



ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #2

Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

6:30 pm (via Microsoft Teams)

MINUTES

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Alexis, Melissa	Parent	P	Marcil, Martin	Teacher	
Amara, Farida	Teacher		McLaughlin, Laurie	Community Rep	
Bastide, Jerome	Parent	P	Popa, Elena	Parent	P
Béguet, Marie Caroline	Parent		Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P
Campisi, Elisa	Daycare	P	Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Cascino, Jessie	Parent		Ruelland, Isabelle	Parent	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Serrecchia, Miranda	Vice-Principal	P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Silvestrin, Silvana	Teacher	P
Jeanty, Dieulène	Support Staff	P	Stillitano, Alessia	Teacher	P
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	Vaillancourt, Sonia	Teacher	P
Macri, Carmela	Teacher	P	VACANT	Community Rep	

TOTAL: 16 Present (14 votes)

Replacements in the event there are not enough parents for quorum: Pardis Zarnegar and Hamdi Ali
Pardis Zarnegar and Hamdi Ali were present however they did not vote as quorum was achieved.

Jonathan Rodrigue joined meeting at 6:55pm

Melissa Alexis joined meeting at 7:00pm

Opening Time: 630 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

- Changes: Add 4.4.1. Approval of parent contribution of 75\$ for grade 6 graduation
- Moved by: Sophie Currie
Second: Alessia Stillitano
Vote: 14:0:0

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 Minutes from Tuesday, October 10th, 2023

- Correction of name: should be Jerome Bastide de Grave
- Moved by: Carmela Macri
Second: Silvana Silvestrin
Vote: 14:0:0

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Nicholas Romano received email from EMSB that animals are not permitted in the schools unless it's an assistance dog or Mira dog.



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4. New Business

4.1 Approval of Change in School Calendar

- The November 23rd PED day will be moved to Thursday November 30th (Parent-Teacher interviews)
- The November 24th PED day will be moved to Friday December 1st.
- November 23 and 24 will be regular school days
- The teacher strike will be communicated by the school board
- Changes in the school calendar will be communicated to parents
- Moved by: Silvana Silvestrin
Second: Sophie Currie
Vote: 14:0:0

Jonathan Rodrigue joined meeting at 6:55 pm

4.2. Approval of Holiday Community Action Campaigns

4.2.1. Sox-in-a-Box Clothing Drive

- Will run from Dec 1-11
- Dec 13: Grade 6 students will go to Gerald McShane to wrap the socks
- Moved by: Sandra Lanni
Second: Silvana Silvestrin
Vote: 14:0:0

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

- Collection of canned goods and non-perishables to be donated to St. Michael's and St. Brendan's
- Dec 1-15
- Will be picked up the last week of school
- Moved by: Dieulène Jeanty
Second: Elena Popa
Vote: 14:0:0

4.3. Approval for Home & School Fundraisers

4.3.1. Pizza Days

4.3.1.1. January

4.3.1.2. May

4.3.2. Change Wars – February

4.3.3. Read-a-Thon – April

- Collection of funds via a reading sponsorship (example: collect 0.01\$/minute)

4.3.4. Mr. Freeze Sale – June

Melissa Alexis joined meeting at 7:00pm

- **Approval of all H&S fundraisers:**
- Moved by: Elena Popa
Second: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Vote: 14:0:0

4.4. Approval of Fundraisers for Graduation Committee

- 4.4.1. Approval of 75\$ parent contribution for graduation yearbook, hoodie and graduation party.



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4.4.2. Dress down days

4.4.2.1. Sports-themed Nov 24

4.4.2.2. March: date TBC

4.4.3. Chocolate bar fundraiser (for Grade 6 only) - February

4.4.4. Used Book Sale – April

4.4.5. Ice Cream – May

4.4.6. Crafts Market – monthly from February to May

- Staff and/or parents will assist or supervise the students to make arts & crafts. The crafts will then be sold to their peers at the Nesbitt Arts & Crafts Market, which will be held once a month. Students will run the market and learn valuable entrepreneurial, mathematical and marketing skills.

4.4.7. Advertisement in Yearbook

- Request to approve all points.
- Point 4.4.3. The graduation committee will decide between a chocolate fundraiser or honey jar fundraiser, for Grade 6 only, and to be held in February 2024 (Jan-Feb-March window)
- Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Second: Elena Popa
Vote: 14:0:0

5. Reports

5.1. Principal Report

- Report Cards: the grade are submitted, will be available this Friday morning on Mozaik.
- Pello classes have begun. Only Italian is available as we were unable to find a Spanish teacher. Please advise principal if any Spanish speaking parents are interested in teaching the Spanish class, for about 1-2 hours a week at lunch time, as there are about 40 students who are interested in taking Spanish PELO classes.

School Renovations:

- Nothing new to report.
- There was a visit from perspective contractors on October 23rd.
- EMSB is still in the process of collecting bids, will do so until mid-November.
- December: there is a board meeting to approve the contractor
- August 2025 deadline for completion of renovations still holds.

5.2. Teachers Report

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

- New tech, Ms. Catherine, was on leave but returned. Is present every day in the mornings.
- Social emotional project: They are reading color monster story and are doing related activities. Students must say how they are feeling in the morning, and must express themselves with puppets.
- The class keeps growing, they are now 16 students.

Cycle 1: Sonia Vaillancourt (Grade 1- Immersion)

- Preparing for field trip on November 16 to Centre d'Escalade Horizon Roc, grades 1 and 2 immersion and English core. Students will do indoor rock climbing. First field trip of the year for cycle1.



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Cycle 2: Alessia Stillitano (Grade 4- Immersion)

- Upcoming field trips: Science center and indoor skating, grade 3 & 4
- Cycle 2 teachers received the end of cycle exams, will be held mid-January to mid-February English & French.

Cycle 3: Sandra Lanni (Math/Resource specialist)

- Abraska Mont-St-Gregoire field trip- students had a lot of fun
- October-March: 2 core classes will be participating in a workshop whereby they will be working with local artists in order to create a 3D model to reinvent their dream neighborhood. Will be working with CEM.

5.3. Daycare Report: (Elisa Campisi)

- Grade 5 & 6 students are enjoying Sports Ball every Friday in the gym.
- Grades 3&4 planted tulip bulbs outside.
- 2 PED days coming up: Nov 30th & Dec 1st.
- Nov 30th: Enfant & Compagnie activity, 12\$/student, already approved when approved Bowling
- Dec 1st: Funtastic Boogie

5.4. Treasurer Report: Sophie Currie

- N/A

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

- Sophie Currie was unable to attend meeting.

5.6. Chairperson's Report: (Jonathan Rodrigue)

- N/A

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

- Did not have a meeting yet

6. Question Period

- Q: Jerome Bastide:
 - Any news on the bus strike?
- A: Nicholas Romano:
 - No news yet.
- Q: Jerome Bastide:
 - Why are the sibling school pictures taken so late into the start of the year?
- A: Nicholas Romano:
 - It depends on the availability of Green Apple. Their calendar tends to get booked quickly. Sibling pictures are always taken later because they also do the retakes & grad pictures. Will try to push it up next year.

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- Q: Ali Hamdi:
 - Do you still need volunteers for the education project committee?
 - A: Micholas Romano



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- 2 parents have offered to participate to help sort through the results and do the consultation. If more parents want to participate, they are welcome and can email me.
- Q: Ali Hamdi:
 - Are the daycare activities free?
- A: Elisa Campisi:
 - Yes, they are extracurricular activities that are offered at the daycare. Parents received a letter informing them.

7. Varia :

7.1 Approval of daycare PED days

- Dec 1: Funtastic Boogie coming to Nesbitt, price is 7\$/student
- Moved by: Silvana Silvestrin
Second: Carmela Macri
Vote: 14:0:0

8. Adjournment:

Adjournment time: 7:37pm

Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Second: Jerome Bastide
Vote: 14:0:0

Next meeting: Tuesday December 12, 2023

X

Jonathan Rodrigue
Chairperson

X

Nicholas Romano
Principal