



ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #6

Tuesday, June 8th 2021

6:30 pm (via Microsoft Teams)

MINUTES

Name of member	Role	P/A			P/A
Alexis, Melissa	Parent	P	Plunkett, Robert	Support Staff	
Bastide de Grave, Jerome	Parent	P	Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P
Berghout, Choukri	Parent	P	Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Codipietro, Katia	Teacher	P	Santino, Giuseppina	Daycare	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Santino, Maria	Parent	P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Sementilli, Vanessa	Teacher	
Di Meo, Michelle	Teacher	P	Vaillancourt, Sonia	Teacher	P
Fonico, Anna	Teacher	P	Zampino, Alessia	Teacher	
Hernandez, Daly	Parent		Zarnegar, Pardis	Parent	
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	VACANT	Community Rep	
McLaughen, Laurie	Community Rep	P	TOTAL: 15__ Present (_13__ votes)		

Replacements in the event there are not enough parents for quorum: Doetzel, Lyndsey and Mayen, Carina

Opening Time: 630 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved by: Melissa A.
Second: Sophie C.
Vote: 13:0:0

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 Minutes from Tuesday, April 13th, 2021

- Moved by: Jerome BG
Second: Maria S.
Vote: 13:0:0

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

3.1 Student Drop-off Areas

- Nicholas R. had a follow-up meeting with Stephanie Watt. They met 2 weeks ago to discuss the circulation around Nesbitt, bike paths, buses, and parent drop-off areas.
- She will discuss with the city the possibility of using 8th avenue as our bus drop-off and pick-up area and use the 6th avenue for parent drop-offs because of the walker's gate (will see about reserving spots for us on 6th avenue to enable parents to drop-off). Bellechasse would no longer be used.



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- Stephanie Watt will present the plan to the city but is optimistic that it will be accepted. We will have an answer shortly.
- For Daycare, parents can use the 8th avenue as it will not interfere with the buses during daycare times.
- The plan would begin once the construction work on the 8th avenue is completed.
- The construction is expected to end in Fall 2021. If the plan is accepted, the city will do a sensitization campaign for all parties involved.

3.2 Information on Major Renovations Processes

- During last GB meeting, we had discussed that FACE was slated to undergo major renovations and we had questioned what had happened to the renovations that were promised to Nesbitt.
- Nicholas R. brought the question to EMSB'S regional director, director of material resources.
- They had discussed how the ranking was done, as well as the decision-making process but Nicholas R. was told that they still did not know when Nesbitt would be discussed, and that they did not discuss how they go about evaluating the needs nor how they prioritize the decisions.
- GB discussed their frustrations that we were told by the EMSB that Nesbitt would be next in line for renovations.
- It was agreed that a committee of concerned parents would be formed to address the issue. The committee will be independent of the governing board.
- Maria S. will send an email to Mr. Canavino.
- Melissa A. will send an email to the chair of the parent's committee.
- Maris S. and Melissa A. will follow up with GB.

4. New Business

4.1 Approval for Educational Project Report 2019-2020

- Was already voted via internet but require official vote.
- Since there weren't any end of year exams during the 2019-2020 school year (due to school closures for COVID19 pandemic), there wasn't any end of year data to be analyzed. Consequently, the report was a form report that was used for all EMSB schools.
- Moved by: Jerome BG.
Second: Michelle D.
Vote: 13:0:0

4.2 Approval for School Fees

- Fees have decreased a little: teachers have said the workbooks do not fit the needs of the classes so they created their own resources. This has led to lower costs, and in turn, leads to reduced fees for the parents and better learning for the students.
- Approval for all student fees (English Core and Immersion)
- Moved by: Maria Lisa D.
Second: Katia C.
Vote: 13:0:0

4.3 Approval for Lunch Supervision Fees

- Fees have increased by 1.40\$, for a total of 253.40\$ per child for the 2021-2022 school year.
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4.4 Approval for 2021-2022 Budget

- There are 2 budgets; one for English Core and one for French Immersion
- Estimates Consumable fees: average between last years and this year's forecasts
- The revenues are combined for Core and Immersion. The expenses are equal to the revenues.
- The budget is 9,000\$ more than last year because at this time last year enrollment was less than it is compared to today.
- GB Resolution for Adoption of School Budget:
- Moved by: Sandra L.
Second: Sophie C
Vote: 13:0:0

4.5 Approval for Lunchtime PELO program, 2021-2022

- Moved by: Maria Lisa D
Second: Katia C
Vote: 13:0:0

4.6 Approval OF School Supply Lists;

- The following are approved with the understanding that the gym t-shirt for PreK/Kindergarten is free. Therefore, 7\$ will be removed from the supply lists for the physed t-shirt for PreK & Kindergarten, as it is provided by the school.

4.6.1. Approval of Supply Lists for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 6 (English Core)

Moved by: Sophie C.
Second: Pina S.
Vote: 13:0:0

4.6.2. Approval of Supply Lists for Kindergarten to Grade 6 (French Immersion)

Moved by: Michelle D.
Second: Maria S.
Vote: 13:0:0

4.6.3. Approval of Bureau en Gros *School Kits* Supplier Program

Moved by: Jonathan R.
Second: Sophie C.
Vote: 13:0:0

4.7 Approval OF Animal Assisted Therapy

- Continue the animal assisted therapy in 2021-2022
- Thank you to Sandra Lanni for an excellent program
- Moved by: Maria Lisa D.
Second: Katia C.
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4.8 Approval for GB Annual Report

- Jonathan R. will either send the report via email for internet vote or will present it early next year at GB meeting for vote.



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4.9 Adoption of Year-End Financial Statement.

- Pardis Z (treasurer) gave her regrets was not able to attend meeting but has passed the information along to Nicholas R.
- Funds obtained from EMSB: 250\$ for 2020-2021
Plus 139\$ balance from last year 2019-2020
Minus 250\$ GB gift card donations to St-Brendon's during the holidays
= 139\$ Balance for next year rolled over
- Moved by: Jonathan R.
Second: Jerome BG
Vote: 13:0:0

5. Reports

5.1. Principal Report

- Lots of adapting has been done this year. The staff felt a lot of support from the parents regarding the preventive measures for COVID and safety of the school.
- Enrollment: last year at this time 280 students versus 300 today (includes 17 PreK), + 5 pending registrations + 2 enquiries.
- Reason for higher enrollment: Nesbitt is located in the East-end and a lot of EMSB schools are full to capacity in the East-End, and Pardis Z. did a great job to generate awareness.
- Activities:
 - Dynamics Organization June 10-11: games with the students, school wide
 - Olympic Day June 21st: promotes healthy and active lifestyles
 - Reptizoo (exhibition of reptiles) came to visit over the course of 3 days, school wide
- Report Cards will be distributed virtually on June 23rd via MOZAIK PORTAL.
- Forgot to add Varia: PreK Class
- Thank you to everyone, staff and parents, wishing everyone a happy and safe summer holiday.

5.2. Teachers Report

Prek/K: No teacher available

Cycle 1: Sonia Vaillancourt (Immersion):

- Immersion and Core: For 4 weeks have worked on project jeux de societe, which was subsidized by ecole Montrealaise; jeux mousse, bois.
- Students learned team work and enjoyed it very much.
- Working on end of year evaluations in reading and math.

Cycle 2: Michelle Di Meo

- Entire cycle worked on Virtual Science Workshops. (3 out of 4 classes)
- Grade 3 Immersion will be doing it next week.
- Grades 3 & 4 Immersion are completing Robotics unit this week.
- Have been working with Miss. Sharon in grade 3 Immersion to create clubs during indoor recess.
- Starting class room clean-up and finishing last minute work.

Cycle 3: Anna Fonicolo:

- Catching up on last minute work.
- Portrait unit: recently finished by Immersion



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- Comic Strip workshop coming
- Grade 6 getting workshop on transition to high school.

5.3. Daycare Report:

- Working on budgets and registrations.
- Registrations for 2021-22 are via MOZAIK PORTAL. Didn't get as many as we had forecasted- maybe because was on Mozaik?
- Pina S completed the registrations for parents that she knows from experience would require daycare (approx. 30 parents).
- Had to cut hours, not just our daycare was board wide.

5.4. Treasurer Report:

- Pardis Z gave her regrets could not attend meeting
- Balance carried over to next year: 139\$

5.5. Parents' Committee Report: Sophie Currie / Melissa A.

- Melissa A attended last meeting.
- Introduction of director general
- Workshop session with Dr. Gefali for understanding racism and subcommittee created for anti-racism.
- Low enrollment sub-committee:
 - Option for EMSB to look into adding grade 12.
 - Survey sent to parents of grades 5 & 6 to enquire where students plan on going to high school because enrollment in EMSB high schools is low.

5.6. Chairperson's Report: Jonathan R.

- On behalf of GB, thank you to Nicholas R and to all staff
- Teachers and daycare staff did fantastic job.

5.7. Home & School Committee Report:

- Read-a-Thon Follow-up: the winning class that read the most got pizza lunch and the individual student that read the most will get an electronic reader. Nicholas R. will give the prize.

6. Question Period

7. Varia

MEQ Funded Pre-K Class

- 1 MEQ funded PreK class for 2021-2022
- 17 students registered already
- Nicholas R requested additional PreK class to the board
- Enrollment report from April does not reflect our reality today. New enrollment report will be extracted next week and from there hopefully we will get an extra PreK class to open.
- Motion that GB approves the opening of one MEQ funded PreK class



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8. Adjournment:

Adjournment time: 8:06 pm

Moved by: Maria S.
Second: Melissa A
Vote: 13:0:0

X

Jonathan Rodrigue
Chairperson

X

Nicholas Romano
Principal