

St. Monica Elementary School  
Governing Board – Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 - 7:00 PM (Virtual TEAMS)

ATTENDANCE:

Jesse Corbeil, Peter McKelvie, Ellen Yambouranis, Deema Qasrawi, Leighton Jacobs, Nadine Collins, Gelsira Venuta, Joanne Hall, Angela Zambito, Jennifer Young, Alejandra Perez.

Regrets: Joseph Lalla.

Early departure: Jennifer Young at 8:10 p.m.

1. Opening Remarks/welcome

- Meeting begins at 7:05. Jesse welcomed everyone and wished all the mother's a Happy Mother's Day.
- No treasurer report since the beginning as we haven't needed to spend any money. Next meeting will we have one.

2. Adoption of Agenda

- **Moved by Joanne Hall**
- **Seconded by Gelsira Venuta**
- **Unanimously approved**

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting- regular meeting April 11th, 2023

- **Moved by Angela Zambito**
- **Seconded by Joanne hall**
- **Unanimously approved**

4. Business arising from the minutes

Joanne suggested to go to Restaurant Le Manoir for next meeting. Gelsira has requested that it be moved to 6pm. Alejandra also asked for the date to be changed, June 12<sup>th</sup> was picked.

- **Moved by Angela Zambito**
- **Seconded by Deema Qasrawi**
- **Unanimously approved**

## 5. Public question period

NONE

## 6. Reports

### 6.1 Principal's Report

#### 6.1.1 Staffing update

Most classes have 2 full groups, except 5 and 6. PreK is at 16 registrations. Joanne has had a steady stream of new families coming in. Hope is that a second PreK will be needed.

#### 6.1.2 Graduation & Prom dates

Two dates, save the date June 19<sup>th</sup> for diplomas, the 20<sup>th</sup> is the prom. Peter is searching for someone to address the graduates. Federal By-election is the 19<sup>th</sup> hoping school will not be used.

#### 6.1.3 Fieldtrips – Already approved by e-vote

Series of field trips where approved. Several trips happening in the coming weeks. Most will be going by public transport, as school buses have gotten very expensive. Every class had 2 field trips this year, Pre-K and K and grade 6 have 3 trips.

#### 6.1.4 Summer/Fall Construction update

Series of things planned for summer, but the resurfacing and digging of the Jr yard not able to happen. Price jumped from 750, 000 to 1.5 million. Water proofing and French drains. Front entrance redone. Removing ceiling tiles throughout the school. Doors of inside of the building will be replaced. Cement steps in the back and exit doors step will be recemented. Rewire the wifi and putting in intercoms.

PPO also asked for a mural in Jr yard, Peter agrees that this is a good idea and suggests that it be considered again for next year.

### 6.2 Commissioner's Report

NONE

### 6.3 Regional Delegate's Report

Parents committee had question for all school about code of conduct, marketing strategies and school uniforms. Peter answered via email.

- **Moved by Angela Zambito**
- **Seconded by Gelsira Venuta**
- **Unanimously approved**

#### 6.4 Teacher's Report

Cycle three practicing for flag football. Cycle two is finishing swimming.

#### 6.5 Daycare Report

This week is daycare week where we show appreciation for educators and kids who attend. Everyday there is a different event. Monday was face painting, Tuesday was cotton candy. Wednesday ice cream sundae bar. Thursday nacho bar and Friday dance party.

#### 6.6 PPO Report

Working on Family fun night. Form is out to see how many will attend and volunteers. If not enough volunteers will cancel but will use funds to give back to student. Would need 30-35 of volunteers. Nadine has offered to extend the volunteer opportunity to members of the Women's center. Alejandra offered to contact members from Papa et Moi, which have members looking to volunteer.

Would like to have approval for Fun Night to be moved at the beginning of the school year as welcome back, with funds not spent. Gelsira recommends for it to early in September. Jesse suggests for a motion to be discussed in the next meeting to see how the event unfolds and more details discussed. Ellen suggests that a form be sent at the beginning of the year for volunteers. Jesse has asked for discussion to go back to PPO. Alejandra suggested to use Google forms in the future. Joanne has confirmed that we have about 15-18 volunteers but call for volunteers has gone out.

If cancelled would like to spend funds on to give back to students on something like a Food truck.

- **Moved by Ellen Yambouranis**
- **Seconded by Angela Zambito**
- **Unanimously approved**

#### 6.7 Community Representative(s) Report(s)

Nadine: Woman on the rise great Mother's Day tea event, 37 women and their children attended. Thanked St-Monica's for hosting volunteers luncheon. Parenting workshops happening with different themes weekly. Offered help with summer camps. Summer schedule for centre is being worked on. June 23 post-partum help

group will be at Monkland Community Center as Walkey being used for summer camp.

Alejandra: Depot's main food space is closed due to renovation, to accommodate for food supplies. Rise is families accessing market on the rise. AGM coming up for depot on June 15. Last month had a movie night, June 1<sup>st</sup> is the next movie night couple for postcard night. Big food market at St Raymond and Wakley center, other location. Flyer will be available. Boite a lunch season ended, preparing for summer camp, 471 registrations has increased compared to last year. First greenhouse for collective garden is almost complete, to help grow own seedlings. 9 collective gardens exist. 2 new collective school gardens. Lots of workshops also available to community.

8. New Business

NONE

9. Date of next meeting – June 13th at St. Monica School CHANGED to the 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Restaurant Le Manoir.

10. Adjournment at 8:29 pm

- **Moved by Ellen**
- **Seconded by Angela**
- **Unanimously approved**