



ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #4

Tuesday, March 15th, 2022

6:30 pm (via Microsoft Teams)

MINUTES

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Alexis, Melissa	Parent		Marcil, Martin	Teacher	P
Arcaro, Robert	Parent	P	McLaughen, Laurie	Community Rep	
Balntas, Maria	Daycare Staff	P	Roberts, Todd	Support Staff	P
Bastide de Grave, Jerome	Parent		Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P
Blain, Sylvie	Teacher	P	Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Codipietro, Katia	Teacher	P	Sacco, Anita	Teacher	
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Santino, Maria	Parent	P
De Marco, Daniela	Teacher	P	Zampino, Alessia	Teacher	
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Zarnegar, Pardis	Parent	P
Garcia, Carolyn	Parent	P	VACANT	Community Rep	
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	TOTAL: _15_ Present (_14_ votes)		

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

Opening Time: 636 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda:

- Additions to 4. New Business
 - 4.1.3. Approval of Daycare PED Days
- Additions to 7. Varia
 - 7.1. Staff Parking
 - 7.2. Enrollment Sub-Committee
- Moved by: Daniela D.
Second: Maria S.
Vote: 14:0:0

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 Minutes from Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

- Moved by: Sophie C
Second: Sandra L.
Vote: 14:0:0

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

3.1. Major Renovations of Nesbitt School Building:

- Nicholas R:
- An architectural firm has been selected and is now in the process of drafting their plans of operations. During March break, they came to the school with representatives from Material Resources Department to look at the school.



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- Doesn't think any renovations will begin before the middle of next year, and even Summer 2023.
- No details yet as to how the renovations will take place. Architects are in the planning stages. The only know detail is that the renovations will take place in multiple phases.
- The first set of renovations (phase 1) will be centered around safety and security (i.e., replacement of the sprinkler system, replacing the fire escape outside the school, Roof replacement, electrical work, tearing down existing walls and erecting new ones).
- No start date available yet, and no date for when this information will be shared to the parents, or if/when parents will be given a platform to express their concerns.

- Maria S:

- Mr. Cannavino replied to Maris S's email after our February GB meeting. He stated the following:
 - He stated that a project manager had been selected.
 - They were in the process of selecting an architectural firm
 - The renovation project would cost approximately \$7.9 million
 - Work will tentatively begin next Fall (Fall 2022)
 - Plan is not to move the children
 - Renovations will occur in phases
- Maria Lisa D. expressed concerns about possibility of asbestos in the walls and the fact that children and staff would remain in the building. Nicholas R does not have any details and is trying to obtain a town hall meeting with the board and parents, but does not foresee any Q&A sessions any time soon since they are still in the planning stages.
- Maria S. recalls that when they found asbestos inside John F. Kennedy school, the school board had checked all the schools in Montreal for asbestos presence- but the information needs to be validated.
- Martin M had concerns about where the students would be moved if sections of the school were sealed off for renovations and had suggested outdoor mobile classrooms.

3.2. Parent Drop-Off and Bus Drop-Off Areas

- Nicholas R. met with the city and the project manager of the pool project
- We can't move the buses to 8th avenue just yet because they are still receiving deliveries for renovation work that is being done inside the pool complex (the buses would block the street).
- However, we can temporarily move the parent drop-offs to 8th avenue (since cars are much smaller, they would not hinder deliveries). Can potentially begin in April and be effective for the remainder of this school year.
- If this becomes possible, Nicholas R will advise parents- right now it is in discussions.
- The representatives agree that when deliveries are no longer needed for the pool, we can move the bus drop-offs to the 8th avenue and the parent drop-offs to the 6th avenue.

4. New Business

4.1. Approval for Field Trips

4.1.1. Approval for Field Trip to Biodome for Cycle 2

- Cycle 2 planned field trip to Biodome will occur mid-April to beginning of May
- Cost is entirely subsidized by the school
- Will take public transit (as part of the STM program) or private school bus; costs to parents will still be 0\$ regardless of the option.
- Moved by: Sylvie B.



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4.1.2. Approval for Changes to Mount Royal Field Trips for Preschool, Cycle 1, and Cycle 2

- Many classes had to have their tubing fieldtrip at Mount-Royal cancelled due to various reasons (i.e., bad weather, etc.). Mount-Royal is not accepting any more reservations for tubing after March break.
- The plan is to take the monies collected from the parents for the tubing field trips and put them towards a Mount-Royal Spring Nature trip. It would be the same the costs and would take place anywhere from mid-May to beginning of June.
- Should parents opt out of the Spring field trip, a refund will be issued.
- Moved by: Katia C
Second: Carolyn G.
Vote: 14:0:0

4.1.3. Approval of Daycare PED Days (Maria Balntas)

- May 6th PED Day;
 - Funtropolis Laval (bus)
 - \$10 for the activity
 - Moved by: Pardis Z.
Second: Martin M.
Vote: 14:0:0
- Previous PED Days that require approval (was not aware that needed approval)
- Nov 26th PED Day;
 - Dynamix Laser Tag (at the school)
 - \$16 for the activity
 - Moved by: Maria Lisa D.
Second: Jonathan R.
Vote: 14:0:0
- Jan 24th PED Day;
 - Café Ceramics (at the school)
 - \$14 for the activity
 - Moved by: Daniela DM.
Second: Sandra L.
Vote: 14:0:0
- Feb 25th PED Day;
 - Dynamix Mega Ball (at the school)
 - \$14 for the activity
 - Moved by: Maria S.
Second: Sylvie B.
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5. Reports

5.1. Principal Report

- Enrollment:
 - 313 current students
 - For next year, current enrollment is 287 but still getting calls. We are at the same positions as were last year at this time.



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- Numbers will increase at the end of the year and during the Summer
- Confident will reach 310
- Still enrolling for this current school year too.
- Feb 24th: COVID19 vaccination (2nd dose)
- Feb 24th: parent/teacher interview
- Since our return from March break, the COVID19 restrictions have changed. Students no longer required to wear masks while seated at their desks.
- Ukraine War: Art teacher proposed a sunflower art project to show support for Ukraine. Tomorrow is final day to collect items for humanitarian aid. Some students will walk the items over to Ste-Sophie church.
- March 17th St=Patrick's Day Dress Down Day; students encouraged to wear green, 2\$ donation for Grade 6 graduation.

5.2. Teachers Report

PreK/K: Sylvie Blain (Immersion)

- Signed up at Ecole Montrealaise for field trip to Musee Pointe a Calliere. Is awaiting details.
- Next week will celebrate the 100th day of school in K.
- K Core: intern has started her term.
- Cycle 1- grade 2 immersion- also has an intern that began their term.

Cycle 1: no teacher (see PreK/K note)

Cycle 2: Anita Sacco

- Anita S. is absent

Cycle 3: Daniela De Marco

- Katia Codipietro: Intermural Basketball for cycle 3. Started today, will last until mid-May. Students versus teachers basketball game has been proposed.

5.3. Daycare Report: Maria Balntas

- Taxation 2021 is finished. Tax slips have been distributed
- March 21 PED Day: will be at school. Superhero day. Students will dress up as their favorite super heroes and have pancake breakfast.

5.4. Treasurer Report: Carolyn Garcia

- N/A

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

- Melissa Alexis: not present and Sophie C. was not present at PC meeting.

5.6. Chairperson's Report: Jonathan R.

- N/A

5.7. Home & School Committee Report:

- N/A

6. Question Period

- Maria Santino:



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- The idea of having Ukrainian refugees attend English schools in Quebec has been requested to the Quebec government. If accepted, can we take them?
- Answer: Yes, if they fall in the Nesbitt Core territory, we will take them in. The school board will need to find the space. Nicholas R. has meeting tomorrow but unsure if this is on the agenda.

7. Varia

7.1. Staff Parking

- Nesbitt staff has grown in past years and they are running into issues with the amount of parking spots available.
- Winter time is especially problematic as parking spots are reduced due to snow.
- Nicholas R. asked the school board if possible to move the fence of the interior parking to where the library ends (will take about 15 feet of the asphalt play yard). The board said it was possible and Nicholas R. wanted to address the issue with GB.
- The modification will help us to gain about 10 parking spots, but in Winter will be less due to the snow.
- GB agreed with the proposal.
- Nicholas R. will explore the idea with Material Resources and will come back to GB with a concrete plan and ask for GB approval.

7.2. Enrollment Sub-Committee (Pardis Z.)

- Pardis Z. sent emails to the Daycares that were on her list last year advising them of the open house.
- The daycare list has been expanded to the Saint-Leonard area for French immersion students.
- Paper copies have also been dropped off at daycares, grocery stores, etc.
- The PC meeting has addressed the enrollment issue. Nesbitt was in the positives compared to other schools in the EMSB who were in the negative growth.
- Can we distribute questionnaire to parents of PreK/K asking them how they heard about Nesbitt? (i.e., did they hear about it through their daycares?). If Pardis Z. has postal codes, she can better target her efforts to certain geographical zones. This would help Pardis Z. to evaluate her efforts and to determine which geographical areas she should focus on.
- Nicholas R. said would be feasible.

8. Adjournment:

Adjournment time: 7:44 pm

Moved by: Maria S.

Second: Katia C.

Vote: 14:0:0

Next meeting Tuesday April 12th, 2022 (virtual).

X

Jonathan Rodrigue
Chairperson

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Nicholas Romano
Principal