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English Montreal School Board

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2024 – 2025 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 2, 2024
St. Monica Elementary School
7:00 p.m | Virtual

ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Mangal, Principal, Lynn Watson, Joanne Hall, Jesse Corbeil,
Nicholas Sitaras, Elena Raznovan, Anne Doan, Leighton Jacobs, Sharon
Nelson, Margaret Ford

REGRETS: Jennifer Young, Sandra Flores-Carpinteyro, Karen Bejjani,

1. Opening Remarks

- 1.1. **Jesse Corbeil calls the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.**

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1. Mr. Corbeil motions to adopt the agenda:

- First: Anne Doan
- Second: Elena Raznovan
- **Unanimously approved.**

3. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting (November 4, 2024)

Remove second mention of 'Jennifer Young' in Regrets.

Motion is moved by Lynn Watson and seconded by Anne Doan.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes: None

5. Public question period: None

6. Reports

6.1. Principal's Report

- Welcome to December! 19 days away from winter break.
- Diana Bavis, Staff assistant, is on personal leave and is now replaced by Jim Daskalakis... to help Mr. Mangal with administrative duties. He's a retired math teacher and principal.
- Sandra Flores resigned and her last day was on Friday November 29. She was a fabulous daycare technician who established strong bonds with everyone in the St. Monica's community.
- First session of in-person parent-teacher interviews went great. Second set of interviews will be virtual.
 - Incident where a parent confronted another parent about a situation that was already resolved.
 - There is a need for parents to model conflict resolution and respect the structure of the school.
 - We need to change behaviours in our community
- Great book fair! 3 cases of students who stole merchandise and these students were spoken to.
- Great movie night that had an impressive turn-out. Huge thanks to Margaret and Peter Ford for setting up the big screen and projector, and for allowing us to use their popcorn maker and cotton candy maker.
- Educational Project Update
 - Teachers need more support when students go home. Many times work is sent home and not completed. Teachers want to set up an evening to teach parents how to handle and manage homework. To improve student success rates, we all need to start working together – teacher, administrators and parents.
 - Need to make more effort with French – we're launching French Fridays at the school where everyone is speaking French on Fridays. Focusing on writing, reading and comprehension.

6.2. Commissioner's Report: Sharon Nelson

- Met with Mr. Mangal, met Anne at the EMSB.
- Looking forward to working with the governing board and supporting the St. Monica's community moving forward.

6.3. Regional Delegate's Report: Anne Doan

- Corridor Scolaire – advice on dos and don'ts, measures that have worked in the past were reviewed to help schools

- National Day of Reconciliation – certain EMSB delegates shared ideas on how to raise awareness on the indigenous people and culture from their past experiences in Vancouver schools.
- EMSB website now has a toolkit for parents – how to prepare for parent-teacher meetings, types of questions you should be asking, etc...
- Governing Board training coming in January
- School reports – Anne shared how successful the breakfast program is at St. Monica's, opportunity to pursue information sessions for students and parents on internet safety

6.4. Teacher's Report

- Leighton Jacobs
 - Nov 20 – Cycle 3 completed a volleyball tournament
 - Basketball season started! Both boys and girls are playing
 - Skating starting next week for Cycle 2 and 3 at Bleu Blanc Rouge from January and February. City provides helmets and skates for outdoor skating for kids who don't have
 - Dec 11 at lunch - Annual holiday tradition of teachers versus students basketball game. The kids all come to the gym to cheer on their favourite teams. Teachers are 17-0.
- Lynn Watson
 - Preschool is going very well – day 61 and kids already know the routine.
 - Bus routine continues to be a challenge because bicycle riders don't stop

6.5. Daycare Report: Andrew Mangal

- Activities were a big success. Sandra provided all the daycare kids with pizza.

6.6. PPO Report: Jesse Corbeil

- \$4,230 sold in books at the Book Fair – one of the highest amounts collected so far. This means that \$3,098.57 was raised for St. Monica's.
- \$1,432.37 has been raised in pizza lunches.
- More dates for pizza lunches and a couple of free dress days in the new year.

6.7. Grad Committee report

- Movie night and bake sale raised about \$850 before minor costs. Returning students volunteered and it was a great community event – looking at the possibility of running another one.

6.8. Treasurer's report: None

6.9. Promotional campaign: None



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7. Dates for 2025 meetings

7.1. Mondays continue to work. Next meetings set for:

- January 13, 2025 at 7 p.m., virtual
- February 3, 2025 at 7 pm., virtual
- March 10, 2025 at 7 p.m., virtual
- April 7, 2025 at 7 p.m., virtual
- May 5, 2025 at 7 p.m., virtual
- June 2, 2025 at 7 p.m., in-person\
- Motion to approve the meeting schedule.
 - First: Nicholas Sitaras
 - Second: Joanne Hall
 - **Motion is passed.**

8. New Business

- **Cleanliness of bathrooms was brought up by Nicholas Sitaras** and the GB discussed if there are opportunities to improve the state of the Junior boys bathroom. These bathrooms are included in the renovation project and will be addressed.

9. **Date of next meeting:** January 13, 2025 at 7 p.m., virtual on Zoom

10. **Adjournment** at 8:26 p.m. by Mr. Corbeil.

- **Motion is moved** by Leighton Jacobs and seconded by Joanne Hall.



Jesse Corbeil, Chairperson



Andrew Mangal, Principal