



Crestview Elementary School
Minutes of the Governing Board
Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Present:

Kelly Angelis, Jennifer Arruda, Diana Mastroianni, Marta Neves, Laura Orzea, and Lily Stratakos

Regrets:

Kassandra Beauchamp, George Kamvosoulis, Kathryn Katsaros, Sherina Ponnampalam, Nathalie Seukpanya, Michelina Scala, and Community Representatives: Konstantinos Merakos and Spyridonas Pettas

Guests: None

Principal: Irene Tsimiklis

Secretary: Effie Kontakos

1. Call to Order / Verification of Quorum: Lily Stratakos called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. Quorum was verified and met. Documentation for the meeting had been emailed to all the members.

2. Approval of Agenda: There were no additions.

CES-GB220425-01: Diana Mastroianni motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to adopt the agenda, Marta Neves seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of March 12, 2025: No amendments were made.

CES-GB220425-02: Laura Orzea motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to adopt the Crestview GB Minutes of March 12, 2025, Lily Stratakos seconded, 2 in favour and 4 abstentions. Motion carried

3.2 Minutes of April 10, 2025: No amendments were made.

CES-GB220425-03: Laura Orzea motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to adopt the Crestview GB Special Minutes of April 10, 2025, Diana Mastroianni seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

4. E-votes: None.

5. Business Arising: None.

6. New Business

6.1 SWLSB Examination of Complaints Procedure (Consultation): The members discussed the SWLSB Procedure for the Examination of Complaints Relating to the Function of the School Board. The documentation had been emailed to the members prior to the meeting and distributed at the meeting. The recommendation is to add in section 5.9 - If you are dissatisfied with the response or lack of response, they may contact the National Student Ombudsman, to reconfigure the initial response time because the response time is too long, and in section 5.10 there is no clear definition that a complaint will be addressed if the Assistant Director General redirects the complaint back to the Complaint Officer, therefore the complaint is not handled in a timely fashion, as indicated in sections 5.7 to section 5.10, there is a total of 45 working days allotted to action a complaint, and if a subsequent complaint issued surrounding a previous issue that was deemed resolved, it should not be rejected as per section 5.5.6 and should be allowed to be addressed. The consultation response will be emailed to Jocelyn Thompson-Ness at SWLSB by the due date of May 16, 2025.



CES-GB220425-04: Kelly Angelis motioned for the Crestview Elementary Governing Board to approve the response to the consultation for the SWLSB Procedure for the Examination of Complaints Relating to the Function of the School Board, which is the recommendations to add in section 5.9 If you are dissatisfied with the response or lack of response, they may contact the National Student Ombudsman, to reconfigure the initial response time because the response time is too long, and in section 5.10 there is no clear definition that a complaint will be addressed if the Assistant Director General redirects the complaint back to the Complaint Officer, therefore the complaint is not handled in a timely fashion, as indicated in sections 5.7 to section 5.10, there is a total of 45 working days allotted to action a complaint, and if there is a subsequent complaint issued surrounding a previous issue that was deemed resolved, it should not be rejected as per section 5.5.6 and should be allowed to be addressed, Marta Neves seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried

6.2 SWLSB Policy on Civility, Safety & Respect in Schools (Consultation): The SWLSB Policy on Civility, Safety, and Respect in Schools and Centres was reviewed. The section for parents / guardians was discussed and the amendments to the policy were highlighted for review. The documentation for this Policy had been emailed to the members prior to the meeting and distributed at the meeting. There were recommendations to add sections 6.5.8 and 6.5.9 to section 6.4, in sections 3.2.2 and 3.2.4 it should include both bullying and harassment in each section, and to email this policy to all the parents, as well as including a link for this policy on all SWLSB schools' websites. The response to this consultation will be emailed to Jocelyn Thompson-Ness at SWLSB by the due date of May 16, 2025.

CES-GB220425-05: Laura Orzea motioned for the Crestview Elementary Governing Board to approve the response to the consultation for the SWLSB Policy on Civility, Safety, & Respect in Schools and Centres, which is the recommendations to add sections 6.5.8 and 6.5.9 to section 6.4, in sections 3.2.2 and 3.2.4 it should include both bullying and harassment in each section, and to email this policy to all the parents, as well as including a link for this policy on all the SWLSB schools' websites, Diana Mastroianni seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried

6.3 SWLSB Program of Study for Secondary School (Consultation): The Program of Study for Secondary School was reviewed. For the consultation, the amendments in section 8 of the Program of Study for Secondary School were discussed. The documentation for this consultation had been emailed to the members prior to the meeting and distributed at the meeting. The recommendation is that in section 8.0, there needs to be clarification if the students in Secondary 1 and Secondary 2 need a passing grade in the core subjects to be promoted. The consultation response will be emailed to Jocelyn Thompson-Ness at SWLSB by the due date of May 16, 2025.

CES-GB220425-06: Marta Neves motioned for the Crestview Elementary Governing Board to approve the response to the consultation for the SWLSB Policy on Program of Study for Secondary School, which is the recommendation that in section 8.0, there needs to be clarification if students in Secondary 1 and Secondary 2 need a passing grade in the core subjects to be promoted, Laura Orzea seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried

6.4 Follow up on Special GB meeting (Crestview Model): A letter was written by a parent to share their perspective on the increased needs for students at Crestview Elementary. It was distributed to the members. A letter will be sent to James Di Sano (Chairman of the Council of Commissioner), Benny Catania (SWLSB Commissioner), Russell Copeman (Director General), and Selena Mell (Assistant Director General).

6.5 Field Trips

6.5.1 Mega Maze – June 10, 2025: Students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, grades 1 and 2 will be going to Mega Maze on June 10th. Departure at 9:15 am and return to school at 2:30. There is no cost to students. The cost of the trip is \$43 and will be covered by the Measures.

CES-GB220425-07: Laura Orzea motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to approve the Mega Maze field trip for students in Pre-k, Kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2 on June 10, 2025, as presented by the principal, Diana Mastroianni seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried



6.5.2 Science Center Field Trip – April 30, 2025: Students in grade 3, grade 4, and LR2 will be going to the IMAX Science Center at the Old Port of Montreal on April 30, 2025. They will view the IMAX movie Australia. The cost of the trip is \$48 per student. The cost to students is \$5 and the balance of \$43 will be covered by the Measures. Transportation will be by bus.

CES-GB220425-08: Laura Orzea motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to approve the Science Center field trip to the Old Port for students in grade 3, grade 4. And LR2, on April 30, 2025, at a cost of \$5 per student, as presented by the principal, Diana Mastroianni seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

7. Reports

7.1 Principal's Report:

School Information

- Working on school fees, workbooks, and school supply lists.
- School supply lists will be posted on school website and sent to parents by end of June or in July.
- Earth Day clean up is scheduled for April 23rd. It was rescheduled due to the weather concerns on April 22nd. Students will be given rakes and garbage bags to clean up the school yard and front entrance yards.
- Will invite people from Dinner App to give a presentation to GB members. It's an app that started in the US. It creates goals as a family, rules, finances, and healthy struggles. There is a cost – after their presentation we can decide if we want to be one of these communities.

In Celebration of Autism Awareness Month and Neurodiversity

- For our assembly on Thursday, we have invited Steven Atem as guest speaker. There will be two assemblies – one for juniors and a longer session for seniors. Steven is a talented musician, humanitarian, creative arts teacher, and motivational speaker. Diagnosed with autism at the age of four, Steven has faced and overcome many challenges throughout his life. He will be sharing his powerful personal story, highlighting his journey, his passions, and how embracing neurodiversity has shaped his path. His inspiring message promotes inclusion, perseverance, and the celebration of every individual's unique strength.

School Organization 2024-2025

- 9 Mainstream – Pre-K & Kindergarten, Grade 1 (2 classes), Grade 2, Grade 3 (2 classes), Split Grade 3/4, Grade 5, and Grade 6.
- 12 Specialized classes – Special Education (6 classes following a modified program), Low Ratio – LR1, LR2, LR3, and 1 Language class (following a mainstream curriculum).

7.2 Parents' Committee Delegate: Report given by Laura Orzea.

- There were 3 consultations to review, which we discussed at this meeting in detail.
- Nothing new to report.

7.3 Day Care Report: Report given by Diana Mastroianni.

- The extracurricular activities (ECAs) went well.
- Will repeat basketball, soccer, and Stage Craft ECAs.
- The final performance of Stage Craft was amazing to see. The pictures will be prepared in a montage and posted on Facebook. Students were talented and performed well.
- Perhaps we can have an assembly for the students to see them perform in the future sessions.
- For the Winter session of Stage Craft, would like to organize it with shorter sessions for the students.



7.4 Home & School Report: Tabled.

7.5 Treasurer's Report: There have been seven meetings to date. There will be two more meetings scheduled.

7.6 Chairperson's Report: Nothing to report.

8. Question Period: None.

9. Varia: None.

10. Confirmation of Date of the Next Meeting: The next Crestview Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7 pm.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

CES-GB220425-09: Marta Neves motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm, Laura Orzea seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

Lily Stratakos

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Chairperson

Irene Tsimiklis
Principal

Effie Kontakos

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Secretary