



Commission scolaire English-Montréal  
English Montreal School Board

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## ÉCOLE ST. MONICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### 2025 – 2026 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

**Monday, February 23, 2026**  
**St. Monica Elementary School**  
**7:00 p.m | Virtual**

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Chrisoula Pappas, Jesse Corbeil, Elena Raznovan, Cynthia Di Rienzo, Conor Moloney, Joanne Hall, Anne Doan, Leighton Jacobs, Athlyn Kennedy, Sharon Nelson

**REGRETS:** Iris Stefania Vasiliu, Nicholas Sitaras

#### **1. Opening Remarks/Welcome**

1.1. **Jesse Corbeil calls the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.** and delivered welcoming remarks. Welcomed the new principal, Chrisoula Pappas, to the school and the board.

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

2.1. Mr. Corbeil motions to adopt the agenda:

- First: Cynthia
- Second: Conor
- **Unanimously approved.**

#### **3. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting (January 26, 2026)**

3.1. Mr. Corbeil motions to approve the minutes:

- Motion: Cynthia
- Second: Leighton
- **Unanimously approved.**

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

**5. Public question period:** None

## 6. Reports

### 6.1. Principal's Report

- 6.1..1. Adoption of the school budget as presented by Ms. Pappas
  - 6.1..1.1. WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 96.24 of the Education Act, the school budget must maintain a balance between expenditures, on the one hand, and the financial resources allocated to the school by the school board and the school's own revenues, on the other;
  - 6.1..1.2. WHEREAS this budget is based on the 2025-2026 MEQ budgetary parameters;
  - 6.1..1.3. Cynthia moved that the governing board of St. Monica's Elementary School adopt the school budget for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented by the school Principal, which forecasts revenues of \$202,945 and expenditures of \$202,945; AND THAT the budget be submitted to the English Montreal School Board for final approval.
  - 6.1..1.4. Seconded by Joanne Hall.
- 6.1..2. Art therapist starting in March: April Rose Aghazarian
- 6.1..3. School fundraisers initiated by the teachers to fund Walmart gift cards to St. Monica's families in need for the Dress Down Day. Used book sale proceeds will fund an ice cream truck at the end of the school year.
  - 6.1..3.1. Dress down day: March 27 (\$2 donation)
  - 6.1..3.2. Used book sale: April (\$1-\$2 per book)
- 6.1..4. Field trip to Cabane a sucre on March 26 for the whole school. No cost to parents.

### 6.2. Regional Delegate's Report (Conor)

- Virtual event on March 11 that will be promoted in the school newsletter.
- Learning Quebec is offering a tutoring service is now being funded differently where governing boards need to fund it instead of school board subsidies.

### 6.3. Commissioner's Report (Sharon)

- Wednesday there is a Black History Month morning event as part of breakfast club.
- Addressed news headlines regarding one school board commissioner where commissioners don't take incidents lightly and make their decisions thoughtfully.

### 6.4. Teacher's Report

- Cynthia: Black History Month, Valentine's Day and 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Lunar New Year, Ramadan, Winter Carnival, the Olympics were also celebrated. Pink Shirt Day is coming up on Wednesday and they'll be talking about



kindness and anti-bullying. Teacher Appreciation started today and it was appreciated by all the teachers.

- Leighton: Winter Carnival took place with great weather. Thank you to parent volunteers and Margaret Ford. Grade 5s went skating at the Bleu Blanc Rouge rink. Basketball season ended in the semi-final and it was a great season. Tomorrow skating is wrapping up for the Cycle 2 classes and transitioning back to the pool!
- Joanne: On March 10 the Cycle 2 students will be going to Chateau Ramzey for an educational field trip.

6.5. Daycare Report (Athlyn)

- Regular students are still coming in.
- Athlyn and the students are excited for this Friday's Rose Bowl trip.

6.6. PPO Report (Elena)

- Teacher Appreciation Week is on its way with a week full of activities.
- Joanne: The Teacher's lounge really came together with new furniture.

6.7. Grad Committee Report: None

6.8. Treasurer's report: None

6.9. Terrebonne Bike Path Subcommittee (Anne)

- Anne wrote our interim Mayor Moroz in follow-up with him on our meeting and asking for his availabilities to meet next to keep the conversation going.
- No new reports of conflicts.

**7. New Business: None**

**8. Date of Next Meeting:** March 30, 2026 at 7 p.m. (virtual)

**9. Adjournment** at 7:52 p.m. by Jesse.

- 9.1. Motion is moved by Cynthia and seconded by Joanne.

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**Jesse Corbeil, Chairperson**

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**Chrisoula Pappas, Principal (Interim)**