



ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #1

Tuesday, October 11th, 2022

6:30 pm (via Microsoft Teams)

MINUTES

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Alexis, Melissa	Parent	P	Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Balntas, Maria	Daycare Staff	P	Ruelland, Isabelle	Parent	P
Bucci, Samantha	Teacher	P	Santino, Maria	Parent	P
Cascino, Jessie	Parent		Silvestrin, Silvana	Teacher	
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Sirianni, Angela	Teacher	P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Stillitano, Alessia	Teacher	P
Garcia, Carolyn	Parent		Zarnegar, Pardis	Parent	P
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	VACANT	Support Staff	
Marcil, Martin	Teacher	P	VACANT	Community Rep	
Newin, Emilee	Teacher	P	VACANT	Community Rep	
Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P	TOTAL: <u>15</u> Present (<u>14</u> votes)		

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

Opening Time: 6:35 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda:

- Moved by: Alessia Stillitano
Second: Sophie Currie
Vote: 14:0:0

2. Elections

2.1 Chairperson

- Jonathan Rodrigue by acclamation

2.2 Secretary

- Maria Lisa Di Martino by acclamation, Pardis Zarnegar by acclamation

2.3 Treasurer

- Sophie Currie by acclamation

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

3.1. Minutes from Tuesday June 14th 2022

- Moved by: Pardis Z.
Second: Sophie Currie
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4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Animal Assisted Therapy: will be discussed in Varia

MTransport:

- The next step is to ensure that all buses have the installation of the scanner
- Not active yet
- Training still needs to be done
- Will begin end of October-beginning of November

Karate (lunchtime activity)

- An organization has cold called the school and offered a karate package, cost of 180\$ for 8 weeks
- Melissa A. spoke with Annie at Di Bella Karate and they offer classes at a cost of 95\$ for 9 classes + additional classes offered at the studio, could start as soon as November 2nd.
- Would be better to start after the holidays
- Melissa A. will send the information to Nadia Barbeiro at H&S and if H&S agrees it will be brought to GB to vote.

5. New Business

5.1. 2021-2022 GB Meeting Dates

- Correction to heading: 2022-2023 GB Meeting Dates
- Will be held on the second Tuesday of every month except for Nov 8th and Dec 13th as those are EMSB blackout dates.
- Next meeting will be held on Nov 29th
- No meetings in December
- As of January, will resume with every second Tuesday of the month
- **Meeting Dates:**
- Tuesday November 29th, 2022
- None in December 2022
- Tuesday January 17th, 2023
- None in February 2023
- Tuesday March 21st, 2023
- Tuesday April 11th, 2023
- Tuesday May 9th, 2023
- Tuesday June 13th, 2023
- Format: All in favor of continuing virtual meetings via Teams. June 13th will be an in-person meeting for end of the year social.

5.2 Approval for Field Trips (2022 portion only)



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FIELD TRIPS FOR APPROVAL - October 2022

Grade/ Cycle	Program	Tentative Date or Month	Short Activity Description	Number of students	Full Cost of Activity per Student	School Subsidized Amount per Student	Final Cost to Student	School Contact Person for Activity
1 Preschool Cycle 1	Both	11-Oct	Apple picking	120	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	S. Blain/ G. Giritharan
2 Cycle 2	Eng. Core	October/ November	Amies de la Montagne	48	\$ 28.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 15.00	S. Bucci
3 Cycle 2	Fr.Imm	October 28th	Geordie Theater	45	\$ 22.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 10.00	A. Sirianni
4 Cycle 3	Both	Week of November 14th	Outdoor team building day/Araba ska	90	\$ 36.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 25.00	E. Newin
5 Preschool	Both	15 décembre	Maison Théâtre "Attention fragile"	47	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ -	S. Blain
6 Kindergart	Both	1-Nov	Les Curieux Castor - Musee Pointe à Callières	36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	S. Blain/ S. Silvestrin

- October 11 (Preschool and Cycle 1): was already approved via an online vote, official approval;
- Moved by: Maria S.
Second: Sophie Currie
Vote: 14:0:0
- Daycare Friday Oct 14 Funtropolis: was already approved via an online vote, official approval;
- Moved by: Maria S.
Second: Pardis Z.
Vote: 14:0:0
- We will only be approving the 2022 portion of the field trips, 2023 will be discussed later
- For students whose families cannot afford to pay for field trips, Nesbitt will cover the costs. The option is indicated on each permission slip.
- Approval for 2022 Field Trips:
Moved by: Isabelle Ruelland
Second: Sophie Currie
Vote: 14:0:0

5.3. Approval for Daycare Trips (Maria Balntas)

- Nov 24 - Ceramics Café
 - Students will paint ceramics
 - Cost 15\$-18\$ per student, depends on model chosen (TBC)



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- Dec 9 - Dynamics (catered to all ages)
 - Cost 15\$ + tax per student
- Moved by: Sandra Lanni
Second: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Vote: 14:0:0

5.4. Approval for Home & School Fundraisers

- This year there is an active H&S organization with a total of 9 parents. Next meeting will be held in person at the school
- Pizza Day (Thursday Nov 17)
 - \$7 includes 1 drink, 1 slice of pizza and 1 ice-cream
 - 1.50\$ for each additional slice
- Scholastics Bookfair (Nov 23-24)
 - Bookfair for students will be held the day prior to the parent/teacher interviews, at specific time blocks and the bookfair for the parents will be held during the parent/teacher interviews on Thursday Nov 24th.
- Bake Sale for Parents (Thursday Nov 24th)
 - Will be extended to the graduation committee; proceeds will be split 50/50
- Movie Night (held on a Friday in December, Date TBC)
 - Held in big gym, holiday themed movie
 - \$5/person
- Approval for all of the above:
Moved by: Angela Sirianni
Second: Maria Santino
Vote: 14:0:0

6. Reports

6.1. Principal Report

- Enrollment:
 - 306 students thus far
 - 22 groups
 - An additional closed class was opened for kindergarten
- Nesbitt School Major Renovations:
 - The floor plan was shown to GB
 - May/June starting the prep work for the renovations on the top floor which is now vacant and not being used at all.
 - Summer: will complete the top floor and repurposing works (ex: the extra space in the library, storage etc., will be repurposed for classrooms, and partitions will be put in the gym in order to have 2 separate gym classes).
 - From September 2023 to August 2024: students will be occupying half of the building, including the 4th floor, while the other half will undergo renovations. On the plan, we will be occupying the green side, while the yellow side will be under construction.
 - When renovations are complete, Nesbitt will be occupying the yellow portion (the side close to Bellechasse) and the purple/white areas. The blue area, which represents 30-35% of the building, will not be occupied by Nesbitt, its purpose is still unknown but for now will remain under Nesbitt's control.
 - A company is coming this week to ensure no air flow will circulate from one side to another and ensure no noise.



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- Nicholas R. will be discussing the functionality of the renovated building with staff; what do we want our new space to look like, what are the needs for each classroom, what do we want the classrooms to look like.
- Discussions on how to divide the space are currently being held; where the office will be, where the classrooms will be, etc.
 - The newly renovated school will have an elevator, becoming an accessible school.
 - The new main entrance will be next to where the daycare entrance currently is and the administration will be where the daycare currently is.
 - New cafeteria will be where our mini gym currently is.

- **Questions:**

- When will this information be shared with the parents?

- For now, we only have the floorplans as information but they don't show the division of the spaces. When we have a more concrete idea of the floorplans (around Dec-Jan), we will be able to share this information with parents. Architects are finalizing plans in Jan and then will go to tender.

- Is there a contingency plan in place in the event that students and staff can't stay in the building during renovations?

- Nicholas R. has a meeting on Friday and will ask.

- Are there any plans to beautify the yard?

- Not part of the scope of the project however one of the project managers is discussing with Nicholas R. if there are any ways to obtain funds for this. The school does receive money from the government every year to purchase outdoor games, basketball nets, etc. (smaller items). Cycle 3 and some cycle 2 students are also involved in Project Fusion which is involved in creating an outdoor space and will be working with environmental design artists (to create an outdoor classroom).

- If half of the building is being annexed, will Nesbitt be losing any parts of the field?

- During construction: the space on the asphalt will be used for construction vehicles (on Bellechasse side). The field will be available in its entirety, as well as the asphalt on the Rosemount side.
 - After construction: it could be that a portion of the yard will be removed if the other side of the building will be another school. It depends on what the other side of the building will be used for. If it will be a school, then yard will be used for that school. If an adult Ed, then they wouldn't need the yard.

- What will be done about the lead pipes?

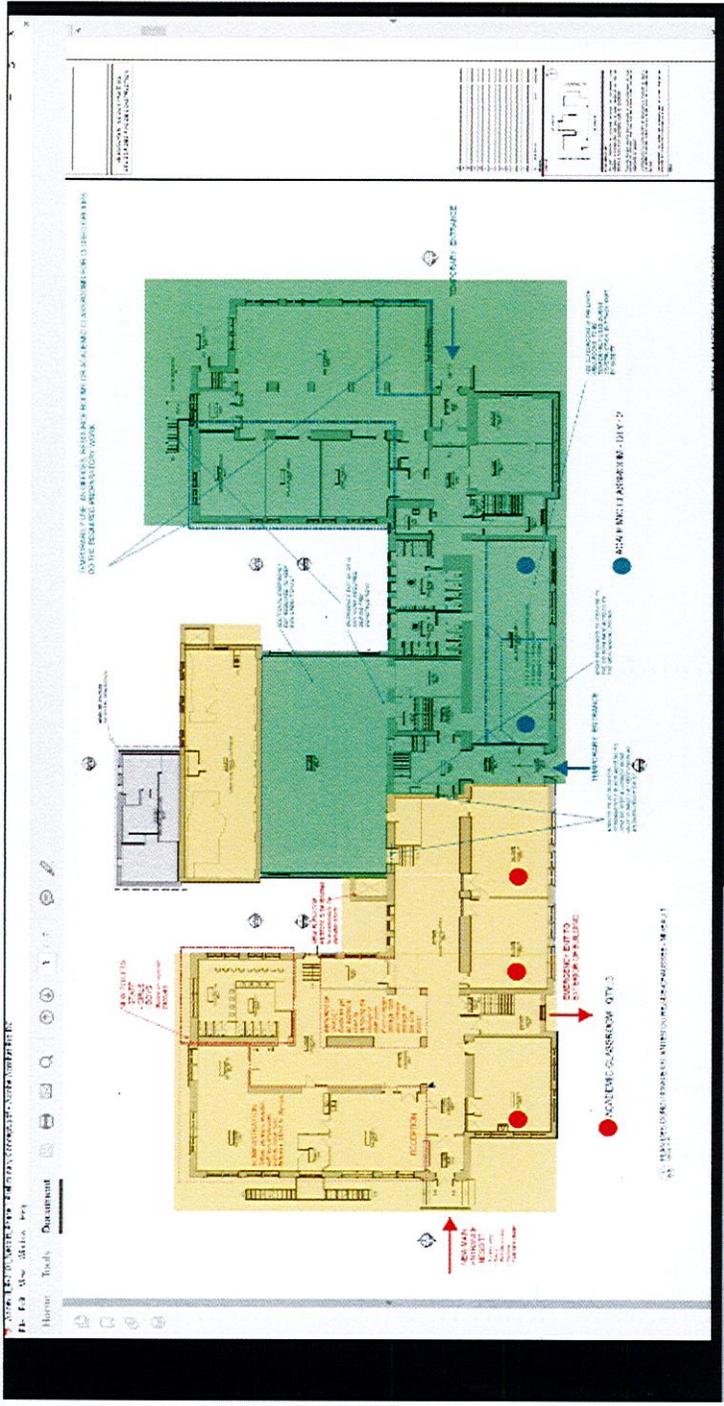
- Nicholas R. will ask the question. If they can be changed, would it be Nesbitt's responsibility or the city?



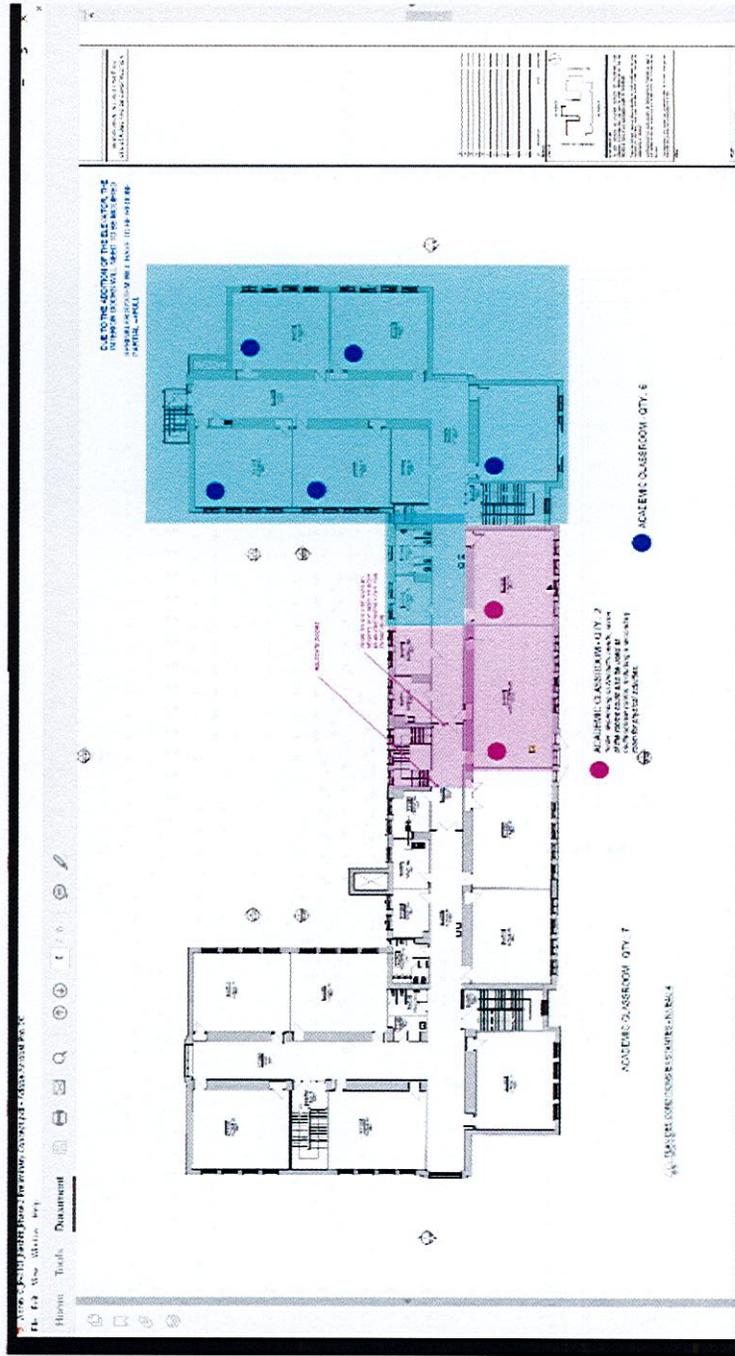
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Preliminary Floor Plan- During Construction:



Preliminary Floor Plan- After Construction:





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6.2. Teachers Report

Prek/K:

- Teacher unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Cycle 1: no teacher on GB for cycle 1

- Cycle 1 and PreK had apple picking field trip today

Cycle 2: Angela Sirianni

- Is currently setting up the field trips
- Had a nice start to the year

Cycle 3: Martin Marcil

- Robotics project began, collaboration between Martin Marcil and Sandra Lanni- combines tech and math.
- Theater project: students create their own ending to a play and interact with a virtual character, using Scratch as a coding language.
- Music program with Mme. Caroline began.
- Emilee Newin :
- Lunch sports started
- Adobe and Flip Grid projects began
- Reader's theater project
- High school have reached out to students

6.3. Daycare Report: Maria Balntas

- Current enrollment: 108 students versus 80 at the same time last year.
- Friday will be a PED day at Funtropolis, will be the first outing since pandemic. The option will be available to leave the daycare open for students who don't want to go on the field trip.

6.4. Treasurer Report: Sophie Currie

- Nothing To report

6.5. Parents' Committee Report: Melissa Alexis & Jessie Cascino (alternate)

- Oct 20 at 7pm will be the first meeting, held at Fielding (in person).
- Subsequent meetings will be held on Zoom
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6.6. Chairperson's Report: Jonathan Rodrigue.

- Nothing to report

6.7. Home & School Committee Report:

- There are 9 parents who have given their names to participate as voting members. Beyond that, 5 parents answered survey for volunteering.

7. Question Period

What is the Current staffing situation?

- We have staff in all positions. In positions that are not officially filled, there are long term replacements in place.
- There are problems in support staff (i.e., technicians), still 4 positions to fill but hoping will be done soon.



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8. Varia

Animal Assisted Therapy: (another dog) (Sandra Lanni)

- Need vote to have a pet therapy dog (a dog to pet for all students). Currently there is only an animal Assisted therapy dog (Hobbs is for specific one-on-one therapy for specific students).
- A puppy of 6 months old, is almost ready to come to the school
- Is requesting to allow the puppy, Calvin, to come to the school to be socialized.
- Calvin is a rescue dog, doesn't know the breed.
- Jonathan R. has volunteered to donate cookies from his company, if need be, in order to do a fundraiser to collect funds to support this program.
- Vote Move to bring Calvin to Nesbitt:
Moved by: Pardis Z.
Second: Martin Marcil
Vote: 14:0:0

Grad Committee Approval (Maria Santino)

- The cost has been raised from 65\$ to 70\$ per student. Costs include grad hoodie (30\$), yearbook and party. For parents who can't afford, school will pay for it
- Fundraiser: sell 30 greeting cards, cost 33\$ (approx. 1\$/card).
- Other upcoming fundraisers: used book sale, Raffle, ask for sponsors to put in yearbook.
- Vote on approval for Increasing cost to 70\$/student and Greeting Cards;
Moved by: Sophie Currie
Second: Sandra Lanni
Vote: 14:0:0

9. Adjournment:

Adjournment time: 8:50 pm

Moved by: Maria S.
Second: Melissa A.
Vote: 14:0:0

Next meeting: Tuesday November 29th, 2022

X

Jonathan Rodrigue
Chairperson

X

Nicholas Romano
Principal