



# ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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## GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #1

**Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 2021**

6:30 pm (via Microsoft Teams)

### MINUTES

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Alexis, Melissa	Parent	P	Marcil, Martin	Teacher	P
Arcaro, Robert	Parent	P	Roberts, Todd	Support Staff	P
Balntas, Maria	Daycare Staff	P	Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P
Bastide de Grave, Jerome	Parent	P	Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Blain, Sylvie	Teacher	P	Sacco, Anita	Teacher	P
Codipietro, Katia	Teacher	P	Santino, Maria	Parent	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Zampino, Alessia	Teacher	P
De Marco, Daniela	Teacher	P	Zarnegar, Pardis	Parent	P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	VACANT	Community Rep	
Garcia, Carolyn	Parent	P	VACANT	Community Rep	
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	TOTAL: _18_ Present ( _18_ votes)		

Replacements in the event there are not enough parents for quorum: None for the moment

### Opening Time: 630 pm

#### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

Vote: 18:0:0

#### 2. Elections

##### 2.1 Chairperson

- Jonathan Rodrigue, by acclamation

##### 2.2 Secretary

- Maria Lisa Di Martino, by acclamation

##### 2.3 Treasurer

- Carolyn Garcia, by acclamation

#### 3 Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

##### 3.1 Minutes from Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021



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- Correction to the minutes: For the physed t-shirts, only PreK are provided with free t-shirts. The t-shirts for kindergarten students are not free.
- Moved by: Maria S.  
Second: Sophie C.  
Vote: 18:0:0

## 4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

### School Renovations:

- Maria S. sent an email to the commissioner Mr. Cannavino asking him where Nesbitt stands as we were told we were next in line after Bancroft. He answered that there is a priority list and that Nesbitt is on the list, and that within the next few weeks, we should be receiving a schedule of when the renovations would begin.
- If no news in October, Maris S. will follow up again in November.
- Last year, 1 week after our last GB meeting in June, Nicholas R. met with 2 people from the board who came to look at the school in order to evaluate the renovations that were asked for. He asked them about the status of the major renovations and was told that Nesbitt is on the list of priorities, and that we should be obtaining more information soon.

### Pool Renovations

- No news yet as to when pool will be completed. They have already surpassed the original timeline.

### Drop-off Areas:

- Last year we had discussed, with Stephanie Watts, moving the bus drop-off to the 8<sup>th</sup> avenue and parent drop-off to the 6<sup>th</sup> avenue once the pool renovations would be completed. We have yet to receive final approval from the city.
- Nicholas R. will reach out again to Stephanie Watts.
- The police circulation officer who visited Nesbitt is in agreement with the plan.
- Must also wait to see the results of the municipal elections in 1 months' time as Denis Coderre has plans to reorganize Bellechasse.

## 5. New Business

### 5.1. 2021-2022 GB Meeting Dates

- Cannot be held on Wednesdays because of board meetings and Thursdays are not convenient
- Continue virtual meetings
- Will be scheduled on the second Tuesday of every month
- Nicholas R. will send a list of the dates via email. We need to have a minimum of 6 meetings in the school year. Will schedule 1 meeting / month and will cancel if need be.

### 5.2. Approval for Field Trips

- 12 field trips for approval for the time being. See document of field trips.
- Cannot charge for trips that are strictly academic. Those field trips must be subsidized by monies obtained from the board, MEES, etc.
- \$50/student is the amount that can be subsidized by the school.
- Full cost includes transportation
- How will the vaccine passports affect field trips in terms of the staff? For School based activities passports are not required, by Nicholas R will need to confirm if still applies.
- Approval:
- Moved by: Maria Lisa D.  
Second: Carolyn G.  
Vote: 18:0:0



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## FIELD TRIPS FOR APPROVAL - October 2021

Grade/Cycle	Tentative Date or Month	Short Activity Description	Approx. Number of students	Full Cost of Activity per Student	School Subsidized Amount per Student	Final Cost to Student	School contact person for activity
1 Cycle 1	Both Spring	Intermiel: découverte des abeilles et de leur importance dans le cycle de la vie naturelle	90	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	Mme Brigitte
2 Cycle 1	Both Winter	Tubing Mont Royal	90	\$ 14.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 5.00	Mme Katia
3 Cycle 2	Both February	Tubing Mont Royal	90	\$ 14.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 5.00	Mr. Anthony
4 Cycle 2	Both May	Halo Race	90	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ -	Mr. Anthony
5 Cycle 2	Both TBD	Pointe a Calliere	90	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	\$ -	Mme. Farida
6 Cycle 3	Both February	Tubing Avila (Carnival)	85	\$ 32.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 20.00	Mr. Anthony
7 Cycle 3	Both May	Halo	85	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ -	Mr. Anthony
8 Gr 5	Both May	Quebec City	45	\$ 65.00	\$ -	\$ 65.00	Mr. Mancil
9 Gr 6	Both April-June	Ottawa	40	\$ 65.00	\$ -	\$ 65.00	Mr. Mancil
10 Preschool	Both February	Tubing Mont Royal Visite au Musée des	45	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	Miss Katia
11 Preschool	Both nov.	Beaux-Arts	40	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	\$ -	S. Blain
12 Preschool	Both Avril	Maison Théâtre	40	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$ -	S. Blain

### 5.3. Approval of Base Daycare Manual

- Item was forgotten to be added to agenda
- Maria Balntas is the school daycare director for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The manual is an overview of the daycare program. The fee structure is relatively the same as last year except: fees 8.50\$/day last year versus 8.55\$/day this year.
- Moved by: Sophie C  
Second: Maria S.  
Vote: 18:0:0

## 6. Reports

### 6.1. Principal Report

#### Enrollment:

- 310 current students versus 290 last year at this time. 2 years ago, we were at 275.
- 2 new registrations this week.
- Why is it higher?
  - West-End schools are full. We are getting many parents who have work/study permits and have children who have access to English schools.
  - Pardis Z. did a marketing campaign last year to promote Nesbitt
  - The zone for Nesbitt is big so new parents that come to Quebec fall into our zone.
- With current facilities, we have space for one more classroom. Beyond that, we would need to be more creative with the space available. For instance, section of library can be converted into a classroom. With creative solutions, can maybe get 3-4 extra classrooms.



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## Green Apple School Photos

- Last week were the photo sessions
- 2<sup>nd</sup> photo session to be held for siblings, retakes and grad students. Date TBC with Green Apple.

## SPVM Visit

- In September, the SPVM visited the school for the violence prevention program.
- Local Heroes Day. Cycle 2-3 met with different departments.

## Fire Department Visit

- Fire department coming to visit in late October for safety presentation.

## October Activities

- October 18<sup>th</sup>: starting PELO program. Can't offer all the languages asked for by parents but Spanish and Italian are available.
- Halloween: pumpkin decoration activity. Oct 29<sup>th</sup> dress up day & various classroom activities. Costumes: no masks, no plastic accessories.

## Nesbitt Staff

- A classroom is opening tomorrow, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, the teacher will be with us long term.
- 3 teachers are working with us regularly until the board places them permanently.
- Attendance positions: short 3 staff members. 90 hours are missing from attendance positions. With the board's permission, 58.5 hours was redistributed to staff to take on additional time. Still missing approx. 32 hours in attendance. The missing time impacts the daycare; 2 positions.
- Staff shortages are across the board, at all levels.

## 6.2. Teachers Report

### Prek/K: Sylvie Blain (Immersion)

- Welcome Back Party: students loved it
- School visit, grade 6 teamed up with kindergarten students
- Halloween: workshops in the classroom
- Field Trip: Maison Theatre in spring to see "Pomerleau", and Musee des Beaux Arts to fabricate a 3D object.

### Cycle 1: No teachers available

### Cycle 2: Anita Sacco

- Grades 3 & 4 rounding out math
- Working on Personal narratives in English class
- Field trip: Pointe a Caliere during the year, univers social outing
- Today had an anti-bullying SPVM workshop

### Cycle 3: Martin Marcil

- Creating video games in collaboration with Fusion Jeunesse, grades 5 & 6 immersion, twice/week until May. In May, will have competition with different schools. Using online platform Construct 3 to program the games. Kids will program with Scratch and will transpose one to another.

## 6.3. Daycare Report: Maria Balntas

- Maria Balntas is the daycare interim technician for this year.
- 74 regular students currently registered, 3 new pending registrations this week.
- Friday PED day, decorating pumpkins (Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)



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6.4. Treasurer Report: Carolyn Garcia

- N/A

6.5. Parents' Committee Report: Melissa Alexis & Sophie Currie

- N/A, no meetings held yet.

6.6. Chairperson's Report: Jonathan R.

- N/A

6.7. Home & School Committee Report:

- No meetings held yet
- The 2 people who have been active last year are unable to continue at the same capacity- no time to do complete organization of all activities. They can't run it.
- Nicholas R will send email this week to all parents asking for participants, as well as asking who would like to manage.
- If no participants, would be moved over to the school administration for this year and then at the next AGM will decide if still want H&S or vote for PPO.
- Also, if no participants see if any GB members would like to take on role for time being.

7. Question Period

- Cafeteria Status? Nicholas R spoke to the board about the cafeteria status, presently lack of staff. Option B would be to hire catering company which is run out of the JFK high school, and would take about 1-2 weeks to get it to be up and running. However, board said currently conducting interviews for cafeteria staff and we may have staff that will be hired. Will get more information in 2 weeks' time. Nicholas R. will finalize with nutritional services.

8. Varia

9. Adjournment:

**Adjournment time: 7:53 pm**

Moved by: Pardis Z.

Second: Sandra L.

Vote: 18:0:0

X

Jonathan Rodrigue  
Chairperson

X

Nicholas Romano  
Principal