

St. Monica Elementary School
Governing Board Minutes – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 17th, 2023, 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Jesse Corbeil, Peter McKelvie, Ellen Yambouranis, Alejandra Perez, Deema Qasrawi, Leighton Jacobs, Nadine Collins, Gelsira Venuta, Joanne Hall, Angela Zambito, Sadar Jehan Mian,
Angela listened by phone, sighted computer problems

REGRETS:

Joseph Lalla

1. Opening Remarks/welcome

Meeting begins at 7:14pm. Jess gave his well wishes and welcomed everyone back from the holidays.

2. Adoption of Agenda

- **Moved by Gelsira Venuta**
- **Seconded by Deema Qasrawi**
- **Unanimously approved**

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting- regular meeting December 8, 2022

- **Moved by Ellen Yambouranis**
- **Seconded by Gelsira Qasrawi**
- **Unanimously approved**

4. Business arising from the minutes

NONE

5. Public question period

NONE

6. Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

- **School year ended off with a bang right before the Holiday break, with breakfast with Santa. Peter thanked all the volunteers and gave thanks to organizations that helped.**
- **Black history month and open house coming up. Open house Thursday, January 26th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, publicity coming out soon. For Black History Month looking at doing a full month of events.**

- **Peter asked that parents share the information via social media.**
- **Major events also for FSL coming up. There is a need to higher some new staff and looking at doing an outside event.**
- **Robotics starting soon for grades 3-6.**

6.1.1 Mozaik Registration Process and Absence Reporting System

- **New system for St. Monica's. Portal system where parents have access. Monday re-registration deadline, date went out via email and requires re registration to be done via Mozaik. 73% of parents have already done it but a push is needed for it to be complete.**

6.2 Commissioner's Report

NONE

6.3 Regional Delegate's Report

NONE

6.4 Teacher's Report

- **Starting January 27, grade 4 and KG planning on meeting once a week to go to Benny Library. Activities will be bilingual.**
- **Athletics: Basketball in full swing. On January 20th basketball teams were invited by Vanier college to watch men's Basketball teams free of charge. Upcoming Annual LCC basketball tournament, 3 day event from Thursday to Saturday. Skating cycle 2-3 till March break. Winter carnival will be held early to mid-February, bur no date yet.**

6.5 Daycare Report

- **Last ped day went well, had many planned activities.**

6.6 PPO Report

- **Free dress \$159.50 raised and one box of dry goods. Box of dry goods will be going to a group in community.**
- **Total amount for Pizza lunches collected to date is 3100\$, money still coming in from newly eligible students attending school. For pizza lunches, Johanne asked to have 2-4 parents as volunteers and suggests having grade 6 students to help.**

- **Staff appreciation coming up, with different events on each day. Ideas discussed are as follows:**

Monday: Chocolate day and/or Edible arrangement?

Tuesday: Smoothie, bake goods

Wednesday: Breakfast

Thursday: Activity with parent

Friday: Luncheon (fixed date)

- **Final decision will be made at next meeting on January 31st.**

6.7 Community Representative(s) Report

- ***Nadine:* Woman on the rise resumed activities. Holiday party went well. Thursday they will be having a focus group. Week after will host a Women in trades presentation. Postpartum depression group starting, this is new at the Walkley centre and it will start February 3rd. Held an in store shopping event sponsored by Uniqlo. Boutique already has a lot of donations for women and children. Will also be holding a movie screening at the end of the month. Black history month activities being organized. Week of 7th afro-Caribbean dance. Different black authors also being presented. Story time with Nadine in classes at St Monica's.**
- ***Alejandra:* A lot of activities being planned. December was a busy month. More demand this year, depot has seen a large influx of participants since 2020. Served over 10000 baskets in the 2022. Depot is thinking of ways to make the baskets more accessible. Influx of participants has created new positions, four posts open across different programs. Looking for more facilitators for "Boite a lunch program". Impact positive for children, showing interest in cooking at home. La famille en sante and cultural cooking programs also active. Also preparing for Black history month activities.**
- ***Deema* suggested a day where parents can make donations at St. Monica for the depot, however Alejandra pointed out that monetary donations are preferred and needed instead. Nadine highlighted the snow suit drive that needs help.**

8. New Business

8.1 Principal Selection Criteria

Peter McKelvie stepped out at 8:00pm.

- **Every year a letter is sent to the EMSB from the school community, and Jesse Corbeil went through the letter. Gelsira Venuta and Johanne Hall suggested adding a small blurb where Governing Board vouches for the current principal. After some discussion, four new suggested bullets are to be added.**
 - **Moved by Nadine Collins**
 - **Seconded by Alejandra Perez**
 - **Approved by most (Leighton abstained from process).**

9. Date of next meeting

- **Next meeting will be moved from February 7th to the 8th to accommodate Gelsira Venuta**
- **Moved by Gelsira Venuta**
- **Seconded by Leighton Jacobs**
- **Unanimously approved**

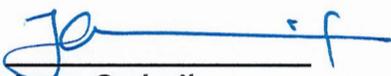
10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:27

- **Moved by Gelsira Venuta**
- **Seconded by Leighton Jacobs**
- **Unanimously approved**



Peter McKelvie
Principal



Jesse Corbeil
Chairperson