



ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #2

Tuesday, November 17th, 2020

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		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	Vaillancourt, Sonia	Teacher	P
Di Meo, Michelle	Teacher	P	Zampino, Alessia	Teacher	P
Fonico, Anna	Teacher	P	Zarnegar, Pardis	Parent	P
Hernandez, Daly	Parent	P	VACANT	Teacher	
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	VACANT	Community Rep	
McLaughen, Laurie	Community Rep		TOTAL: _16_ Present (_15_ votes)		

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

Opening Time: 630 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved by: Jerome BG
Second: Melissa A.
Vote: 15:0:0

2. Update of GB Members

2.1. Update of Nesbitt School Staff on GB

- Angela Christodopoulos has left GB to go to the ministry. Replaced by Katia Codipietro.
- Still one vacant teacher position on GB left to fill.

2.2. Community Representatives

- Last year, we had 2 community representatives.
- Laurie McLaughen is coming back to GB this year, and there remains 1 vacant spot still left to fill.
- GB members are welcome to refer someone for the position.
- Jonathan R. will ask Laurie M if she has any referrals in mind.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

3.1. Minutes from Tuesday, October 13th, 2020

- Moved by: Maria S.



Second: Pina S.
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4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

4.1. Follow-up on Air Purifiers

- No update on the feasibility of the project in terms of the school's capacity to accept the additional electric load. Require Building & Grounds to do feasibility study.
- Information for the rental of the units: Approx. 175\$/month/unit
- The rental of the units is not advantageous; would represent a higher cost in the long run versus purchasing the units.
- At the EMSB Parent's Committee meeting two weeks ago, the parents were discussing with the EMSB to look into the funding of the air purifiers, as this was an issue across all the schools.
- EMSB's directive is that if a school were to have air purifiers, they would need to be installed in all classrooms or none at all. Does this directive apply to equity in terms of being able to provide the service? Ex) Can we take a unit and have it serve 3 hours in one class and 3 hours in another?
- If the budget is not an issue, do we want to have air purifiers? The general consensus is that any extra measure that we can take makes everyone feel more secure.
- Can McGill students come to Nesbitt to do a study? We don't have the authority to do that, require approval from R&D at the board level.
- A good approach is to have this issue discussed at the PC meeting as it is not only an issue at Nesbitt but across all schools, and from there the EMSB may ask GB to provide a brief.
- Dec 3rd is next PC meeting.
- Sophie C. will bring up the issue at the next PC meeting.

5. New Business

5.1. Educational Project Information

- The educational project, which began in the 2019-2020 school year, is currently in effect and will last until the 2021-2022 school year.
- It was updated and finalized in 2018-2019 with staff, GB and principal and approved in GB last Nov-Dec.
- Every year we have a responsibility to ensure the parents on GB are informed about it.
- Main areas of focus; English, French, Math
- Markers of performance: end of cycle exams and grade 6 exit exams.
- Because last year the students only learned content from September to March, the Educational project is not yet effective as a tool of measurement as there is insufficient data.

5.2. Approval of Daycare Handbook

- Daycare handbook includes the rules and procedures for how to operate the daycare.
- Major changes are the sanitary measures in place due to Covid19. All changes are in yellow.
- The front page of the document needs to be signed and scanned and sent back to Pina S. as soon as possible.
- Moved by: Maris S.
Second: Sophie C.
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5.3. Approval of Fundraiser for Graduation Committee

5.3.1. Hoodie/Yearbook Sale

- Done in the past. Parents are asked for a contribution in exchange for the celebration dance, hoodie and yearbook.
- This year is \$65/student versus \$60 in the past
- Parents are not paying an additional fee for the event at the end of the year (Graduation Dance)
- Moved: Maria S.
- Second: Jonathan R.
- Vote: 15:0:0

5.3.2. Dress Down Days

- 2 dress down days: beginning/mid December (holiday themed event) and in the new year (hockey jersey/sweater themed day)
- Cost: 2\$/student
- Moved: Sandra L.
Second: Katia C.
Vote: 15:0:0

5.3.3. TCBY Yogurt Sales

- January, February and March
- No exact cost yet but maximum cost will be 3\$/yogurt
- Details of the sale TBC
- Moved: Maris S.
Second: Maria Lisa D.
Vote: 15:0:0

5.4. Approval of Holiday Community Action Campaigns

5.4.1. Sox-in-a-Box Clothing Drive

- Due to sanitary measures in place, not able to take grade 6 students to Rosemount to do packing and prep.
- Goal is to collect new socks for Montreal homeless families, done via the homerooms.
- Donated to 5 community organizations
- Will run from December 1st to 14th
- Moved: Sophie C.
Second: Pardis Z.
Vote: 15:0:0

5.4.2. St. Michael's Food Drive

- Collect non-perishable food items via the homerooms and donate to St-Michael's food drive.
- Will run from December 1-14
- Volunteers from the St-Michael's mission will come and pick up the items on Wednesday December 16th.
- Moved: Katia C.
Second: Pardis Z.
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5.4.3. St. Brendan's Gift Cards

- The St-Brendan's church helps people in the community, some of the families are Nesbitt families.
- This year because of the COVID-19, there are no volunteers to go through the items and distribute them so we will give gift cards instead.
- We have 139\$ from last year's GB budget, we will use that money to purchase 7 x 20\$ gift cards to give in lieu of giving items (gift certificate for stores like Super C, etc.).
 - 139\$ stems from; \$100 from last year's GB budget which was put aside to purchase 2 x 50\$ gift cards for graduation (these were paid from a different fund instead), + 39\$ that was left over from last year's GB budget.
- Nicolas R. will amend the request so that we will use a total of 250\$ from the GB budget to purchase gift cards for the St-Brendan's church and Nesbitt families; of which 139\$ is money carried over from last year + 111\$ from our 2020-2021 GB budget of 250\$.
- Moved: Maria S.
Second: Maria Lisa D.
Vote: 15:0:0

5.5. Student Enrolment Sub-Committee

- Pardis Z: The goal is to increase the student count so that we can increase the funds received, increase Nesbitt's place within the EMSB, as well as it's importance on the priority list for renovations.
- The upper level of the school is not usable, we want to push forward to increase the student count so we can demonstrate that we are at capacity with 3 floors.
- The sub-committee's focus is on targeting the next open house by making Nesbitt well known, and possible making additions to the school's website to build up to the January 28th open house.
- Need assistance on increasing awareness of Nesbitt in order to increase the number of parents who attend the open house.
- Subcommittees will consist of: Pardis Z and Melissa A.
- Issues to look into:
 - What is missing as far as information that is readily available so that we can update the website?
 - Can we do videos to showcase our school?
 - Can we distribute flyers at daycares?
- Funding: there is no funding from the EMSB, Nesbitt can fund promotional stuff but limited.
- Michelle Di Meo manages the school's social media and will provide help if needed.
- Jonathan R. can help if need be to look into Google analytics so Nesbitt can be front and center if people do searches on Google based on key words.
- Subcommittee will follow-up at every GB meeting.

6. Reports

6.1 Principal Report

- There are 4 pending registrations.
- PELO and all extra-curricular activities are on hold (due to government COVID19 directives)
- Halloween Celebrations (October 30th)
 - Students were allowed to dress-up, decorated class pumpkins, and individual pumpkins, classes held show and tells to showcase the student's costumes and enable



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students to practice public speaking skills, and the school gave out goodie bags to all students.

- This year because of COVID-19, we couldn't allow parents to give out candies, instead the school distributed goodie bags to all.
- Remembrance Day Activities:
 - Wednesday November 4th: Grades 4 and 6 had Zoom video conference with different sections of the Canadian Armed Forces.
 - Homerooms did art projects with poppies
 - Students wrote messages of thanks to Canadian armed forces.
- Graduation Photos and Retakes (November 16th)
- Parent-Teacher interviews (November 19th) via Zoom
- Term 1 Report Cards:
 - Pushed to end of January
 - Parent-teacher interviews still conducted on November 19th.

6.2 Teachers Report

Prek/K: No teacher available

Cycle 1: Sonia Vaillancourt

- Immersion class:
 - Evaluations were held last week. Students were tested for Math and reading. Even if no report cards, exams were still done.
 - There are less and less absences in the class
 - Students are really enjoying reading and writing
- 2nd grade: Madame Sylvie and Madame Brigitte work together to prepare project.

Cycle 2: Michelle Di Meo

- Immersion class:
 - Going well. Trying to implement as many technological tools as possible, such as FlipGrid, to create videos, record readings, etc.

Cycle 3: Anna Fonicolo:

- Immersion class:
 - Students/teachers becoming tech savvy as an entire week of school was spent online for teaching and learning via Google Classrooms. Students did very well participating and will do well in the event that this happens a second time.
 - However, students expressed that they really missed being in the classroom.

6.3 Daycare Report:

- Pina S. had meeting with the daycare staff, who reported that all is going well, everyone is staying in their bubbles.
- 2 PED day activities are prepared.

6.4 Treasurer Report:

- Total budget remaining for 2020-2021: 139\$
- (139\$ from 2019-2020 + 250\$ for 2020-2021= 389\$)
- (389\$ - 250\$ contribution for St-Brendon's gift cards= 139\$)



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6.5 Parents' Committee Report: Sophie Currie

- Air purifiers were discussed. See point 4.1

6.6 Chairperson's Report: Jonathan R.

- Not much communication from EMSB
- Received note from Laurie M. that she heard there was a new plan in place for the Rosemount swimming pool construction project, and they are looking to sharing parking spaces with our school.
- Nicholas R will advise the school board.
- Using the parking lot off school hours is not a problem but the issue is with people using that space during school times, especially during snow storms when street parking is lacking.
- Currently there are no problems with people taking the school parking. The school does not have a contract with a towing company but will need to get one if the parking becomes a problem.
- Jonathan R. will speak to Laurie to see where she got the information and will update Nicholas R as soon as possible.

6.7. Home & School Committee Report: Nicholas R.

- No meeting has been held yet since the last H&S meeting.
- In process of collecting money for pizza day held on Thursday November 26th.
- Received the frozen yogurt this week.

7. Question Period

8. Varia:

Community Share Table:

- Due to current situation with Covid19, a Facebook group will be created in lieu of a physical share table: A Facebook group which allows for a FREE exchange of goods within the Nesbitt community, open all year round. Nesbitt community only.
- People will post the items that they would like to give away, and connect with another Nesbitt community member who would like to pick them up. All goods are welcome, especially children's clothes, school uniforms, jackets, shoes, boots. Arrangements for pick-ups are made between members, at their location of choice.
- Sandra L. has inventory of clothes, jackets, boots, etc. at Nesbitt to give away.
- Maria Lisa D. will set up the Facebook page and is free on Fridays to sort the Nesbitt clothes.
- For the clothes given by Nesbitt, parents need to make appointments to come and pick up. Volunteers go in on Fridays to put together the orders.



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Adjournment: 8:17 pm

Moved by: Pina S.
Second: Daly H.
Vote: 15:0:0

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 8TH, 2020

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Jonathan Rodrigue
Chairperson

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Nicholas Romano
Principal