

Meeting Minutes:**Date:** April 14, 2025**Time:** 6:32 PM – 7:25 PM**Attendees (12):**

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Meeting Summary:

- **Land Acknowledgement:** Daniel began the meeting with a land acknowledgement.
- **Adoption of Agenda:** Unanimous, no votes of abstention
- **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Unanimous, no votes of abstention
 - **Budget Cuts Update:** Luisa provided an update on the budget cuts, confirming that there will be no cuts to services in schools, with most cuts absorbed through head office and unspent grants.
 - **Budget Cuts:** Luisa confirmed that the budget cuts would not affect services in schools. The cuts were absorbed through head office and unspent grants, with 75% of the cuts managed by head office and the remaining 25% from unspent grants.
 - **Impact on Schools:** Luisa mentioned that some schools might be affected by the reallocation of unspent grants, such as entrepreneurship grants, which could impact specific projects. However, the overall impact on students was minimized.
 - **Financial Management:** Luisa highlighted the successful financial management in absorbing nearly \$5 million in cuts within two months, ensuring minimal impact on students and school services.
 - **Daycare Budget Approval:** Lucy and Allison volunteering to motion and second the approval from January 13th meeting.
 - **School Budget Approval:** Uros and Mariam motion and second respectively the approval of School Budget (approval from December 9th 2024 meeting)

- **Home & School BBQ:** Nadia proposed a year-end family BBQ with inflatables, food, and games, scheduled for June 13th with a rain date, and estimated costs and profits discussed.
 - **Event Details:** Nadia proposed a year-end family BBQ scheduled for June 13th, with a rain date. The event will include inflatables, food, and games, and will be held in the senior and junior yards of the school.
 - **Volunteers:** The event will be organized by home and school members and parent volunteers. It will be open to all students, staff, parents, and siblings.
 - **Cost and Profit:** The estimated cost for the event is around \$1,800, with a target profit of \$500 to \$700. The costs include inflatables and a snow cone machine, and profits will be generated through ticket sales and a 50/50 raffle.
 - **Logistics:** Tickets for the event will be sold online, and additional food and beverage tickets will be sold at the event. Payments will be accepted via cash, debit, and credit using Square.
 - **Vote: Event approved,** no abstentions
- **Wine and Chocolate Basket Raffle:** Cynthia presented the grad committee's plan for a wine and chocolate basket raffle to coincide with Mother's Day, with proceeds going towards grad expenses and charity donations.
 - **Raffle Details:** Cynthia presented the plan for a wine and chocolate basket raffle to coincide with Mother's Day. The raffle will run for two weeks, starting at the end of April and ending in the first week of May, with the draw taking place in the week of May 5th.
 - **Proceeds:** The proceeds from the raffle will go towards grad expenses, with any surplus being donated to a charity, likely the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and to the school.
 - **Donations:** Parents of grad students will be asked to donate bottles of wine for the raffle. The raffle tickets will be sold at \$5 each, with a target of raising approximately \$1,000.
 - **Prizes:** The first prize will be a basket with 12 bottles of wine and additional treats, while the second and third prizes will each include 6 bottles of wine. The baskets will be attractively presented with chocolates and flowers.
 - **Vote: Raffle approved,** no abstentions
- **New Governing Board Member:** Daniel announced the need to vote on a new governing board member, with Jen volunteering and being accepted without opposition.
- **Subject Time Allocation Resolution:** Susan requested a resolution to maintain the current subject time allocation for the 2025-2026 school year, which was approved by the governing board.

- **Resolution Request:** Susan requested a resolution to maintain the current subject time allocation for the 2025-2026 school year. The allocation includes music and physical education, with an emphasis on increased physical education time.
- **Staff Council Decision:** The decision to maintain the current subject time allocation was made at the Staff Council meeting, and the governing board was asked to pass a resolution to formalize this decision.
- **Approval:** The resolution was approved by the governing board, with Jen motioning and Ben seconding the approval.
- **Principal's Report:** Susan provided updates on various school activities, staffing, and upcoming events, and announced her retirement at the end of the school year.
 - **School Activities:** Susan provided updates on recent school activities, including the release of report cards, parent-teacher interviews, the success of the Francisation program, and the Tchoukball tournament.
 - **Upcoming Events:** Susan highlighted upcoming events such as the public speaking storytelling event, the spring concert, and the grad ceremony. She also mentioned the possibility of adding a second kindergarten class for the next school year.
 - **Staffing Updates:** Susan announced the hiring of Mr. Gibbon as the new Grade 5/6 teacher, replacing Melissa while she is on leave. She also provided an update on the staffing plan for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - **Retirement Announcement:** Susan announced her retirement at the end of the school year, effective June 30th, after 37 years in education. She expressed her gratitude for her time at the school and her excitement for the next chapter of her life.
- **Daycare Activities:** Mariam reported on recent and upcoming daycare activities, including ceramics, basketball, and a pet day, and requested approval for the Everblast play company event and Red Cross babysitting course.
 - **Recent Activities:** Mariam reported on recent daycare activities, including ceramics and basketball, which are nearing the end of their current sessions.
 - **Upcoming Activities:** Upcoming activities include another ceramics session and a reptiles club, both starting on April 29th. The registration for these activities is ongoing.
 - **Everblast Event:** Mariam requested approval for the Everblast play company event on June 2nd, which will include a full day of challenges and activities. The cost for this event is \$32.16 for supervision and \$16 for activity fees.
 - **Event approved, no abstentions**

- **Babysitting Course:** Mariam also requested approval for the Red Cross babysitting course for Grade 5 and 6 students, to be held on June 2nd. The cost for the course is \$85, including the babysitting manual.
 - **Event approved,** no abstentions
- **Teacher's Report:** Alison shared the success of the grade one and two trip to see Les **Maison de Theatre**, highlighting the positive impact of the cultural budget.
- **Governing Board Composition:** Daniel discussed the need to submit the governing board composition for the next year, with the decision to maintain the current size of five parents and five staff members.
- **June Meeting In-Person:** The governing board agreed to hold the June meeting in person, with the date to be confirmed at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 PM