

St-Jude Elementary Governing Board

Minutes

March 17, 2026 at 6:45pm (Zoom)

Members Present:

Principal: Sarah-Ann Blanchette (SB)

Chairperson: John Critchley (JC)

Alt. Chair/Parent Delegate: Kayla Robinson (KR)

Staff Representatives:	Parent Representatives:
Mandy Groulx (MG)	John Critchley (JC)
Chantal Kers (CK)	Sarah Graine (SG)
Stephanie Racine (SR)	Kayla Robinson (KR)
Sharon Larrissey (SL)	Kate Gross (KG)
Cheryl Fordham (CF)	Renee Sabourin (RS)
Liliana Barbiero (LB)	Alexandra Kikilidis (AK)

Parent alternates: N/A

Members of the Public: Richard Deza

1.0. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 PM.

2.0. Adoption of the Agenda

(Resolution #20260317-01)

Motion to adopt the agenda

Motioned by: JC

Seconded by: MG

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried unanimously

3.0. Approval of Minutes

3.1 December Agenda 4.1

(Resolution #20260317-02)

Motion: KR

Second RS

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

3.2 February

(Resolution #20260317-03)

Motion to approve the rest of the minutes

Motion: JC

Second: KR

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried unanimously

4.0. Questions from the Public

No questions from the public

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 Internal Rules for Emergency Meetings

(Resolution #20260317-04)

Motion to amend the internal rules to allow for emergency meetings to have a majority vote to the people that are available and present at that time.

Motioned by: CK

Seconded by: No one

Motioned failed

Motion to check with legal and table until the next meeting.

Motioned by: JC

Seconded by: CK

Against:0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried unanimously

5.2 Code of Conduct

(Resolution #20260317-05)

Motion to approve the changes to the code of conduct. We discussed the nail situation, and most of us agree that any extensions or press on nails shouldn't be at school. Nail polish and gel should be ok.

KG expressed her concern for the part about complete silence in the hallways. MG said that she has noticed a difference and that when the students come in they are a lot calmer and more ready to learn.

Motioned by: SB

Seconded by: JC

Against: 3 (KR, KG, CK)

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried with 3 against

5.3 Hiking Outing

(Resolution #20260317-06)

Miss Chantalle wants to do a hiking outing to Prevost (Reserve Alfred Kelly) on May 14. Leave St Jude at 9:30 and leave Prevost at 2:30. It would be for grades 4-6. The bus is covered by a measure and that teachers going would be Miss. Chantal and Miss Frankie.

Motioned by: SG

Seconded by: RS

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried unanimously

5.4 Change of Date of April Meeting

(Resolution #20260317-07)

Motion to change the meeting to April 28

Motioned by: KR

Seconded by: SL

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried unanimously

6. Principal's Report

(Information)

1. New catering option to look into : Pizza Quebec presented as alternative lunch provider at \$6.50/meal (vs. current \$7+). Features: fresh-cooked meals, online ordering, halal/vegetarian options,
2. School featured in publications for grant received
3. Purchased three pedal desks (including smaller K-2 model)
4. Silent disco scheduled May 8th
5. Successful Love to Read Week (Feb 17-20)
6. School calendar delayed due to coordination with multiple boards

7. Teacher's Report

1. February we had the 3rd ski trip, and the last one will be this week.
2. February 17 - 20: I Love to Read Week. It was very successful and well organized.
3. February 25th: Zoom Bingo. Lots of fun!

8. Daycare Report

The last Ped Day was building a fort. They did it in the cafeteria and it was a lot of fun. The next ped day will be Ceramic Café.

Sarah Niven joined at 7:52pm and left at 7:54pm.

9. PC Delegate's Report

(Information)

1. Went over the calendar for the next school year. It should come out in April.
2. Spoke with James Di Sano and he explained his role.

10. Home and School Report

(Information)

About 100 tickets sold for Pub Night and about 80 meals. Also made over \$400 with used books.

11. Correspondence

(Information)

Kate submitted a document for "Nail-Related Rules in Elementary Schools - SWLSB". This document was used in the discussion of the Code of Conduct. See Appendix A below.

12. Closing of the Meeting

Adjournment

Time: 8:04 pm

(Resolution #20260317-08)

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Motioned by: CF

Motion carried

Appendix A

Created by Kate Gross (not approved by SWLSB)

Nail-Related Rules in Elementary Schools – Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

The following table summarizes nail-related rules found in publicly available Codes of Conduct for elementary schools in the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB). Most schools do not explicitly mention nail policies. Where rules exist, they typically address artificial nails (acrylic or press-on) for safety reasons.

<i>School</i>	<i>Nail polish banned</i>	<i>Gel polish banned</i>	<i>Acrylic / artificial nails banned</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<i>Arundel Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule in published conduct</i>
<i>Crestview Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>General grooming wording only</i>
<i>Franklin Hill Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Genesis Elementary</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Code prohibits polish, press-ons and acrylics</i>
<i>Grenville Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Heritage Elementary</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Artificial nails not permitted</i>
<i>Hillcrest Academy Elementary</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Discouraged</i>	<i>Artificial nails discouraged</i>

<i>John F. Kennedy Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Joliette Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Jules Verne Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Laurentia Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Laurentian Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Laval Junior Academy (elementary)</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>McCaig Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Morin Heights Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Mountainview Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Our Lady of Peace Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Artificial nails forbidden</i>

<i>Pinewood Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Rawdon Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Sainte-Adèle Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Sainte-Agathe Academy (elementary)</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Saint-Jude Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Saint-Paul Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Saint-Vincent Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Souvenir Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Terry Fox Elementary</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No mention</i>	<i>No nail rule found</i>
<i>Twin Oaks Elementary</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Acrylic nails not permitted</i>

Percentages Across the Board (27 Schools)

<i>Rule type</i>	<i>Number of schools</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>Ban any nail polish</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3.7%</i>

<i>Ban gel polish</i>	1	3.7%
<i>Ban artificial/acrylic nails</i>	4	14.8%
<i>Discourage artificial nails</i>	1	3.7%
<i>No mention of nails</i>	22	81.5%

Interpretation by owner of document

- *Only one school explicitly bans all nail polish (including gel).*
- *Artificial nails (acrylic/press-ons) are the most commonly restricted but still only at about 15% of schools.*
- *More than 80% of schools do not mention nails at all in their publicly posted codes of conduct.*
- *When nails are restricted, the typical reasons cited are safety during recess or gym, difficulty writing, or risk of injury if long nails break.*