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English Montreal School Board

## ÉCOLE ST. MONICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### 2024 – 2025 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

**Monday, January 13, 2025**  
**St. Monica Elementary School**  
**7:00 p.m | Virtual**

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

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

**REGRETS:** Jennifer Young, Karen Bejjani, Sharon Nelson

#### **1. Opening Remarks**

1. **Jesse Corbeil called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.** and delivered welcoming remarks.

#### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

##### **2.1. Motion to adopt the agenda:**

- Moved: Lynn Watson
- Seconded: Elena Raznovan
- **Unanimously approved.**

#### **3. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting (December 2, 2024)**

The corrections requested and implemented in the minutes include:

Section 3 Updated the mention of Jennifer Young reference

Section 6.1 Updated spelling Jim Daskalakis

Section 6.3 Update sentence for bullet 2

Section 6.6 Update the placeholder amount \$1,432.37 (pizza lunch) and \$3,098.57 (book fair)

##### **Motion to approve corrected minutes**

- Moved: Anne Doan
- Seconded by Nicholas Sitaras.



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**4. Business Arising from the Minutes:** None

**5. Public question period:** None

**6. Reports**

**6.1. Principal's Report**

• **December & January Events**

- The breakfast with Santa event in December was a huge success because of the efforts of the teams at Breakfast Club and the Generations Foundation; Val for decorations and the whole team.
- A new TV is installed in the foyer. It's used to announce events and to recognize accomplishments.
- Last Friday, Grade 6 students went to Rosemount High School for a kick-off for the month of Music (January) to perform Ode to Joy. Ms. Allison and the students did a phenomenal job representing our school and community.
- Later in January, we'll be hosting an open house and a literacy evening. It is a strategic priority for our education plan to invite existing parents to share tools and kickstart literacy at home.
- In February, We'll host a series of Wednesday workshops for our Cycle 2 students, organized by This360. The workshops will focus on social-emotional tools.

• **Update to code of conduct**

- Revamping the look of it to make things easier to find.
- Will be presented at the next governing board meeting for approval, after it's been presented to the teachers and staff council.

• **Trips (Day and overnight)**

- The traditional grade 6 overnight trip is cancelled. It requires a classroom teacher to attend for risk and liability reasons, but there are currently no teachers available to go. Grade 6 students to be offered an extended day trip that includes a team-building escape room, a disco boat and a restaurant dinner. Students should return to the school before 6:30 p.m.

• **Subject time allocation**

- Starting to look forward to next year's planning and allocating time accordingly to each subject. Some subjects are more flexible than others.
- Currently, the CCQ is being taught in French, but the government requires the content of this course in a student's mother tongue.
- Science and Technology should be taught in French. Currently, we do not have a teacher to teach science in French.

**6.2. Commissioner's Report:** None

**6.3. Regional Delegate's Report:** Anne Doan



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- Dec 5 and Jan 9 meetings
  - December meeting had 2 presentations from the EMSB about indigenous education and literacy programs.
    - One of the programs was called “Biliteracy” where the same literary piece is delivered in English and French for students to connect the languages.
    - The other is about digital literacy where students are challenged to question what they are reading and the content they are being exposed to.
    - Parents requested a dedicated EMSB email address for school governing boards.
      - Mr Mangal pointed out that governing boards should not have their own email addresses, and that all parent concerns should go to either the school’s or the principal’s email address.
    - SPVM provided an Anti-troll kit for anti-bullying tools for parents to have guidance
  - January meeting had 3 key points
    - The budget building process has been delayed but the EMSB will deploy a questionnaire on the spending priorities for the following academic year. The budget has decreased.
    - Draft calendar for the next school year was presented. The first day of school is September 2.
    - EPCA made a call for suggestions of workshop ideas.

#### **6.4. Teacher’s Report**

- Leighton Jacobs
  - Grade 6 concert
  - In December, the annual students versus teachers game took place and was a lot of fun. The students kept it close this year but they still didn’t win.
  - Basketball season is on and both boys and girls teams are on a winning streak right now. They will compete at the LCC tournament.
  - Cycle 2 and 3 skating started at Doug Harvey and Bleu Blanc Rouge. The program will continue until February.
  - We applied for a grant for a gym upgrade for glass backboards and it got approved.
- Lynn Watson
  - French Fry Friday started and when a student speaks in French, they get a popsicle stick (French fry) for their basket.
  - Pre-K and K this Friday will be going to circus school.
- Joanne Hall



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- Term 2 is wrapping up at the end of next month. Marks will be reflected in their grades.

**6.5. Daycare Report:** Andrew Mangal

- New educator hired – Fiona joined the team.
- The daycare Technician still has not been replaced.

**6.6. PPO Report:** Joanne Hall & Nicholas Sitaras

- To come: More dates for pizza lunches and a couple of free dress days.

**6.7. Grad Committee report**

- Meeting tomorrow night (January 14) where they will discuss the Sock Hop Dance on February 14 and Valentine's candy grams.

**6.8. Treasurer's report:** None

**6.9. Promotional campaign:** None – covered in the President's Report for Open House

**7. New Business**

**7.1. Safety issues around the bike path**

- Andrew Mangal updated the GB that Joe Ortona and Sharon Nelson are handling this situation and will be meeting with city counsellors to fight for our interests.
- There was a study that measured Terrebonne bike path usage – on Terrebonne only. The study does not include any surrounding streets or impact to the direct community impacted by the traffic changes.
- Motion to form a sub-committee to create a letter to our commissioner from the governing board. Letter to be presented to the governing board at the next meeting.
  - Moved: Anne Doan
  - Seconded: Elena Raznovan
  - **Unanimously approved.**

**8. Date of next meeting:** February 3, 2025 at 7 pm., virtual on Zoom

**9. Motion to adjourn**

Moved: Nicholas Sitaras

Seconded: Leighton Jacobs.

**Adjourned** at 8:28 p.m. by Mr. Corbeil.



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**Jesse Corbeil**, Chairperson

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**Andrew Mangal**, Principal