



ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #6

Tuesday, May 10th, 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		Roberts, Todd	Support Staff	
Bastide de Grave, Jerome	Parent	P	Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P
Blain, Sylvie	Teacher	P	Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Codipietro, Katia	Teacher	P	Sacco, Anita	Teacher	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent		Santino, Maria	Parent	P
De Marco, Daniela	Teacher	P	Zampino, Alessia	Teacher	P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Zarnegar, Pardis	Parent	P
Garcia, Carolyn	Parent		VACANT	Community Rep	
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	TOTAL: <u>14</u> Present (<u>13</u> votes)		

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

Opening Time: 6:34 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda:

- Amendments to Agenda;
 - Varia: Next GB meeting in person & invite parents from Cycle 1
 - 4.6. Approval Grade 1 Field Trip
- Moved by: Sandra L.
Second: Daniela D.M.
Vote: 13:0:0

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 Minutes from Tuesday, April 19th, 2022

- Moved by: Anita S.
Second: Jerome B.G.
Vote: 13:0:0

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

3.1. Major Renovations of Nesbitt School Building:

- Nicholas R:
- Nicholas R. met with the project manager today. The final approval for tender is underway for the architectural firm.
- He gave a walk-through of the building and addressed the main points of what we need. i.e., move the main office to a more central location, and shifting where students have lunch to move closer to the cafeteria.



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- When the architectural will be officially finalized, a similar exercise will take place for every single room in the building. This may require making holes in the various rooms in order to analyze what is required. The final report should be made available at the end of July to the project manager.
 - Physical renovations will likely begin in June 2023 (next Summer).
 - When the report is completed (around end of July 2022), the design portion of Phase 1 will begin. This will take place approximately between the end of July and mid-November 2022)
 - After this step, they will issue a call to tender for contractors to do the renovations (around end of November to beginning of December)
 - There are monthly meetings planned with the entire team, as well as weekly meetings with the project managers.
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- Maria S:
 - Maria S. reached out via email to Mr. Cannavino but has yet to receive a reply.

3.2. Student drop-off areas

- Recently changed to 8th avenue instead of Bellechasse. Busses drop-off on 6th.
- In the near future, the city will remove the 15 mins drop-off times on Bellechasse.
- In the Summer and going forwards, parents will be able to drop-off on 6th avenue, and busses will drop-off on 8th.
- The gate on Bellechasse will be locked for safety reasons, to better manage all the entrances/exits.

4. New Business

4.1. Approval for School Fees 2022-2023

- In some grades fees increased because supplier costs increased (i.e., the costs of the workbooks). Fees were also dropped where possible, namely material that was not deemed effective for students was removed.
- K English Core dropped a lot because workbooks will be made by staff instead of being purchased.
- WINGS (RASD) class: the teacher will create the workbooks
- Moved by: Maria S.
Second: Alessia Z.
Vote: 13:0:0

4.2. Approval for Lunch Supervision Fees 2022-2023

- 1.40\$/day per child, 253.40\$ for the year
- Same fees as 2021-2022
- Moved by: Anita S.
Second: Katia C.D.
Vote: 13:0:0

4.3 Approval Supply Lists 2022-2023

- Very similar to 2021-2022
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Second: Daniella D.M.
Vote: 13:0:0



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4.4 Approval for Enfant & Compagnie Lunchtime Activities (week of Oct. 3 to Nov. 25) 2022-2023

- Will be tabled to next GB meeting
- Would like to obtain approval so that activities can start at the beginning of the year
- 3 activities for PreK/K, Cycles 1,2,3 for the Fall
- October 3 – November 25, 2022
- Maria S: proposed chess activity. To be discussed at next meeting.

4.5 Approval for Enfant & Compagnie Red Cross Babysitting Course

- Enfant & Compagnie offering this course to grades 5 & 6 on the Monday June 13th PED Day.
- Need 6-7 students for the class
- 65\$/student
- Moved by: Pardis Z.
Second: Maria S.
Vote: 13:0:0

4.6 Approval for Grade 1 Field Trip

- End of May-beginning to mid-June (date tbc)
- Would like approval in the event that the school gets chosen by AMSFA
- Field Trip: Morgan Arboretum (The Morgan Arboretum is a 245-hectare forested reserve, on the McGill University Macdonald Campus in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue)
- Cost 0\$
- Moved by: Jonathan R.
Second: Martin M.
Vote: 13:0:0

5. Reports

5.1. Principal Report

- Enrollment:
 - Current 305 students
 - For next year: 301 (more advanced than expected)
 - 1 free space left to open up a class room
- Preparing end of cycle exams
- Last Friday was the Welcome to Kindergarten event. Over 20 out of the 40 that are registered came.
- Mount-Royal Spring activities for PreK, cycles 1 and 2 are cancelled and parents will be re-imbursed (original amount paid between 5-10\$). The organizers at the mountain not open to work with the size of our groups and costs would have increased.
- End-of-Year Event: next week will begin planning. Will be linked to Field Day. There will be inflatables and other stations. 2 Teachers are helping as well.

5.2. Teachers Report

PreK/K: Sylvie Blain (Immersion)

- PreK/K had field trip last week to Maison Theatre to see Pomerleau. There were no words in the production. The story was told with marionettes and music.
- End of Year: they will plan a little party/event for the students but details must be discussed with colleagues.
- 2 new staff members who focus on the development of social skills, 1 hour each per week, for PreK and K.
- Programmation avec Bibottes (a bee that moves)
- Received certificat de milles gestes pour la nature



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Cycle 1: no teacher (Sylvie Blain mentioned a few key points)

- Grades 1 and 2 immersions: accepted activity Festival fu Film by Ecole Montrealaise. They were not selected to go but will be able to see the movie at school today.

Cycle 2: Anita Sacco

- Grades 3 & 4 joint publishing party
- Finishing up the AMSFA literacy workshops
- Field trip to a Sheik temple today- was very much enjoyed by all. Students helped in the kitchen to prepare food and they learned the culture.

Cycle 3: Alessia Zampino

- Grade 6 preparing for Math and ELA exams
- Grade 5 will be doing exams to practice for grade 6
- Workshop: Art inspired grant, had artist and writer come to the class and students created a 4-panel comic
- AMSFA project classroom theater dynamics: 4 workshops to explore drama through play
- Halo race on Mount-Royal on Thursday for cycle 3
- Planning graduation

Sandra Lanni:

- Tuesday June 21st in person graduation ceremony
- Quebec and Ottawa field trips Friday June 17th.

5.3. Daycare Report: Maria Balntas

- Maria B. was unable to attend tonight's meeting, Nicholas R spoke on her behalf
- Next year, 68 students registered full time thus far, 5 sporadic
- Its Daycare Appreciation Week
- Virtual dance party this week
- Outdoor party will also occur this week

5.4. Treasurer Report: Carolyn Garcia

- Carolyn Garcia was unable to attend tonight's meeting, Nicholas R spoke on her behalf
- Gift cards to purchase for graduation: 2 x 50\$ gift cards for Indigo
- Nicholas R. will purchase

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

- Melissa Alexis and Sophie C. were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

5.6. Chairperson's Report: Jonathan R.

- N/A

5.7. Home & School Committee Report:

- N/A
- H&S funds frozen for the year because nothing is active
- There are no parents for H&S

6. Question Period



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7. Varia

7.1. In-person meeting for next GB meeting and invite parents of Cycle 1 (Pardis Z)

- Was proposed by Pardis Z. to send invites to parents and teachers in Cycle 1 and previous H&S members to attend next GB meeting in the hopes that it would encourage greater participation in GB and H&S. The parents in Cycle 1 had the last interaction with the school due to COVID restrictions. If they attend a meeting, they can see what it is and we can also give a platform for H&S to showcase how Nesbitt actually is and showcase the 2 functions: GB and H&S.
- Was agreed to keep the meeting virtual so as to allow more parents to attend (can be difficult for some to attend in-person)
- Purpose is to increase participation in Governing Board and Home & School
- Nicholas R. will send out a preliminary agenda to all parents with invitation to attend next GB meeting.
- Maria S: we can also give testimonials about GB
- Jonathan R can discuss what is GB and what is the role of the parents

7.2 Maria S.

- Maria S. obtained a reply from Mr. Cannavino. He said that in their April 26th meeting, the architects were selected
- Mr. Cannavino also mentioned that every Month, the EMSB council honors a student of the month. Would be great idea to have a Nesbitt student nominated.
- Maria S. will ask him for more details.

8. Adjournment:

Adjournment time: 7:50 pm

Moved by: Maria S.

Second: Maria Lisa D.

Vote: 13:0:0

Next meeting Tuesday June 14th, 2022 (virtual).

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Jonathan Rodrigue
Chairperson

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Nicholas Romano
Principal