



ALLION

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2023-2024

Governing Board Annual Report

140 - 9th Avenue, LaSalle, QC H8P 2N9

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

It was with great pride and humility that I accepted the challenge of being the Governing Board Chairperson in my second year on the Board. I had big shoes to fill to replace Valerie Beaudet, and I hope I've succeeded in doing her proud. I'd like to thank her (and every member) for the trust, time, patience and help throughout the year.

My job is simple and easy thanks to the wonderful Governing Board team. Allion is lucky to be able to count on such dedicated and committed members. A big thank you to the staff and administration, to our wonderful proud principal and to the parents who commit themselves throughout the year to our committee. A special thank you to Nadia Longo, our secretary, who does an exceptional job. Her contribution is key to our success. Thank you, Nadia!

For Allion, 2023-2024 was a year of continuity in the pursuit of our educational mission. We are proud to see the enthusiasm of the community for pursuing their education with us. In fact, we've been able to secure two additional classrooms, enabling us to welcome more students for the coming year.

Allion would not be what it is without its extraordinary team, starting with the staff, teachers, support staff and administration who are the heart of our school. Your unwavering commitment and hard work to our children enable them to thrive. Thank you for providing an open, healthy and safe environment in which they can learn to become the adults of tomorrow.

A special thank you to Ms. Aubertin and her team who take care of our children morning, noon and afternoon in the SEED program and who offer new activities every year.

Dear parents, I would also like to thank you for being part of this wonderful community. When we enroll our child at Allion, it's like being welcomed into a big family. Thank you for enriching our community with your presence and involvement!

I'd also like to highlight the remarkable work of our proud principal, Josie D'Adamo. She is the soul of our school. Pedagogical, available, attentive and dedicated, Josie is an exceptional leader who works tirelessly for the well-being of our students, staff and community. Thank you so much for your commitment.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the departure of three members of the Governing Board. Ms. Montelpart is leaving us for a well-deserved retirement, as are two veteran parents, Valerie Beaudet and Erminia Di Pietro, who are completing the elementary school chapter. There are no words to tell you how grateful we are for everything you've done. Thank you for all these years, for your passion, your kindness, your time and your commitment. We will miss you deeply!

Sincerely,

Anouk Petit
Chairperson of Allion Governing Board

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Parents (years of mandate):

- Anouk Petit (2022-2024)
- Nadia Longo (2023-2025)
- Annette Banton (2022-2024)
- Todd Smith (2023-2025)
- Patrick Bayne (2022-2024)
- Valerie Beaudet (2023-2025)

Chairperson

Secretary

Parent Committee Rep/ SNAC rep

● Parents Alternates:

- Erminia Di Pietro
- Tina Bona

● Staff:

- Alyssa Luponio
- Linda Aubertin
- Donna Montelpart
- Shannon Kelly Pine
- Karen Gallant
- Maya Johnson
- Tania Nouvet

● Administration:

- Josie D'Adamo

MEETING DATES

Meetings were held monthly at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- September 12th, 2023 (in person)
- October 10th, 2023 (in person)
- November 28th, 2023 (Zoom)
- January 16th, 2024 (Zoom)
- February 6th, 2024 (Zoom)
- March 12th, 2024 (Zoom)
- April 14th, 2024 (Zoom)
- May 13th, 2024 (in person)
- June 10th, 2024 (in person)

The Minutes of the Governing Board meetings can be found on the Allion website.

ACTIONS/ISSUES/CONSULTATIONS

At the Annual General Assembly held on September 7th, 2023. Valerie Beudet, Nadia Longo and Todd Smith were elected to renew their mandates on the Governing board.

The parents at the assembly also voted to not form a PPO this year.

Issues discussed by the Governing Board:

- Approval of Field trips and Daycare activities;
- Approval of Fundraisers;
- Adoption of Internal Rules of Management (IRM);
- Adoption of the School Budget;
- Adoption of the Daycare Budget;
- Adoption of the Governing Board Operating Budget 2023-2024;
- Adoption of the Educational Project: Elementary Annual Report 2024-2027
- Adoption of the 2024-2025 School Calendar;
- Approval of 2024-2025 School Fees;
- Approval of 2024-2025 Supply Lists;
- Adoption of the 2023-2024 Governing Board Annual Report

Consultations addressed:

- Principal Selection Criteria Consultation 2024-2025

RECOMMENDATIONS AND PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE COMING YEAR

- **Schoolyard safety:** Many improvements were made to our schoolyard throughout the year. The Governing board asks the administration to continue to look for ways to limit access and improve safety of the main school yard.
- **Cultural diversity:** The Governing Board members suggest that administration continue to apply for grants from the Intercultural Advisory Committee to celebrate various cultural activities (i.e. Orange shirt day, Black History Month, Human Rights Day, etc.). This gives the students of Allion more opportunities to be exposed to the different cultures that coexist amongst the student population.
- **Student's mental health:** The Governing Board applauds the comfort pet initiative and the Staff retreat which helped with staff morale and training. We encourage new initiatives that promote the mental health of students and staff. The Governing Board also asks that daily mental health breaks continue to be taken and that their activity be adapted to the class.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break and looking forward to seeing you all in September 2024!

Anouk Petit
Governing Board Chair 2023-2024