



**Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Genesis Elementary School
From 7:00pm to 9:00pm
December 2, 2020**

Present:

Lynn Neveu (principal), Theresa Andrusko, Nadia Cavaliere, Melissa David, Denise Markessinis, Panagiota Markessinis, Helen Morrison, Soha Morsi, Pina Nappi, Santina Pendino, Lina Aristeo, Carmie Pistilli, Sam Reda

Absent: Sandra Conte

Guest: Nicola Martino, Amanda Lenta, Patrizia Di Lillo

School Administrators & Teachers	Parent Representatives
Neveu, Lynn – Principal	Andrusko, Theresa - Chairperson /Parent Delegate
Pistilli, Carmie – Secretary	Aristeo, Lina – Parent Representative –Alternate Parent Delegate
Nappi, Pina – Daycare Representative	Conte, Sandra – Parent Representative
Nadia Cavaliere – Teacher Representative	Morsi, Soha – Parent Representative
Melissa David – Teacher Representative	Pendino, Santina – Parent Representative
Denise Markessinis – Teacher Representative	Reda, Sam – Parent Representative/Chair Substitute
Panagiota Markessinis – Teacher Representative	Helen Morisson – Community Representative

1.0 Welcome – Call the meeting to Order

Theresa Andrusko called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda

Addition to Varia – 8.1 After School Dismissal

Carmie Pistilli motioned to adopt the agenda with the addition to Varia, seconded by Theresa Andrusko.

All in favor – motion carried unanimously

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3.0 Adoption of the Minutes

Correction to the minutes. Remove Sandra Pisegna, add Lina Aristeo as a representative of the Governing Board.

Lina Aristeo motioned to adopt the minutes with the correction, seconded by Carmie Pistilli

All in favor – motion carried unanimously.

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4.0 Business Arising

4.1 AGAPE

We began our AGAPE food drive.

Parents may leave food at the front door of the school, they may also leave the food at the gate with the teacher at the gate, or students may drop off the food upon entry.

5.0 Question Period

None

6.0 Reports

6.1: Principal

As you are aware, we have three additional Pedagogical Days for Teachers to learn more about distance education:

December 4, 2020:

January 25: Student Evaluation

February 26, 2021: Student Engagement

We had a COVID case at school today. We closed one classroom. Students packed up all their books and parents quickly picked up their child, we also needed to send students home that are part of the daycare group. Within one daycare group we have three different levels that remain physically distances at all times. At dismissal, Daycare students immediately go outside to play and when the group comes back inside, many students have already left school. We were asked to send the daycare group home as a precautionary measure, Santé Publique will provide more information shortly about quarantine. Distance Education would begin on Friday, however there is a pedagogical day, so everything will begin on Monday.

We continue our efforts to ensure everyone's safety at all times.

6.2: Chairperson

Nothing to report

6.3: Teachers

Nothing to report

6.4: Parent Delegate

Nothing to report

6.5: Daycare Technician

-The Hop Hop free trial has ended. If Parents are still interested in using the Hop Hop App, they must sign up for the year. There is a fee to pay.

-We have requested that students wear their masks during Ped days, seeing as classroom bubbles are difficult to maintain, though we maintain a physical distance between students from different bubbles when they are indoors.

6.6: Home and School Representative

-Home & School volunteers worked very hard decorating the front of the school for the holidays. Mrs. Neveu thanked volunteers for adding some Holiday Cheer.

-Volunteers are making plans for the last day of school before the holidays.

-December's meeting has been cancelled.

7.0 New Business

7.1: Subject-Time-Allocation

Mrs. Neveu informed the governing board that teachers were all in favor of keeping the subject-time-allocation status quo. See below.

Panagiota Markessinis motioned to keep the subject-time-allocation status quo for 2021-2022, seconded by Denise Markessinis.

All in favor – motion carried unanimously.

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7.2 Educational Project 2020 Report

Mrs Neveu informed the governing board that our school is working on the same goals as last year in our Educational Project of 2019. See below.

Panagiota Markessinis MOVES THAT the Governing Board of Genesis Elementary School, in accordance with sections 74 and 75 of the Education Act, adopt the Educational Project Report and mandate the school principal to communicate to all parents and school staff, and to post on the school's website, the Educational Project Report as presented to the Governing Board on December 2, 2020, Seconded by Nadia Cavaliere.

All in Favor - motion carried unanimously

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7.3 ABAV 2020-2021

There is a growing concern about the use of technology and social media with our cycle three students. Mrs. Neveu has made several interventions that deal with conflicts occurring on these platforms outside of school. We will offer workshops on Internet Safety to students in cycle 3. The ABAV will be posted on our Website.

Sam Reda motioned to adopt the ABAV plan with the amendments, seconded by Pina Nappi

All in favor – motion carried unanimously.

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7.4 Standards and Procedures Addendum

Miss Neveu presented the Standards and Procedures document as a point of information concerning evaluation during the pandemic.

8.0 Varia

8.1 After School Dismissal

There are safety concerns for students that walk home alone. Lina Aristeo suggested contacting the city of Laval regarding security measures during dismissal. Mrs. Neveu will contact the Laval Police to request a presence during arrival and dismissal. Theresa Andrusko motioned that the Governing Board mandates Lina Aristeo, on behalf of the Genesis Governing Board, to contact the City of Laval for security measures, seconded by Sam Reda.

All in favor – motion carried unanimously.

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9.0 Date of the next meeting

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

10.0 Adjournment

Carmie Pistilli motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53

Lynn Neveu
Principal

Theresa Andrusko
Chairperson

Subject Time Allocation
Genesis 2021-2022
10-day cycle

KINDERGARTEN - 100% French

Subject	Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3
English L.A.	870	630	630
English Math	630	630	630
Science/Tech.	----	180	180
TOTAL ENGLISH	1500	1440	1440
Percent English	50%	48%	48%
Français	900	840	840
Fr. Social Studies	----	120	120
Arts Plastiques	120	120	120
Fr. Education Physique	240	240	240
ECR	120	120	120
Drama (French)	120	120	120
TOTAL FRENCH	1500	1560	1560
Percent French	50%	52%	52%
GRAND TOTAL	3000	3000	3000

Standards & Procedures: Addendum Genesis 2020-21

Specific changes to the 2020-2021 School Year

- Terms change from three to two
 - *Refer to your existing S & P and ensure that references to particular terms are addressed here.*
- *Note common assessments within the 2 terms*
- The weighting of each term will be 50%
- Teachers will report on all competencies each term
- The following cross-curricular competency will be evaluated
 - Term 1: To adopt effective work methods
 - Term 2: To communicate appropriately
- The first communication tool will be issued by November 20th, 2020
- The term one report card will be issued by January 22, 2021
- The term two report card will be issued by July 10, 2021
- Any reference to *methods of evaluation* may include digital tools
- For elementary schools: Grade 6 MEQ exams will count for 10% of the student's final grade.
- Meetings with parents regarding progress (phone, videoconference, in-person)
 - Following the First Communication (November 19, 2020)
 - Between the two report cards (February)