



Marymount Academy International

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Marymount Academy International Governing Board Meeting 2 – December 16th 2025

In attendance:

Sophie Antippa, Naomi Balardelle, Stacey Blumer, Chelsea Craig, Shaya Fadel, James Fequet, Stephanie Kyle, Sabrina Lawrence, Katie Leggitt, Annette MacIntyre, Fran Patterson, Simeon Pompey, Yasmin Qadri.

In absentia:

Peter Arnold

1. Welcome

Meeting started at 7:23pm and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Stacey Blumer, seconded by Sophie Antippa, unanimously approved.
Chelsea Craig and James Fequet clarified that the Commissioner and Principal do not vote.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – October 28th 2025
Mr. Fequet amended the minutes to reflect the actual budget cuts of 2025.
Naomi Baladarelle and Yasmin Qadri corrected the spelling of their names.
Motioned by Stacey Blumer, seconded by Yasmin Qadri

4. Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising.

5. Question Period

No questions.

6. Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

Enrollment:

Stabilized at 415 students, about what was expected from last spring's projections.
Fewer temporary stay students (fewer are able to retain eligibility), a large graduating class last year, and a lower than average Secondary 1 enrolment compared to last year.

Staffing:

2 new teachers hired to split oversized classes.

Ms. Chamberlain – Math/Science

Ms. Tyson – ELA French

More staff allocation has been granted to split remaining oversized classes (secondary 1):

- a 50% Math/Science post is open
- an 85% French Social Studies/Art/Phys Ed post is open

Academic Clinics - Restarted for term 2 – Every 2nd Wednesday

Honor Roll Assemblies – Nov 28th – 225 out of our 415 students recognized (75% average or higher)

Sophie Antippa asked for an update on the IB coordinator vacancy. James Fequet explained that is a complicated situation and there is no new news to share.

6.2 Teachers' Report

Stacey Blumer reported that the DLP class conducted a toy drive and also fundraised over \$700 for the Children's Hospital, by hosting a dress down day and a staff vs student volleyball game. The students used the funds to purchase toys and delivered them to the Children's Hospital.

6.3 Support & Professional Staff's Report

Katie Leggit reported that she was boosting the social media presence of the school. She also reported the following activities taking place at the school: Remembrance Day ceremony which raised \$120 for the local legion, Philobox, writing club, film club, Svens Telemaque boys' group, Camp Lift drug workshop for students in Sec 1 – 4, and upcoming: a skiing field trip, volunteering opportunities, and bringing in outside organizations to deliver coding workshops and photography (L.O.V.E.).

6.4

Students' Report

Shaya Fadel reported that the Student Council was very busy preparing activities for Spirit Week (December 15-19), including the delivery of candy grams. She noted that donations were low. Sabrina Lawrence commented that donations were not mentioned in communications with parents. Shaya also mentioned that student council would like to organize a grad class sleepover and fundraising for the local community. Group discussion about the activity "Anything but a School Bag."

6.5 Commissioner's Report

Chelsea Craig reported that she sits on the Quebec English School Board Association as the Vice Chair of Spring Conference, as well as on the EMSB's Human Resources and Transportation Committee. This summer there was a budget cut of \$10.6 million. The Board was not permitted by the Ministry to use its \$7 million surplus to compensate. Chelsea Craig is active in fighting constitutional issues that affect the anglophone school system.

6.6 Regional Delegate's Report

Yasmin Qadri reported that the first Regional Parents' Committee focused on the rules of order as well as whether the meeting would be held online or in person. The committee's funding was reduced from \$19,000 to \$3000, which results in an inability to continue its year-end awards to students. To compensate, the committee is looking at partnering with Indigo to provide books for its book award initiative. There is also a petition to make high schools eligible for crossing guards.

6.7 Community Representative's Report

Simeon Pompey reported that he has been involved in the Marymount community since the late 1970s. He teaches at Dawson College and is a Director of Comité Jeunesse NDG. He stated that the students of Marymount are community kids, who live in many pockets of NDG served by Comité Jeunesse, namely: Westhaven, Walkley, Loyola, Benny and St. Raymond. There are many opportunities for after-school enrichment and support offered by these centres, with the potential to partner. Fran Patterson asked if Simeon could recommend supports for newcomer students who face challenges integrating socially in school. Simeon recommending reaching out to the local centres, who may offer cultural programming for families, as well as the services of Bienvenue NDG.

New Business

6.8 Approval – Overnight Ski Trip – February 2026

An overnight ski trip to Morin Heights is being planned for February 19 and 20. It is open to 40 students, who will stay on site in cabins. A discussion followed about affordability and options for students who already have passes, or those who do not have the means to afford the \$150 ticket. James Fequet agreed to look into discounts for those who already have passes, and to find solutions for students who may be interested by unable to afford the cost on a case-by-case basis.

6.9 Varia

No varia

7. Date of Next Meeting

James Fequet proposed to change the date of the next meeting from January 20th, 2026 to January 27th, as there are several special initiatives to approve, including: Anti-violence/bullying; Academic and career counseling; Sex education; Personal and social development. Naomi Balardelle motioned to approve. Yasmin Qadri seconded. Unanimously approved to hold the next meeting online on January 27th at 7pm.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm. Motioned by Naomi Balardelle. Seconded by Stacey Blumer. Unanimously approved.

N. Balardelle

Chairperson

J. Fequet

Principal