



**Crestview Elementary School  
Minutes of the Governing Board  
Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

---

**Present:**

Kelly Angelis, Kassandra Beauchamp, Kathryn Katsaros, Marta Neves, Sherina Ponnampalam, Nathalie Seukpanya, Lily Stratakos, and Konstantinos Merakos

**Regrets:**

Jennifer Arruda, George Kamvosoulis, Diana Mastroianni, Manal Mitwalli, Laura Orzea, and Michelina Scala  
Community Representative: Spyridonas Pettas

**Guests:** Sabrina Iacovelli and Bessy Psychoyos

**Principal:** Irene Tsimiklis

**Vice-Principals:** Sarah Lefebvre-Gauthier  
Nadine Vogel

**Secretary:** Effie Kontakos

**1. Call to Order / Verification of Quorum:** Lily Stratakos called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm. Quorum was verified and met. Documentation for the meeting was distributed. By consensus, the GB meeting scheduled for November 26, 2024, was cancelled in November.

**2. Approval of Agenda:** There were no additions.

*CES-GB101224-01: Kassandra Beauchamp motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to adopt the agenda, Sherina Ponnampalam seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**3. Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2024:** No amendments were made. The Minutes were distributed.

*CES-GB101224-02: Marta Neves motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to adopt the Crestview GB Minutes of October 24, 2024, Nathalie Seukpanya seconded, 4 in favour and 3 abstentions. Motion carried*

**4. Business Arising:** None.

**5. Reports**

**5.1 Principal's Report:**

**November Highlights**

- November was a productive and positive month at Crestview. We received excellent feedback from parents following Parent-Teacher Night. Many parents expressed their appreciation for the efforts of our staff and the support their children are receiving. It was heartening to see such strong engagement from families, which reflects the collaborative relationship we continue to build.
- Our students have been working hard and showing great dedication to their learning. Teachers have noted progress, and students are demonstrating determination in their work.

**December Activities**

- As we head into December, we are excited about festive activities planned for the month. Our photo shoot with Santa was a big success, with students enjoying the opportunity to share in the holiday spirit.
- Looking ahead, the final week before the holidays will be packed with fun and festive events, helping to foster a sense of joy and community within our school. These activities will provide a well-deserved break and celebration for both students and staff before the holiday break.
- Thank you for your continued support as we close out the year on a positive note. We look forward to a wonderful holiday season and a strong start to the New Year.
- Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season!



## **5.2 Parents' Committee Delegate:** Tabled.

## **5.3 Day Care Report:** Report submitted by Diana Mastroianni.

### Educators

- There have been no changes since the start of the year, other than Ms. Voula, that has reduced her hours per week by recommendation of her doctor. This has led me to hire Heba Abdel Razek and Maria Papadimitrion to fill in Voula's hours during the daytime.

### PED Day

- The PED Day enrolment has been steady, averaging 12 students. I had an outside company come to make a Crystal Snowflake Ornament. The cost was \$14.00 per child. The last PED Day on November 22, we had fewer enrolment (7), with two students not attending after registration due to illnesses.

### Enrolment

- Our Daycare registration is steady. We currently have 60 students - (4 more than last meeting)
- The findings for the Daycare Attestation Week, (Sept. 30 to Oct. 4), we had 43 students enrolled as regular. From the 43 students enrolled, 15 students are code, 4 additional are in the LR classes that require a special plan for daycare, and 2 students in the Kindergarten Spec. Ed. Class.
- In conclusion, there are a total of 21 students from the 43 registered in daycare that have specific needs. The daycare receives extra funding.
- Both the Senior and Junior Group have 2 educators to support the students, while maintaining a fun, rich daycare program.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

- The ECAs for Soccer and Stage Craft has come to an end for the fall session.
- Stage Craft's song and Dance program from Kindergarten to grade 6. Lunch time on Tuesdays starting October had a final performance for their parents and some staff members were present on December 6. It was a success. Based on the demand and interest, I will have them return for the Winter session.
- Soccer on Monday after school, starting October 10, has come to an end. I will have them return for the Winter session during the lunch hour on Thursdays. This will give more students the opportunity to take part in activities.
- Karate on Wednesday after school with Mr. Neil will continue in the Winter session. Both students and parents are happy with the program and maintain registration.
- Mad Science on Thursdays will finish on December 19, 2024.
- We will have a Champs Basketball program at Crestview starting in the Winter session on Thursdays after school.

### Extra-Curricular Activities at Lunch

- The main goal for offering ECAs during lunch is to give all students the opportunity for activities. Perhaps we can put a plan in place to offer support, especially children who normally have support throughout the day, to ensure a positive experience.
- To save on cost for parents to register their child, all ECAs have one animator for a group of students. This may come with its own challenges. Therefore, if the school can offer a teacher or support staff to be present, we can continue the Lunch Programs with success.

### Future ECA includes

- Although I have received lots of demand for Arts and Craft (creative activities), I was unable to find. I have reached out to other schools in hopes of finding a company. I will continue the search after the holidays.



**5.4 Home & School Report:** Report given by Nathalie Seukpanya.

- Felix & Norton Fundraiser went well. Will be delivered on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Requested parents to bring a reusable bag for their orders to be sent home.
- Comedy Night is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> at Chateau.
- Will have an auction which will include Cirque de Soleil tickets and Canadian Habs tickets.
- Are planning to start the silent auction a week earlier to allow more people to participate.

**5.5 Chairperson's Report:** Nothing to report.

**5.6 Treasurer's Report:** Nothing to report.

**6. E-votes**

**6.1 E-vote ABAV Plan:** The e-vote was on November 13, 2024, to approve the Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan for 2024-2025 for Crestview Elementary.

*CES-GB131124-EV01: George Kamvosoulis motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to approve the 2024-2025 Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan for Crestview Elementary, as presented, Michelina Scala seconded, 11 in favour and 1 abstention. Motion carried*

**6.2 E-vote Grad Raffle Draw:** The e-vote was on December 2, 2024, for the approval of the Graduation Committee to sell raffles. The fundraiser will 'kick off' the graduation plans. The prize will be two tickets to a Rockets game with dinner at a Portovino Restaurant. In addition, prizes will be awarded to the 3 top selling students (nutcracker tower with goodies). The Graduation Committee has already received some awesome sponsors who are willing to participate. The Graduation Committee decided to create a fun package to draw for 2 lucky winners. It will be handed out the first week of December so that the draw can be done before the Holiday break.

*CES-GB021224-EV02: Nathalie Seukpanya motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to approve the Graduation Raffle Fundraiser, as presented, Diana Mastroianni seconded, 10 in favour and 2 abstentions. Motion carried*

**7. Rental**

**7.1 Basketball:** The rental is basketball on Tuesdays, in the evening, for 1 ½ hours.

*CES-GB101224-03: Kelly Angelis motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to approve the basketball rental, as presented, Kathryn Katsaros seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

**8. Question Period:** None

**9. New Business**

**9.1 Subject Time Allocation:** Every year the Teacher Council approves the Subject Time Allocation and then it is presented to the Governing Board. It will be presented at the January Crestview Governing Board meeting.

**9.2 New School Petition:** There is no update on whether Crestview will be approved for a new school yet. The Director General, Russell Copeman, is aware of the petition for a new school for Crestview Elementary.

**10. Confirmation of Date of the Next Meeting:** The next Crestview Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 7 pm.



**11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

*CES-GB101224-04: Marta Neves motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm, Kathryn Katsaros seconded, unanimous. Motion carried*

*Lily Stratakos*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lily Stratakos  
Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Irene Tsimiklis  
Principal

*Effie Kontakos*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Effie Kontakos  
Secretary