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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Cloutier, Jes Corbeil, Mark Côté, Silvana Crigna, Cynthia Di Rienzo, Joanne Hall, Leighton Jacobs, Hayley Juhl, Joseph Lalla, Tanya MacDonald, Peter Papastratis, Claudia Pulice, Avice Roberts-Joseph, Lynn Watson, Angela Zambito

Members absent: Pierre Turcot

1. Opening Remarks

Tanya MacDonald welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 7:29 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Tanya MacDonald proposed switching the order of 6.2 Commissioner's Report, and 6.3. Regional Delegate's Report. Ms. MacDonald also proposed adding items 6.1.4. School Logo, 6.1.5. Additional Recess, and 6.7. Treasurer's Report. Jes Corbeil moved to adopt the agenda as amended by Ms. MacDonald. Angela Zambito seconded. **Adopted unanimously (John Cloutier and Leighton Jacobs absent).**

3. Approval of Minutes of Last Meetings**3.1. Regular meeting – April 16, 2019**

Angela Zambito moved to adopt the minutes of the April 16, 2019, Governing Board meeting as presented. Cynthia Di Rienzo seconded. **Adopted with 3 abstentions.**

4. Public Question Period

No questions.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes**5.1. Governing Board Google account**

Peter Papastratis reported that the previously created Governing Board Google account was in fact just a shared drive and not a full account. Tanya MacDonald proposed creating a new Google account for the Governing Board, with access to the next school year's Governing Board to be granted in October 2019. Hayley Juhl moved to adopt Ms. MacDonald's proposal. Jes Corbeil seconded. **Adopted unanimously.**

6. Reports**6.1. Principal's Report****6.1.1. Safe School Action Plan**

Silvana Crigna presented the Safe School Action Plan for 2019–2020. Mark Côté moved to adopt the Plan as presented. Peter Papastratis seconded. **Adopted unanimously.**

6.1.2. Proposed Budget 2019–2020

Silvana Crigna presented the proposed budget for the 2019–2020 school year. Ms. Crigna noted that the budget reflected the rounding of school fees to the nearest dollar as approved by the Governing Board during the meeting of April 16, 2019. Leighton Jacobs moved to adopt the budget as presented by Ms. Crigna. **Adopted with 1 abstention.**

6.1.3. School Fees 2019–2020

Silvana Crigna noted that the school fees have been rounded to the nearest dollar, with amounts of 50 cents or less being rounded down and amounts of 51 cents or more being rounded up, as previously approved at the Governing Board meeting of April 16, 2019, and as approved again as part of the budget in the previous item.

6.1.4. School Logo

Silvana Crigna presented the new logo for St. Monica.

6.1.5. Additional Recess

A recent legislation change by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education requires schools to now have two 20-minute recesses during the day, in addition to the lunch hour. Ms. Crigna noted that currently St. Monica has only one 15-minute recess and that, to accommodate this new requirement, the school day will be extended, with dismissal occurring at 3:50 pm instead of 3:35 pm, starting in the 2019–2020 school year.

7.2. Regional Delegate's Report

No report, given that the monthly meeting is scheduled for June 6.

7.3. Commissioner's Report

Poll on support for school boards of English Quebecers

The vast majority of English speakers in Quebec feel school boards are essential for the health of their education systems and should remain independent to protect minority English-language rights, a new Léger poll has found.

Only 12 per cent support Premier François Legault's plan to replace the boards with regional service centres run by government civil servants.

The poll of 1,001 English-speaking Quebecers, titled Study on the Perceptions of English-Speaking Quebecers Regarding School Boards, was conducted from March 13 to March 21. The CAQ has argued that abolishing 72 school boards, including nine English ones, would reduce bureaucracy and save money that could be put into student services.

The poll was taken before Education Minister Jean-François Roberge announced in early May he would force the transfer of three east-end Montreal English-language schools to the French system to solve overcrowding issues unless the English school board could offer alternatives.

Most of the poll respondents (88 per cent) said they were aware of the existence of their region's English school board, and half said they knew or had heard of their local school commissioner.

Two-thirds said they felt school boards contribute to the efficient functioning of elementary and secondary public schools, and overall, 85 percent of respondents said the school boards are important to them.

EMSB, along with the other English School Boards, as well as the English parents group of Quebec and many other organizations have come together to form APPELE-Québec, a coalition of organizations formed in late April to fight the Coalition Avenir Québec's plan to abolish the school boards. Geoffrey Kelley, the former West Island MNA is the chairman of this group.

Relocation of Galileo adult center

In an effort to assist with issues of student overcrowding at the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île (CSPI), the EMSB Council of Commissioners voted on May 21 by majority to relocate students at the Galileo Adult Education Centre (Galileo) in Montreal North. There are 708 students registered in three programs: 140 in the SIS / SVIS Program for Adults with Special Needs, 485 students in the Basic English program and 83 students in the Academic – High School Completion program.

Meanwhile the Rosemount Technology Centre - Curtis George Campus housed in the basement of the present Galileo building will remain in place and cohabitate with CSPI classes.

The EMSB will no longer accept temporary international students, only families on work/study visas.

In February, the community was invited to present views on religious symbols. Over 60 parents attended, and 30-35 came with prepared speeches. The vast majority opposed any restrictions, which led the school board to adopt a formal position against the provincial government's proposed legislation. This morning the EMSB brief on religious symbols was

completed; it will be on the website soon and will be presented to the Bill 21 committee.

The Edinburgh/Focus situation has been resolved (perhaps temporarily). Edinburgh will be first the EMSB school to receive mobile classrooms (4 to be added to the building). Focus Outreach will be annexed by Willingdon and will become their senior campus for grades 5 & 6. Focus Outreach will move to James Lyng.

The Commissioners adopted a unanimous resolution regarding the importance of English school boards.

The success rate of the school board continues to be very high, at 91% (2.5% above last year). The province-wide success rate is 80.9%, including both public and private schools.

Enrollment has increased for the second year in a row. There are about 250 more students, totalling about 20 000 youth and 22 000 adult students. In the West End in particular enrollment is very strong.

There is very little we can do for Pointe de l'Île when they approached the EMSB in January. The Ministry said the board had to do something. The only real options are adult schools; the law is clear that parents of child students must be consulted about changes to schools and have 18 months to reply. The original proposal concerning Galileo school meant that the French school board would get 60-70 classrooms. The Ministry since changed its mind, as did the French school board. 3 EMSB schools are currently being requested. The Minister does have the legal power to reassign them. The EMSB has until June 10 to propose another option. The EMSB still has Galileo option on table; the adult school consultation period is 30 days. The decision by the board on Galileo is next Tuesday.

6.4. Teacher's Report

Cycle 2 students went to Cap St-Jacques on May 2. The Flag Football Jamboree was held at Royal Vale. Last Friday cycle 2 and 3 students visited a church and a Sikh temple. Cycle 2 and 3 are finished swimming for the year. Today kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students attended a presentation by the Carnival des animaux.

Cycle 1 will be going to a bee farm on June 11. Dynamix and possibly Mad Science will be leading some activities in June. Cycle 3 will be going to the Eureka Festival on Friday. SEEDS students will be going to the Science Centre tomorrow. The last school week will see the grade 6 trip, an athletic assembly, graduations, and the Share-the-Warmth walkathon.

6.5. Daycare Report

Angela Zambito proposed two ped-day activities for the next school year, which will be held before the new Governing Board meets:

September 20 will feature activities by Mad Science. Cost will be \$20 per student.
October 21 will be a trip to the Concordia campus. Cost will be \$19 per student.

Cynthia Di Rienzo moved to approve the activities as presented by Ms. Zambito. Lynn Watson seconded. **Adopted with 1 abstention.**

6.6. PPO Report

Grade 5 students helped with the May pizza lunch and it went very well. We look forward to working with them next school year.

Car wash was held on Saturday, June 1, 2019. Many families and parent volunteers participated, the weather cooperated, and everyone had a good time.

Family fun night plans are finalized, and it should be a great night. We have rented a dunk tank and the following people have volunteered to take their chances: Christian Arseneault (City Councillor – Loyola), Valerie Basile, Noah Trister, Claudia Pulice and Leighton Jacobs.

PROFITS

Pizza Lunch (May) \$198.89

Dress Down Day \$198.00

Car Wash \$400.00 (app.)

Tanya MacDonald proposed PPO fundraisers for the next school year, which will be held before the new Governing Board meets: pizza lunches in September and October, and a car wash in September.

Mark Côté moved to approve the fundraisers as presented by Ms. MacDonald. Joanne Hall seconded. **Adopted unanimously.**

6.7. Treasurer's Report

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7. New Business

7.1. Adoption – Annual Report 2017–2018

Tabled until the next meeting.

7.2. Update – Annual Report 2018–2019

Silvana Crigna stated that the Annual Report for the current school year will be ready by June 21st and will be presented at the first Governing Board meeting of the 2019–2020 school year.

7.3. Feedback on Bill 21

The teacher's union is also opposed to Bill 21. Teacher's have been wearing buttons to show their opposition every Wednesday.

8. Date of Next Meeting

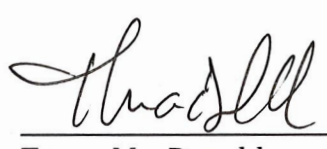
The Annual General Meeting will be held in September. The exact date is to be determined.

9. Adjournment

Leighton Jacobs moved that the meeting be adjourned. Angela Zambito seconded. **Adopted unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.



Silvana Crigna
Principal



Tanya MacDonald
Chairperson