



ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #6

Tuesday, June 13th, 2023

6:30 pm (via Microsoft Teams)

MINUTES

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Alexis, Melissa	Parent		Newin, Emilee	Teacher	P
Balntas, Maria	Daycare Staff		Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	
Bucci, Samantha	Teacher	P	Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Cascino, Jessie	Parent		Ruelland, Isabelle	Parent	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Santino, Maria	Parent	P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Silvestrin, Silvana	Teacher	P
Garcia, Carolyn	Parent		Sirianni, Angela	Teacher	
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	Stillitano, Alessia	Teacher	P
Marcil, Martin	Teacher	P	Zarnegar, Pardis	Parent	
McLaughlin, Laurie	Community Rep		Alice Huang	Replacement	P
Minicucci, Laura	Support Staff		TOTAL: __12__ Present (__11__ votes)		

Replacements in the event there are not enough parents for quorum: Alice Huang

Opening Time: 630 pm

As Jonathan Rodrigue was unable to be present, Maria Santino was acting chairperson for the meeting.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Second: Sophie Currie
Vote: 10:0:0

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 Minutes from Tuesday, May 16th, 2023

- Moved by: Sandra Lanni
Second: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Vote: 10:0:0

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes: N/A

Isabelle Ruelland Joined the meeting 7pm

4. New Business

4.1. Approval of *2023-2024 Budget*



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- Two documents entitled *2023-2024 Budgets* were presented; one for French Immersion and one for English Core.
- The French Immersion budget only shows the fees collected from parents; school fees (8,660\$) and lunch supervision fees (36,910\$)= Total Revenues 35,570\$
- The English Core budget shows all monies collected from parents (41,426\$), as well as ministry monies (57,969\$). Ministry monies will be shared between both French Immersion and English Core programs. Total revenue= 99,395\$
- All revenues are expected to be spent.
- Last year's allocation for decentralized caretaking (includes snow removal) was too low as this year we also had to account for the snow removal of the path in the yard. The board allocated the same amount for the caretaking but they will cover what is missing for the coming year.
- Maria S: We estimated 10,000\$ in lunch supervision fees which could be uncollected (English Core budget)? Answer: We do have families that are in need and we can't turn away students nor ask parents to cover the potential loss so we have a deficit and the school board is aware of it.
- Resolution:

**RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE SCHOOL BUDGET
BY
THE SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 95 of the Education Act, the governing board is responsible for adopting the school's annual budget as proposed by the principal;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 96.24 of the Education Act, the school budget must maintain a balance between expenditures, on the one hand, and the financial resources allocated to the school by the school board and the school's own revenues, on the other;

_____ MOVED THAT, the governing board of Nesbitt School, adopt the school operating budget for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented by the school Principal, which forecasts revenues of \$ 134,765 and expenditures of \$ 134,765;

AND THAT the budget be submitted to the English Montreal School Board for final approval.

SCHOOL NAME : Nesbitt School

Signature : _____ Date: _____
Principal

Signature : _____ Date: _____
Governing Board Chair

- Motion to approve the resolution;
- Moved by: Silvana Silvestrin
Second: Sophie Currie
Vote: 11:0:0

4.2. Approval For PELO 2023-2024



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- Approval to continue the PELO program in 2023-2024, slated to begin end of September-beginning October. Italian and Spanish are the most popular.
- Moved by: Isabelle R.
Second: Sandra L.
Vote: 11:0:0

4.3. Approval for Animal Assisted Therapy in 2023-2024 (Sandra Lanni)

- Approval to continue the program next year with dogs Calvin and Hobs.
- Next year, more time will be allotted to this program. Up until now Sandra Lanni was only able to do when she had time in her schedule but next year both Calvin and Hobs will be scheduled in blocks. Calvin will be more with the students and Hobs will be specialized on a one-on-one basis.
- Nicholas Romano did his best to allow this program to be continued into the next year. Sandra Lanni thanks him for persuading the board to keep it for the upcoming year.
- Moved by: Martin Marcil
Seconds: Silvana Silvestrin
Vote: 11:0:0

4.4. Approval for K4 allocation

- Nesbitt is allocated 1 ministry funded PreK class based on the number of registrations. We are told by the ministry that only one class will be MEQ funded.
- Resolution:

GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION

Ministère de l'éducation (MEQ) Funded K4 Class(es) 2023-2024

WHEREAS by virtue of its Bill 5, the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) is proposing to amend the *Education Act* in order to allow all children having reached 4 years of age to receive preschool education services;

WHEREAS the MEQ announced that the EMSB would be authorized to open existing and new MEQ funded Pre-K classes in 2023-2024 across its network of schools;

WHEREAS, based on the school's enrolment, the Administration of the EMSB identified Nesbitt School to open one MEQ funded Pre-K class(es) in 2023-2024

WHEREAS the Administration of EMSB has already undertaken the necessary steps in order to prepare for the opening of the MEQ funded Pre-K classes;

WHEREAS a Governing Board Resolution confirming the opening of MEQ funded Pre-K classes is required;

IT WAS MOVED BY _____ AND
RESOLVED THAT the Nesbitt School Governing Board approve the opening of one MEQ funded Pre-K class(es) in 2023-2024

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the present Resolution be sent to Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette, Regional Director – East Sector.

Signature, Governing Board Chair / Date

Signature, Principal / Date



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- Moved by: Silvana Silvestrin
Seconds: Sophie Currie
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4.5. Adoption of Year-End Financial Statement

- From the budget of 250\$, 12\$ was rolled over from last year for a total of 262\$.
- Expenses were:
 - 100\$ donated to charities for the holidays (St-Michael's and St-Brendon's), 2x50\$ gift card donations.
 - 100\$ given for Graduation; 2x50\$ gift cards awarded to one student from Immersion and one student from English Core.
- Balance rolled over to 2023-2024= 62\$
- Moved by: Isabelle Ruelland
Seconds: Sophie Currie
Vote: 11:0:0

5. Reports

5.1. Principal Report

- Enrolment/Registrations:
 - 297 students confirmed for next year
 - 2 more scheduled in coming days
 - Current enrollment: 310
- Nesbitt has been awarded a vice principal for next year but we have yet to receive any details.
- Activities:
 - There are 7 days of school left and many actives planned;
 - Today students from cycle 3 who participated in the United Without Violence program attended the SPVM activity. The SPVM provided transportation and lunch.
 - June 16: Grade 6 graduation ceremony at Rosemount High School and celebration will be held afterwards at Nesbitt.
 - June 19: Activity day- students will be out all day in the field. They will be getting wet so please provide extra clothes.
 - June 20: farm visit as part of grant for some classes.
 - June 22: last day of school. Report cards will be available on Mozaik.
- School Renovations:
 - The contractors will be in the building as of June 26 to move equipment and furniture and prepare the areas for work to begin a week later.
 - Personnel from the school board will be in next week to move the IT equipment that is on the Bellechasse side (smart boards, projectors, etc.)

5.2. Teachers Report

PreK/K: Silvana Silvestrin (PreK)

- In process of wrapping up report cards
- Thursday: last day of school activity and Father's Day activity- fathers will join the PreK class for activities outside and Mr. Rio will set up stations. They will be coloring baseball caps with #1 Dad written on them as gifts.
- Dairy Queen outing next week
- In the midst of packing for the move.

Cycle 1: N/A



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Cycle 2: Alessia Stilitano

- In the midst of wrapping up corrections
- In May French Immersion cycle 2 went to the Biodome and Planetarium. They watched a movie on how the earth was created and saw the animals in the Biodome.
- English Core grades 3-4 went to McGill Arboretum outing.

Cycle 3: Emilee Newin (Eng. Core)

- They are wrapping up exams
- Grade 5 had their Quebec City field trip last week. Was a rainy day but they still had a fun time. They also visited the Chutes de Montmorency and had a chance to buy souvenirs.
- Grade 6 is going to Ottawa next week.
- Workshop Pointe-Claire village graffiti art for English Core.

Cycle 3: Martin Marcil (Fr. Imm)

- Robotics class involved dogs Calvin and Hobs, they had to rebuild.
- Students did really well in their end of cycle exams.

Cycle 3: Sandra Lanni

- She was at the correction center today and was extremely impressed with the success of the group. Some students got everything right. Is really happy and proud of the group.

5.3. Daycare Report: Maria Balntas

- Maria Balntas was unable to attend tonight.

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:

- No H&S meeting were held.

6. Question Period

- Maria Santino:
 - Where will the dumpster for the renovations be located?
 - During the summer it will be where the cycle 3 go in/out of year but will be moved when the students get back to school. The new contractor will decide its new location.

7. Varia

- Isabelle Ruelland: found it challenging to be present at the meetings. Can the meeting times be changed to 7pm? Nicholas R: this needs to be decided at the first GB meeting of next year and needs to be voted on.
- GB thanked Maria Santino for her many years of hard work, passion and dedication serving on Nesbitt's governing board. She will be missed and GB wishes her and her children great success in all future endeavors.



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- Nicholas R: Thanked everyone for their dedication, staff and parents alike, and wished everyone a safe and wonderful summer.
- GB thanked Nicholas R, teachers and staff for a great year and for all of their hard work.

8. Adjournment:

Adjournment time: 7:19pm

Moved by: Maria S.

Second: Sophie C.

Vote: 11:0:0

Next meeting: Annual General Meeting held in September 2023 in-person

X

Jonathan Rodrigue
Chairperson

X

Nicholas Romano
Principal