



ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #2

Tuesday, November 29th, 2022

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	
Balntas, Maria	Daycare Staff	P	Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P
Bucci, Samantha	Teacher	P	Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Cascino, Jessie	Parent	P	Ruelland, Isabelle	Parent	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Santino, Maria	Parent	
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Silvestrin, Silvana	Teacher	P
Garcia, Carolyn	Parent		Sirianni, Angela	Teacher	P
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	Stillitano, Alessia	Teacher	P
Marcil, Martin	Teacher	P	Zarnegar, Pardis	Parent	P
McLaughlin, Laurie	Community Rep		VACANT	Community Rep	
Minicucci, Laura	Support Staff	P	TOTAL: _15_ Present (_14_ votes)		

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

Opening Time: 6:38 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Second: Sandra Lanni
Vote: 14:0:0

2. Update of GB Members

2.1 Community Representatives

- Laura Minicucci will be joining GB as new support staff
- Laurie McLaughlin will be joining GB as Community Representative

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

3.1. Minutes from Tuesday October 11th, 2022

Moved by: Sophie C.
Second: Pardis Z.
Vote: 14:0:0

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- No follow up to report on.



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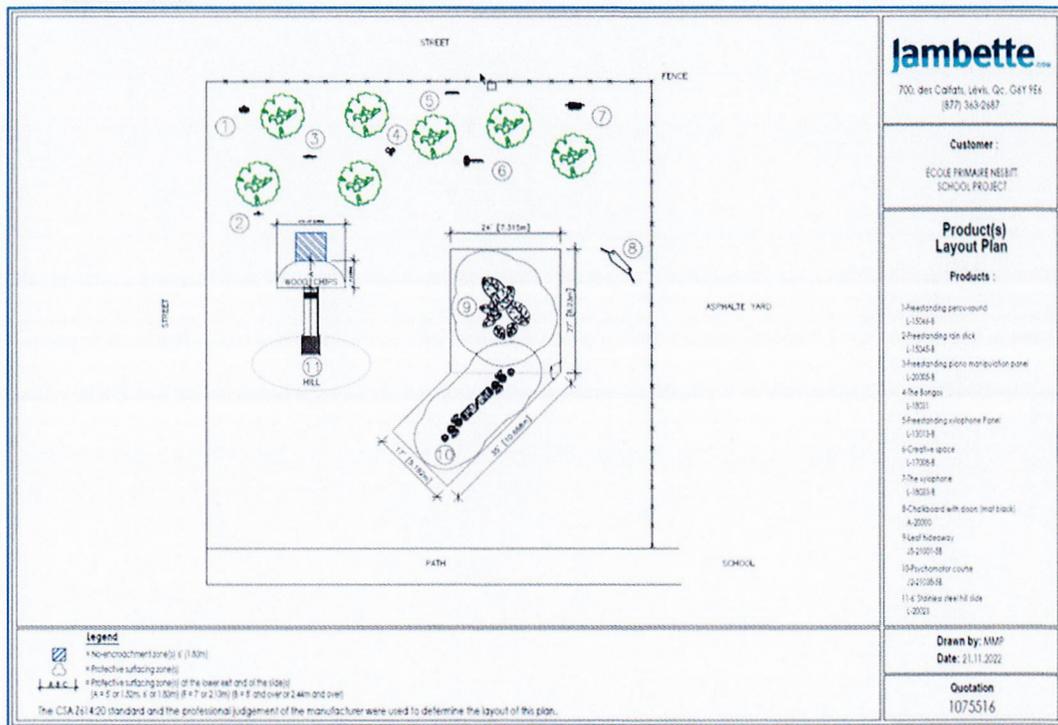
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5. New Business

5.1. Approval for Outdoor Play Space and Classroom Grant Application

- Mr. Romano and Ms. Lanni are preparing an application for a government grant for school yard beautification and creation of areas for outdoor play space and outdoor classroom space.
- This year it is possible to receive up to \$100,000 with a school contribution of 10% of the cost.
- Since Nesbitt is a decile 9 school, there is a possibility of accessing the entire \$100,000 without the requirement of contributing the full 10%.
- Some of the elements that are chosen for the application include: free standing musical instruments, chalkboard with doors, leaf play structure which would serve as seating for outdoor classroom, psychomotor course, slide to be built-in on the side of the hill in the yard.
- Entire cost is estimated at \$120,000 to \$130,000. If the grant is approved, there will be a tendering process.
- 60-65 kids can be accommodated in this area at a time.
- As the planted trees in the yard mature in the coming years, the elements are chosen to integrate with the green space. A member of the school board is working with the school to create a space for flowers and vines on the fence to create a green and more private space near the 6th avenue and rue de Bellechasse corner.
- The school might not be required to contribute the full 10%. There is promise from Nesbitt Home & School for approximately \$4,000 and there is possibility of planning additional fundraising events.
- Deadline to submit this application to the schoolboard is December 2nd, 2022, and deadline for the schoolboard to submit Nesbitt's application to the government is December 23rd, 2022. Expected time to hear the outcome of the application is May 2023 for work to start in June 2023.
- Below is an example of proposal of one of the companies with which the school has been in discussions.





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Psychomotor Course • J2-21038-B



BASIC FEATURES

AGE GROUP: 18 months to 12 years old
FALL HEIGHT: 87" (2,2m)
CHILD CAPACITY: 20 children
REQUIRED SURFACE: 16' x 34' (4,9m x 10,4m)

DESCRIPTION

Physical movements such as climbing, hanging, balancing, swinging, crawling and sliding as well as socializing and cognitive activities make Jambette's product an excellent tool for a child's overall development.



BODY MOVEMENTS



Climbing
Intensive (10)



Balancing
Intensive (9)



Crawling
Moderate (7)



Hanging
Intensive (10)



Imagining
Intensive (10)



Rotating
Intensive (10)



Pulling up
Intensive (8)

MATERIALS

METALS

Post(s): 6061-T5 aluminum alloy tube measuring 3" (127mm) in outer diameter, with 0.125" wall thickness.

Hardware: Made of stainless steel, Anti-vandal type.

Metal frame(s): Made of steel (sv)

COATINGS

Paint: Z-Series polyester powder, with ultraviolet (UV) rays and weather extreme resistance. Our paint also has antibacterial and antiviral properties (sv)

Galvanization: Some attachments are hot dipped galvanized.

PLASTIC MATERIALS

Panels: High density polyethylene (HDPE), colored in the mass. (sv)

ANCHORING



IN CONCRETE

This product is anchored to the ground with concrete columns.

COLOUR CHOICES

Aluminum / Steel

01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20

Molded Polyethylene

01	02	03
04	05	06
07	08	09
10	11	12
13	14	15

Polyethylene Panels (3M[®])

01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25

Made at our factory in Lévis, Québec, Canada - Meets CAN/CSA-2614 and ASTM ASTM F1487



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- Resolution:

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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION		
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NESBITT SCHOOL OUTDOOR PLAY AREA AND CLASSROOM		
WHEREAS a tentative plan for the creation of an outdoor play space and classroom for students was presented to the governing board in the context of a beautification of the Nesbitt School playground.		
IT WAS MOVED BY _____ AND RESOLVED THAT the Nesbitt School Governing Board approve the creation of an outdoor play space and classroom during the 2022-2023 school year.		
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Signature, Governing Board Chair / Date		
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Signature, Principal / Date		

Moved By: Jessie C.

Second: Pardis Z.

Vote: 14:0:0

5.2 Approval of Sexuality Education Plan 2022-2023

- We require official resolution of the Sexuality Education plan, as is done every year.
- Plan is to address different themes in sexuality education from pre-school to grade 6.
- Same plan as last year except that for the older cycles, board professional and health care professionals were added, in addition to the teachers.
- Time allotted varies on the cycles and themes.
- Will begin in term 2.



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- **Resolution:**

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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION		
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NESBITT SCHOOL SEXUALITY EDUCATION CURRICULUM PLAN		
WHEREAS section 85 of the Education Act states that the curriculum plan for the compulsory content in Sexuality Education must be approved by the school's governing board;		
WHEREAS the Principal, together with a committee of school staff and professionals from the health and social services system, have determined who will provide Sexuality Education content,		
IT WAS MOVED BY _____ AND RESOLVED THAT the 2022-2023 Sexuality Education Curriculum Plan be approved, as presented, by the Governing Board and that it be communicated to all parents on the school website.		
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Signature, Governing Board Chair / Date		
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Signature, Principal / Date		

Moved by: Silvana S.
Second: Sandra L.
Vote: 14:0:0

5.3. Approval of Safe School Action Plan 2022-2023

- Safe School Action Plan requires approval by the governing board.
- This plan is prepared in consultation with a set of staff that are responsible to help the school address its main priorities and gives recommendations for school activities/workshops/programs to meet them.
- This year the information is presented in matrix tables.
- Main aspects of the plan are focus on violence prevention, equity diversity and inclusions, and collaboration with families.

Moved by: Alessia S.
Second: Angela S.
Vote: 14:0:0

5.4. Approval of Educational Project Report 2021-2022

- Annual report on the school's progress according to our educational plan in 2021-2022 school year was presented.
- There is no data from 2020-2021 since there were no end of year exams due to the covid19 pandemic.



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- Data for success rates on mathematical reasoning exam and English language arts (reading and writing) exam were compared between 2022 and 2019.
- Note that the plan covers 2019 to 2022 period. The whole schoolboard is reviewing our commitment to success. Nesbitt will work on the school's new plan in the new year.
- Resolution:

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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION		
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NESBITT SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT ON THE EDUCATIONAL PROJECT 2021-2022		
<p>WHEREAS Article 36 of The Education Act requires that The School develop an Educational Project that is coherent with the School Board's Commitment-to-Success Plan; WHEREAS Article 37 requires that The School produces an annual report of its achievements concerning the objectives of the Educational Project for submission to the School Board; WHEREAS the period covered by the Educational Project is harmonized with the Commitment-to-Success Plan period covered by the School Board;</p>		
<p>IT WAS MOVED BY _____ AND RESOLVED THAT the Annual Report on the Educational Project 2021-2022 be approved by the Governing Board, and that it be communicated to all stakeholders.</p>		
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Signature, Governing Board Chair / Date		
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Signature, Principal / Date		

Moved by: Sophie C.

Second: Sandra L.

Vote: 14:0:0

5.5. Approval of 2022-2023 School Budget

- English Core and French Immersion:
 - Was already presented and approved by GB in June 2022. GB is to approve only the updated budget (Updated for the actual number of students that are enrolled).
 - Fund 6 numbers were updated. Most of the budget is the same.
 - Budget for *École accessible et inspirante* has increased (pays for some of the outing and activities such as gotchas and recess start programs)
 - Budget for *FSL* reduced (tutor and specific materials)
 - Budget for *AMSFA* increased (pays for tutors, additional teachers)
 - Budgets for *Sorties milieu culturel* (moneys from government for outing related to cultural outings) – 35\$/per student
 - New for this year is *In School We Move* is plan for next 3 years to be used to train staff to engage the students to do physical activities within the class and some can be used for some items for the class in a non-capitalizable manner
 - Resolution is for total accumulative amount of \$295,654, all the moneys received through different measures as well as collected from parents (student fees and lunch supervision fees).



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- Resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE SCHOOL BUDGET BY THE NESBITT 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;	
WHEREAS this budget is based on the 2022-2023 MEQ budgetary parameters;	
_____ MOVED THAT, the governing board of Nesbitt School (887 026), adopt the school budget for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented by the school Principal, which forecasts revenues of \$ 295,654 and expenditures of \$295,654;	
AND THAT the budget be submitted to the English Montreal School Board for final approval.	
SCHOOL NAME : Nesbitt School	
Signature : _____ Principal	Date: _____
Signature : _____ Governing Board Chair	Date: _____

Moved by: Silvana S.
Second: Sophie C.
Vote: 14:0:0

5.6. Approval of Holiday Community Action Campaigns

5.6.1 Sox-in-a-Box Clothing Drive

- Asking for donations of new pairs of socks of all sizes adults or children to be distributed to homeless shelters, women shelters or local organizations in the neighborhood.
- This year Nesbitt is the hub to collect all donated socks from participating schools. Nesbitt will host a wrapping event by some of the students of cycle 3 and some 90-100 students invited from participating schools.
- Will run from December 1-14, 2022.

5.6.2 Food Drive for St. Michael's and St. Brendan's

- Collection of non-perishable food items to be donated to St-Michael's and St-Brendon's.
- Will run from December 1-14, 2022.

5.6.3 Dress down day Dec. 1 – Toy Tea Event on Dec. 7

- Nesbitt music club and choir is invited to a Toy Tea event on December 7th
- Goal of event is to collect new non-violent toys for children living in shelters for domestic violence.
- Dress down day on December 1st for collection of donations. Fund from this day will be used to purchase toys that the choir will bring on the day of the event.



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Approval for ALL campaigns:

Moved By: Jessie C.

Second: Pardis Z.

Vote: 14:0:0

5.7. Approval of Lunchtime Activities (week of Jan 9 to Mar. 3, 2023)

5.7.1 Di Bella Karate

- Runs for 8 weeks from week of January 9th to March break – registration planned for before the holidays.
- Cost: \$85
- Open to students grade 1-6.

5.7.2 Enfant & Compagnie Activities

- Runs for 8 weeks from week of January 9th to March break – registration planned for before the holidays.
- 3 activities:
 - Hip-hop dance for pre-school – Cost: \$100
 - Art studio for pre-school to grade 6 – Cost: \$110
 - Kid science for pre-school to grade 6 – Cost: \$110

Approval for all activities:

Moved by: Silvana S.

Second: Samantha B.

Vote: 14:0:0

5.8. Approval of Fundraisers for Graduation Committee

- Dress down day on December 8th – Sport theme for soccer world cup
- Dress down day on February 14th – Valentine's Day
- Used books sale (approx. March/April)
- Big box greeting cards school-wide fundraiser. Families sell boxes of greeting cards.

Moved by: Sandra L.

Second: Jessie C.

Vote: 14:0:0

5.9 Approval for Home & School Fundraisers

- "Change Wars" – set-up jars in each classroom to collect loose change. The class collecting most funds will be treated to a class pizza party.
- Planned for February 2023

Moved by Sandra L.

Second: Angela S.

Vote: 14:0:0

5.10 Approval for Field Trips

- Request for blanket approval for day field trips from Mr. Romano.
- Blanket approval for all field trips with maximum cost of \$40, for entire year– typically larger trips for example cycle 3 going to Ottawa and Quebec are not part of this and will have separate approval as usual.
- This is done at some other elementary and high schools as well.
- Blanket approval will be done each year in one of the first GB meetings of the year for all the trips during school year instead of individual approvals, especially useful for trips that need confirmation in-between GB meetings.



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- 2 field trips to be approved for this meeting:
 - Cycle 3 field trip tubing to Mont Avila for cost of \$40 on January 19th, 2023
 - Cycle 2 Core trip to Mount Royal for Mont Royal decouverte de la montagne for cost of \$15 on January 17th, 2023

Moved by: Alessia S.
Second: Laura M.
Vote: 13:1:0

5.11 Approval for Daycare Trips (Maria Balntas)

- Woohoo parc d'amusement in Vaudreuil on December 8th, 2022. Cost \$24.50 with \$19.50 admission and \$5.00 for transport by bus
- Bowling on St-Zotique Boulevard on January 9th, 2023. Cost \$13.05 with \$8.05 for entrance fee and \$5.00 for transport by bus

Moved by: Jessie C.
Second: Samantha B.
Vote: 14:0:0

6. Reports

6.1. Principal Report

- Enrollment:
 - 310 students, up 3 from September 30th.
- School Activities:
 - Nesbitt choir and music group sang at an indigenous reconciliation assembly hosted by Rosemont Highschool on November 19th. It was attended by a number of indigenous community chiefs including Kahsennenhawe Grand Chief Sky-Deer who gave a talk.
 - Grade 5 students attended a Remembrance Day commemoration on November 8th at the Royal Canadian Hussars in Mont-Royal. 5 EMSB schools were participating that day meeting with retired and active soldiers.
 - Report cards were issued on November 18th. There were some tech issues but to-date all parents should have access.
 - Parent-teacher interviews were held on November 24th. Strong participation of parents for the first in-person interviews since the pandemic.
- Nesbitt School Major Renovations:
 - Addressing 3 questions that were raised in the last meeting:
 - **Contingency plans for relocation:** They are developing these plans but the goal of the project, as the plans and investigation continue, is to identify any issues at the source before the work starts. Goal is also that the job site is properly separated from the daily operations of the school. All health and safety considerations, including decontamination, are being followed
 - **Plumbing entries from the city to the building:** Main water entry, which connected the school to the city's aqueduct, was replaced in 2015-2016. At the time all existing pipes were changed to galvanized steel. There will be new plumbing on the "left side of the building" where the renovations take place, from main water entry to



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all required points. All plumbing that is under the school board's responsibility will be redone, beyond that it is the city's responsibility.

- **Considerations for open and shared spaces – Lab-École school model:** There are constraints that go with that model, namely financial, since work is being done on an existing building. This poses limitations but as much as possible a state-of-the-art model will be incorporated to the school.
 - Space allocation drawings are almost complete with some presentation given to managers or IT infrastructure and nutritional services for feedback.
 - Survey of schools continues outside school hours.
 - Once the space allocation plans are approved at the board level, the architects will proceed with creating the final visual plans (approx. late January 2023). At that point the plans can be presented to parents (approx. March 2023).
 - In terms of measures for summer comfort: There will be no air-conditioning planned for the school however there will be a ventilated system planned for the school. All windows will be having blinds.
 - In terms of accessibility: Since Nesbitt accommodates students with physical disabilities, there are plans to have access to water in certain classrooms, accessible (universal) washrooms at each level and inclusion of ramps and elevators.
 - Considerations for sensory rooms and classrooms with dimmable lights are planned, as well as storage space and smart board that are adjustable to student height.
 - Considerations included to use as much as natural lighting as possible.
 - There will be only 1 gymnasium (which can be divided in 2 separate parts), which is the same space as our current big gym. Our current mini gym will be a multi-functional room, which can be used to do physical activities but will not be built like a gym.

6.2. Teachers Report

- PreK-K: Silvana Silvestrin
 - Went to Pointe-à-Callière museum on November 1st
 - Nesbitt Spiritual Community Animator Vince Lacroce gave a workshop for Remembrance Day
 - Strong participation of parents at the November 24th interviews
 - Season based activities for fall with plans for activities for winter
- Cycle 1: no teacher on GB for cycle 1
 - No reports were sent
- Cycle 2 - English Core: Samantha Bucci
 - In ELA are exploring problems/solutions. Students create scripts and solutions
 - In Science student explore animal adaptations
 - Strong participation of parents at the November 24th interviews
- Cycle 2 -Immersion: Alessia Stillitano
 - Visit to Segal Theatre to see play with Frankenstein - comic book style
 - Strong participation of parents at the November 24th interviews
- Cycle 3: Martin Marcil:
 - In collaboration with Sandra Lanni- started project that combines math, robotics and technology.
 - Finishing 2 projects: 1) A play to integrate a virtual character. 2) Design of a video game to teach younger kids about reading and pronunciation.
 - Starting a new project about fake news for Grade 6: how to create fake news, what is its structure, how to manipulate information, how to convince people into believing almost anything. They base it on scientific information and further twist it to a make belief. Based on a project that was done in France last year.



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- Cycle 3: Sandra Lanni:
 - 4 teachers took workshop on robotic Spike Lego to be able to incorporate and transfer its concepts to classroom material.

6.3. Daycare Report: Maria Balntas

- November 24th Pizza lunch and learnt and created Christmas crafts
- November 25th Café Ceramic came to daycare and creation of Christmas ornaments

6.4. Treasurer Report

- Nothing to report

6.5. Parents' Committee Report

- Jessie Cascino on behalf of Melissa Alexis
- First meeting November 1st with EMSB chair Joe Ortona, in which EMSB's position on Bill 21 and Bill 96 was discussed
- Second meeting was on November 3rd for appointment of vacant positions, review of Commitment to Success report, Land Acknowledgment report were reviewed. Internal Rules continue to be reviewed.
- Follow up meeting planned for December 1st

6.6. Chairperson's Report

- Nothing to report
- Jonathan Rodrigue thanked the principal, teachers, and support staff for all their effort during the year. He also thanked all the parents involved in governing board, the campaigns, Home & School, and Graduation Committee.

6.7. Home & School Committee Report

- H&S fundraiser linked to Parent-Teacher night was a success.
- Book fair raised \$5,400. H&S does not get monetary amounts from this sale, but the school gets credits that teachers can use to purchase books and items for their classrooms through Scholastics.
- Bake sale raised about \$500 which is a split between H&S and Graduation Committee (split 50/50).
- December 16th will be movie night. Registration for this event is by an online link. Working on getting volunteers.
- February- next pizza lunch

7. Question Period

- Alice Huang mentioned that clock in Home Room 7 was out of order and asked for it to be fixed.
- Maria Lisa Di Martino asked about the contribution of \$4000 by H&S for the yard beautification and outdoor classroom project and whether H&S must fund raise for that or already has the funds available. It was clarified that H&S has the funds already and this is a promise to fund, should the application be approved.

8. Varia

- Pardis Zarnegar proposed a motion for the Governing Board to donate \$100 of GB funds to Food Drive for St. Michael's and St. Brendan's.

Moved by: Pardis Z.

Second: Angela S.

Vote: 14:0:0



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9. Adjournment

Adjournment time: 8:21PM

Moved by: Alessia S.
Second: Sandra L.
Vote: 14:0:0

Next meeting: Tuesday January 17th, 2023

X

Jonathan Rodrigue
Chairperson

X

Nicholas Romano
Principal