



St. Monica Elementary School  
Governing Board – 1st Meeting 2023-2024  
Monday October 2, 2023 – 7pm

**ATTENDANCE:**

Silvana Crigna, Jesse Corbeil, Sadar Jehan, Sadaf Aleem, Jasmine Kia Zong, Joanne Hall, Leighton Jacobs, Lynn Watson and Joseph Lalla.

**Absent:** Michelle Graham

1.) Opening Remarks/Welcome

Meeting began at 7.08pm

Silvana Crigna welcomed everyone

2.) Adoption of Agenda

- **Jesse Corbeil**
- **Seconded by Jasmine Kia Zong**
- **Unanimously approved**

Principal commenced with Land acknowledgements the use of the first nation grounds in Montreal where the school is located.

3.) Selection of the Governing Board Positions

Nomination for Mr. Jesse Corbeil as Chairperson by Mr. Sadar Jehan Mian

No other nominations

Mr. Corbeil accepted the position of Chairperson.

Ms. Jasmine Kia Zong is the only person who came forward for Secretary position.

Ms. Sadaf Aleem is the only person who came forward for Treasurer position.

Board Chairperson: Mr Jesse Corbeil

Board Secretary: Ms Jasmine Kia Zong

Board Treasurer: Ms Sadaf Aleem

Board Community Representatives: Ms Nadine Collins and  
Ms Alejandro Pérez

**Adoption moved by: Mr Jacobs**

**Seconded by: Jasmine Kia Zong**

**Unanimously approved.**

Review of our EMSB PC Delegate and Alternate as well as our GB parent member alternates.

EMSB PC Delegate: Mr Sadar Jehan Mian

EMSB PC Alternate: Ms Sadaf Aleem

GB Parent Member Alternates: Mr Nicholas Sitaras

Ms Elena Raznovan

GB member contact information verified.

#### Governing Board Meeting Dates

First meeting: Monday, October 2, 2023      In-person attendance

Last meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024      In-person attendance

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 7pm      Virtual Microsoft Teams

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 @ 7pm      Virtual Microsoft Teams

Tuesday, January 16, 2024. @ 7pm      Virtual Microsoft Teams

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 7pm      Virtual Microsoft Teams

Tuesday March 19, 2024 @ 7pm      Virtual Microsoft Teams

Tuesday April 9, 2024 @ 7pm      Virtual Microsoft Teams

Tuesday May 7, 2024 @ 7pm      Virtual Microsoft Teams

Tuesday June 11, 2024 @ 7pm      Virtual Microsoft Teams

**Adoption of dates moved by: Mr Sadar Jian Mian**

**Seconded by: Ms Sadaf Aleem**

**Unanimously approved.**

4.) Approval of Minutes of last meeting, June 12, 2023

**Motion moved by Mr Sadar Jian Mian**

**Seconded by Mr Jacobs**

**Unanimously accepted.**

5.) Public Questions : NONE

6.) Business Arising from Minutes : NONE

7.) Reports

7.1 Principal 's Report

Principal to look into financial allocation for new school year \$250.

Roll over 2022-2023. \$384 plus \$250 cumulative \$634

7.1.1 One parent member signed up for P.P.O.

Principal stated we will try to get more volunteers to sign-up for P.P.O.

Secretary Joanne suggested if one P.P.O. volunteer signed up, the parent volunteers can be asked to help with activities.

Principal to reach out to Mr Matthew Conway to set up first P.P.O. meeting.

7.1.2 3 Parent volunteers currently signed up.

We have three (3) parents who have signed up, will try to request more.

7.1.3 School Start-Up Updates

Principal acknowledges great start up year with good student adaptations for all levels.

Welcome back lunch/ attestation day done with great success on the 29th of September, 2023.

Was done in collaboration with Benny community group who rents space from us (basement)

Chicken hotdogs, freezies and juice boxes were served and cost covered with the school budget

October 10, 2023, is the planned date for Breakfast Program commencement.

Principal gave the go ahead for the first trip for cycle 1 students.

October 6, 2023 apple picking @ \$38/ student

Cost of trip is higher than usual due to increase of bus and site cost.

Principal requested approval for the trip.

**Motion to approve: Ms Sadaf Aleem**

**Seconded: Ms Joanne Hall**

**Unanimously approved.**

Principal informed us that cost of subsequent trips will be closely reviewed due to higher bussing costs.

Joanne gave news that transportation increase is based on surcharge/kilometer and the change of two students per seat instead of the usual three per seat.

7.1.4 Staffing Update

Two new French teachers added to the St Monica teaching team.

New split class K4 AND K5 combined to ensure that class sizes are respected.

7.1.5 Science Curriculum

Curriculum is to be delivered in French however Principal reports current problem with getting a French teacher to deliver the subject content. Present teacher is teaching science in English and doing very well with the subject content and providing engaging science learning experiences ensuring that the Ministry guidelines are followed.

Principal has included science in her plan when she hires tutors for the year to ensure that students receive additional exposure to French language usage.

Ms Sadaf volunteered her availability if help is needed in carrying out any of the projects.

#### 7.1.6 Graduation Committee Planning

Expected set up date November 1, 2023

Principal would report to the board on sign up, chairperson for the committee and dates selected for their meetings.

#### 7.2 Commissioner's Report: Joseph Lalla

7.2.1 School's budgets will be approved by Council of Commissioners first before made available to schools.

7.2.2 Clarification on GB membership votes at a meeting, everyone on the board votes except the principal and the commissioner.

Community representatives don't vote either but can second a motion.

Chairperson would also be the person to vote a second time if a tie occurs.

#### 7.2.3 Other NEWS

Received judgement and won

EMSB and English school boards continue to exist contrary to the French school boards that had been abolished 2 years ago.

Government to decide on appeal and whichever side wins, has a right to still appeal.

Bill 96: Challenged by the EMSB

Bill 21: Legal system on face covering. Legal costs \$1.5M in expenses being funded by the school board.

7.2.4 Commissioner Lalla spoke about the recent meeting with the Mayor and the discussions on the bike paths on Terrebonne to be revisited in the near future.

- i. Status quo : undedicated bike paths
- ii. Dedicated bike paths on one side
- iii. Dedicated bike paths on both sides.

Discussion summary had the consensus that things remain "status quo".

Encouragements on more crosswalks, reduction in speed limits and curbing over speeding was noted on Terrebonne.

#### 7.3 Regional PC Delegate Reports:

None available at the moment.

First PC meeting to take place October 12, 2023.

#### 7.4 Teacher's Report:

**Lynn** reported that students settling in well.

New K4 and K5 class helps since they are smaller groups in all pre-school classes.

#### **Mr Jacobs**

Physical Education report:

Successful soccer jamboree by grades 5 and 6

Upcoming LCC tournament October 11

Cross country race scheduled for Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> for the grade 6.

Swimming activities scheduled for Grade 2 and 3 at the NDG sports center.

Talked about the Terry Fox run where the whole school partakes, and students receive freezies at the end of activity.

Basketball season to commence for 5 and 6.

Jasmine asked why the 3rd and 4th graders not included for the basketball and Mr Jacobs explained the complexities involved in commitment to the sport for grade 3 and 4.

However, he stated later in spring Water Safety Programs are being organized for grade 3 for safety around bodies of water.

Music for younger grades

Principal announced the purchases of Ukeleles and glad to see the children are already well invested in learning and glad that many students signed up for EMSB choir.

Principal talked about Mr Demetris and Ms. Maria professional singers handling music projects with St Monica participation.

#### 7.5 Daycare

Principal confirms 69 students registered.

60 students attend in the morning.

65 students attend afternoon session.

- First Ped Day was September 22  
Welcome back party with refreshments and music outdoors with dance.  
41 students were in attendance.

- Second Ped Day slated for October 13  
Arts and Crafts Day  
40 students currently registered

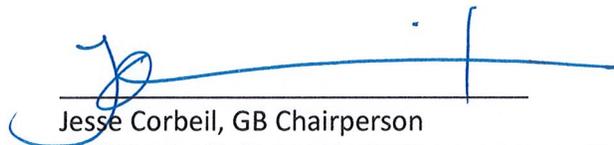
No additional cost incurred by parents for both Ped Day activities - \$12/day the regular daycare price.

8. New Business.  
None

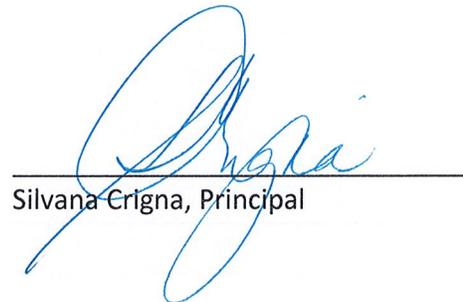
9. Date of next meeting: November 14 - Virtual on Microsoft Teams

10. Adjournment @ 8.34pm

**Motion moved by: Joanne**  
**Seconded by: Mr Jacobs**  
**Unanimously accepted**



Jesse Corbeil, GB Chairperson



Silvana Crigna, Principal