



# ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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## GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #5

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

6:30 pm (via Microsoft Teams)

### MINUTES

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Ali, Hamdi	Parent		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		Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent	P	Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Santino, Maria	Daycare	P
Iliyan, Mervat	Teacher	P	Serrecchia, Miranda	Vice-Principal	
Lanni, Sandra	Teacher	P	Suan, Chelsea	Teacher	P
Marcil, Martin	Teacher	P	VACANT	Teacher	
Marianetti, Ashley	Parent	P	VACANT	Community Rep	

TOTAL: 14 Present ( 13 votes)

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

Parent members= 9, Quorum= 5 parents

### Opening Time: 6:40 pm

#### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino  
Second: Sophie Currie  
Vote: 13:0:0

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

##### 2.1 Minutes from Tuesday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- Moved by: James McDonald  
Second: Mervat Iliyan  
Vote: 13:0:0

#### 3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes: N/A

#### 4. New Business

##### 4.1. Calendar 2025-2026 (school calendar and list of important dates)

- September 2, 2025 will be the first day of school
- Friday December 19 will be the last day before the winter break



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- Spring break will be from March 2-6, 2026
- List of important dates: everything highlighted in yellow is TBC
  - Nov 7 PED Day: TBC if daycare will be available
  - Nov 13: TBC if Grade 6 grad photos, sibling photos and retakes- should be confirmed before the end of the current school year.
- September 11: curriculum night and Annual General Assembly
- Oct 15: First progress report
- Oct 16: school photo day
- Oct 23: Open house
- Nov 20: Term 1 reports cards
- Nov 27: Parent-teacher interviews
- Feb 20: Term 2 report cards
- Feb 26: 2<sup>nd</sup> parent-teacher interviews

## 4.2. April 28, 2025- Election Day, PED day

- Day of the federal elections. Since many schools are used as polling stations, the EMSB decided on a board wide PED day.
- Daycare will be available

## 4.3 Approval of Enfant et Compagnie Spring Session Activities (online vote)

- Red Cross lunch time activity : 13-0-0
- All other lunchtime activities : 12-1-0

## 4.4. Approval of Timetable :

- There is a small change to the timetable.
- Bus arrival time has been changed from 7:42am to 7:40am
- End of school day has been changed from 2:32pm to 2:30pm, with busses departing at 2:40pm
- Homeroom has been changed from 7:52am-8:02am to 7:50am-7:55am. Used to be 10 minutes, will now be changed to 5 minutes.
- Lunch time will be changed from 11:22am-12:12pm, to 11:15am to 12:10pm
- Length of day stays the same: 7:40am-2:40pm
- Primary reason to change the time for homeroom is to extend the lunch period: 5 minutes have been removed from homeroom and have been allocated to lunchtime. Total length of lunch time is now 55 minutes, instead of 50 minutes.
- Reasons to change arrival and departure time is for simplicity's sake.
- Next year, we would like to have 1 hour for lunchtime, but can not be done because of the bus departure times.
- Approval  
Moved by: James McDonald  
Second: Sophie Currie  
Vote: 13:0:0

## 4.5. Approval of Subject Minute Allocation :

- There are no changes compared to last year. Needs to be re-approved.
- Same minute allocation as last year.
- Small correction to the document: Ethics and Religious Culture to be renamed as CCQ



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- Approval  
Moved by: Chelsea Suan  
Second: Maria Lisa Di Martino  
Vote: 13:0:0

#### 4.6. Approval of CCQ Language of Instruction:

- The EMSB Educational Services department will have a meeting in April-May to hopefully settle the matter so that this does not need to be voted again at GB next year.
- The CCQ language of instruction by default is English, however GB is given permission to change the language to French.
- Nesbitt has always taught CCQ in French for immersion and in English for Core. The reason being that due to the sensitive subject matter, it was believed that it should be taught in the mother tongue. For the immersion stream, the Nesbitt students are comfortable in French.
- Approval to keep teaching CCQ in French for the immersion stream and in English for English Core  
Moved by: Maria Lisa Di Martino  
Second: Sandra Lanni  
Vote: 13:0:0

#### 4.7. Approval of Daycare Activities (Maria Santino):

- April 28 PED day (Federal elections): Mad science, slime time activity
- AMSFA was too short notice, so the Slime time replaces AMSFA. The latter has been moved to next year.
- Cost: 15\$ regular + 15\$ activity= 30\$ total/student
- Approval:  
Moved by: James McDonald  
Second: Kristine Brisindi  
Vote: 13:0:0

### 5. Reports:

#### 5.1 Principal Report (Nicholas Romano):

- Enrollment 2025-2026:
  - 270 students currently enrolled for 2025-2026
  - Forecast for September: 290-295
  - 23 groups forecasted, 4 of which are closed classrooms
  - Currently 23 groups, of which 3 are closed classrooms
  - 1 more closed classroom opening next year
- February Highlights/activities:
  - Feb 12: 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, PreK activities; fruit salad, march around the school with noise makers.
  - Feb 14: Valentine's dress down day at 0\$ and cycle 3 field trip tubing to Mont-Avila.
  - Feb 20: Grade 4 vaccinations
  - Feb 21: Term 2 report cards available on Mozaik
  - Feb 26: Pink shirt day to promote anti-bullying. A sponsor has given pink t-shirts for all students and staff. Guest speaker for Black History month for PreK and cycle 1, a former Judo medalist, Canadian Olympian.
  - Feb 27: 2<sup>nd</sup> parent/teacher interviews held online, by appointment.



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- March Highlights/activities:
  - March 3-7: Spring Break
  - March 28<sup>th</sup>: Grade 4 art gallery field trip
  - March 31<sup>st</sup>: Grade 6 visit to Laurier McDonald Adult Ed center and Cycle 2 Shakespeare play.
- April Highlights/activities:
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup>: In-house story-telling festival. 2 students (one from immersion and one from English Core) were chosen to go to Michelangelo on April 7<sup>th</sup> for competition.
  - April 9<sup>th</sup>: Annual inclusive Olympian field trip for all closed classrooms, and the Fibonacci/Pythagorean math competition.
  - April 15<sup>th</sup>: Spring scavenger hunt for PreK, parents invited, and a magic show for cycles 1 and 2.
  - April 17<sup>th</sup>: Spring concert, held at Rosemount High School.
- Renovations :
  - Thursday will visit the site
  - The school will not be ready for August, more likely ready by end of November.
  - Permitted to move during Winter break or wait for the next school year.
  - Project is delayed by 1 academic year
  - The debate was if 2 weeks during the Winter break was enough time to move, if staff will have enough time, and if it will cut into the teaching time.
  - Office area still needs to be renovated.

## 5.2 Daycare Report (Maria Santino):

- Registrations for next year will begin tomorrow
- Emails have not yet been sent out, Mozaic open for tomorrow
- Email will be sent shortly
- Registrations will run for 2 weeks.

## 5.3 Treasurer Report (Sophie Currie): N/A

## 5.4 Parents' Committee Report (Maria Lisa Di Martino) :

- Held on March 13, 2025, virtual
- The Regional Directors, Darlene Kehyayan and Jimmy Giannacopoulos, have read and acknowledged the letters that were sent to the attention of the Assistant Director General, Pela Nickoletopoulos dated January 13, 2025.
- Letter to the administration regarding the Educational Project Survey:
  - The letter recommended implementing a standardized, accessible survey process and developing clear procedures and expectations for survey administration.
  - Response from EMSB administration: The methods of data collection and the consultation process are determined at the discretion of each school's administration, and the ministry is satisfied with the progress thus far.
- Letter to the administration regarding the creation of a general GB email address:
  - The letter recommended assigning official, dedicated email addresses to each governing board in order to address the accessibility challenges caused by the reliance of many governing boards on personal or school principals' email addresses for communication.
  - Response from EMSB administration:
    - The EMSB's security protocols prohibit the creation of email accounts for individuals who are not staff members or students due to confidentiality concerns and consistency of information.
- School Reports:



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- Santa Monica Elementary and Gerald Mcshane Elementary had raised concerns about bike paths being added around their schools. Santa Monica sent a letter to their city councilor about the issue.
- Budget Building Process:
  - The items to be prioritized were discussed. The major items are the same as last year., with a few points added to each.
  - The topic was tabled to the next PC meeting
- Next PC meeting: Thursday April 3, 2025 at John F. Kennedy High School

5.5 Chairperson's Report (Jerome Bastide-de-Grave): N/A

5.6 Home & School Committee Report (Ashley Marianetti):

- Change was moved from March to end of April, beg. May

6. Question Period

- Who participates in the math competition?
  - All of Quebec, including private schools, English and French
  - Last year only 2 EMSB schools participated
  - Last year Nesbitt had 12 students, this year's math club had 22 students.
  - Ms. Chelsea had many students from her class that participated, all are excited to do the test tomorrow.

7. Varia: N/A

8. Adjournment:

**Adjournment time: 7:18pm**

Moved by: Sandra Lanni

Second: James McDonald

Vote: 13:0:0

**Next meeting: Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

X

Jerome Bastide de Grave  
Chairperson

X

Nicholas Romano  
Principal