



Crestview Elementary School
Special Meeting of the Governing Board
Thursday, April 10, 2025

Present:

Kelly Angelis, Jennifer Arruda, Kassandra Beauchamp, Kathryn Katsaros, Diana Mastroianni, Marta Neves, Laura Orzea, Sherina Ponnampalam, Michelina Scala, Nathalie Seukpanya, and Lily Stratakos

Regrets:

George Kamvosoulis

Community Representatives: Konstantinos Merakos and Spyridonas Pettas

Guests: Bessy Psichoyos

Principal: Irene Tsimiklis

Vice-Principal: Sarah Lefebvre-Gauthier

Secretary: Effie Kontakos

1. Call to Order / Verification of Quorum: Lily Stratakos called the special meeting to order at 7:17 pm. Quorum was verified and met.

2. Approval of Agenda: Only Crestview new school and enrolment will be discussed.

CES-GB100425-01: Kassandra Beauchamp motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to adopt the agenda, Kathryn Katsaros seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

3. Business Arising

3.1 Crestview New School and Enrolment

3.1.1 Crestview – Overview: Irene Tsimiklis discussed the history, current student enrolment, and class distribution. The government will fund a new school if the school is overpopulated for two years and if there are no other schools in the vicinity. There are three other schools in the vicinity – Souvenir Elementary, Hillcrest, and JFK. Crestview Elementary must accept students that are out of zone if there is space and belong to the SWL School Board. The governing board members would like to invite the Assistant Director General and the Commissioners to visit Crestview Elementary.

One solution proposed would be for Crestview Elementary to be recognized as a Special Needs school, thus getting the funding, as well being assigned a Speech Language Pathologist and Occupational Therapist that will offer services / therapy directly to students (not just consultations). Thereby designating Souvenir Elementary as the mainstream / integration school. In addition, working with a 3-tier system what resources are lacking will be addressed.

Another proposal could be for Crestview to be divided into two distinct sections, Crestview Elementary School and Crestview Elementary Center under one roof. It would be with the understanding that our main goal is to provide intervention to transition from the Center to mainstream (Crestview or home school within a specified time frame established through an agreed upon plan by all stakeholders). The objective is to provide opportunities for students to be in the least restrictive environment, with ample integration opportunities. Crestview Center should be seen as a “revolving door”. Students would not necessarily be placed at Crestview Center for their entire elementary career but rather would remain at Crestview Center until they are school ready, having the skills to function at their zoned school. Maximum of 2 years. In addition, when schools within our school board are unable to meet a student’s needs, Crestview Center could intervene by deploying members of their team (professionals, consultants, Special Education Technicians, attendants, etc.) to provide coaching, strategies, and modeling in hopes to empower and educate the staff so that inclusion continues. Crestview Elementary would like to develop a clearer admission criteria and measurable goals for the students entering for the Crestview Center. We recognize that this process is ongoing and continuously evolving in



hopes to better service our community.

3.1.2 Current Building – Size / Capacity:

- Current amenities, size, student capacity and limitations were discussed.

3.1.3 Current & Future Statistics on Neurodiverse Diagnosis:

- Data analysis on the last 5 – 10 years of Neurodiverse diagnosed children.
- Future data on diagnosis.

3.1.4 Crestview – Future:

- Overview of what a future Crestview should look like.
- Enrolment distribution.
- Enrolment criteria per stream.
- Building size/capacity required to achieve.
- Upgrades required for current building.
- Evaluation of building swap.

4. Confirmation of Date of the Next Meeting: The next Crestview Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 7 pm.

5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

CES-GB100425-02: Cassandra Beauchamp motioned for the Crestview Governing Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm, Kathryn Katsaros seconded, unanimous. Motion carried

Lily Stratakos

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Chairperson

Irene Tsimiklis
Principal

Effie Kontakos

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Secretary