



**Crestview Elementary School
Minutes of the Governing Board
Monday, May 12, 2025**

Present:

Kelly Angelis, Jennifer Arruda, Kassandra Beauchamp, Kathryn Katsaros, Marta Neves, Laura Orzea, Michelina Scala, and Lily Stratakos

Regrets:

George Kamvosoulis, Diana Mastroianni, Sherina Ponnampalam, Nathalie Seukpanya and Community Representatives: Konstantinos Merakos and Spyridonas Pettas

Guests: Anita, Mark, and Neil from Dinner Table.

Principal: Irene Tsimiklis

Vice-Principal: Sarah Lefebvre-Gauthier

Secretary: Effie Kontakos

1. Call to Order / Verification of Quorum: Lily Stratakos called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Quorum was verified and met. Documentation for the meeting had been emailed to all the members and distributed at the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda: There was one addition.

CES-GB120525-01: Kathryn Katsaros motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to adopt the agenda, with the addition, Laura Orzea seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of April 22, 2025: No amendments were made.

CES-GB120525-02: Kelly Angelis motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to adopt the Crestview GB Minutes of April 22, 2025, Marta Neves seconded, 5 in favour and 3 abstentions. Motion carried

4. E-votes: None.

5. Business Arising: None.

6. New Business

6.1 Guest Speakers Dinner Table App: Anita, Mark and Neil presented the Dinner Table. Dinner Table is a community of families raising children to create value in the world. The goal is to help create value as a family in order to raise children to become amazing value-creating adults. This targets both adults and children and the parents and children are actively participating. This is a 12-month program, with guest speakers, marketing material and PDFs, and including weekly calls if families choose to, with meetings once a month. The Dinner Table Method revolves around four core pillars – Value Creation, House Rules, Financial Competency, and Healthy Struggles - guiding your family's journey toward raising responsible, financially competent, and emotionally balanced children.

6.2 School Supplies: Irene Tsimiklis presented the School Supplies Lists for the 2025-2026 school year. The lists for Pre-Kindergarten / Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Low Ratio 1 (Grade 1 & 2), Cycle 2 and Low Ratio 2 (Grade 3 & 4), Cycle 3 and Low Ratio 3 (Grade 5 & 6), Language Class, Early Intervention Center, SE1, SE2, SE3, SE4 (Specialized Settings), SE5, and SE6 were distributed for review.



CES-GB120525-03: Laura Orzea motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to approve the 2025-2026 Crestview School Supply Lists for Pre-Kindergarten / Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Low Ratio 1 (Grade 1 & 2), Cycle 2 and Low Ratio 2 (Grade 3 & 4), Cycle 3 and Low Ratio 3 (Grade 5 & 6), Language Class, Early Intervention Center, SE1, SE2, SE3, SE4 (Specialized Settings), SE5, and SE6, as presented, Jennifer Arruda seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried

6.3 Workbook, Supervision, and School Fees: Irene Tsimiklis presented the Crestview Supervision Fees for the 2025-2026 school year. The Workbook and School Fees will be presented at the next governing board meeting.

CES-GB120525-04: Kelly Angelis motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to approve the 2025-2026 Crestview Supervision Fees, as presented, Jennifer Aruda seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried

6.4 Letter to DG, ADG, Commissioners: Irene Tsimikis met with the Commissioners. They would like to hear our concerns. By consensus, a member will finalize a letter to send to James Di Sano (Chairman of the Council of Commissioner), Benny Catania (SWLSB Commissioner), Russell Copeman (Director General), and Selena Mell (Assistant Director General). All ideas will be put on paper and will be discussed with them to provide solutions for Crestview's concerns.

6.5 Draft By-Law for Day, Time and Place of Regular Meeting: Lily Stratakos discussed the letter containing the links for the amendments to By-laws of the SWLSB that had been emailed to all the members. It informed the members of the date, time, and place of the regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the 2025-2026 school year. The meetings will be held at the SWLSB head office, and the dates for the meetings are September 25, October 29, November 26, December 10, January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 27, and June 25.

6.6 School Calendar for 2025-2026: Sarah Lefebvre-Gauthier presented the Crestview School Calendar for 2025-2026. It was approved at Teacher Council. Highlights – Curriculum Night and General Assembly of Parents is on August 28, 5 Floating PED Days – October 31, November 21, May 1, June 5 and June 15, and Parent Teacher Nights on November 20, 2025 and April 16, 2026.

CES-GB120525-05: Kassandra Beauchamp motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to approve the 2025-2026 Crestview School Calendar, as presented, Kathryn Katsaros seconded, unanimous.

Motion carried

7. Reports

7.1 Principal's Report:

Lockdown Procedures

- A lockdown drill is scheduled for Tuesday morning in collaboration with the Laval Police Department.
- All staff and students have been informed and prepared.
- We anticipate a smooth and calm procedure, reinforcing safety awareness and readiness.

School Supplies & Fees (2025-2026)

- School supply lists and student fee details will be finalized and sent home by the end of May.
- We continue working to keep costs manageable while ensuring students have what they need.
- CHASA will help support families who require assistance.

Cooling Update – Fans Donated by Shark Ninja

- A generous Crestview parent working at Shark Ninja has donated 18 fans (valued at \$200 each) to help cool our classrooms.
- We are on the school board's waiting list to begin installing air conditioning units.
- CHASA has allocated funds, and while installation may not begin this year, we are ready to start once we receive board approval.



Denim Day Fundraiser – This Week 🇺🇸

- Students can wear jeans and bring \$1 or \$2 to support our school fundraisers.
- Online donations are also being accepted—thank you, Despina, for sharing the link.

Field Trips 📍

- End-of-year field trips are planned for several classes and grade levels.
- Teachers have sent home permission slips and are coordinating logistics.
- These experiences offer great opportunities for learning beyond the classroom.

Movie Night – May 23 🎬

- Join us on Thursday, May 23 for Movie Night at the school!
- This event will raise funds for Asista (service dogs) and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
- All families are welcome—more details will be sent home this week.
- Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success!

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

- The report is tabled for the next GB meeting in June.

7.3 Day Care Report: Tabled.

7.4 Home & School Report: Tabled.

7.5 Treasurer's Report: Report given by Jennifer Arruda.

- There have been eight meetings to date. There will be two more meetings in June. The secretary will receive a stipend for the 10 meetings held this year.

7.6 Chairperson's Report: Report given by Lily Stratakos.

- The Consultation responses were sent to the school board.

8. Question Period: None.

9. Varia: None.

10. Confirmation of Date of the Next Meeting: The next Crestview Governing Board meetings are scheduled for Monday, June 9 and Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 7 pm.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

CES-GB120525-06: Michelina Scala motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm, Kathryn Katsaros seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

Lily Stratakos

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Chairperson

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