



ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #5

Tuesday, May 15th, 2023

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	P
Balntas, Maria	Daycare Staff	P	Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P
Bucci, Samantha	Teacher	P	Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Cascino, Jessie	Parent		Ruelland, Isabelle	Parent	
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Santino, Maria	Parent	P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Silvestrin, Silvana	Teacher	P
Garcia, Carolyn	Parent		Sirianni, Angela	Teacher	
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	Stillitano, Alessia	Teacher	
Marcil, Martin	Teacher	P	Zarnegar, Pardis	Parent	P
McLaughlin, Laurie	Community Rep		VACANT	Community Rep	
Minicucci, Laura	Support Staff	P	TOTAL: <u>13</u> Present (<u>12</u> votes)		

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

Opening Time: 6:34 pm

Meeting started on point 5. Repots since 1 parent was missing to have quorum (minimum 5 required). Meeting started with reports.

5. Reports

5.1. Principal Report

- Enrollment (Current):
 - 315 students increased from last meeting
- Enrollment (for Next Year):
 - 291 confirmed, 7 pending
- School Activities:
 - Play based and role-play activities that had started in April finished on May 10th. A specialized organization worked with Pre-K, Early Simulation, and junior WINGS students. At the end of this period, parents were invited to school to participate in some of the games with their kids. This would also allow the parents to continue the acquired skills at home.
 - Assisted technology workshops in the month of April for students that are starting to use assisted tech in the upper grades, 4/5/6.
 - Montreal Tundra basketball team came to Nesbitt on April 17th to give a presentation to Cycle 2. Students were invited to watch a quick exhibition game in our gym. Students in Cycle 2 and student council were offered free tickets to a game on May 12th. 160 tickets were given to parents.
 - Used books sale benefitting the grad students took place on April 20th and 21st and was very successful. Lots books were offered, and students showed a lot of interest in the event.
 - On April 25th Nesbitt held a staff-vs-students dodgeball game. Staff played vs Room 18. Students won 3-2.



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- On April 26th, grade 6 students hosted their grandmothers and mothers to the school for a grandmothers' tea event. It was the first time in the past 4 years and was great to welcome them to school during the afternoon.
- Exams have started in the week of May 1st with FSL. ELA also started on May 11th. Exams will continue until early June for grade 6 students.
- On May 5th the school had the Annual Welcome to Kindergarten event: 20 new students and their parents came to the school. There was a welcome walk and kids participated in 5 separate activities to experience classroom setting.
- On May 2nd, Cycle 2 French Immersion went to Maison Gabriel.
- On May 8th, Cycle 2 English Core had a visit to Biodome, and WINGS senior was also able to join.

Sophie Currie joined the meeting at 6:48 pm

- On May 10th, Cycle 3 went to Halo Race in Mont-Royal. A lot of grade 5 and 6 students attended the race. 6 Nesbitt students were in the top 10 in finishing the race and one student was in 2nd place.
- On May 15th pre-K visited Ecomuseum Zoo.
- In April, the school purchased and received bikes, helmets, and accessories. This is part of the Cycliste averti program suggested by a member of Nesbitt Governing Board last year. Practice started in the gym and now is continuing in the school yard for grades 4 and 5. Next year will be expanded to grades 4, 5 and 6. The plan is to eventually try trips on the bike paths around the school.
- On May 31st there will be a spring concert at Rosemont Highschool in which the entire school will be participating. Invitations will be sent out soon.
- School Renovation Progress:
 - School has started discarding the items no longer needed with 2 visits from a recycling company to help the school to take out and sort most of the items not needed. About 90% of items not needed have been removed.
 - Minor preliminary work almost completed in the upper floors. Transfer of smart boards, projectors, and other items still in use, will be done after the school years ends.
 - The company for the major preliminary work over the course of summer 2023 was selected and approved by the School Board. Kick-off meeting to meet them is scheduled for May 18th. The name of the company is not yet announced. Work will start in the week of June 26th.
 - Focus of summer 2023 work is to make the school ready for August 15th when staff return to school. Work asked to be completed by this date include:
 - Splitting the Wi-Fi, plumbing
 - Creating 2 classrooms where currently the snack bar is located
 - Converting a current unused spaced on the 4th floor to student washrooms
 - Re-arranging current staff washrooms
 - Moving equipment/furniture/other material
 - Creating an emergency exit in the gym
 - Put up fencing since bus entrance for the kids will be re-located
 - Call for tender and selection process for the major renovations will be during the summer with work expected to start in September 2023
- Questions:
 - Ms. Santino asked about the date for the concert
M. Romano: May 31st and an invitation will be sent out to parents soon providing all the details
 - Ms. Santino asked about the safety and security of students and staff during the work and what assurances are expected, regarding air quality etc?
M. Romano: This will be the job of the environmental engineer. This perhaps is not in the scope of work during the summer. However, this will be part of responsibility of the contactor in



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charge of work after September 2023 since they do the rest of the renovations and necessary demolitions. The contractor must put safety mechanisms in place that are validated by environmental engineers and the architectural company to assess the jobs and feasibility of work planned. They present their plans, which must be approved and then there will be oversight and visits to ensure they are implementation.

Jonathan Rodrigue: We move back to Point 1, since we have quorum

1. Adoption of the Agenda:
 - 4.4 Was added: Approval for Daycare Activities

Moved by: Maria Lisa D.

Second: Silvana S.

Vote: 12:0:0

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - Minutes from Tuesday April 11th, 2023.

Moved by: Sophie C.

Second: Maria S.

Vote: 12:0:0

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - No follow ups to report on

4. New Business

- 4.1. Approval for School Fees

- School fees was presented to Governing Board and budget for school year will be presented in the next meeting.
- School fees are for the consumables: workbooks and worksheet
- Itemized lists for the grades are provided. School wide comparison chart is also provided. Fees have increased due to the increase in the price of workbooks themselves. Some items not used are eliminated to try and balance this effect. This can be seen in fees that have reduced. Fee increase is 5 to 10\$.
- Questions:

- Ms. Di Martino asked if there are programs to assist low-income families for these fees?
Mr. Romano: There are organizations to help the families. For example, 2 families in Nesbitt get help through the Montreal Hellenic Society to pay fees. Other community access exists. The school also permits the option of spreading the payments. For families that still have difficulties, the books are still provided to students, school always works with the families to meet the needs.



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School Fees 2023-2024

School-Wide Comparison Chart



Grade	2023-2024	2022-2023
K4-EC	\$25	\$40
K5-EC	\$25	\$25
1-EC	\$70	\$65
2-EC	\$70	\$65
3-EC	\$75	\$65
4-EC	\$75	\$65
5-EC	\$75	\$70
6-EC	\$75	\$70
K5-FI	\$25	\$25
1-FI	\$70	\$70
2-FI	\$70	\$60
3-FI	\$90	\$90
4-FI	\$90	\$90
5-FI	\$95	\$95
6-FI	\$95	\$95
WINGS & ES Closed Class	\$25	\$25

Moved by: Silvana S.
Second: Sophie C.
Vote: 12:0:0

4.2 Approval for Lunch Supervision Fees

- Fee had not increased since 2019
- Asking for 280.55\$ for the year 1.55\$/day per child (last year was 253.40\$ for the year 1.40\$/day per child)
- This increase will be to account for an increase in the number of supervisors needed and reflects the salary increase

Moved by: Maria S.
Second: Sandra L.
Vote: 12:0:0

4.3 Approval for Supply Lists

- Supply list is the same as last year. The list was provided to the Governing Board.
- Questions:
 - Ms. Santino mentioned that the School Board no longer allows brand names to be mentioned on the supply list.
Mr. Romano: The lists have been reviewed for this and if there are any items still mentioned with a brand name will be corrected.

Moved by: Pardis Z.
Second: Maria S.
Vote: 12:0:0



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4.4 Approval for Daycare Activities

- Ms. Balntas: Bake sale to raise funds for Montreal SPCA and to raise funds to purchase material to make toys for the sheltered animals.
- Questions:
 - Ms. Di Martino asked if this is only offered to the kids attending the daycare?
Ms. Balntas: yes, for daycare students. Parents can participate also and donate.

Moved by: Maria Lisa D.

Second: Sophie C.

Vote: 12:0:0

Jonathan Rodrigue: Return to the Point 5. Reports

5.2. Teachers Report

- PreK-K: Ms. Silvestrin
 - Mother's Day celebrations on May 12th. Mothers were invited and were served cookies and muffins. They enjoyed dance and singing by the students. Ms. Silvestrin thanked Mr. Romano for the opportunity and funds to prepare for this day.
 - Ecomuseum Zoo, activities and lunch, was enjoyed by the kids on May 15th.
 - Finishing the year with activities and practice for the spring concert
- Cycle 1: no teacher on GB for cycle 1
 - No reports were sent
- Cycle 2 – Ms. Bucci
 - End of Cycle exams are now finished (grade 4).
 - Visits to Biodome and Planetarium. Visit to the Planetarium allowed to wrap up lessons about the solar system.
 - Students attended yoga sessions with Mr. Vince.
 - Completed reading Charlie and Chocolate Factory and related activities.
- Cycle 3 – M. Marcil
 - Cycle 3 French exams are now completed. Started the English exams, reading response and writing essays. Math exams are planned for the month of June.
 - Busy with markings and finishing off projects.
- Cycle 3 – Ms. Newin
 - Grades 5 and 6 went to Halo Race last week. Mr. Romano congratulated the kids on how they represented Nesbitt. Students supported each other during the race. A few students placed well in the race, overall, a great accomplishment for the students.

5.3. Daycare Report

- Ms. Balntas
 - Registration is at 96 students for next year. This year was 118. More registration is expected. Very happy with the number of students returning to daycare.
 - Grade 4, 5 and 6 students are participating in Sports Ball every Wednesday at the gym.
 - This week is daycare appreciation week. Daycare offered to students a pizza snack on Wednesday and Freezie on Fridays.



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5.4. Treasurer Report (Sophie Currie)

- 162\$. No change from last time
- Questions:
 - Ms. Di Martino asked if the Governing Board would do a social event at the last meeting in June as we previously discussed.
Mr. Romano: This will be discussed at the end of the meeting to decide for the meeting in June.

5.5 Parents' Committee Report (Melissa Alexis and Jessie Cascino)

- No representative was available today and no reports were sent

5.6 Chairperson's Report (Jonathan Rodrigue)

- Nothing to report

5.7 Home & School Committee Report

- No meetings were held and therefore nothing to report.
- Questions:
 - Ms. Santino: Are there any further details about the pizza lunch planned by H&S?
Mr. Romano: Approval from the Governing Board still stands. No details were provided for the pizza lunch.

6. Question Period

- Pardis Zarnegar: Are there any news regarding Outdoor Play Space and Classroom Grant Application?
Mr. Romani: No response has been received from the government.

7. Varia

- Discussions regarding a next meeting in June: in-person or online.
- Questions:
 - Ms. Di Martino asked whether a portion is set aside from the 162\$ of GB funds, for grade 6 graduates?
Mr. Romano: 162\$ is the entire funds remaining, 100\$ was donated last Christmas as food gift cards. Last year the Governing Board set aside 2 gift certificates of 50\$ each for the students.

7.1 Proposal to allocate 100\$ towards 2 gift certificates for grade 6 graduating students of each program (Core and Immersion)

Moved by: Maria Lisa D.
Second: Maria S.
Vote: 12:0:0

- Ms. Lanni proposed to have the next meeting on June 13th in person. There are currently no restrictions on gatherings. With the remaining budget of 62\$, some food can be ordered. It will be an opportunity to have an in-person working meeting and social.
- Ms. Santino proposed to take an online survey and based on that decide for the next meeting.
- Mr. Romano will arrange for an online survey. This will also ensure that we have quorum for next meeting especially since there are school budgets to be approved.



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8. Adjournment

Adjournment time: 7:35PM

Moved by: Pardis Z.

Second: Maria S.

Vote: 12:0:0

Next meeting: Tuesday June 13th, 2023

X

Jonathan Rodrigue
Chairperson

X

Nicholas Romano
Principal