

# St. Thomas High School Governing Board

## Meeting Minutes FINAL

Wednesday May 29, 2024, at 7pm in the Judge Lindsay Place Library

Name	Member Type	Attendee
Marie-Josée Coiteux	Principal	X
Ian Alexander	Vice Principal	X
Prateep Menon	Vice Principal	Regrets
Sylvie Pelletier	Vice Principal	Regrets
Celena Scheede-Bergdahl	Parent	X
Robert Craft	Parent	X
Mark Hancock	Parent	X
Loretta Kao	Parent (PC Alternate)	Regrets
Kenny Mandel	Parent	X
Eric Schultz	Parent	X
Anthony Benzo	Parent	Regrets
Pamela Lee	Parent	x
Robert Gilmartin	Support Staff	X
Amber Carlon	Teacher	X
Denver Thomas	Teacher	X
Sharon Lamb	Teacher	X
Melanie Nadeau	Teacher	Regrets
Isabelle Alarie	Teacher	X
Andrew Miller	Teacher	Regrets
Elena Richardson	Student	
Emily Elrick	Student	X
	Student Substitute	
Allison Saunders	Commissioner	Regrets
Galia Desautels	Parent Substitute	
Nathalie Dubois	Parent Substitute	
Sylvia Papazian	Parent Substitute	
Amanda Coones	Parent Substitute	
Tony Scalia	Parent Substitute	
Maria Antoinetta Davoli	Parent Substitute	X (Replacing Loretta Kao)
Mark Diraddo	Parent Substitute	X (Replacing Anthony Benzo)
Janis Kelly	Teacher Substitute	X (Replacing Andrew Miller)
Josee Godbout	Teacher Substitute	
Sharad Bhargava	Community	
	Community	

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1. Call to Order, land acknowledgement

*In order to show our deep respect for the land on which our school stands, we would like to acknowledge that Lester B Pearson School Board and St Thomas High School are located on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka People. The Lester B. Pearson School Board and St Thomas community honours, recognizes and respects the Kanien'keha:ka People as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today and recognizes that this land has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. We also acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and commit to informing ourselves about this truth to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation.*

1. Announcement of the Alternates for the meeting (if applicable)

Please note alternates mentioned above in attendee overview. In Loretta's absence, the minutes were taken by Pamela Lee

2. Introduction of public (if applicable)

No members of the public were in attendance.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of a field trip under 7f (La Ronde). Moved by Eric Schultz and seconded by Isabelle Alarie.

4. Approval of previous meeting minutes

The minutes of the March 27, 2024, meeting were approved as is. Moved by Mark Hancock and seconded by Mark Diraddo.

5. Public question period – N/A

7. New Business

a. 2023-2024 Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan with **End of Year Evaluation (Plan was already approved by GB)**

- Ian Alexander explained that the Committee that had done the end of year evaluation had met and decided not to replace any of the measures, but did adjust two of them:

- Continue to develop social/emotional learning skills
- Make announcements to community to highlight good things that need to be recognized

b. 2024–2025 Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan

- Same plan as last year except a few of our additions in rose. School board added a bit in preamble and added some resources)
- Motion to approve the ABAV Plan by Isabelle Alarie, seconded by Kenny Mandel.

c. 2024–2025 School Calendar

- Motion to approve the school calendar by Janis Kelly, seconded by Maria Antonietta Davoli

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- d. 2024–2027 Educational Project
  - The educational project had been delayed by a year.
  - The committee that had developed the project was made up of administrators, teachers and student resource staff
  - The school's project has to align the Ministry and School Board plans
  - The project has three orientations.
  - With respect to student engagement, Kenny Mandel commented that parents' engagement is a model for their children, a way to empower them.
  - Isabelle Alarie commented that we can be engaged but not find meaning in something.
  - Marie-Josée Coiteux said that they were planning to hold more information sessions for parents at the school.
  - There are already assemblies for the children to explain the cell phone ban, importance of mental health and academic dishonesty (plagiarism)
  - Robert commented that the indicators for Orientation 2 seemed a bit negative. He thought it was important to be more positive, and that the students be educated about cybersecurity, the constructive use of AI and critical thinking, and that these aspects be related to the Code of Conduct.
  - Sharon Lamb comments that things were moving so fast (regarding AI) and that there needs to be an achievable metric.
  - Isabelle Alarie moved to accept the Educational Project, seconded by Maria Antonietta Davoli.
- e. 2024–2025 Code of Conduct
  - The only change to the Code of Conduct was a rewording of the paragraph on headwear on page 17.
  - Isabelle Alarie moved to accept the Code of Conducted, seconded by Mark Hancock
- f. \*Field Trips
  - 1. New York City
    - April 23–27, 2025, organized by Mr. Katz, 150 students, 1:10 ratio, going by coach bus, \$1,505/student
    - Pamela Lee moved to accept the trip, seconded by Robert Craft.
  - 2. Grad Ski Trip
    - February 17–19, 2025, run by Rod Roy, 2 days at Mont Ste-Anne, 1 day at Le Massif, 50 students, \$600/student, rentals available
    - Robert Gilmartin moved to accept the trip, seconded by Eric Schultz
  - 3. La Ronde (Grade 7)
    - June 19, 2024, 176 students, 12 adults, by school bus, \$68.50/student (\$37.50 for those with season pass)
    - Isabelle Alarie moved to accept the trip, seconded by Mark Diraddo
- g. LBPSB consultations
  - 1. Policy on EDDI: due June 17, 2024
    - The Board did not have any comments about the Policy

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2. Three-year plan allocation and destination of immovables: due June 7, 2024
  - Celena would draft a letter regarding the garage and forward to members for comment before submitting it on behalf of the GB

### **8. Reports**

- a. Commissioners Report – N/A
- b. Student Life
  - Emily Elrick reported on the recent student council elections. The new president for the 2024–2025 school year was Kalysta Karpontinis
  - She described the various activities planned for the upcoming Spirit Week and summarized previous activities
- c. Faculty School Improvement and IB
  - Amber Carlon said that e-assessments had taken place May 7–May 17; results would be available August 1
  - Personal projects had been introduced to Grade 10 students
  - Students had submitted their service hours
- d. Administration and School
  - Marie-Josée Coiteux said that registrations for 2024–2025 school year as of May 24 = 1,097 (1,198 weighted)
  - There would be 9 groups of Sec 1 students (5 IB)
  - Students were currently in grey days, preparing for final exams – latecomers and attendance was a bit of a challenge
  - Staffing changes: Mme Pilon, M. de la Chevrotière, Ms. Broden and Ms. McCrae were retiring; Mme Alarie was moving to Beaconsfield High School
  - Administrative changes: Mr. Alexander was going to become principal of Christmas Park, to be replaced by Alexandra Macdonald; Mme Coiteux would become VP of Westpark (retiring in December 2024), to be replaced by Dean Graddon
- e. Parent Representative (LBPSB PC) B=N/A
- f. SNAC
  - Robert Gilmartin reported that the committee had last met on March 1; next meeting would be the AGA in September
- g. Home and School
  - Kenny Mandel said that the H&S was organizing a pizza fundraiser on June 4

### **9. Other Business/Varia**

- Celena said that she would be sending flowers to Loretta Kao, who had started chemotherapy

### **10. Public question period – N/A**

### **11. Adjournment**

- The next (and last) meeting would be Tuesday, June 25, 2024
- Robert Gilmartin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Isabelle Alarie