

St. Monica Elementary School
Governing Board Minutes – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 8th, 2023, 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Jesse Corbeil, Peter McKelvie, Ellen Yambouranis, Deema Qasrawi, Leighton Jacobs, Nadine Collins, Gelsira Venuta, Joanne Hall, Angela Zambito, Joseph Lalla.

REGRETS:

Alejandra Perez, Sadar Jehan Mian

1. Opening Remarks/welcome

Meeting begins at 7:02. Jesse Corbeil welcomed everyone.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting- regular meeting January 17th, 2023

- **Moved by Deema Qasrawi**
- **Seconded by Ellen Yamboranis**
- **Unanimously approved**

4. Business arising from the minutes

- NONE

5. Public question period

- NONE

6. Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

- **Had a successful January with registration. Moved to Mosaic portal where parents can re-registered. School is keeping a continued presence on social media. Despite snow storm open house went well and was well received by parents. Instead of Mosaic, new parents registered children in person.**
- **February big launch of Black History Month, major events every week. Nadine presenting Thursday, February 9th.**

- **Carnival day finalized for the February 28th which is the last day of Black History month.**
- **Pink shirt day coming up February 22nd**
- **Grad committee has event planned on the February 24th**

6.1.1 Safe School Action Plan

- **School looks at it every year, legal document that government needs every school to have. Last one was 2019 but now back. Team put together and they look at what the school can do to combat things like bullying, inclusivity, etc. System at St Monica's already works very well. Our school student survey given to grade 4, 5 and 6, and that's how they gage the culture of the school. Every incident report of bullying needs to be kept on record. Two major things focused on 1. Student ability to self-regulate (social emotional learning) 2. Reduced incidence of bullying and violence during lunch. Project Harbour group that has come in to give workshops to students and staff. Peace by Peace presented to cycle 2 and 3 students.**
- **More clubs meeting during lunch, this keeps kids occupied.**
- **Sunshine Circles lead by Samantha Smith (spiritual animator at school)**
- **School is celebrating cultural diversity at school**
- **Gender neutral washroom at school (available for students)**
- **Collaboration with parents commended, the school offers several ways for parents and students to report incidents**
- **Deema mentioned that perhaps the school should host an International day, Peter mentioned the grade 6 students being interested and could be a fundraising event.**
 - **Moved by Deema Qasrawi**
 - **Seconded by Ellen Yambouranis**
 - **Unanimously approved**

6.2 Commissioner's Report

- **Support to maintain English language is growing. A recent poll suggests solid support for independent and language school boards in Quebec has grown.**

- **Success rate EMSB boast 91.6 success rate in graduation and qualification, the highest amongst the public-school boards in Quebec.**
- **Commissioners' meeting always open to public in person or live via social media.**
- **Bill 21 and 40 presented to judge, still waiting on ruling.**

6.3 Regional Delegate's Report

- **Focus of meeting was about discussing and approving school trips (whether day or overnight) within Quebec and Canada or abroad. Three trip forms offered for approval:**
 1. **Trips within Quebec lasting more than 72hrs.**
 2. **Overnight trips in Canada**
 3. **Trips outside of Canada**

6.4 Teacher's Report

- **Grade 4 nearing end of French exam**
- **Sports: Grade 3 students starting 3 sessions at Benny pool, to address water safety. Skating cycle 2 and 3 wrapping up. Basketball playoffs starting next week. Mr. Jacobs thanked Mr. Cory for announcing the E12 Boys basketball game on Wednesday, February 8.**

6.5 Daycare Report

- **Mrs. Zambito asked for approval for the Dynamix team to come in. Fee \$30 for the day.**

6.5.1 Dynamix March 17th

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

6.6 PPO Report

- **Relinquishing February 24th to grad committee for their event, grad committee moving March event.**

- **Natasha presented the rest of Grad committee planned activities for approval from GB committee.**
- **Moved by Angela Zambito**
- **Seconded by Deema Qasrawi**
- **Unanimously approved**

6.7 Community Representative(s) Report

- **Nadine: Reading at school Thursday, February 9. February 24 the Power of our Stories being presented at Loyola Campus. Fundraiser for woman's month in March being planned. Post-partum mental health group started at Walkley last week. Growing need for donations of formula, diapers and wipes.**

8. New Business

- **NONE**

9. Date of next meeting

- **Next meeting March 21st, 2023**

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:51

- **Moved by Angela Zambito**
- **Seconded by Nadine Collins**
- **Unanimously approved**



Peter Mckelvie
Principal



Jesse Corbeil
Chairperson