

Governing Board Annual Report - 2024 - 2025

WILDER PENFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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June 18, 2025

Chairperson's Message

It has been an honor to work alongside the teaching staff, support staff, and parent community at Wilder Penfield. The collective spirit, passion, and commitment to fostering a safe, fun and inclusive environment here are truly unique. Watching our contributions positively impact our community has been a very rewarding experience.

After 7 years as a parent volunteer, 3 years on governing board, I have learned that to be a supportive member of our school community, we can all contribute by offering just a little bit of effort. Sometimes, all it takes is a kind smile to another parent at pickup, a friendly greeting to the staff, attending curriculum night or governing board meeting, or volunteering a few minutes at one of the home and school events.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their time and dedication in shaping our school community into what it is today. It's the dedication of students, parents, and teachers that forms the heart of Wilder Penfield, making this school truly exceptional.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

2024 - 2025 Governing Board Members

Greg Bagshaw	Parent Representative
Donna Cheung	Parent Representative, Chairperson
Laura Duckett	Parent Representative
Peter Giser	Parent Representative, Vice - Chairperson, Parent Committee Representative
Natalia Pena	Parent Representative, Secretary, Parent Committee Representative –
Alternate	
Melissa Silver	Parent Representative
Tamara Williams	Parent Representative
Christina Bakalis	Teacher Representative
Jennifer Deschamps	Teacher Representative
Lindsay Knowlton	Teacher Representative
Mathieu Limoges	Teacher Representative
Megan Marak	Teacher Representative
Jennifer Pupil	Daycare Representative
Tracy Torok	Support Staff Representative
Michael Rabinovitch	Principal
Adrian Lortie	Substitute Parent Representative
Amanda Ottoni	Substitute Parent Representative
Anna Bernstein	Substitute Parent Representative
Elizabeth Peeling	Substitute Parent Representative

Eric Thibault	Substitute Parent Representative
Sandip Bhamrah	Substitute Parent Representative
Stephanie Tietjen	Substitute Parent Representative

Meeting Dates

Meetings were held at 6:15pm on the following dates

September 5th, 2024

October 16, 2024

November 20, 2024

December 18, 2024¹

January 22, 2025^{1, 2}

February 19, 2025

March 26, 2025

April 24, 2025^{1, 2}

May 21, 2025

June 18, 2024

1. Meeting held online; 2. Special Meeting

Activities, Programs, Services & Issues/Actions Taken

- Review and Approval of School & Daycare Field Trips (42)
- Review and Approval of School and Home & School Fundraising Activities (17)
- Review and approval of School and Daycare Budget
- Approval of Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Approval ABAV Plan, Review ABAV Evaluation
- Approval of Wilder Penfield's Education Project
- Approval of School Fees and School Supply lists
- Responses to various Consultations from the Lester B Pearson School Board

Informing the School Community

We are fortunate that the parent community and the school administration have open and direct lines of communications. The Governing board meeting dates are posted on the school calendar and the meetings are open to the public, with 2 questions periods schedule every meeting. Approved minutes are posted on the website for the community to review.

Parent Committee and Wilder Penfield Home & School representatives are present at every Governing Board meeting, to obtain and present information as needed.

The members of the Governing Board are listed on the school's website along with the governing board's e-mail address.

The most common form of communication to the School Community as a whole is through the school website, which includes links to the School's Success plan, Annual report & Evaluation, Education Projects and reporting of Student Learning.

Recommendation

My recommendations to 2025-2026 Governing Board are:

- Continue to be the voice of the Wilder Penfield community
- Continue to support clear communication and open dialog within the community
- Continue to listen, ask thoughtful questions, and provide solutions that foster constructive conversations and solutions to better the overall school community
- Continue to advocate for the well-being of the students and the community.
- Continue to and encourage active participation in providing feedback to the schools' policy consultations.
- Continue to encourage more volunteers from our community.
- Develop a subcommittee to review feedback on extra curricular activities and develop solutions that can be implemented

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Cheung

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