machine received.
- Mobile smart board in the gym will arrive soon.
- We have a librarian ready to start Feb 12, 2024 (Joanne)
- Secretary has been replaced full time.
- Bus safety: The circulation police officer has confirmed that our drop off and pick up zones are not safe. More details will follow.
- Positive enrollment for the 2024-25 year. We will have 2 classes of k students.

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## 6. Teachers' Report

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N/A- Tabled

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## 7. Daycare Report

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N/A- Mrs. Buttino not present

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## 8. Central Parents Committee Report

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16. Questions

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N/A

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17. Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn the meeting 10:20 pm

**Motion to Approve:** Veronica Graniero. Seconded by Ms. Morena. **Motion Passed - Unanimously**

V. Graniero  
V. GRANIERO

  
P. Tuamillo, Principal



# MINUTES

## Honoré Mercier Elementary School Governing Board

Monday, March 18, 2024 @ 6:30PM | Meeting called to order by Verena Garofalo

### In Attendance

Verena Garofalo (Chair)	X	Robert Panetta	R
Daniela Buttino	X	Merika Ramundo	X
Diego Di Stefano	X	Peter Tsatoumas	X
Lino Faratro	R	Saffiran Ali	R
Veronica Graniero	X	Dykes Sabrina (Alternate)	R
Tonie Morena	X	Sonia Ranellucci (Alternate)	R
Andrew Martinez	X	Giuseppe Fazzari	X
Mary Baccari	XP	Lucy C.	XP
Terri Spadafora	XP	Sally Behjoudi	XP
Nancy Cantini	XP	Mario Pietrangelo	R
Patrizia Tummillo-Principal	X		

X = Present / R = Regrets / XP = Present Public

**Assign minute-taking duties:** Merika Ramundo

**Assign time-keeper duties:** Robert Panetta

### 1. Additions to Agenda

14.1 Extracurricular activities plan for spring season

14.2 Ventilation system status

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Motion to Approve: Merika Ramundo. Seconded by: Joey Fazzari

**Motion Passed – Unanimously**

### 3. Adoption of Minutes

- a. Approval of minutes tabled to an e-vote at a future date.

- Pre-K and K classes received a grant to work with artist Raquel Ribera. More information on the project to come.
- Madame Annie and Madame Christine continue to work on their shadow puppet project.
- This Friday, March 22 marks the end of PELO classes for the year.
- Grade 6 transition classes with Sharon Klar have started and will run Mon-Thurs over two weeks.
- Grades 5 and 6 students will take part in the local storytelling event on March 25. Two students will be asked to take part in a board-wide event hosted at HM on April 4.
- 25 projects were presented at this year's Science Fair. Kudos to Madame Elisa and Miss Angela for organizing.
- Honey sale will take place once again this year. Each jar is \$10 and parents are asked to place the funds in an envelope with their child's name and room number.

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## 7. Daycare Report

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- Year winding down.
- Parents should have received information for their tax returns.
- Mosaic is being opened soon for next year's daycare registration.
- Daycare week will be held from May 13-17. Each class will have something special to show parents.

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## 8. Central Parents Committee Report

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Nothing to report.

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## 9. Treasurer's Report

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The budget status was sent to GB members. Available funds: \$403.

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## 10. Commissioner's Report

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Mr. Pietrangelo sent his regrets.

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## 11. Home and School Report

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599 half dozen bagels were ordered for the grade 6 bagel fundraiser. Bagels will be distributed this Thursday. 10% of the funds will go towards general HM activities.

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## 12. Email approvals

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Nothing to report.

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## 13. New Business Overview

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13.1 Honey Sale: As part of the bee project organized by grade 5, 100 jars of honey will be for sale to parents at \$10/jar. Five students designed labels that will be featured on the jars. Funds go towards



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## 15. Next Governing Board Meeting Dates

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- April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:30 PM
- May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:30 PM
- June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:30 PM

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## 16. Questions

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1. Question from Lucy: The minutes from this year are not accessible on the website. Will they be available soon?

Principal Tummillo reported that technical services at the EMSB has been working on a website upgrade and the current instance of the site is a "dummy" site therefore an older version of the site is live. Principal Tummillo will request that changes be expedited, and that the new version of the site go live as soon as possible. as they do not have an EMSB account and are considered volunteers.

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## 17. Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn the meeting 8:45 pm

**Motion to Approve:** Robert Panetta and Diego Di Stefano

**Motion Passed - Unanimously**

V. Garofalo  
V. Garofalo

P. Tummillo  
P. Tummillo

# Minutes

## Honoré Mercier Governing Board

April 2, 2024 | Email Approval

### Governing Board Approval

Motion to approve the following extracurricular activities for the Spring session:

**1. Activities offered by Enfant et compagnie:**

- 6-week session starting Monday, April 22

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Gym	Soccer Grades:1-2-3 Price: \$85			Cosom Hockey Grades: 4-6 Price: \$90	
Classroom	Spring Creativity Studio Grades: pk-6 Price: \$100	Kid Chef: Cake Decorating Grades: pk-6 Price: \$100		Slimetastic! Grades: pk-4 Price: \$95	Chemistry Grades: 4-6 Price: \$70 <b>see below for additional information</b>

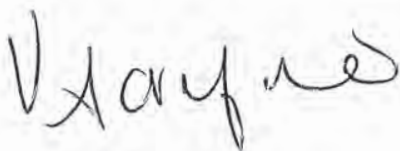
**2. First Aid/Babysitting (7 hours - April 19th) offered by Enfant et compagnie:**

- The cost is 65\$ per participant and it is for children aged 11 or 12 in grades 5 and 6.
- Enfant et Compagnie does provide you with the authentic certificate as the class is given by a certified instructor.

**3. Chemistry activity given by a volunteer parent, Dr. Robert J. Panetta, Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry at McGill University**

- Proceeds will go to cover material costs and to help fund other activities at the school for our students.
- Max capacity of 20 students
- Grades 4-6.
- Each week the children will explore a different fundamental concept with one or two hands-on experiments using everyday household items.

**Motion to accept the above-mentioned activities was passed. One abstained vote.**





# MINUTES

## Honoré Mercier Elementary School Governing Board

Monday, April 15, 2024 @ 6:30PM | Meeting called to order by Verena Garofalo

### In Attendance

Verena Garofalo (Chair)	X	Robert Panetta	X
Daniela Buttino	R	Merika Ramundo	X
Diego Di Stefano	X	Peter Tsatoumas	X
Lino Faratro	X	Saffiran Ali	R
Veronica Graniero	X	Dykes Sabrina (Alternate)	R
Tonie Morena	X	Sonia Ranellucci (Alternate)	P
Andrew Martinez	R	Giuseppe Fazzari	R
Arianna Holowka	XP		
Sally Behjoudi	XP	Mario Pietrangelo	R
Patrizia Tummillo-Principal	X		

X = Present / R = Regrets / XP = Present Public

**Assign minute-taking duties:** Sonia Ranellucci

**Assign time-keeper duties:** Robert Panetta

### 1. Additions to Agenda

1.1 Denim Day

1.2 Field Trips

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to Approve: Lino Faratro, seconded by: Robert Panetta **Motion Passed – Unanimously**

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## 6. Teachers' Report

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Veronica Graniero:

- **Honey sale** - All jars were sold
- **STEAM Projects** - Projects are in progress and a fair will be held on May 16th.
  - Grade 3 - Theater d'ombre
  - Grade 4 - Maquettes & Robotics
  - Grade 5 - various team challenges
- **Samara O Gorman** -
  - On April 2nd Samara came to visit the grade 3-6 students and discussed kindness, anti bullying and that it's ok to be different
- **Sam Ojeba** - Indigenous performance postponed to May 3rd due to weather conditions.
- **Chateau Ramsay Field Trip**
  - April 12th - 3A & 3.4B
  - April 18th - 4A
  - **Eva the Louse recording April 12**
  - Participants from grades 4-6 participated in the singing storybook at Oscar Peterson Concert Hall. CTV news interviewed some students.
  - Red carpet event will be held for participants at the end of October 2024.
- **QBA Honour Band**
  - Three students (two from grade 6 and one from grade 5) attended
  - It was a full day workshop and a concert in the evening
- **Pre-K Field Trip**
  - Cosmodome on April 18th
- Pina Tortorici – worked with grade 5 on their Vision Boards / ACGC (academic & career guidance content)
- **HALO Run on Thursday May 9th**
  - Grades 3-4 will run 1km
  - Grades 4-5 will run 2 km
- **Media Literacy Workshop for grades 5-6 on May 13th**
  - Paul Karwatsky & Annie deMelt (journalists on CTV) will be presenting
- **GMAA Sportsmobile**
  - May 23 / 24 - activities are Pickleball, Judo, Golf and Curling
- **Color Run on June 7th** – Details will be shared with the HM community shortly . JFK High School will be helping to run the event.
- **Fun in the Sun** on June 14th
- **Kinderfest** is coming soon, date TBC.
- **End-of-year Concert on June 18th**
  - Tickets will be sold to parents and all money will go towards the beautification of the school.



### **11.1 Bagel Fundraiser**

- \$2100 was raised from the Bagel Fundraiser for grade 6 Graduation, of which \$210 will go towards the school.
- This is per the GB motion passed that 10% of monies raised from the grade 6 fundraisers will go to the school.

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## **12. Email approvals**

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### **12.1 Spring 2024 ECAs**

- Email vote passed, one person abstained

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## **13. New Business Overview**

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### **13.1. Email to parents regarding Footzone**

- An email will be sent to parents advising them that they can order gym uniforms and tops and pants for the upcoming 2024/2025 year.
- Staff Council will need to approve if sweatpants can be added to the dress code. If approved, this will need to be reflected in the rules for our dress code. To date, sweatpants are not allowed; however, this rule has not been enforced.

### **13.2 Hot Lunch Supplier**

- GB was not in agreement with the quantity vs price that Le Doral is providing us. We would like to revisit with Le Doral in person to discuss (with photos) our issues. Examples of our concerns are - smaller portions, quality of food, no utensils and the increase in price.
- GB has asked Principal Tumillo to confirm what is the process for adding a new supplier to the roster of caterers. The school board will confirm and will discuss during our May meeting.

### **13.3 Upcycling furniture**

- HM has older wooden desks in storage that could be repurposed into things like garden boxes. An upcycling sale will be held in the schoolyard in the spring and the community will be invited to buy this furniture. All donated funds will go towards supporting school initiatives. Some students could work on decorating pieces to show what might be possible.

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## **14. Varia**

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### **14.1 April 22th – Earth Day/ Wear Green**

- 2\$ minimum donation for Cure foundation. Students will be permitted to wear denim + a green top on this day.
- GB asked to include additional “dress down” days as this is a great way to raise funds for the school and something that the students appreciate:

# MINUTES

## Honoré Mercier Elementary School Governing Board

Monday, May 13th, 2024 @ 6:30PM | Meeting called to order by Verena Garofalo

### In Attendance

Verena Garofalo (Chair)	X	Robert Panetta	X
Daniela Buttino	R	Merika Ramundo	X
Diego Di Stefano	X		
Lino Faratro	X	Peter Tsatoumas	X
Veronica Graniero	X	Saffiran Ali	X
Tonie Morena	X	Dykes Sabrina (Alternate)	X
		Sonia Ranellucci (Alternate)	X
		Sally Behjoudi	XP
Andrew Martinez	X	Giuseppe Fazzari	R
Patrizia Tummillo-Principal	X	Mario Pietrangelo	R

X = Present

R = Regrets

XP = Present Public

**Assign minute-taking duties:** Saffiran Ali

**Assign time-keeper duties:** Robert Panetta

### 1. Additions to Agenda

- Listed in Varia (Section 14)

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to Approve: Robert Panetta. Seconded by: Merika Ramundo

**Motion Passed – Unanimously**



- Main Playground
  - 10k grant was applied for by Ms. Tummillo and the Physical Education department to purchase a basketball tree and a ball tree. Significant delay due to excavation permissions needed. But we are happy to report that installations are complete, and students are enjoying the new structures.
- **Summer Repairs**
  - Roof top ventilation
    - We have six ventilation units on the roof. Four have not been in operation for a long time.
    - Two (situated on the extensions of the original building) out of the six units, will be replaced completely and all will be outfitted with the infrastructure for A/C so that they are ready for A/C to be installed in a future project request.
    - Repair of the other four roof top units. Principal asked for a cost analysis and was told: (\$2 000 to repair, \$80 000 to replace)
  - Roof repair
    - The roofs of the extension "wings" will be repaired.
    - Water infiltration caused a fire sensor to malfunction and triggered the fire alarm.
  - Addition of baseboard heaters
    - This was supposed to be done in 2018. We are not sure what caused the delay, but we are happy to report that it is now getting done.
    - Once our roof top ventilation will be restored, these will be a secondary heat source.
    - Removal of Herman Nelson Units:
      - Many are already out of operation.
      - Replacing all Herman Nelson units with baseboard heaters

## 5.2 Clarification on school spending

- Sensory room update and budget:
  - Decision to have a sensory room was decided before Ms. Tummillo's arrival.
  - \$2 500 was already fundraised two years ago. We asked financial services to help us track the deposit and we were successful in locating the monies
  - School decided to match the amount with the QST/GST return of fund 3 spending. Voted on this decision at a GB meeting.
  - Sensory room items have arrived and they are being set up.
  - The school board paid for the building of the wall so we will have a healthy surplus that is protected in a Fund 8 Special Projects Fund. This was also voted in by GB.
- Games Room
  - Motivation for the games room was from the data we got in the school survey.
  - Teachers supported initiative to use as incentives/rewards.
  - Helps sense of belonging in school-aligned with our ABAV policy.
  - Fund 6-ICOR; which is the fund that helps implement projects from our Educational Project.
  - A project proposal must be sent to the board for approval. This is where you justify the spending and indicate how it aligns to our Educational Project.
  - This fund cannot be used for:
    - furniture

REGISTRATIONS	248						
PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6
18	27	24	36	33	36	32	42
			NEW PK & KDG				16
			NEW ALL LEVELS				3
			PENDING ACTIVATION				4
			PENDING DEACTIVATION				1
			DEACTIVATED				11 (6 due to new Laws)

## 6 Teachers' Report

### 6.1 Ms. Veronica reported:

- **Halo Run:**
  - Weather was nice! High participation rate. Only 16 kids stayed back.
- **Field Trips:**
  - Grade 1 and 2: Ecole de cirque had a great time!
  - KA- KB: CEPSUM and they had a great time.
- **Media Literacy Workshop** for Grade 5 was cancelled and we hope to reschedule
- **Daycare Week** this week
- **Regional Science Fair:** Three Grade 5 representatives attended (Gia, Emma, Alessandra)
- **Upcoming events:**
  - **Denim day:** Jeans / pink top (2\$)
  - **Welcome to K** is coming up!
  - May 16: **Steam Fair/Grade 6 Raffle sale**
  - May 23: **GMAA Sports Mobiles**
  - May 29: Last **Grade 6 Yoga Fundraiser** - Acro yoga (11 yrs +)
  - Week of May 26: **I Love to Read Week** + book exchange for all grades
  - May 30: **Wear you sport jersey/tshirt** (2\$)
  - June 6: **Kinderfest**
  - June 7: **Color Run** (About 350 ppl registered)
  - June 18: End of year concert, tickets are \$5 each and will go towards school beautification



- Bill 96 update - partial stay "EMSB Chair Joe Ortona notes that the Superior Court stayed parts of the law that would require English school boards to communicate exclusively in French when writing with key institutions of the English-speaking community, such as the Quebec English School Boards Association or the English Parents' Committee Association of Quebec."
  - <https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/articles/emsb-very-pleased-with-partial-stay-on-bill-96#:~:text=The%20English%20Montreal%20School%20Board,Quebec%20English%20School%20Boards%20Association.>

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## 9. Treasurer's Report

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- Treasurer expressed his regrets.

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## 10. Commissioner's Report

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- Mr. Pietrangelo expressed his regrets.

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## 11. Home and School Report

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N/A

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## 12. Email Approvals

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N/A

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## 13. New Business

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**13.1 ACGG Resolution:** Tabled to next GB meeting June 10, 2024

**13.2 Present ABAV end of the year report:** Tabled to next GB meeting June 10, 2024

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## 14. Varia

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### 14.1 Welcome to School Activity:

- Suggestion made to start the school year (before the first day of school) with a corn roast.
- This will have to be presented to Staff Council

### 14.2 Lunch in the classrooms:

- Students no longer eat lunch in the gym because we do not have the personnel to set up/take down the tables + clean the gym between lunch periods and after.
- This would also cut into the PE allocated time, as the gym would have to be properly cleaned.

### 14.3 Bazaar:

- School fundraising initiative