



# Marymount Academy International

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## Marymount Academy International Governing Board

Meeting 8 – June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### In Attendance:

James Fequet, Amanda Foster Sophie Antippa, Stacey Blumer, Ahmed Altalibi, Katherine Korakakis, Stephanie Kyle, Naomi Balardelle, Mark Venema, Simeon Pompey, Jihyo Lee, Matheo Moran

### In Absentia:

David Lee, Peter Arnold, Chelsea Craig, Jayson Stiell, Sabrina Lawrence

### 1. Welcome

- Meeting started at 7:14 pm in-person.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Stacey Blumer and seconded by Naomi Balardelle.
- Unanimously approved.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

- Correction of minutes: Jihyo Lee should have been under “Absences”.
- Minutes with modification moved by Stacey Blumer and seconded by Mark Venema.
- Abstention: Katherine Korakakis, Naomie Balardelle, Ahmed Altalibi
- In favour: 6 members.

### 4. Business Arising from Minutes

- N/A

### 5. Question Period (from public)

- N/A

### 6. Reports

#### 6.1 Students' Report

- 6.1.1 Matheo Moran: Student Council was a great experience for them. Gave them a real-world experience regarding planning and communication.
- 6.1.2 Jihyo Lee: Thankful for all the support that Student Council has received over the year.



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## 6.2 Principal's Report

- 6.2.1 Past month has been addressing intake of new students for the next academic year. Registration is slightly lower than average but not unusual compared to previous year. Current number is around 400 students (including DLP and Resource students). Expecting around 410 students by the Fall.
  - 6.2.1.1 Registration of students remains ongoing (without a concrete deadline).
- 6.2.2 Graduation ceremony took place on June 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a very memorable experience for all parties involved.
- 6.2.3 Academic Clinics were wrapped up at the end of May. The feedback that was received from students and staff has been positive. Noticeable progress was observed from the teachers.

## 6.3 Teachers' Report

- 6.3.1 Final Exam Period ended yesterday (Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>).
- 6.3.2 Prom will be held next week (Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>) at Embassy Plaza in Laval.

## 6.4 Professional's Report

- 6.4.1 N/A

## 6.5 Regional Delegate's Report

- 6.5.1 Last meeting was held at the Culinary Institute. The year was engaging and interesting for the group.

## 6.6 Community Representative's Report

- 6.6.1 Day camps will begin in the coming days. Marymount students generally very involved throughout the summer.

## 6.7 Commissioner's Report

- 6.7.1 Message from the commissioner (not present at the meeting):
  - 6.7.1.1 At the last meeting, Ms. Chelsea Craig mentioned she would be attending the *Voices of Olympia* event at McGill University. She is thrilled to report that two Marymount teams participated and one of them won first prize: \$2,500! Marymount was one of only two public schools in attendance, and this win highlights the strength and talent within our EMSB community. She was incredibly proud to be there.
    - 6.7.1.1.1 Jihyo Lee had the opportunity to participate and stated that it was a rewarding experience for her.
    - 6.7.1.1.2 Read more: [Empowering Future Leaders – EMSB Students Shine at Voices of Olympia](#)



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- 6.7.1.2 On September 11, the commissioner has been invited to speak as a panelist for the *Montreal Council of Women* in a discussion titled *Education Under Pressure*, to be held at 6000 Fielding (EMSB building). She will send an invitation soon and hopes to see many members there.
- 6.7.1.3 In celebration of Filipino Heritage Month, Ms. Craig attended the flag raising ceremony at FAMAS, located in Ward 2, which is home to a large and vibrant Filipino community.
- 6.7.1.4 Ms. Craig also had the honour of attending the Marymount 2025 Graduation Ceremony earlier this month. It was an emotional and inspiring experience—“Thank you for including me, and congratulations to the amazing grads!”
- 6.7.1.5 Unfortunately, the Quebec government has once again made deep cuts to education, \$510 million across the system, with the EMSB expected to cut \$14 million (about 5%). The EMSB Chair, Joe Ortona, also Chair of the Quebec English School Boards Association, has publicly condemned these cuts and they are seeking legal advice on how to proceed.
  - 6.7.1.5.1 Read his statement: [QESBA Press Release](#)
  - 6.7.1.5.2 More info: [Montreal Gazette Article](#)
- 6.7.2 Finally, Ms. Craig sent her thanks for the warmth and collaboration throughout this school year. It has been a true privilege for her to represent Marymount as Commissioner. Ms. Craig insisted that members should not hesitate to reach out anytime.

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 School Fees – 2025/2026 (Adoption)

- 7.1.1 School fees have not changed in comparison to last year. Secondary 1 – 4 students will be charged \$35 while Secondary 5 students will be charged \$75 to include the price of the yearbook.
- 7.1.2 Motion moved by Katherine Korakakis and seconded by Mark Venema.  
No abstentions. Unanimously adopted.

### 7.2 Code of Conduct 2025/2026 (Adoption)

- 7.2.1 No changes have been made to the code of conduct in relation to the previous year.
- 7.2.2 Member Katherine Korakakis inquired about the legality of the mention of a supplier on the code of conduct. Mr. James Fequet explained that the school board’s Legal Services informed them that it would be allowed. Members argue that the code is written as a recommendation rather than a demand to parents. Mr. Fequet stated that he will send that page of the document back to Legal Services for clarification.
- 7.2.3 Approval of the Code of Conduct conditional to approval from EMSB Legal Services on Page 8 of the document: Moved by Sophie Antippa and Stephanie Kyle.  
Abstention: Katherine Korakakis.  
Adopted with no nays.



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## 7.3 Budget Cuts from the Ministry

- 7.31 Another 5 million dollars expected to be cut @ EMSB (approximate figure)
- 7.3.2 The details of these cuts have not been announced and no further information has been made available to principals.

## 7.4 IB Coordinator

- 7.4.1 David Lee will not be returning as the IB Coordinator the following academic year.
- 7.4.2 Mr. James Fequet is currently seeking qualified professionals to take the role.

## 7.5 Varia

- 7.5.1 N/A.

## 8. Date of Next Meeting

- 8.1 Assembly will take place on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Exact time is to be determined.

**Adjournment – 8:26 PM** - Moved by Stacey Blumer and seconded by Naomie Balardelle. All in favour.

*S. Antippa*

Chairperson

*J. Fequet*

Principal