



ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #5

Tuesday, April 13th 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		Santino, Giuseppina	Daycare	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Santino, Maria	Parent	P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Sementilli, Vanessa	Teacher	P
Di Meo, Michelle	Teacher	P	Vaillancourt, Sonia	Teacher	P
Fonico, Anna	Teacher	P	Zampino, Alessia	Teacher	P
Hernandez, Daly	Parent	P	Zarnegar, Pardis	Parent	P
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	VACANT	Community Rep	
McLaughen, Laurie	Community Rep	P	TOTAL: 18___ Present (_16__ 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

1.1 Correction 4.1. should read Minutes from Tuesday, February 9th 2021

2.1 Addition 6.3. Approval for Denim Day on May 11^t

- Moved by: Sophie C.
Second: Jerome B.G
Vote: 16:0:0

2. Update of GB Members

2.1 Update of Nesbitt School Staff on GB

- Vanessa Sementilli, teacher for Grade 2 Core & Grade 1 combined, has returned from maternity leave and has joined the Governing Board.
- Alessia Zampino has agreed to remain on GB.

3. Brief *Meet-and-Greet* with Ms. Stephanie Watt, Conseillère de la Ville, district Etienne-Desmarreau, Arrondissement de Rosemont-La Petite -Patrie

- Question 1: problematic bike path on Bellechasse; (bicycles zooming by while children are trying to cross, scooters using bike lane, and in Winter the bike lane is cleared but not the sidewalks)
- Ms. Watt::



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- Regarding the snow removal, there are dedicated machine that clear bike path and others that clear the sidewalks. Both are cleaned at the same time but since there are less bike paths than there are sidewalks, it appears that bike paths are cleaned first. However, will look into why the sidewalks are not cleaned in time for the children's arrival in the mornings.
- The only "bikes" allowed on the bike path are electric bikes, skateboards and electric chairs but not scooters.

- Question 2: Can the bike path be rerouted for the portion of Bellechasse where Nesbitt is, or can they forbid bikes in that section during specific morning/afternoon times.
- Ms. Watt: Will consider. There are other schools on Bellechasse who have the bike path as well and it is not an issue.
- Response: However, Nesbitt has a lot of drop offs and special needs children compared to the other schools.
- Ms. Watt: Can we do the bus drop off on 8th avenue after construction or 6th avenue?
- Response: Bellechasse is drop off for parents not buses
- Ms. Watt: Can we use drop off on the 6th for parents?
- Response: People can't park of the 6th avenue due to city rules.
- Ms. Watt: We should have a conversation about what we can expect when the pool project is over. Can we allow the parents to park on the 6th avenue?
- Will discuss with Nicholas R. : Options for parents for drop-offs when pool project is complete, to use either the 6th or 8th avenue instead of Bellechasse.

- Question 3: When will the pool project be complete?
- Ms. Watt: It should have been in the Fall but delayed due to COVID.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4.1 Minutes from Tuesday, February 9th, 2021

- Moved by: Maria S.
Second: Melissa A.
Vote: 16:0:0

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

5.1 Follow-up on pool parking

- Nicholas R. received an email from Daniel Lafond, directeur de l'arrondissement Rosemont La Petite Patrie. The email states that it is not in the city's plans to take a portion of Nesbitt's property for city parking.
- Question was asked about the city requesting access to our parking? Nicholas R. answered that the city has not requested access. During school hours the parking lot is already full as it is with spots missing for staff members. If the city does bring up the issue, we do not have any room to spare as currently there is not enough space to meet our own needs.

6. New Business

6.1. Home & School Fundraisers

6.1.1. Approval for Read-A-Thon from March 29th to April 23rd

- GB has already voted on this issue via email but we require an official vote.
- Read-A-Thon: students are encouraged to read books while family and friends pledge money in order to collect funds for H&S.
- Moved by: Sophie C.
Second: Pardis Z.



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6.2. Graduation Committee Fundraisers

6.2.1. Approval for Sports-themed dress-down day on March 26th

- Moved by: Daly H.
Second: Vanessa S.
Vote: 16:0:0

6.2.2. Approval for Chapman's Ice Cream on April 21st and May 26th

- Moved by: Maria Lisa D.
Second: Sandra L.
Vote: 16:0:0

6.3. Approval for Denim Day on May 11th

- Will request a minimum donation of \$2 in order to raise funds and awareness for Breast Cancer. Funds will be donated to the Cure Foundation.
- Moved by: Maria S.
Second: Pina S.
Vote: 16:0:0

6.4. Approval for Instructional Minutes for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

- Asking for changes to the instructional minutes for Pre-K and K Core in order to allow Nesbitt to better serve its students given the current staff and talent that is available. These changes would align the school with the staff that they have in place.
- Since PreK and K are not governed by the basic school education regulations, their instructional minutes are at the discretion of the school.
- K French immersion will not change, only asking to change PreK and K Core.
- Proposed changes:
- CURRENT:**

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Subject	Minutes	Language
English Language Arts	1230	English
Physical Education	90	French
Music	90	French

PROPOSED

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Subject	Minutes	Language
English Instruction	1260	English
Physical Education	90	French
Music	60	French



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CURRENT:

KINDERGARTEN

English Core

Subject	Minutes	Language
English Language Arts	1230	English
<i>Français langue seconde</i>	30	French
Physical Education	90	French
Music	60	French

PROPOSED:

KINDERGARTEN

English Core

Subject	Minutes	Language
English Instruction	1260	English
Physical Education	90	French
Music	60	French

- Move the Proposed Minute Allocation as presented:
- Moved by: Michelle D.
Second: Vanessa S.
Vote: 16:0:0

6.5. Instructional Minutes for Cycle 1 French Immersion

- This is brought to GB for informational purposes only. The school does not have a choice in the matter as they must follow the BSR (Basic School Regulations). All schools in EMSB that have French Immersion programs are in the same position.
- Government is asking us to rectify the English Language Instructional minutes in Cycle 1.
- School neglected to give mandatory English instruction in Cycle 1 French Immersion.
- The Education Services department at the school board obtained from MEES the minimum requirement of English Language Arts per week; that of 150 hours (must be in the subject of English Language Arts)
- Basic School Regulation's article 22 asks for 9 hours of English Language Arts per week, but we are only doing 150 mins / week, as the board negotiated from 540 mins to 150 mins.
- This only affects cycle 1 Immersion, as cycles 2 & 3 already conform to the BSR.
- Changes will be made as such; currently there is 780 mins of *Français langue d'enseignement* and 0 mins of *English language arts* per week. Will be changed to 630 mins of *Français langue d'enseignement* and 150 mins (30 mins/day) of *English language arts per week*,



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- **CURRENT:**

French Immersion

Subject	Minutes	Language
<i>Français langue d'enseignement</i>	780	French
Mathematics	420	French
Visual Arts	60	French
Music	60	French
Ethics and Religious Cultures	60	English
Physical Education	120	French

- **CHANGES:**

French Immersion

Subject	Minutes	Language
<i>Français langue d'enseignement</i>	630	French
English Language Arts	150	English
Mathematics	420	French
Visual Arts	60	French
Music	60	French
Ethics and Religious Cultures	60	French
Physical Education	120	French

6.6 Approval of French as Language of Instruction for ERC in the French Immersion Program

- All ERC classes in the EMSB are taught in English unless the school actively seeks out for them to be taught in a different language. With GB and principal approvals, Nesbitt can ask for grades 1-6 French Immersion ERC classes to be taught in French (does not affect English Core).
- The board has ERC in English because of the belief that children in English Schools would be more comfortable to discuss these topics in English.
- On paper ERC is being taught in English but in practice, it has been taught in French for years. We require a resolution at the board so that it remains permanently in place.
- Motion to have ERC classes taught in French for cycles 1,2,3 French Immersion;

GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION FOR NESBITT SCHOOL CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE ERC PROGRAM'S LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

WHEREAS the Ethics and Religious Culture Program at Nesbitt School has previously been taught in English;

WHEREAS Article 24 of the Basic School Regulation states that "for students admitted to an English language school, French as the language of instruction for subjects other than French as a second language may be used with the parents' authorization";

WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board's Policy on the Language of Instruction for the Ethics and Religious Culture Program states that schools may be exempt from teaching this course in English at the discretion of the Principal and the Governing Board, with confirmation from the Educational Services Department;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT For Grades 1 to 6 the Ethics and Religious Culture Program at Nesbitt School be taught in French for the French Immersion academic stream.

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Second: Sophie C.
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6.7 Nesbitt School Clothes at Sun Youth

- The school received an email from a former colleague, Ms. Santorelli, in which she says that she knows someone that works at Sun Youth and that received a big shipment of Nesbitt clothing-shirts, navy pants with Nesbitt logo, etc.
- Sun Youth will give us back this clothing, so there will be a batch of clothing coming in to the school.
- Idea proposed that the clothing be sold to families at a low-cost ex: 2\$-3\$, in order to collect money for the school for projects that will benefit the students, such as a beautification project in the school yard.
- To discuss at GB at a later date, either we give away the clothes or sell them at a low cost as a fundraising idea.

7. Reports

7.1. Principal Report

- Enrollment:
 - Current enrollment: 306
 - For 2021-2022, there are 288 students enrolled but registrations are still ongoing, registering students at rate of 2-3 per week.
 - Forecasted enrollment for September: near the 306 mark
- Playground Equipment: playground equipment just came in and will be installed in mid-May. For instance: a 3 hoop basketball game in the yard close to Bellechasse, tenon ball polls, and speed ball structures.
- Recess Success Facilitator
 - A new staff member will be joining Nesbitt to help students during free play time.
 - 4 days / week until the end of June
 - Help with socialization, help students to make friends, provide games and support.
 - Eventually, some older students will be trained to help the younger ones to facilitate free play time (not during COVID).

7.2. Teachers Report

Prek/K: No teacher available

Cycle 1: Sonia Vaillancourt (Immersion):

- Grades 1 & 2 Immersion and Core received approval from AMSFA for new project: *Atelier sur les jeux de sociétés*.
 - Will begin as of Thursday
 - To teach students how to share, wait for their turn, etc.
- Mme. Sharron, the recess facilitator, has already met the class.

Cycle 2: Michelle Di Meo

- For Immersion and Core: April is poetry month. The theme will be poetry; writing and analyzing poems.
- Core: solar system unit in science.
- A portion of grade 3 immersion has begun working with Miss Sharron in developing projects for indoor recess.



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Cycle 3: Anna Fonicolo:

- Novel Study project is finished
- Leaving class a few minutes earlier to go outside and enjoy the weather

7.3. Daycare Report:

- Students are going outside a lot to boost morale
- PED day coming up
- HOP HOP APP: To approve at next GB. An app that was requested before the Winter to facilitate pick up for parents.

7.4. Treasurer Report:

- Total budget remaining for 2020-2021: 139\$

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

- Melissa A attended last meeting. They discussed the EMSB parents' workshop, concerns over COVID. Parents not happy that students need to wear masks during school and are asking for masks to be tested.

7.6. Chairperson's Report: Jonathan R.

- Did not receive any new correspondence
- Pleased that the pool parking lot issue is over and resolved.

7.7. Home & School Committee Report:

- Nothing to report

8. Question Period;

EMSB Focus mentioned new location for FACE school because they will be getting major renovations, wasn't Nesbitt next on the list for major renovations?

- School did not obtain information as to when they are slated to get renovations. No timeline yet.

Can we invite someone from the board to come to GB?

- Nicholas R will ask Material Resources or executive secretary to join a GB meeting, and will ask if a timeline for renovations is available

When does the school close an entire classroom for COVID?

- Decision is from Sante Publique
- Protocols in place for variants and non-variants. The difference is who gets identified as a moderate risk contact.
- Students are considered moderate; adults are considered low
- For variants, everyone who was exposed for a minimum of 15 minutes is considered a moderate case. The siblings of a students in the group must also isolate until negative test results.

9. Varia



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10. Adjournment:

Adjournment time: 8:11pm

Moved by: Maria S.
Second: Sophie C.
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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday May 11th, 2021

X

Jonathan Rodrigue
Chairperson

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Nicholas Romano
Principal