



**Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Genesis Elementary School
From 7:00pm to 9:00pm
October 4th, 2017**

Present:

Lynn Neveu (Principal), Theresa Andrusko, Maria Abbraccio, Nadia Cavaliere, Sarah Lefebvre-Gauthier, Denise Markessinis, Helen Morisson, Soha Morsi, Pina Nappi, Santina Pendino, Sam Reda, Emilie Raymond, Vince Stavole,

Absent: Carmie Pistilli

School Administrators & Teachers	Parent Representatives
Neveu, Lynn – Principal	Andrusko, Theresa - Chairperson
Pistilli, Carmie – Secretary	Stavole, Vince – Parent Delegate & Co-Chair
Nappi, Pina – Daycare Representative	Maria Abbraccio – Parent Representative/Alternate Parent Delegate
Nadia Cavaliere – Teacher Representative	Pendino, Santina – Parent Representative
Sarah Lefebvre-Gauthier – Teacher Representative	Reda, Sam – Parent Representative
Emilie Raymond – Teacher Representative	Morsi, Soha – Parent Representative
Denise Markessinis – Teacher Representative	Helen Morisson – Community Representative

Lynn Neveu called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

1. Welcome back and thank you from principal

2. Introduction of new members of governing board:

Parents-, Maria Abraccio, Theresa Andrusko, Soha Morsi, Santina Pendino, Sam Reda, Vince Stavole - Teachers- Nadia Cavaliere, Sarah Lefebvre-Gauthier, Denise Markessinis, Emilie Raymond, – Daycare – Pina Nappi – Support Staff – Carmie Pistilli

3. Adoption of the agenda

Sarah L-Gauthier motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Soha Morsi

All in favor – motion carried unanimously

GB.170-2017-10-04-01

4. Election of Governing Board chairperson

Theresa Andrusko was nominated by Sam Reda to be the chairperson, and Soha Morsi seconded. Theresa Andrusko accepted the nomination.

GB.170-2017-10-04-02

5. Election of the governing board co-chairperson

Sam Reda nominated Vince Stavole to be the co-chairperson for governing board, and Maria Abbraccio seconded. Vince Stavole accepted the nomination.

GB.170-2017-10-04-03

6. Election of the secretary

Soha Morsi nominated Carmie Pistilli to be the secretary for governing board, and Santina Pendino seconded. Carmie Pistilli was absent but informed Ms. Neveu that she would accept the nomination if she was nominated.

GB.170-2017-10-04-04

7. Election of Home & School Representative

Sam Reda nominated Maria Abbraccio to be the H&S representative, and Vince Stavole seconded the nomination. Maria Abbraccio accepted the nomination.

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8. Appointment of Community Representative

Maria Abbraccio nominated Helen Morrison as community representative for the Genesis governing board, Sam Reda seconded. Helen Morrison accepted the nomination.

GB.170-2017-10-04-06

9. Approval of June 2017 minutes

No corrections were made.

Nadia Cavaliere motioned to approve the June 2017 minutes, seconded by Denise Markessinis

All in favor – Motioned carried unanimously

GB.170-2017-10-04-07

10. Question Period

No guests were present.

11. REPORTS

11.1 Principal

- School Population is at 224 students.
- Apple Picking occurred on a beautiful, sunny day. Only 18 students did not participate.
- The Carnival was very successful. Our community enjoyed themselves.
- The Joint Terry Fox Run (Saint Vincent/Genesis) ran smoothly. It was nice to see the two communities come together. I haven't received the total amount of donations yet.
- All students came to school on Attestation Day on September 29th.
- We raised 442.00\$ for Lymphoma and Leukemia on our first Dress Down Day.
- Extra-Curricular activities have begun. We are still recruiting for Choir.
- Teachers are attending workshops on October 10th (Math and French teachers have a workshop on evaluation).
- Grade 4 vaccinations will occur on October 18.
- There is a Pedagogical Day on October 30. Teachers and administrators were invited to attend a conference on Collaboration, Communication, and Innovation organized by LBPSB and SWLSB. The principal and two teachers attended.
- On Halloween, students are permitted to dress up, however no masks nor accessories may accompany their costumes. I will inform the community not bring goody bags nor candy for the students.
- I am coaching teachers this year; it is part of a SWLSB initiative. This is the third year of professional development for Administrators. Next year is the year of implementation.

11.2 Chairperson

- Fitness Friday starts on Oct 13, 2017. The activity will be *softball in the park*.
- A date for *curling on ice* will be determined in the future.

11.3 Teachers

- The month was very busy with lots of extra school activities.
- Teachers and students are all settling into the school routine.

11.4 Parent Delegate

Nothing to report

11.5 Daycare Co-ordinator

- Genesis Daycare has 105 students registered full time and 39 registered as occasional users for the 2017-2018 school year.

11.6 Home and School Representative

- There are many new members in this year's Home and School Association. Rules and regulations were explained for new members.
- Carnival was another great success. There was a \$4,000 profit made. Feedback was mostly positive. There was a big line up at the food stand however due to the malfunction of a rented barbeque.
- Members are currently hard at work organizing Comedy Night. Price per person will be \$60; no wine is included.

12.0 New Business

12.1 Internal Rules of Procedures

Soha Morsi motioned to adopt the internal rules of procedures, seconded by Vince Stavole.

All in favor - carried unanimously

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12.2 Conflict of interest Form

- All GB members signed the form

12.3 ABAV Plan

-Tabled for the next meeting

12.4 MESA

- Tabled for the next meeting

12.5 Starting Right (Support for Kindergarten and Grade 1)

-The School Board decentralized funds to schools (\$44,000 per school) to provide support for Kindergarten and Cycle 1. A teacher will be hired for this task.

-Our behavior technician is currently in the school for 5 hours/week; an extra 7 hours/week will be added to her schedule.

Santina Pendino motioned to have a resolution to increase the behavior tech's hours and to hire a teacher for support in the Cycle I classes, seconded by Maria Abbraccio.

All in favor – carried unanimously

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12.6 Consultation for programs of studies

-Miss Neveu will draft a consultation document with Theresa that will reflect Genesis's reality.

Sam motioned to accept the drafting of the document, seconded by Sarah L-Gauthier.

All in favor – carried unanimously

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12.7 TCBY

-Governing Board received a letter from Home & School to re-visit the TCBY fundraising.

-Helen spoke about the grams of sugar in TCBY products relative to a regular yogurt; the sugar content is about the same.

-Home & School will not offer the yogurt sandwich and will remove the large format. They will offer only the kiddie size in three different flavors.

Maria Abbraccio motioned to accept the TCBY fundraiser, seconded by Soha Morsi.

10 in favor– 1 abstention – motioned carried

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12.8 Publicity for students

-Pina Nappi motioned that Lynn Neveu be permitted to send publicity to the students when deemed necessary, seconded by Nadia Cavaliere

All in favor – carried unanimously

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12.9 Donation for Poppy

An e-vote will be sent when a decision is made about Remembrance Day. Parents will be solicited for money only once during the month of November.

12.10 Dates and times of meeting

Next GB meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

13.0 VARIA

13.1 Make a Wish

Sam Reda motioned that the funds collected during the October 27 Dress Down Day be donated to the Make-a-Wish-Foundation, seconded by Vince Stavole

All in favor – carried unanimously

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13.2 Presentation of Life Learning

Teachers will bring this topic to Teacher Council for discussion.

13.3 Tickets

Tickets for Comedy Night are available for purchase this evening and throughout the upcoming weeks.

13.4 Paperless

Parents are concerned about the great amount of registration forms sent electronically for extracurricular. Mrs. Neveu will consult with the companies to see if a solution can be found.

14.0 Adjournment:

Pina adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

15.0 Date of next meeting

November 29, 2017 at 7:00 pm

E-votes sent on September 8th by Lynn Neveu:

- 1: Cross Country Run for Grade 5 and Grade 6 at le Centre de la Nature on October 5th. Cost is 13\$
2. We will raise funds for the Terry Fox Run. The run is on September 28th in the afternoon. As a point of information: We were invited by Saint Vincent Elementary to run with them. We will walk to Saint Vincent and do the run there. Afterwards, the two Home and School Associations will have a corn roast. A permission slip will be sent home.
3. Musee des Beaux Arts Grade 6: December (date to be determined) 30\$

4. Permission to view the movie *Wonder* at the Colossus for Grade 6 and Grade 5/6 split class. Students are reading this book in class, and the movie is coming to Theaters in November. The date is to be determined. Cost is 12\$

5. Carnival Day for Kindergarten through Grade 5 will be on Wednesday, February 21 at le Centre de La Nature (Grade 6 will be away at le Camp 'tit Bonheur) 10\$

All voting members emailed yes to all 5 items.

All in favor – carried unanimously

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Lynn Neveu, Principal

Theresa Andrusko, Chairperson