



Commission scolaire English-Montréal
English Montreal School Board

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2025 – 2026 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2026
St. Monica Elementary School
7:00 p.m | Virtual

ATTENDANCE:

Chrisoula Pappas, Jesse Corbeil, Cynthia Di Rienzo, Conor Moloney,
Joanne Hall, Leighton Jacobs, Anne Doan

REGRETS: Iris Stefania Vasiliu, Nicholas Sitaras, Athlyn Kennedy, Sharon Nelson,
Elena Raznovan

1. Opening Remarks/Welcome

1.1. Jesse Corbeil called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and delivered
welcoming remarks.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1. Mr. Corbeil presented the agenda for adoption:

- Moved: Cynthia
- Seconded: Anne
- **Unanimously approved.**

3. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting (March 30, 2026)

- Moved: Cynthia
- Seconded: Conor
- **Unanimously approved.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes: None

5. Public question period: None

6. Reports

6.1. Principal's Report

- 6.1.1 2026-2027 School calendar presented for approval:



- First day: September 1
- Ped day (elections) October 5
- Ped day November 16
- Parent/Teacher night, November 26
- Teacher comp day November 27
- Parent/teacher night term 2 25 February
- Teacher comp day February 26
- March break 1-5 March
- Ped day April 28
- Victoria Day (Movable) May 21
- Victoria Day May 24
- Movable ped day June 7
- Last day: June 23
- Motion to approve: Joanne
- Seconded: Cynthia
- **Unanimously approved**
- 6.1.2 Overnight grad trip presented for approval:
 - Camp Familial: Leave June 17, return June 18 Charge: \$50
 - Moved: Leighton
 - Seconded: Joanne
 - **Approved, pending final polling of students.**
- 6.1.3 Welcome to Kindergarten May 15
 - **Informed**
- 6.2. Commissioner's Report (Sharon): None
- 6.3. Regional Delegate's Report (Conor)
 - PC finalizing budget priorities:
 1. Increasing service staff
 2. Mental health initiatives
 3. Building updates and maintenance
 4. Food programs
 5. AI literacy and awareness
 6. Transitional programs for students leaving
 7. New tech for classrooms
 8. Reimbursement of transport
- 6.4. Teacher's Report (Cynthia and Leighton)
 - Cycle I and Grade 3 students recently attended a two-actor presentation of Snow White from Geordie Productions at the Centaur Theatre. There were pre- and post-show workshops to discuss the themes. Admission and transportation were covered by a grant.
 - Teachers are currently working to coordinate a visit to the Montreal Science Museum for our Cycle I & II students in the coming weeks. Transportation and admission will also be covered by a government grant.



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- Students are in preparation for the spring concert (June 5th)
 - Prep is well underway for Grade 6 graduation (June 22nd)
 - Our Grade 3 to 6 students have resumed swimming at the NDG Sports Complex. The Canadian Swim to Survive program, designed for Grade 3 students, is cancelled due to a lack of staff at the site.
 - Students have begun practicing for the annual Halo Race taking place on May 13 on Mount Royal; 56 students are currently registered.
 - Annual field trip for Grade 5 students to CEPSUM (Université de Montréal – 2100 Édouard Montpetit) on May 14.
 - SCIENCE: Cycle II students (Grades 3 & 4) have been actively exploring the states of matter in science, learning to identify solids, liquids, and gases while observing and discussing how matter can change from one state to another through simple, hands-on examples.
 - LANGUAGES: Students diving into food-themed learning by practicing recipe writing, using cooking action verbs, identifying ingredients, and following clear procedural steps to understand how-to texts. The classes are creating a bilingual cookbook that includes their family recipes; all recipes will be written in French and the reason why the recipe was chosen will be explained in English.
 - LIBRARY: Bi-weekly visits to the Benny Library to explore books, develop reading skills, and participate in an engaging History Box activity in social studies.
- 6.5. Daycare Report:** Melodie Charrett, Daycare Technician, decided to return to her post at Edward Murphy; Athlyn Kennedy is scheduled to return St. Monica as of April 29, 2026.
- April 22 Pedagogical Day saw Daycare hosting a group of 24 students, most of whom were late registrants. Students remained on site and participated in an assortment of card and ball games as well as a gardening activity. Students painted a ceramic pot, planted a seed and watered it.
- 6.6. PPO Report (Ms. Pappas):**
- Pizza lunch fundraisers on April 29, May 27 and June 17; and TCBY Day on April 15, May 13 and June 3.
 - PPO has begun working on their annual Family Fun Night, which will be held on June 5, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 - The school administration recently met with a Camp Benny Jeunesse representative to discuss what assistance they can provide for upcoming PPO and Grad fundraisers, as they have done in previous years.
 - PPO needs help with securing manpower and will be circulating a sign-up sheet to St. Monica parents to volunteer during the event. GB members are encouraged to assist if possible.
- 6.7. Grad Committee Report**
- Grad Committee is hosting a movie night & bake sale on Friday, May 1:



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- Admission is free; funds will be raised from the bake sale and other items on sale.
- Movie: K-Pop Demon Hunters
- Grad parents asked to provide baked items for the sale, while students, new and graduates, will be asked to man the concession stands.
- Car wash fundraiser May 23
- Work continues on graduation ceremony, which is on June 22.

6.8. Treasurer's report: None

6.9. Terrebonne Bike Path Subcommittee (Anne)

- No response to three emails.
- We need the EMSB commissioner to step in and help now.
- No incidents so far this year.
- SUGGESTION: If anyone does see something happen, call the police so that the incident is logged.

7. New Business: None

8. Date of Next Meeting: May 25, 2026, at 7 p.m. (virtual)

9. Adjournment at 8:05p.m. by Jesse.

9.1. Motion is moved by Joanne and seconded by Anne.

Jesse Corbeil, Chairperson

Chrisoula Pappas, Principal (Interim)