



Crestview Elementary School
Minutes of the General Assembly of Parents
Thursday, September 12, 2024

Attendance:

Nadia Alberga	Kelly Angelis	Jennifer V. Arruda	Sarah Assayan	Loidie Stella Badanjak
Stella Balolakis	Omari Charles	Rajinder K. Bohugan	Claire Ann Cagoco	Celeste Bezuidenhau
Peter Chrissicos	Michael D'Asti	Nohe Djard	Sevag Emmanian	Cynthia Francalancia
Robert Farias	Fraterique Garzon	Sabrina Iacovelli	Vassiliki Irakleous	Katherine Karakassilis
Beni Jinu Jacob	Jim Jacob John	Anwar Khan	Nicholas Kotsakis	Rui Leal
Domenic Leone	Lolita Lisi	Peter Mitsis	Manal Mitwalli	Niyi Olabiran
Laura Orzea	Dharmik Patel	Kayla Patterson	Bessy Psychoyos	Luisa Rabach
Luisa Rabach	Ligeri Stratakos	Nathalie Seukpanya	Angela Summers	Eugenia Tsekeris
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Staff members – Teachers, Specialists, Special Education Technicians and Special Education Attendants

Principal: Irene Tsimiklis

Vice-Principal: Nadine Vogel

Secretary: Effie Kontakos

- 1. Opening of the Meeting:** The General Assembly of Parents commenced at 6:07 pm. Irene Tsimiklis welcomed the parents, introducing herself and Nadine Vogel.
- 2. Introduction of Staff Members:** Crestview Staff members introduced themselves to the parents in attendance.
- 3. Naming of the Secretary:** Ligeri Stratakos nominated Effie Kontakos to be the recording secretary for the Crestview General Assembly, Sabrina Iacovelli seconded, unanimous. The nomination was accepted. Motion carried. Effie Kontakos was acclaimed as the Recording Secretary for the General Assembly.
- 4. Presentation to the Parents at the General Assembly:** Irene Tsimiklis shared her presentation outlining the:
 - Vision for Crestview - helping our children shine;
 - Mission - to promote lifelong learning; and the
 - Educational Project Goals - improve writing skills across all subjects, enhance reading skills across all subject areas, and strengthen social emotional learning by supporting children in understanding and recognizing their emotions to reduce the number of incidents;
 - Implementing UFLI (university of Florida Institute); and
 - Develop and maintain support plan for student success strategies.The purpose and function of a governing board was explained. The governing board discusses matters such as Subject Time Allocation, budget, Educational Project, field trips, safety, fundraising, use of school premises, etc. The Governing board is an inclusive forum where all parents are welcome to attend meetings. There is a minimum of 5 meetings per school year. Every decision made by the governing board must be made in the best interests of ALL the students.
- 5. Daycare Program:** Diana Mastroainni discussed the Day Care program at Crestview Elementary. Daycare is offered from Monday to Friday, mornings from 6:45 am to 8:45 am, and afternoons from 3:30 pm to 6 pm. There are two groups usually, the juniors and the seniors. In the afternoon, students attending the daycare program have a 30-minute homework period, outdoor play for 30 minutes, and organized activities. Some of the benefits of daycare include learning to function as a member of society with kindness and respect, social interaction and building friendships, and emotional development including emotional expression.



5. Business Arising

5.4 Election of Parent Representatives on the Governing Board:

5.4.1 Open Positions for Election: Three 2-year terms for Parent Representatives and 1-year terms for Substitute Parent Representatives were up for election. Returning parent representatives to complete the second term of their 2-year term are Kelly Angelis, George Kamvosoulis, and Ligeri Stratakos.

5.4.2 Nominations for Parent Representatives:

Laura Orzea nominated herself for a two-year term, Nathalie Seukpanya seconded, unanimous.
Manal Mitwalli nominated herself for a two-year term, Laura Orzea seconded, unanimous.
Jennifer Arruda nominated herself for a two-year term, Bessy Psychoyos seconded, unanimous.
Nathalie Seukpanya nominated herself for a two-year term, Kelly Angelis seconded, unanimous.
All had the opportunity to speak to the parents in attendance at the assembly.

5.4.3 Nomination for Scrutineers for the Election: The election was conducted through secret ballot to elect the Parent Representatives and the Substitute Parent Representative for Crestview Elementary. Kelly Angelis nominated Irene Tsimiklis and Nadine Vogel to be the Scrutineers of the election, Angela Summers seconded, unanimous. Motion carried.

5.4.4 Results for Parent Representatives for 2-year terms on the Governing Board:

Jennifer Arruda, Laura Orzea, and Nathalie Seukpanya were each elected as Parent Representatives for 2-year terms on the Crestview Governing Board for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

5.4.5 Results for Substitute Parent Representative for a 1-year term on the Governing Board:

Manal Mitwalli was elected as Substitute Parent Representative for a 1-year term on the Crestview Governing Board for 2023-2024 school year.

5.4.6 Word from the Parents' Committee Delegate: Laura Orzea talked about the SWLSB Parents' Committee and that it's been a wonderful experience to be part of it.

- The Parents' Committee is composed of 1 representative from each school's governing board.
- The Parents' Committee ensures communication between their GB and the Parents' Committee.
- The Parents' Committee Delegate ensures information from the PC monthly meetings is shared with the governing board.

5.4.7 Nominations for Parent Delegate and Alternat Parent Delegate for SWL Parents' Committee for a 1-year term on the Crestview Governing Board:

Sabrina Iacovelli nominated Laura Orzea as SWL Parents' Committee Delegate, Stella Balolakis seconded. Laura Orzea accepted the nomination.

Bessy Psychoyos nominated Jennifer Arruda as SWL Parents' Committee Alternate Delegate, Nathalie Seukpanya seconded.
Jennifer Arruda accepted the nomination.

5.4.8 Results Nominations for Parent Delegate and Alternat Parent Delegate for SWL Parents' Committee for a 1-year term on the Crestview Governing Board:

Laura Orzea was acclaimed as SWL Parents' Committee Delegate for Crestview for 2024-2025.
Jennifer Arruda was acclaimed as SWL Parents' Committee Alternate Delegate for Crestview for 2024-2025.



5.2 Word from Home & School Association: Nathalie Seukpanya and Bessy Psychoyos spoke about the Home and School Association. Crestview Elementary has a small but mighty parent association that raises funds to support the needs of the students and school life. In the past, fundraising has raised funds that purchased technological apps, sensory and educational materials, fans for the school, and school activities. Family Fun Fest is planned for September 27, 2024. School renovations prevented Crestview from holding the event in June. Volunteers are needed and always welcome to continue organizing activities, and to raise funds to benefit the students and student life.

Election - PPO or Home and School Association: Nathalie Seukpanya motioned to continue with a Home and School Association at Crestview Elementary School for 2024-2025, Sabrina Iacovelli seconded, unanimous. Motion carried.

6. Closing of the Meeting: The Crestview General Assembly of Parents was adjourned at 6:50 pm by consensus.

Minutes written and submitted by Effie Kontakos.

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