



ÉCOLE NESBITT SCHOOL

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GOVERNING BOARD - MEETING #6

Tuesday, May 13th, 2025

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	
Brisindi, Kristine	Support Staff	P	Reginato, Sonia	Teacher	P
Bucci, Samantha	Teacher		Romano, Nicholas	Principal	P
Currie, Sophie	Parent		Rodrigue, Jonathan	Parent	P
Di Martino, Maria Lisa	Parent	P	Santino, Maria	Daycare	
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	
			Delisle, Sarah	Replacement	P
			Smith, Crispin	Replacement	
			Corsi, Maria	Commissioner	P

TOTAL: 16 Present (12 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: 6:30 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

- Add 5.7. Commissioner Report
- Moved by: Hamdi Ali
Second: James McDonald
Vote: 12:0:0

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 Minutes from Tuesday, April 8th, 2025

- Moved by: Hamdi Ali
Second: Kristine Brisindi
Vote: 12:0:0

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes: N/A

4. New Business



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4.1. Approval of Lunch Fees 2025-2026

- No increase for next year
- This year fees were 315\$/student, next year will be the same 315\$/student
- 1.75\$/day x 180 school days = 315\$
- Moved by: Jonathan Rodrigue
Second: Maria Lisa Di Martino
Vote: 12:0:0

4.2. Approval of School Fees 2025-2026

- There are increases in the school fees. See Comparison chart of this year versus next year.
- The cost of materials and books has increased.
- For instance, the science book in English Core was nonexistent until now. Will be available next year as the English translation of Éclair de Génie is now available, which has led to an increase in costs.
- The English Core curriculum will be re-structured. The literacy program requires the use of workbooks, which has led to a slightly greater increase in costs for the Core stream.
- Moved by: Mervat Iliyan
Second: Jonathan Rodrigue
Vote: 12:0:0

4.3 Approval of Supply Lists 2025-2026

- Next year there will be two additions to the supply lists.
 1. Required Supplies: Reusable placemats to use during lunch time. Due to renovations, students eat in the classrooms, and placemats would ensure cleanliness.
 2. Recommended Supplies: Indoor shoes to be kept at school from October to April. Since the field can get muddy, this will prevent dirt from entering the school and ensure cleanliness.
- Moved by: Kristine Brisindi
Second: Chelsea Suan
Vote: 12:0:0

5. Reports:

5.1 Principal Report (Nicholas Romano):

- Enrollment 2025-2026:
 - 279 students currently enrolled for 2025-2026, plus 6 pending = 285
- April Highlights/activities:
 - April 17- Spring concert at Rosemount High School. It was well attended. Congratulations to the students for their hard work, and to Mme. Caroline and all of the staff that helped to make it happen.
 - April 22- Nesbitt held an Earth Day Awareness Walk in the neighborhood. Students walked to Rosemount, along St-Michel and down Bellechasse (length of walk depended on their grade level). There was also a 15-minute blackout period whereby no electronics were allowed.
 - April 23-Beginning June- The music program held Belafonte World Music workshops.
 - April 24- K4 (i.e. PreK) hosted Canadian writer Carmen Mock
 - April 24 to May 9- Grade 6 French exams
- May Highlights/activities:
 - May 2- Cycle 1 céspum Université de Montréal Field trip



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- May 7- Cycle 3 participated at the annual Halo Race at Mount-Royal. Two Nesbitt students came in top 3.
- May 16- Nesbitt will host their Annual Welcome to Kindergarten event for new students.
- May 20 to June 3- Grade 6 E.L.A. exams

- Renovations :

- No official updates
- Nicholas Romano visited the other side of the building. On the 4th floor, as well as on a portion of the 3rd floor; all of the flooring is complete, the heating systems were installed, and the classrooms were being prepped for the built-in furniture.

5.2 Daycare Report (Maria Santino):

- Maria gives her regrets. She is unable to attend this evening.
- There is nothing new to report other than this week is Daycare Appreciation Week. There are lots of activities planned for the students. Yesterday students enjoyed ice cream treats, today they will have cupcakes, and Thursday they will enjoy inflatables that will be installed in the field.

5.3 Treasurer Report (Sophie Currie): N/A

5.4 Parents' Committee Report (Hamdi Ali) :

- Meeting held on April 3rd at JFK.
- Bill 94: The religious symbols ban. A group of volunteer PC members composed a brief to submit.
- They also discussed the policy issued by the Ministry of Education banning the use of cellphones in public elementary and high schools.
- The PC approved the Proposed three-year plan for the allocation and destination of immovables 2025-2028.

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

5.6 Home & School Committee Report (Ashley Marianetti):

- The Read-a-Thon was held over Easter weekend.
 - A total of 18,600 minutes were read
 - 1,459 minutes were read by the top reader
 - Total of 2,600\$ was raised
 - Suggestion to encourage more students to participate next year as some classes did not read.
- Change Wars- will give update at next GB meeting, as just finished last Friday.
- Garage Sale- will be held in June

5.7 Commissioner Report (Maria Corsi)

- Volunteer appreciation week ran from April 27th to May 3rd, and Maria just wants to thank all the volunteers at Nesbitt. They are the lifeblood of the school, and the board is very lucky to have such an involved and engaged parent community. Maria stated that it sets our board apart and is one of the many reasons our board enjoys such huge success. Maria says thank you for your dedication and for the countless hours you put in fostering a welcoming inclusive school environment and in organizing fun activities for the kids and families.



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- The last Board meeting was held on April 29, 2025
- The meeting was held at the Pius Career Center where a dinner reception was held in recognition of volunteer appreciation week. At the beginning of the board meeting, they awarded Mr. Lew Lewis with the EMSB's Lifetime Achievement Award, for his 52-year career devoted to the betterment of education and children. They also presented the Volunteers of Distinction award to Veronica Reis from Bancroft School and Avice Roberts-Joseph from St. Monica School for their dedicated service as volunteers to their school communities.
- Carina Messina was recognized as Student of the Month. Carina is a student at LDVA and she was recognized for showing excellent leadership and citizenship skills in the LDVA community. In preparation for the school's annual Gala for the Montreal Neurological Institute, Carina served as a mentor to younger students teaching them choreography, while learning her own dances as well.
- Council adopted the bylaws establishing the date, time and place of regular board and executive committee meetings for the upcoming 2025-26 school year.
- They approved for consultation a proposal for Expanding the Academic Program at Options High School, Outreach High School and Perspectives II High School to Include Secondary 3 effective as of September 2025. The EMSB Parents Committee is among the stakeholders that will be consulted.
- Council also approved for consultation the Proposed Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2025-2028, which shows enrollment projections for each school over a period of 3 years. Enrollment at Nesbitt is projected to decline steadily from 79% capacity (currently) to 69% in 3 years. Maria proposes discussing ways to increase or maintain enrollment. The EMSB Parents Committee is among the stakeholders that will be consulted.
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École et code du programme / School and Program Code Adresse / Address		Niveau d'enseignement / Teaching Level	2025 - 2026	2026 - 2027	2027 - 2028
École Nesbitt (026) Nesbitt School 6108 - 8e avenue Montréal (Qué) H1Y 2M2		Prématernelle Primaire - Immersion française et Programme de base	Prématernelle Maternelle Primaire 1er - 3e cycle	Prématernelle Maternelle Primaire 1er - 3e cycle	Prématernelle Maternelle Primaire 1er - 3e cycle
Locaux	Premises				
		Pre-Kindergarten Elementary - French Immersion and Core	Pre-Kindergarten Kindergarten Elementary Cycle 1 - 3	Pre-Kindergarten Kindergarten Elementary Cycle 1 - 3	Pre-Kindergarten Kindergarten Elementary Cycle 1 - 3
Capacité / Capacity		Sept. 30, 2024	Prévisions d'effectifs scolaires / Enrolment Forecast		
Groupes / Groups :		29 = 100%	22 = 76%	21 = 72%	20 = 69%
Étudiants / Student :		642	280	267	253



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- The Government is requiring all school boards, service centers and private schools to adopt a Code of Ethics as an obligation under the Act to reinforce the protection of students, including acts of sexual violence (2024, chapter 9). The code of ethics would apply to members of their personnel and to any person required to work with minor students or students with disabilities and **it includes parent volunteers**. QESBA coordinated a review of the government proposed code of ethics by the EMSB legal team on behalf of all English boards, and they agreed on revisions that would better reflect our rights as English Boards. The council adopted the Code of Ethics at the April Board meeting.
- Joe Ortona and Maria Corsi presented a Resolution Calling on the Government to Keep F.A.C.E. School, which was unanimously adopted. The resolution calls for the Minister of Education to reconsider his decision to cancel funding to the FACE renovation project and permanently relocating the elementary and high school students to two separate school buildings. The resolution also proposed an alternative - to build a new school on property owned by the EMSB, that would be able to keep all the students together and maintain the integrity of the FACE program.
- Maria had the pleasure of attending the junior and senior concerts at FACE on May 1st and the junior and senior concerts at Rosemount High School on May 2nd and 9th.

6. Question Period

- Did the Grad Committee fundraisers affect Grade 6 participation on the Read-A-Thon?
 - No, the lower participation was not limited to Grade 6 only; it included both Grades 5 and 6.
- If the school were to close for an unforeseen reason (i.e. a power outage), what is the procedure?
 - The principal does not have the authority to close the school.
 - The Regional Director decides.
 - If ever the school is closed, an email would be sent and would typically also post a message on all social media platforms.
 - It's business as usual unless an email is sent.
 - If power is out during the Winter for more than 4 hours, they usually close the school because would be too cold.

7. Varia: N/A

8. Adjournment:

Adjournment time: 7:09 pm

Moved by: Chelsea Suan

Second: Hamdi Ali

Vote: 12:0:0

Next meeting: Tuesday June 10th, 2025



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Jérôme Bastide-de-Grave
Chairperson

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Nicholas Romano
Principal