

Governing Board Annual Report 2025-2026

Submitted by
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School Context

St. Paul School is located in the Duvernay area of Laval in two buildings on a shared campus. The Main building is located at 2425 rue Honfleur and houses our K4, K5 and Cycle 1 students. The Annex building is located on rue de l'Assomption and is home to Grades 3 - 6. St. Paul had a student population of 418 students in 2025-2026. St. Paul rates a 3 in socio-economic index (the rating ranges from 1-10; 1 being most advantageous).

In Preschool we follow a bilingual model, with students being instructed in French for approximately half of their class time, by FSL specialists, the music teacher, and the Physical Education teacher. In Cycle One literacy skills are emphasized in English mother tongue, with 54% of subjects taught in English, 44% in French. In Cycles Two and Three, more time is given to the development of French literacy skills with 56% of subjects taught English and 44% taught in French.

Most of our students are from dual-income families. We typically have a large Daycare, with approximately 25% of our students enrolled in daycare services. Some of our children are at school as early as 7:00 a.m. and leave as late as 6:00 p.m. Thus, over half of our students do homework, get their daily exercise, and eat their snacks at school under the supervision of the daycare staff.

We have a large and diverse staff at St. Paul. Along with the Principal and Vice Principal there are 30 teachers with 4 part-time contracts. There are 5 daycare educators along with 3 special education technician, 19 student supervisors, 3 caretakers, and 2 full-time secretaries. In addition, we have access to a Psychologist, a Speech and Language Pathologist, and an Occupational Therapist.

Student engagement is an important consideration of the teaching staff. The school is equipped with a wireless network and the SMART boards in every classroom are used frequently in all subject areas. Multimedia tools help engage our students.

Students, in addition to their MEQ curriculum, participated in a variety of activities including:

- Welcome Back Evening for our St. Paul Community (H&S Organized)
- Terry Fox Run and Fundraiser in September (Staff Organized)
- A Welcome Back Treat, slushies for all! (Staff Organized)
- Orange Shirt Day Truth and Reconciliation (Staff Organized)
- Outing to Arbraska for Teamwork and Bonding in Grade 6 (Teacher Organized)
- Halloween Party in the gym (H&S Organized and Funded)
- Leadership Program (School funded and teacher lead)
- Remembrance Day Ceremony (Teacher Organized)
- Story Time with Santa K4. K5. Cycle 1 and 2 (H&S Organized and Funded)
- Cookies and Milk for all students (Funded by H&S)

- Winter Outings Parc du Domaine Vert (Staff Organized)
- Various outings for all levels (Staff organized)
- Winter Food drive for AGAPE
- Valentine's Pancake Breakfast (School funded) and Dress Fancy Day
- Teacher Appreciation Week (H&S Organized and Funded)
- Wearing green for St. Patrick's Day
- Denim Day for The Cure Foundation (Teacher Organized)
- Daycare Week Celebration for daycare students
- Chapmans, Pizza, and St. Paul clothing Fundraisers among others (Organized by H&S)
- End of Year Outings for Kindergarten and Cycle 1-2-3 (Teacher Organized)
- Visits for all levels – Indigenous family, authors, dj, speakers etc
- Fun Day (Organized and funded by H&S)
- La tire served to all students in April (School Funded)
- Beaver tails served to all students in May (School Funded)
- Outdoor play time with mom and dad K4/5 (School Funded)
- Kindergarten End of Year Celebration (Teacher Organized)
- Grade 6 Graduation (Teacher Organized with help from Graduation Committee)
- Celebration of Character Traits in monthly Assemblies
- Mad science presentation main building
- Various inter-school sports tournaments
- Music concert all levels (Teacher organized)

Programs Available:

- SEL strategies
- Behaviour Expectation and Schoolwide Behaviour Matrix
- Special measures from the MEQ to support student success
- Individual Education Plans for students with special needs.

Governing Board

Membership

The St. Paul Elementary School Governing Board is comprised of 6 parents, 5 teachers and 1 daycare employee. The Principal, Vice Principal and recording secretary attend all meetings, but do not vote. A General Assembly of parents was held on September 10, 2025.

The members of the 2024-2025 Governing Board:

- Parent Representative: Michelina Capozzi (1st year of term) Chairperson
- Parent Representative: Kara Renzullo (1st year of term) Vice Chair, PC Delegate
- Parent Representative: Christina Souliere (2nd year of term)
- Parent Representative: Esther Festa (1st year of term)
- Parent Representative: Amanda-Marie Scolack (2nd year of term)
- Parent Representative: Tammy Lalonde (2nd year of term) PC Delegate Alternate
- Principal: Lynn Neveu

- Vice Principal: Kimberly Sanchez
- Teacher: David Bergin
- Teacher: Gianna Labbiento
- Teacher: Kim Pasquale
- Teacher: Anne Marie Perone
- Teacher: Milva Rendina
- Daycare and recording secretary: Amanda Diodati
- Community Representative: Mike Panichella

Brief Description of Meetings

- Regular GB meetings – Starting Time: 7:00 p.m. meeting is to finish by 9:00 p.m.
- If the meeting must continue after 9:00 p.m. a vote is taken to extend by 15 minutes.
- Regular GB meetings were held once a month from September – May, with the exception of December and February. Hybrid of in-person and online.
- GB meeting dates are set at the beginning of September.
- Agenda is prepared by the principal and discussed with the chairperson in the week preceding the meeting dates.
- GB agendas are issued by email a minimum of 48 hours before the GB meeting.
- Parents and guests have 10 minutes at the beginning and end of the meeting to express any questions. Questions for the first question period must be submitted in advance to the principal.

Main Decisions: 2025 - 2026

- Approval of allocation from MEQ measures
- Budget Approval for 2024-2025
- Presentation of Educational Project report
- Anti-Bullying & Anti-Violence Plan 2024-2025 as well as the end of year report
- Fundraising
- Use of Home and School Funds for student activities
- Subject-Time Allocations 2026-2027
- School supplies and fees 2026-2027

School Board Consultations

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Consulted on the following:

- Deeds of Establishment & Three-year Plan
- Criteria for Selection of a Principal
- Budget Building 2025-2026
- Enrolment Criteria
- Policy on School Fees
- Procedures for Examination of Complaints from Students or their Parents
- Policy: Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a student

St. Paul has a vibrant and dedicated Governing Board and Home and School Association. Both committees have demonstrated their commitment and interest to school improvement and continue to work towards student success.

We also have a large contingent of volunteers we can call upon to help organize and run many of our special yearly activities.

Additional Information

As all the stakeholders in the school community work cooperatively together, supporting each other, we are able to achieve success for our students. Our commitment to success is of paramount importance as we implement and monitor and adjust the objectives we have outlined for our school this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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