



ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #1

Tuesday, October 8th, 2024

6:30 pm (via Microsoft Teams)

MINUTES

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Ali, Hamdi	Parent	P	McDonald, James	Parent	P
Bastide-de-Grave, Jerome	Parent	P	McLaughlin, Laurie	Community Rep	
Beguet, Caroline	Parent		Occhiuto, Anna Maria	Parent	P
Brisindi, Kristine	Support Staff	P	Reginato, Sonia	Teacher	P
Bucci, Samantha	Teacher	P	Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Santino, Maria	Daycare	P
Iliyan, Mervat	Teacher	P	Serrecchia, Miranda	Vice-Principal	P
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	Suan, Chelsea	Teacher	P
Marcil, Martin	Teacher	P	VACANT	Teacher	
Marianetti, Ashley	Parent	P	VACANT	Community Rep	

TOTAL: __18__ Present (__16__ votes)

Replacements in the event there are not enough parents for quorum: Delisle, Sarah and Smith, Crispin

Opening Time: 6:40 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved by: Sophie Currie
Second: Jonathan Rodrigue
Vote: 16:0:0

2. Elections

2.1 Chairperson

- Jerome Bastide-de-Grave accepted by acclamation

2.2 Secretary

- Maria Lisa Di Martino by acclamation
- Hamdi Ali as replacement in the event that Maria Lisa Di Martino cannot attend, by acclamation

2.3 Treasurer

- Sophie Currie by acclamation

2.4 Parent Committee Alternate

- Maria Lisa Di Martino by acclamation (decided at AGA)



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3. Nomination of Community Representatives

- We would like to ask Laurie McLaughlin if she would like to rejoin
- Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Second: Jerome Rodrigue
Vote: 16:0:0
- Nicholas Romano will send Laurie an email

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4.1 Minutes from Tuesday, June 11th, 2024

- Modify point 4.4 to say approval of School Fees 2024-2025 and Resolution of Budget (as the budget and school fees were approved as one)
- Moved by: Sophie Currie
Second: Hamdi Ali
Vote: 16:0:0

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Animal Assisted Therapy Updates:

- Last March/April the legal department at the EMSB was drafting guidelines.
- No updates yet
- There will be a principal's meeting next week, Nicholas Romano will bring up the issue
- Jonathan R. no news from the follow-up email that was sent to Mr. Agostino Cannavino last June

6. New Business

6.1. 2024-2025 GB Meeting Dates

- Held on the second working Tuesday of the month
- Black out Days:
 - Tuesday, Dec 17
 - Tuesday, Feb 4
 - Tuesday, March 18
 - Tuesday, April 29
 - Tuesday, May 27
 - Tuesday, June 17
- Need to hold a minimum of 6 meetings a year
- 2024-2025 GM Meeting Dates:
 - Tuesday Nov 12th
 - Tuesday Dec 10th
 - Tuesday Jan 14th
 - Tuesday Feb 11th
 - Tuesday March 25th
 - Tuesday April 8th
 - Tuesday May 13th
 - Tuesday June 10th
- Format: Virtual by majority vote



6.2. Composition of GB for 2025-2026

- Currently there are 9 parent members, 2 alternates and quorum is achieved with 5 parent members present
- The composition for future years must be decided one year in advance.
- Do we want to consider quorum with 4 parent members? We can decrease from 9 to 7 parent members.
- The turn out at the AGA this year was great so maybe we should wait- seeing as new parents at the school have shown interest (parents of PreK and K)
- Move to table conversation to May meeting
- Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Second: Hamdi Ali
Vote: 16:0:0

6.3. Approval of Field Trips:

6.3.1 Blanket approval for day field trips - Cost of \$25 or less to parent

- Moved by: Sophie Currie
Second: James McDonald
Vote: 16:0:0

6.3.2 Grade 6 to Ottawa – June 2025

- June 18th, approx. 85\$-100\$/student
- Last year the composition of the grade 6 students resulted in the school having to fund a large part of the trip. This year the composition is different.

6.3.3 Grade 5 to Quebec – June 2025

- June 12th, approx. 85\$-100\$/student
- School must leave deposit of 600\$ for each trip by the end of October
- Approval of both Grade 5 and Grade 6 trips:
- Moved by: Jonathan Rodrigue
Second: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Vote: 16:0:0

6.4. Approval for Daycare Trips (Maria Santino)

- Sportira: indoor sports complex
- Ped Day Improv: learning through play.
- BoulZeye: laser tag and bowling
- Approval of All trips:
- Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Second: Sandra Lanni
Vote: 16:0:0



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6.5 Approval for Home & School Fundraisers

6.5.1 Grade 6 Fundraisers

- To help fund grade 6 end of year activities and graduation

6.5.1.1 Hoodie and Yearbook Sale

- Parent contribution of 75\$/student to purchase graduation hoodie, year book and graduation party.

6.5.1.2 Dressdown Day – Nov 13 (Coincide with World Kindness Week) and Feb. 10 (Superhero Day)

6.5.1.3 Movie Night – February or April

6.5.1.4 Book Sale – March 2025

6.5.1.5 Ice Cream Sale – May 2025

- To add : Chocolate sale in January. Only for grade 6 students.
- Approval for all fundraisers:
Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Second: Sophie Currie
Vote: 16:0:0

6.6 Approval of Enfant & Compagnie Lunchtime ECAs

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
- 8 weeks
- Starts w/o Oct 21 to Dec
- Cost: 128\$/student for 8 weeks
- Moved by: Kristine Brisindi
Second: Hamdi Ali
Vote: 16:0:0

6.7 Approval for Le Kid Foot Lunchtime Soccer Skills for Preschool to Grade 2

- Lunchtime soccer activity, for younger students from preschool to grade 2
- The focus is not on competition or developing soccer skills but more on developing motor skills by using soccer as a medium
- 8 weeks
- Oct 21 x 8
- Cost: 120\$/student
- Moved by: Maria Santino
Second: Kristine Brisindi
Vote: 16:0:0

6.8 Collaboration with École Sans Frontières for *Proposition d'une initiative d'apaisement du trafic routier*

- Nicholas Romano was approached by a parent member of GB of *Ecole Sans Frontieres* and was asked for support to ask the borough to reduce the speed on Rosemont boulevard between 14th avenue and 4th avenue.



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- They want to reduce traffic speed and add more cross walks, make the speed limit clearly identifiable, make stop signs more visible.
- The goal is to slow the traffic and add more signs
- They want Nesbitt's participation to join their campaign
- Once their proposal is written we would add our input to it
- A GB member can participate and act as the go-between Nesbitt and that group. Nicholas Romano will send an email to ask who would be interested.
- Move to give the Nesbitt administration the go-ahead:
 - Moved by: Anna Maria Occhiuto
 - Second: Hamdi Ali
 - Vote: 16:0:0

7. Reports:

7.1 Principal Report

- Current enrollment: 293 active students, 23 groups
- Sept 10 Fun Day with a corn boil (8-9 parents volunteered)
- School wide field trip to Ferme Forget for pumpkin picking, Sept 24 for younger students, Sept 27th for older. Approx. 36 parents volunteered from the younger students.
- High School presentations (JFK, Laurier MacDonald, etc.) for grade 6 students took place
- Truth & Reconciliation Day Art Project: an art project was sent to the EMSB on behalf of all students. They drew pictures and wrote positive messages. The pieces were put into chain links and the display of Nesbitt was attached to the display of the other schools. The project is on display in the EMSB building.
- Sept 30 Attestation Day & Truth & Reconciliation Day
- Oct 7th indigenous dancers came to do presentation for cycles 2 and 3
- Oct 8th: a play about intimidation was presented to cycles 2 and 3, 1 hour presentation in French.
- Progress Reports ready on Friday
- Terry fox Run/Walk is this Friday; Students will go around the block or on 6th avenue towards Beaubien and then loop back towards Nesbitt.
- SPVM Presentations about safety have begun, for all cycles.
- United Against Violence SPVM: has begun for grade 5 and 6
- Open House: October 24th, 630p-830p
- School Picture Day: pushed from Oct 9th to Monday Oct 28th.

7.2 Daycare Report

- 108 students registered for this year
- First Aid Refresher classes for staff: all staff certifications are now up-to-date
- After School Activities for the Fall session will start October 15th.
- Planning for the PED day
- October 18th: daycare is closed for annual workshop

7.3 Treasurer Report: N/A

7.4 Parents' Committee Report : N/A

7.5 Chairperson's Report: N/A



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7.6 Home & School Committee Report: N/A



8. Question Period

- Have the teacher's Reports been removed from agenda?
 - The teacher's reports have been removed as Nicholas Romano usually speaks about it in his principal's report and if details are needed then the teachers can elaborate.
 - A discussion was held with the staff and all agreed the reports were redundant.
- Is there a Home & School committee this year?
 - Yes but looking for volunteers and a chairperson (the person who held the position last year does not want to lead this year) and a treasurer (the person who held the position last year has graduated).
- Are there any updates on the school renovations?
 - Nicholas Romano visited the area of the school that is currently closed off (on the Bellechasse side).
 - The ventilation system has been put in, the mechanical is done, as well as the sprinkler systems on the 3rd and 4th floors.
 - They are excavating new emergency exits that are required by law.
 - The walls were knocked down.
 - All contaminants have been removed.
 - They are starting to build the partitions for the space.
 - The timeline is still August 2025 for the first phase but delays may occur for certain deliverables.
 - Jonathan Rodrigue sent the New School Consultation Brief last August.

9. Varia: N/A

10. Adjournment:

Adjournment time: 8:20pm

Moved by: Maria Santino

Second: Sophie Currie

Vote: 16:0:0

Next meeting: Tuesday November 12th, 2024

X

Jerome Bastide-de-Grave
Chairperson

X

Nicholas Romano
Principal