

St. Monica Elementary School
Governing Board Minutes - Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 8th, 2022, 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Jesse Corbeil, Peter McKelvie, Ellen Yambouranis, Alejandra Perez, Deema Qasrawi, Joanne Hall, Leighton Jacobs, Nadine Collins, Sadar Jehan Mian

Notes: Alejandra needed to step out 7:15 returned at 7:17

REGRETS:

Gelsira Venuta, Angela Zambito, Joseph Lalla

1. Opening Remarks/welcome

Meeting begins at 7:02. Jesse expressed his thanks to everyone for attending.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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- Moved by Deema Qasrawi
- Seconded by Leighton Jacobs
- Unanimously approved

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting- regular meeting November 10, 2022

- Adoption of Agenda
- Moved by Sadar Jehan Mian
- Seconded by Deema Qasrawi
- Unanimously approved

One amendment to be made to last week's minutes which is to add the meeting attendance.

4. Business arising from the minutes

NONE

5. Public question period

NONE

6. Reports

- 6.1 Principal's Report Adoption of Agenda

6.1.1 Sexual Education Plan 2022-2023 (for approval)

Must be presented to board to be approved. Can be taught from pre-k- to grade 6. School board has asked to use previous plan. Plan will be worked on for next year. Small changes made, but only change is dates.

Starts in pre-school. Traditionally done in the spring and is worked into the curriculum, so that it is a natural flow. Teachers have different ways of addressing it. Gives Peter the opportunity to allow for professional development as teachers leave and new ones come in. Opt out possibility exists via the Government but applications are rarely approved.

- Moved by Ellen Yambouranis
- Seconded by Leighton Jacobs
- Unanimously approved

6.1.2 School Budget 2022-2023 (for approval) Adoption of Agenda

Peter presented the budget, which is separated per fund. This is the first time that the budget is being presented at this time of the year in the last two years. School board gets money from the government, and it is decided on how it is spent. Generated by the amount of school fees. Usually based on enrollment numbers, budgeted 250 students. Working with 233 student body and funds generated on this number even though enrollment goes up during the year. School board wants no roll overs. Decentralized budget money coming from the ministry, based on numbers from last year.

- Moved by Alejandra Perez
- Seconded by Nadine Collins
- Unanimously approved

6.2 Commissioner's Report

NONE

6.3 Regional Delegate's Report Adoption of Agenda

Four major points discussed.

1. Principal selection and the approval will be done at next meeting.

2. By Law No. 8: The present By-Law outlines the procedure to be followed for the examination of Complaints from students of the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) or their Parents, if the students are minors. It is designed to try to resolve the issue at the level closest to where the situation has occurred. The Complaint examination procedure enables a complainant who is dissatisfied with the handling of a Complaint or with the outcome to refer the Complaint to a person designated by the EMSB, as the Student Ombudsman. By this By-Law, the EMSB wishes to introduce an efficient and effective management process of complaints

3. Quebec Virtual Academy: For students with medical conditions, student participating in Sports Etudes and students who live in rural areas.

4. Overview of Governing Board Manual.

6.4 Teacher's Report

1. Grade 4 Ms. Venuta had an author come in- Monique Polak who wrote a children's book about the Holocaust and they did a reading of her book.

2. McGill came in to give presentation about concussion protocol.

3. Sports: Student vs. teacher basketball game back and will take place next Tuesday. Basketball season has started. Cycle 2 went to a volleyball GMAA tournament. Skating started in cycle 2.

3. Breakfast with Santa will be happening December 22.

4. La chaise generation with Mme Banon (grade 4). Chair decorated to be put in the NDG/CDN City Hall. Project was done in partnership with Ecole Marc Favreau.

6.5 Daycare Report

NONE

6.6 PPO Report

They have established pizza lunch dates. No update from Grad Committee.

6.7 Community Representative(s) Report

1. Alejandra presented points on the depot program. New selection process for people to come and shop. Emergency food program open for 4 days now. Demand has doubled since May as refugees from Ukraine and Iran come in. Food program has increased. UA giving workshops at St. Monica's include gardening education opportunities and helping school's build gardens that service families from their respective schools. Mobilized stream, support and referral programming. Offers any kind of support to participants utilizing the program. Will refer them to appropriate places if cannot offer help. Will be participating in the healthy school survey.

2. December and January calendar out. Right for rights with amnesty international. Holiday party on December 13, providing families with items.

3. Joanne asked for Kwanzaa decorations

8. New Business

8.1 Governing Board Meeting dates for 2023

Next meeting dates:

January 17th, 2022.

February 7th, 2022

March 21st, 2022

April 11th, 2022

Remainder of the year will be discussed and decided in April.

- Moved by Ellen Yambouranis
- Seconded by Deema Qasrawi
- Unanimously approved

9. Date of next meeting

January 17th, 2023.

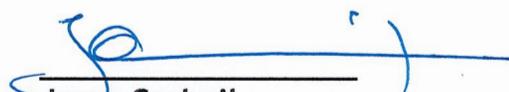
10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

- Moved by Deema Qasrawi
- Seconded by Ellen Yambouranis
- Unanimously approved



Peter McKelvie
Principal



Jesse Corbeil
Chairperson