



# ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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## GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #6

**Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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	
Amara, Farida	Teacher		McLaughlin, Laurie	Community Rep	P
Bastide, Jerome	Parent		Monti, Jessica	Vice Principal	P
Béguet, Marie Caroline	Parent		Popa, Elena	Parent	
Campisi, Elisa	Daycare		Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P
Cascino, Jessie	Parent		Ruelland, Isabelle	Parent	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Serrecchia, Miranda	Principal	P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Silvestrin, Silvana	Teacher	
Jeanty, Dieulène	Support Staff		Stillitano, Alessia	Teacher	P
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	Vaillancourt, Sonia	Teacher	
Macri, Carmela	Teacher	P	VACANT	Community Rep	

TOTAL: 12 Present ( 9 votes)

Replacements in the event there are not enough parents for quorum: Pardis Zarnegar and Hamdi Ali

- **Hamdi Ali was present.**
- **Pardis Zarnegar was present**

### Opening Time: 6:43 pm

#### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

- Add Varia: update on AAT at Nesbitt
- Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino  
Second: Sophie Currie  
Vote: 9:0:0

#### 2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

##### 2.1 Minutes from Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- Correction: page 5, section 4.9; WINGS are closed classrooms for special needs. There are 2 WINGS classrooms at Nesbitt, and one early stimulation classroom (the minutes stated that there were 3 WINGS classes). The WINGS classrooms at Nesbitt are divided as such; one for Junior and one for Senior.
- Moved by: Sandra Lanni  
Second: Jonathan Rodrigue  
Vote: 9:0:0

#### 3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- N/A.



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## 4. New Business

### 4.1 June 10 Daycare activity (ratify)

- Activity for PED day: EVERBLAST, cost of 17\$/child for the activity
- Voted via email; 9 responses all in favor
- Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino  
Second: Sophie Currie  
Vote: 9:0:0

### 4.2. Graduation GB Award (ratify)

- It has been tradition at Nesbitt for the Governing Board to offer two \$50.00 gift certificates to the graduates at the graduation ceremony. The teachers select one English Core student and one Immersion student, and the money (\$100.00) is taken from the GB budget. This award is known as the GB Leadership Award.
- Voted by email; 12 responses all in favor
- Moved by: Sophie Currie  
Second: Maria Lisa Di Martino  
Vote: 9:0:0

### 4.3. School Fees 2024-2025 (for information)

- At the last GB, it was asked to table this item because some grades had significantly higher school fees and time was needed to further analyze.
- Histoire & Géographie program in cycles 2 & 3: no longer allowed to buy the workbook (i.e. Escales) because some of the wording is not aligned with the program.
- Students in secondary 4 must pass a history exam in order to graduate high school and the content is very different to what is approached in elementary school.
- Moving away from a memorization approach, and moving towards an application-based style of learning, so none of the schools are buying the workbooks.
- The principals met and agreed that the workbooks (i.e. Escales) would no longer be purchased. The school board is creating online resources for the teachers to use, which would entail a lot of printing.

### 4.4. 2024-2025 budget forecast (resolution)

- We can't approve all of the budgets because we don't have them yet.
- Caretaking budget: 37,764\$ calculated per capita. Includes materials and supplies; cleaning products, toilet paper, basic services like electricians.
- Service contracts: pest control and snow removal
- Equipment and Furniture: To replace day to day stuff, 3,000\$
- Fund 7: capital 1495\$, rolls over
- School funds: Fr. Immersion Funds 5 & 7 are blank as they are reported in the English Core budget, Fund 3 is different as there are increases in the school fees. Increases in the school fees begin at grade 3;
  - Grade 3: new school fee for 2024-2025 is 115\$/student
  - Grade 4: 110\$
  - Grade 5: 100\$
  - Grade 6: 105\$
  - Total 10,300\$ school fees for consumables (must deduct from that uncollected amounts).
- English Core: Increases in the school fees begin at grade 3;
  - Grade 3: new school fee for 2024-2025 is 100\$/student
  - Grade 4: 95\$
  - Grade 5: 75\$
  - Grade 6: 80\$
  - Total 10,980\$ school fees for consumables (must deduct from that uncollected amounts).
- Cycle 2 (grades 3 & 4) experienced the biggest jump in school fees from last year (approx. 20\$-25\$).



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- RESOLUTION:
- Moved by: Carmela Macri  
Vote: 8:1:0

## 4.5 New School Consultation Brief (for approval)

- Sub-committee was formed to draft the Nesbitt School brief on the consultation document regarding opening a new innovative school for students with social and emotional challenges in the Nesbitt building.
- Sub-committee consisted of acting principal Miranda Serrecchia, teacher Carmela Macri and parent Maria Lisa Di Martino.
- Brief must be submitted by August to Francesco Crocco at the Long Range Planning Committee.
- Moved by: Sophie Currie  
Second: Hamdi Ali  
Vote: 9:0:0

## 4.6 PELO 2024-2025(for approval)

- Require GB approval to continue to offer the PELO program in 2024-2025.
- This year we offered Italian classes. There was a lot of interest in Spanish but unfortunately could not find a Spanish teacher.
- If anyone can refer a Spanish teacher; they must be fluent in Spanish, no criminal background and available to work for 1 hour/week for 10 sessions in the Fall and 10 sessions in the Spring.
- Moved by: Isabelle Ruelland  
Second: Sandra Lanni  
Vote: 9:0:0

## 4.7 Code of Conduct changes (for approval)

- Problems are arising with home baked goods being sent in by parents for birthday celebrations as they are not guaranteed to be free of allergens. Asking for parents to stop bringing in treats for birthday celebrations due to allergies and it not being equitable for all students. School will do a school wide birthday celebration on the last day of each month for all students who had birthdays in that month. School will use school funds to provide an allergy free treat for the birthday students.
- Arguments against prohibiting parents from bringing in birthday treats were; the birthday treats provided by the parents are for the entire classroom and there is an aspect of community and togetherness attached to it; some students may be uncomfortable in a school wide event and might prefer a more intimate classroom setting.
- It was agreed that stricter guidelines be put in place for parents wishing to bring treats for birthday celebrations. Providing strict parameters as to what can and can not be brought in terms of treats would ensure no allergens (Must be individual store bought, allergy free treats) and providing the school wide birthday celebration would ensure equity for all students.
- Vote to maintain Code of conduct with the following changes;
  - Must be store bought, allergen friendly treats.
  - No candles permitted
  - School will do an end of month birthday celebration event
- Moved by: Hamdi Ali  
Second: Pardis Zarnegar  
Vote: 9:0:0

## 5. Reports

### 5.1. Principal Report

- Enrolment: Current is 305. Next year: 284 as of today, with 12 pending.



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- We lost a handful of students as some are moving out of the territory or were accepted into specialized schools.
- 22 homerooms for next year
- May: we had our annual Spring concert. Students performed without any music sheets, and were basing themselves strictly from practicing.
- Dress Down Day for cultural diversity (graduation fundraiser); many students came to school in traditional garments, was really nice to see.
- School Wide Bingo to celebrate Cultural Diversity: the bingo tiles represented different symbols relating to different cultures.
- We are preparing end-of-year celebrations;
  - Tomorrow PreK/k activities and lunch with parents
  - Friday will be the Grade 6 graduation
  - Monday June 17: End of year fun day with inflatables, Monsieur Mousse and a waffle bar.

## 5.2. Teachers Report

### PreK/K: Carmela Macri (PreK- Eng. Core)

- Students went on Sub sum Field Trip
- Play sessions outdoors

### Cycle 1: Sonia Vaillancourt (Grade 1- Immersion)

- Intermiel fieldtrip in Mirabel

### Cycle 2: Alessia Stillitano (Grade 4- Immersion)

- Wrapping up end of year

### Cycle 3: Sandra Lanni

- Students had the Eureka field trip- there were tons of booths
- Grade 6 students are planning for graduation and exams.

## 5.3. Daycare Report: (Elisa Campisi):

- N/A

## 5.4. Treasurer Report: Sophie Currie

- N/A

## 5.5. Parents' Committee Report: (Sophie Currie & Jessie Cascino)

- N/A

## 5.6. Chairperson's Report: (Jonathan Rodrigue)

- Jonathan thanked GB members for their involvement during the year.
- Thank you to teachers and staff for the work that they do for our children.
- Thank you to Pardis for all of her work, as this is her last year at Nesbitt.

## 5.7. Home & School Committee Report: (Miranda Serrecchia)

- N/A



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6. Question Period

7. Varia:

- Update on the AAT at Nesbitt
  - Miranda Serrecchia wrote to the Reginal Director last week asking if we had any updates. We hope to have something with legal in the upcoming school year.
  - Jonathan Rodrigue read the follow-up email that will be sent to Mr. Cannavino, as well as to the concerned departments at the EMSB as secondary recipients (i.e. cc).

8. Adjournment:

**Adjournment time: 8:42pm**

Moved by: Isabelle Ruelland

Second: Sandra Lanni

Vote: 9:0:0

**Next meeting: October 2024**

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Jonathan Rodrigue  
Chairperson

X

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Nicholas Romano  
Principal