



# ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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## GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #2

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

6:30 pm

MINUTES

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Abou Assaly, Amal	Teacher	P	Martin, Brigitte	Teacher	P
Alexis, Melissa	Parent	P			
Berghout, Choukri	Parent	P	Miller, Josh	Parent	P
Blain, Sylvie	Teacher	P	Plunkett, Robert	Support Staff	P
		P	Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P			P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Santino, Giuseppina	Daycare Staff	P
Fiorito, Roselisa	Teacher	P	Santino, Maria	Parent	P
Fonico, Anna	Teacher	P	Zampino, Alessia	Teacher	P
Jensen, Glen	Parent		Zarnegar, Pardis	Parent	P
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	TOTAL: <u>19</u> Present ( <u>17</u> votes)		

Replacements in the event there are not enough parents for quorum: Arcaro, Roberto and Kelso Gravel, Alexandra

### Opening Time: 6:34 pm

#### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved by: Amal A.  
Second: Maria S.  
Vote: 17:0:0

#### 2. Update of Nesbitt School staff on GB

- There has been a change in the staff on the governing board. Joseph Nardelli is replaced by Anna Fonico.

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

##### 3.1. Minutes from Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

- The attendance list on the minutes from the last meeting did not include the presence of Anna Fonico. It is to be noted that she was present. However, the total vote count of 13 was correct.
- Moved by: Maria S.  
Second: Pardis Z.  
Vote: 17:0:0

#### 4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- ##### 4.1. Urgent repairs list and Buildings & Grounds meeting with GB – update



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- There were some repairs that were addressed during the Summer 2019, namely; tile repairs, leaking pipes, roof leaks, loose ceiling plasters, bathroom door partitions.
- Repairs addressed at the beginning of the school year: exterior door and windows not closing properly. There are a few windows still outstanding.
- Major Remodel Update: The school will be inspected during the Winter 2020 according to protocols, to determine what has to be changed and completely overhauled. The inspection will be done in collaboration with Nicholas R. From there a prioritized list of major repairs will be compiled. In the Fall 2020 a feasibility study will be conducted, which will determine the budget and strategy for implementation.
- Our questions for Buildings & Grounds are premature for where they are in their planning, and thus a meeting with them would not serve any purpose at this point in time.
- From now until Fall 2020, any work required will be continuously carried out to ensure safety.
- There are budgets set aside for the current school year to address the drainage problem in the school yard (facing Bellechasse street). Work will be done in the Summer 2020.

#### 4.2. Healthy snacks: follow-up with nutritionist – update

- Nicholas R. spoke with the school board organization coordinator in charge of cafeteria services. They are open to modifying some items on the cafeteria menu but will not replace the items with something else, therefore if we will be modifying the menu, we will essentially be *removing* items.
- Glen J. will bring up the issue with the school board at the next Parents Committee meeting.
- *Motion to have Glen J. speak on behalf of the governing board to the Parents Committee about healthy options in cafeterias at the EMSB.*
  - Move: Maria Lisa D.
  - Second: Melissa A.
  - Vote: 15:0:2

#### 4.3. Walker's gate;

- No update, was not discussed at the staff council.

### 5. New Business

#### 5.1. Educational Project - update

- The school team met with the EMSB consultant on September 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the educational project. Overall, there were good comments, and only small changes to make such as adding more background information about the programs offered at Nesbitt (English Core vs. French Immersion), and revising the targets to take into account the size of our cohorts.
- The educational project will be posted on the school website once all the changes are done.

#### 5.2. Approval for Fundraisers

- A list of Currently Proposed Fundraisers was handed out to GB;

##### 5.2.1. Home & School Fundraisers

Bake Sale November 21<sup>st</sup> during Parent/Teacher Interview;

- Move: Maria Lisa Di Martino  
Second: Maria S.  
Vote: 17:0:0

Holiday-themed Movie Night (Indoor) December 6<sup>th</sup>:



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- Move: Sophie C.  
Second: Pina S.  
Vote: 17:0:0
- Chances of event being cancelled due to low turnout extremely unlikely, as there are no overhead costs.
- \$5 per entry and refreshments/snacks for sale at event

## 5.2.2. Graduation Committee Fundraisers

### Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Hot Chocolate/Coffee for Sale during Parent-Teacher Interviews

- To compliment H&S bake sale. \$1/item
- Move: Josh M.  
Second: Pardis Z.  
Vote: 17:0:0

### Dec 16-20 Pyjama Dress Down Day (one day only TBD)

- \$2/participating child
- Move: Bob P  
Second: Sylvie B.  
Vote: 17:0:0

### December: Canadians Hockey T-Shirt Raffles

- 1 ticket for \$2 and 3 tickets for \$5
- Move: Pina S.  
Second: Sophie C.  
Vote: 17:0:0

### December: Holiday Basket Raffle

- 1 ticket for \$3 and 3 tickets for \$5
- Move: Sandra L.  
Second: Amal A.  
Vote: 17:0:0

## 5.2.3. Graduation Committee Fundraisers

### December/January: Graduation Hoodie and Graduation Yearbook Sale

- \$60 for both items together. Approval of both items with the understanding that the meal at the graduation is included.
- Move: Jonathan R.  
Second: Melissa A.  
Vote: 17:0:0

### Grocery Store Bagging at a date TBD with parental presence

- To raise funds, aside from fundraising initiatives.



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## 6. Reports

### 6.1. Principal Report

- Enrollment is presently at 304 students. There were 7 new students, and some that left as well.
- ARF/ERC/Music and Grade 2 immersion teachers: new teachers for past 2 weeks.
- Library: As of today, there is a library document technician that works 1.5 days per week, namely every Tuesday and every other Wednesday.
- October 2019 Events:
  - Grade 4 Vaccinations: Large turnout
  - October 28: school pictures
  - October 11: Thanksgiving celebration for the older students. Mr. Martin was there via Skype.
  - October 24<sup>th</sup>: First Open House. January 30<sup>th</sup> will be the next one. 21 families visited and signed, most of them are from PreK/K Levels and many showed interest.
  - October 31: Halloween. Most of the students wore costumes. The daycare purchased goodie bags and had activities for the students.
- Breakfast Club: The Breakfast club started again, 110 participants.
- Field Trips that took place: Apple picking, Musee des beaux Arts,
- Grade 1 students visit local library every 3 weeks.
- Pelo: Started in mid-October
- Extracurricular Activities: Meli-Melo canceled due to low enrollment.
- Tutors: 2 tutors started at Nesbitt. School has an arrangement with McGill University for free tutoring.
- November 2019 Events:
  - November 4<sup>th</sup>: Remembrance Day celebration for Cycle 2-3 students. 5 guests from the Canadian Armed Forces.
  - November 20<sup>th</sup>: Report Cards issued
  - Nov 21: Parent/Teacher interviews
  - Nov 20-21: Book fair. Was noted by daycare that due to safety rules, parents not be allowed to enter school and attend book fair on Wed. Nov 20<sup>th</sup> (regular school day).

### 6.2. Teachers Report

#### Cycle 1: Sylvie B.

- Visits to local library once every 3 weeks- grade 1
- Musee des Beaux Arts field trip
- Projet Ecole Montrealaise: project for January 2020, in which Sylvie's class was selected to participate.

#### Cycle 2: Amal A.

- End of November: social studies outing
- Robotics project starts in Term 2 for grades 3&4

#### Cycle 3: Anna F.

- Grade 5 went to R Museum
- Nov 25: Microbites coming in for coding

#### Prek: Rosie F.

- Apple picking field trip to celebrate Fall theme
- Activities with K students for Halloween- decorating pumpkins



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- Signed up for grant for educational project to adopt a pet from the Wild Life Foundation, awaiting an answer.

## 6.3. Daycare Report

- Haunted House: \$500 was raised for WE Day. Next year, will open up the haunted house to the entire school and after school for daycare.

## 6.4. Treasurer Report- nothing to report

## 6.5. Parents' Committee Report

- Glen J. absent
- Sophie Currie (alternate): They voted on changing a particularity in Bill 40, change was approved.

## 6.6. Chairperson's Report

- Received word from Laurie M. that the city pool project has been approved and is moving forward. Not sure if the parking lot project is planned to move forward or not.
- Confirmed that Stephanie Watt (city councilor) has received our letter opposing the parking lot project.

## 6.7. Home & School Committee Report

- November 26<sup>th</sup>: next meeting. Committee consists of 3-4 parents, principal and a teacher

## 7. Question Period

## 8. Varia

- Next meeting will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>. In-house meeting will also have Holiday social, supper consisting of Portuguese chicken will be ordered with GB funds.

## 9. Adjournment: 7:55 pm

Moved by: Maria S.

Second: Josh M.

Vote: 17:0:0

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

X

Jonathan Rodrigue  
Chairperson

X

Nicholas Romano  
Principal

