

However, this year, it is called the anti-bullying and anti-violence plan which replaces it.

Principal requested Jesse to move for the adoption of the Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan.

Adoption moved 1st by Lynn Watson

2nd by Jasmine Kia Zong

6.1.2 Consultation for St Monica Educational Plan. The objectives that are put in place are worked on throughout the year.

Review of the process of the educational plan

Principal has started working on updating the educational plan. The template received for the year is different from one used in previous years.

One of the main differences noted is doing consultations with the entire community. This year it is being required specifically to do an in-depth consultation with all staff groups, parents, and students.

Summary of consultations completed:

- with parents – 32 responses
- with teaching staff
- with daycare staff
- with support staff
- with cycle 3 students

An overview of some of the responses received were given by the principal from the consultation.

Principal will continue to work on the educational project with the committee members in place at the school.

The principal will return to GB with progress made for the educational project and will eventually be motioned for approval of the educational plan, in the next 3 months to include December 2023 to February 2024.

Sadaf Aleem had a question/suggestion requesting more activities for students apart from arts and crafts, which she commended the efforts but requires more engagement in skills like dance, music etc.

Principal's response indicated the class work is from the government curriculum and so competences expected to be covered goes beyond arts and crafts.

The students may not have music, but the homeroom teachers do dance and music with the students in the classroom. The principal further encouraged that Sadaf request a meeting with the homeroom teacher to discuss the activities and the curriculum. Also, Standards and Procedures are found on the school website which will give an idea of the competences covered during K4.

The results received from the survey will be reviewed by Educational Plan committee members, and will be analysed, and incorporated to final school educational plan.

3. Review: Budget allocations 2023-2024

An overview of the amounts received was given by the principal and she noted spending to be on track.

An overview of amounts and how spending was being made – details of how the budget is being allocated.

4. Update: Rue Terrebonne Bike Path

Principal attended meeting with the city councillor based on above topic. Another meeting will also take place on November 30 which is basically an information session for the public for the Terrebonne bike path.

Original plan shows rue Terrebonne would be turned into a one-way street from West to East Cavendish to Girouard which means, the school would lose approximately 10 parking spots on the North side of the street. Which is of concern to both parents and staff.

The bus area will have a bike path between the bus area and the sidewalk. Concerns here are of extra-vigilance if any cyclist does not stop when the bus STOP arm is used, extra supervision will be needed to ensure full safety for all.

If the buses were to ignore the cycle path, parking closer to the sidewalk, it would eliminate the above concern, but drivers would need to follow rules in place and could not ignore the path.

Recommendations were made that Benny be made a one-way street in the opposite direction to help move the buses to Benny so that loading and on-loading happens on the sidewalk being that Benny is close to the school yard, but suggestions were debunked for the time being due to the institutions nearby.

Idea has been put forth and hopefully looking forward to what will be done with it.

With Bessborough, there are limitations as to parking on the streets depending on the day of the week that they can park on. Removal of the parking restrictions would allow more spaces daily for both students and parents.

Requests were made if the bike paths could cut off in front of St. Monica to continue further down, however, they were not in agreement.

The Bessborough suggestion was not stated at the meeting however, the principal hopes to send them an email on that and requests anyone attending the information session to put it forward as well.

Mr. Lalla informed the principal he would be attending the information session coming Thursday.

6.1.5 Transition to High School

Principal brought to our attention, that this program she intends to cover with the ICOR budget, and the cost is \$1092.

These are four classes that will be done with the students in the classroom and there would also be a parent workshop.

Items to be covered includes, organisational strategies, test preparation, note taking, studying techniques, time management, self-discipline, social awareness, managing peer pressure and then the parent-child workshop with respect to challenges moving onto high school.

This would be approved by the principal for it to take place in the new year January 2024 to June 2024.

6.1.6 Red Cross Babysitting Course

Principal was approached by someone she had worked with in the past, and she intends to make it available unless GB says otherwise.

The individual is a certified youth leader and works with the Canadian Red Cross to teach the Canadian babysitting course which is a leadership course with first aid.

It is a full day's event and would happen on a ped day which will be a 7-8 hour to include the lunch breaks and 2 breaks. There must be a minimum of 10 students for the activity to move forward at a cost to parents \$70 and at the end, they would receive a certificate.

Principal requested to know if the idea was plausible, and Jesse confirmed it to be a good idea.

Leighton requested cut-off age, but principal indicated no cut off age was given but it would predominantly involve the grade 6 students.

Sadaf also concurs the idea to be a great one and principal would put the program forward in the new year.

6.1.7 Free Hebrew Classes for Juniors

An individual approached the principal on this topic, her organisation is called Free Hebrew for Juniors and they basically do not charge parents or guardians and she mentioned a few parents from the community had approached her to offer it.

This would be done every Thursday at lunch time, there are individuals and facilitators that would come in and it is not necessarily about learning Hebrew, rather it is about learning the culture and traditions.

The groups include individuals of non-Jewish faith. They will cover projects, and points of interests, providing a general awareness.

St Monica does not have many students of Jewish faith but interested students of all faiths could benefit from an enriching opportunity to be exposed to the culture and traditions.

Opinion of the GB was requested by the principal if the idea put forth is something to be offered to the students.

Jasmine suggested it was a good idea, as it will promote the multi-culturalism spoken of in Montreal, Quebec.

Jesse suggested that if some parents already have asked for it, then there is an audience. He further wanted clarifications that cultural does not mean it to be a religious content.

The principal agreed with Jesse and clarified it was not only about learning Hebrew but based on culture and exposing people to that.

The principal will make this program available in the new year.

6.1.8. Ça Pousse

These are the garden workshops that are part of the Green Program at St Monica.

Alejandra has been busy with her team since the beginning of September 2023.

The workshops are for students. Alejandra is expected to communicate the final details with the principal, however about a \$3000 investment is being looked at, which would be taken from the École Accessible and Inspirante budget.

Again, it's involvement is with certain classes and activities are also done at the end of the day with B.A.S.E. Daycare program.

It is maintaining and expanding our community garden and a heartwarming project with respect to what students learn and how it related to making healthy choices and where our food comes from.

6.1.9 Breakfast with Santa

There would be a visit from Santa on December 20, 2023 as he has contacted Joanne and the principal to confirm the visit. This means the children would have breakfast on Wednesday, December 20th.

This is a tradition at St. Monica in association with the volunteers from the breakfast program and the teams from Generations collaborating to serve breakfast to the children. There is also a gift assigned to every child.

There might be some media coverage present on that day because the Generation teams has identified it as a possibility.

Nadine wanted to confirm if Ms. Joseph was still involved, and the principal confirmed her to be the principal person behind the preparation.

6.1.10 School policy: games/toys/electronic devices

The principal informed us that there is a tweak to the current policy, and it would be presented to the staff council in about a week and if there are any changes, the GB will be notified at the next meeting in December.

She further read out what was likely to be seen in the policy.

1. Students must not bring any electronic toys or devices to the school including iPads, cellphones PSP players etc. These objects are said to distract students from their daily routine and are often stolen or cause disagreements between students.

If these objects are seen by staff of St. Monica's, they would be confiscated and returned to parents only. The school is not liable for lost, stolen, damaged technologies, electronics brought to school.

2. While on school grounds any form of pictures taken, or video can be considered as invasion of privacy. Therefore, permission is required from the administration or teacher before anyone takes pictures of school community or the building.
3. Also, it should be noted that cellphones on excursions is also prohibited, and any communication can be done through the front office and staff would communicate with adults as needed.
4. It should be noted that cellphones for security purposes before/after school communication between the parent/guardian and child must be kept in the child's backpack or locker with the ringer turned off during the school day.

Personal use of cellphones between parent/guardian and student cannot be used during lunch hour, playgrounds or during transitions. Any communication requirements can be done by requesting permission from the front office with the secretary to place a call.

5. Use of cellphones for medical purposes are exceptions and would be managed on a case-by-case basis.

Jasmine wanted clarifications about invasion of privacy the principal talked about within or outside the school premises. Especially for passers-by who take pictures for uploading.

Principal agrees that people outside of the building cannot be controlled however, the invasion of privacy is related to the interior of the building and the school yard.

Also, gave examples of reports of people taking pictures of the children while on breaks. When staff sees that, it is reported to the principal, and it is immediately reported to the police and the community officers come around. If license plates were noted, it is reported and if not, the type of vehicle and colour or if it is an individual on foot, it is reported.

The official approval the school policy will be requested at the next GB meeting once it has been approved at the staff council.

6.1.11 Parent workshop content

Principal asked if there were any specific parent workshops that parents would like to have.

Jasmine talked about the transport problems causing stress for parents and requested workshops that could help parents de-stress in times like these.

Jasmine also wanted to know if there is any hope for the buses to resume this year etc.

Principal responded she has no idea how long the transportation strike would be and is out of our control since the bus drivers are not employees of the EMSB.

Jesse suggested it would be nice for the parents to organise a carpool. Have a list of parents who live in a general area who can organise such.

Sadaf also agrees with Jasmine, no bus transportation is difficult during the winter period. She also added she would like workshops on how to spend quality time at home with the kids and how to create stronger bonds between siblings. Session could also include tips and information related to nutrition – how to empower children to make better choices and embrace home cooked meals would also be helpful.

Sadaf also agrees with Jesse's suggestion on carpooling as transportation currently seems to be a major problem for the parents.

Principal cannot provide any personal information about carpooling, but it could be organised through PPO and GB.

Principal is willing to offer the premises if ever we needed a place to get people together to have this discussion to see what can be done. This information can however not be shared within the classroom.

Jesse suggested PPO would probably be able to organize it.

Principal promises to mention it to Matthew to see what can be done.

Principal agrees the 3 workshops would be feasible.

Jesse requests a screen time workshop to be done for parents as most parents struggling.

Principal agreed to include the component of online safety as many grades 3 and 4 have channels, YouTube channels, and possibly divulging private information like where they live or go to school.

6.1.12 Pre-school parent invites

K4 and K5 parents would be invited to come in for certain activities. It could be someone who would facilitate how to effectively read to a child for full engagement.

There is an allocated budget for this project. Previous years have yielded positive experiences.

This brings to conclusion the principal's report.

2. Commissioner's Report

No report available as the commissioner is absent for the meeting.

3. Regional Delegate's report.

Nothing to report.

4. Teacher's Report

Leighton Jacobs: Talked about getting the grades 2 and 3 to skate starting next month.

First basketball games for both boys and girls held today and they both won the games. Hopes the strikes do not cause too much interference in the games.

Regular tradition of the teachers-students basketball has not been able to be organised yet. This also depends on the action of the strike affecting.

Lynn: No reports to be given.

5. Daycare Report

Mitchelle Graham presented the Daycare Handbook.

Motion to adopt the Daycare handbook: 1st person Jasmine.

2nd person Alejandra.

Handbook approved and copy will be sent to parents.

6. PPO Report

Jesse represented Matthew Conway, PPO Chairperson. There is not much to be reported however we would be updated at next meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report

GB amounts \$250

Roll-over amount \$ 341

8. Community Representative Report

1. Alejandra Pérez– works at the community food center and a lot of programs are slowing down due to the upcoming holidays.

Said to have been a busy year with a series of cooking and workshops with families, men's kitchen is coming to an end.

Boite à lunch will be ending earlier following the on-going strike activities.

Demand for emergency food baskets was quite large, serving over 900 families within 2 weeks.

Annual drive for funds coming up for the Depot.

Collective community gardening program said to have been wrapped up for the year.

New collective gardens opened this year, the school's collective garden and St. Monica is one as well as a St. Luc High school.

Also noted to be soon working with a couple of schools in Cote de Neige.

2. Nadine – from the Women on the Rise organisation.

There have been conjugal violence support groups in French and in English (cohorts).

Financial workshop for women said to be set coming Thursday.

Post-partum support group, women action group.

Focus group said to be scheduled for the December 5th to discuss the needs of mothers and their children especially with the cohort group 0 – 5 years children.

Parent skills workshops during the holidays.

Holiday party said to be scheduled for December 12th, everyone is invited.

More enquiries from mothers on how to get their children into the English schools because their children are having struggles in the French schools, and they believe the English schools would be a better learning environment for them.

Nadine requests if there is any feedback as to how the situation could be handled as it is becoming more and more frequent in the requests made.

Christmas baskets have been received from Moisson Montreal and it has been decided to give folks outside of the network. These includes families that need non-perishable items for the holidays.

That concludes Nadine's presentation.

Jesse commended the reports.

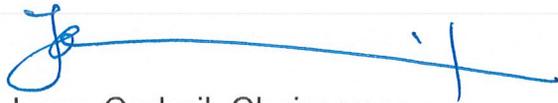
7. New Business

None for now

Alejandra requested permission to be absent for next meeting if it remains scheduled for December 12th, however the principal reassured her that if the strike continues, the date of next meeting will be moved.

8. Date of next meeting presumed to be on December 12, 2023.

9. Meeting was officially adjourned by the chairperson, Jesse.

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Jesse Corbeil, Chairperson

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Silvana Crigna, Principal