



## MOUNTAINVIEW SCHOOL 2023 – 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Principal:	Sandra Frechette	Student Enrolment: 289
Governing Board Chairperson:	Martial Mbadifeina	Total Staff: 43
PPO Chairs	Lisa Côté	Daycare Staff: 7
Daycare Technician:	Nadine Lévesque	Daycare Enrolment: 120
Parent Committee Rep:	Virginia Roe	
Last annual general assembly:	September 2023	

The purpose of this annual report is to document the significant contributions and achievements of the school administration, staff, CLC, PPO, and Governing Board during the past academic year.

### MOUNTAINVIEW SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Mountainview is a vibrant community-based school where French and English languages thrive. We empower our students to reach their full potential through a holistic approach that fosters wellness, belonging, and academic rigor, while valuing respect, autonomy, and perseverance.

Mountainview serves 29 mid- sized to very small communities within its registration zone. Its socio-economic indicator is 3. The school is housed in a single building, with classrooms spread over two floors. It is equipped with a gymnasium and a library. Additionally, there is an Oasis room within the school, designed for students with special needs or for those who need to work or rest in a comfortable and quiet environment.

At Mountainview, we strive to encourage, and stimulate the intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and physical development of our students to support and empower them to become well-rounded citizens.

Mountainview school staff is dedicated to working collaboratively with parents and members of the community to develop the academic, social and emotional growth of all our students by providing a rich French immersion program within a safe and caring bilingual school environment.

## 2023-24 GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

The 2023-24 Governing Board is composed of parents, teachers, support staff and a community representative:

<b><i>Voting Members:</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Representatives: 5 Cindy Jetté Patricia St-Aubin Martial Mbadifeina Virginia Roe Jessica Ford</li> <li>• Support Staff Representatives: 1 Donna Cully</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Representatives: 3 Brenda Coleman Nadia Bahous Isabella Marzano</li> <li>• Daycare Representatives: 1 Nadine Lévesque</li> </ul>
<b><i>Non-Voting Members:</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration: 1 Sandra Fréchette</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Representative: 1 Michael Sitruk</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governing Board Chair: 1 Martial Mbadifeina</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Alternative: 2 Karine Praglowski Claudia Verdure</li> </ul>

This year the Governing Board held its eight (8) meetings from September 2023 through June 2024. We alternated between in-person meetings at the school and virtual meetings on Teams. As we had been used to having remote meetings, Governing Board members voted to hold the winter meetings (December, January and February) remotely. A hybrid approach to our meetings started in Spring, with the May session being held in person while the June one was online.

My mission is to ensure the full participation of parents and the wider community, foster collaboration and communication with the school team, and safeguard the interests and safety of our children.

At the end of this school year, we have three (3) parent representatives whose two-year terms are up for re-election. We also have one parent alternative representatives whose one (1) year terms are up for renewal.

Despite the challenges posed by the teacher's strike during the 2023-24 school year, I must commend the exceptional collaboration between the administration, teachers, and parents.

## GOVERNING BOARD INITIATIVES & DECISIONS

We are reminded of the pivotal role the Governing Board plays in shaping the educational landscape of our school. Dedicated to fostering excellence, innovation, and the holistic development of our students, the board has tirelessly worked to cultivate an environment that nurtures learning, growth, and success.

To this end, the Governing Board has actively supported all initiatives, both within and outside the school, aimed at fostering the academic and intellectual development of our children. The PPO, GB parents, and Community Representative have worked tirelessly to propose innovative and engaging activities.

As a result, several fundraising events were held throughout the school year, and nearly all targets were exceeded, demonstrating the enthusiasm of parents for their children's participation.

Here are some of the resolutions that the Governing Board adopted this school year:

### **Terry Fox Run Fundraiser (September 2023)**

The Terry Fox Run was a resounding success, with students, staff, and parents coming together to raise funds for cancer research. The school community rallied around this worthy cause, exceeding the fundraising goal of \$1,000. Children were particularly enthusiastic, embracing the opportunity to honor Terry Fox's legacy while enjoying a fun and active day outdoors. Their collective efforts not only raised vital funds but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose within the school community.



### **Teddy Bear Hike (October 2023)**

The Teddy Bear Hike was a delightful adventure for the kids, who eagerly explored the park in search of hidden teddy bears. With their own furry friends in tow, the children followed clues and giggled with excitement as they discovered each cuddly treasure. The event fostered a love for nature and a sense of wonder, leaving the children with cherished memories of their teddy bear companions and the joy of outdoor exploration.



### **Mountainview Mascot Contest (November 2023)**

The school buzzed with excitement as students eagerly participated in the mascot design contest. Creativity flowed through the hallways as colorful drawings and imaginative ideas filled the submission box. Each student poured their heart and artistic talent into crafting a mascot that would embody the school's spirit and values.

### **Twin Day (November 2023)**

Twin Day at school was met with overwhelming excitement as students and teachers eagerly planned their matching outfits. The air buzzed with anticipation as friends collaborated on coordinating ensembles, hairstyles, and accessories. The hallways were filled with laughter and joy as identical pairs proudly strutted their stuff. The event fostered a sense of camaraderie and school spirit, making Twin Day a truly unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

### **Jewelry Sales (December 2023)**

The daycare's jewelry sale was a dazzling success, showcasing the creativity and craftsmanship of the children. The event featured a vibrant array of handmade jewelry, from colorful beaded necklaces and bracelets to charming earrings and unique pendants. Parents and community members were delighted to purchase these one-of-a-kind treasures, knowing that their contributions directly supported the daycare's enriching programs and activities. The sale not only raised funds but also fostered a sense of pride and accomplishment among the young artists, who beamed with joy as their creations found new homes.



### **Roller Disco Fundraiser (January 2024)**

The roller disco fundraiser was a vibrant and energetic event, filled with music, laughter, and a shared passion for helping animals in need. Attendees donned their skates and danced the night away, raising funds for the Fondation Aide Vétérinaire Internationale (FAVI). The money raised will be used to provide animals to children in African countries, fostering companionship, emotional support, and educational opportunities for those who need it most. The event was a testament to the power of community and the unwavering commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of both animals and children.



### **Staff Appreciation (February 2024)**

During Staff Appreciation Week, the school dedicated staff was deeply touched by the outpouring of gratitude from our wonderful parent community. The thoughtful gifts and kind words were a heartwarming reminder of the strong partnership we share in nurturing our students' growth and well-being. It truly exemplified the sentiment, "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." – Margaret J. Wheatley. We are immensely grateful for your unwavering support and look forward to continuing our collaborative journey together.



Below is a list of all the resolutions that the Governing Board covered during our meetings this year:

- MTV Internal Rules of Procedure 2023-2024
- Adoption of Rules and Procedures
- VC Soccer after-school
- Teddy Bear Hunt
- Kandju fundraising for grade 6 graduation
- Leucan – Halloween boxes to collect money
- SSIAA Events until December 2023 SSIA
- Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- New Educational Project
- Halloween parade and activities: costumes for the duration of the day.
- Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal: Kindergarten and grade 1 to see “Adventures of Tio Tigre”
- Sécurité aquatique – grade 1 to Beloeil pool
- CEGEP Édouard-Montpetit – day of physical activity and sportsmanship for grades 3 and 4
- Ferme du Bassin (Drummondville) – Kindergarten classes
- Holiday Music Concert
- Educational Project and Survey to Community
- ABAV Plan and Strategies
- Plan de rattrapage
- Sexual Health Education delivery approval
- Valentine’s Day candy-grams
- Criteria for selection of a principal document review
- Time Allocation review
- After School 3D Printing

Meeting minutes are transcribed by the Governing Board secretary (identified at the beginning of each meeting) and distributed electronically to all board members. Minutes are then reviewed and approved, with or without amendments, at the start of the subsequent meeting. A physical copy of the approved minutes is maintained by the school administration.

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The outdoor classroom project has made significant progress during the 2023-24 school year. Under the leadership of the principal, Ms. Sandra Fréchette, the school supervised the design process by the architect and collaborated with the Riverside School Board Material Resources to assign the contract to a builder. We hope to begin construction this summer. Once completed, students will benefit from an innovative, pleasant, and stimulating learning environment that will enhance their educational development.

Moreover, teachers will be able to integrate new teaching methods suited to an outdoor environment. They will have the opportunity to organize outdoor classes, promoting a more dynamic and interactive approach to teaching. This will also allow for a diversification of educational activities, encouraging creativity and student engagement.

## GOVERNING BOARD CONSULTATION REVIEWS

- School Calendar
- Allocation of Resources & Deeds
- Budget

## PPO

Mountainview is fortunate to have a dedicated Parent Participation Organization (PPO) whose goal is to enhance school life. These devoted parents have consistently gone above and beyond to propose and implement projects that contribute to the school's presence within the community. The PPO spearheaded the creation of the school mascot and actively participated in its design process. These parents regularly participate in Subway days, which allows children to enjoy a change in their school meals for a day.

The following are PPO-sponsored activities that brought joy and happiness to the students and staff:

<b>October</b>	Halloween Parade Candy Distribution
<b>December</b>	Winter Family Market (cancelled) Hot Chocolate
<b>February</b>	Staff Appreciation Week
<b>April</b>	Paint Night Reading Week
<b>May</b>	Fitness Week
<b>June</b>	Family Day

## DAYCARE

This year, daycare staff curated a diverse array of on-site activities to enrich the children's development. These engaging experiences included a variety of physical games and sports, as well as creative arts and crafts projects.

Staff went above and beyond to make professional development days memorable for the students with exciting activities, a Jewelry Sales, and more.

In addition to these special events, daycare staff consistently provided homework support and maintained a nurturing environment where each child was closely supervised during both playtime and learning activities.

## TRIPS – EVENTS - ACTIVITIES

This year, numerous trips were organized for students across various grade levels. Beyond being enjoyable trips, these excursions also served to spark curiosity and cultivate skills in diverse areas. The primary field trips that took place include:

- Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal: Kindergarten and grade 1 to see “Adventures of Tio Tigre”
- Sécurité aquatique – grade 1 to Beloeil pool
- CEGEP Édouard-Montpetit – day of physical activity and sportsmanship for grades 3 and 4
- Ferme du Bassin (Drummondville) – Kindergarten classes
- Heritage High School (HRHS) FAF Grade 5
- Holiday Music Concert
- Winter activities (sledding)
- Grade 1 and 2 Découverte faune et insecte (Parc du Mont-St-Bruno)
- Club de canotage (Grade 3, 4 and 5)
- Grade 5 Fort Débrouillard
- Grade 6 Old Port
- After School 3D Printing
- HD Academy Basketball
- Local pool

Furthermore, students enjoyed a variety of activities within the gymnasium, such as music shows and organized sports events (basketball, rollerblading).

## FUNDRAISING

Numerous fundraisers were conducted within the school to support a wide array of activities, such as:

- Kandju fundraising for grade 6 graduation
- Leucan – Halloween boxes to collect money
- Maple Products
- Super recycleurs
- Valentine’s Day candy-grams
- Bake Sale leading up Easter for grade 5 end of year field trip
- PPO Paint Night
- Pizza fundraiser (Dominos St-Hilaire)
- 3D Printing Club Fundraising for Outdoor Classroom
- PPO Funding (voluntary contribution added to School fees (suggested fee = 30\$))
- Krispy Kreme
- Student Council Fundraising for Grade 5 Trip
- Bosapin
- Colle à moi



We are fortunate at Mountainview to have Michael Sitruk as our school's Project Development Officer for the Community Learning Center (CLC). The CLC is a non-profit initiative established to enhance community engagement with our school. This year, the CLC has facilitated various activities at our school, including:

➤ **Socktober (October 2023)**



- Basketball: Going quite well, with 10 students in grades 4-6 participating.
- Soccer: The 6-session program has concluded with 12 students.
- Police Presentation: "Prudence sur le net" workshop was presented to all grade 5 students and the 5/6 split class.
- Socktober: a total of 1621 pairs donated this year.
- Letters to seniors (Grade 6 students)
- L'arc-en-ciel: "Les jeux video" workshop engaged all grade 4 students, discussing the positive and negative aspects of video games, and alternative activities beyond screens.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Virtual Grade 5 Code Club: 6 sessions
- Virtual Microbit Code Club: 4 sessions
- Logics Academy Scratch Coding: Virtual coding workshops for two classes, grades 3 and 5.
- Telus Wise Cyber Safety Program: Delivered via Teams to 4 classes
- Consequences legale (Legal Consequences): Grade 6 workshop
- Knitting Club
- Grade 6 English Class
- Babysitting Workshop
- Speech and Language Presentation
- Grain de sel gardening

The CLC has used Facebook to help share the activities with the community.

## **SPECIAL THANK YOU**

As the chairman of our school's Governing Board, I want to express my deep gratitude for the exceptional work accomplished by all members of our school community. Ms. Sandra Fréchette, our principal, has demonstrated remarkable leadership. Her tireless dedication and clear vision have been essential in guiding our school to new heights. Her commitment to creating an enriching and inclusive learning environment is an inspiration to us all.

The representatives of the teachers also deserve special recognition. Their passion for teaching and their dedication to our students are invaluable. Thanks to their flexibility and creativity, they have a positive impact that is reflected in our students' successes.

The daycare and support staff play a crucial role in our school. Their often discreet but always indispensable work ensures a safe and welcoming environment for our children. Their daily support significantly contributes to our school community.

Finally, an immense thank you to all the involved parents. Their ongoing engagement and support make a tremendous difference. They are essential partners in our children's education, and their active participation is a true strength for our school.

Together, through these collective efforts, we are creating a dynamic and supportive educational community, conducive to the flourishing of every student. Thank you to each and every one of you for your invaluable contribution.

## **GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR CLOSING REMARKS**

Mountainview School is made up of an amazing team of dedicated individuals, including the administration, teachers, staff, and parents. Hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm have helped create an excellent learning environment and experience for all our children during the 2023-2024 academic year.

I'd like to highlight the extra efforts that many of the school's teachers and staff made during this year that may have gone unnoticed by some. Their commitment and passion have been instrumental in fostering a supportive and dynamic educational community.

Thank you to all. Congratulations to all our Grade 6 graduates and may you all have a safe and enjoyable summer vacation.

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Martial Mbadifeina  
Governing Board Chairperson

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Sandra Fréchette  
Principal