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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Cloutier, Jes Corbeil, Mark Côté, Silvana Crigna, Cynthia Di Rienzo, Joanne Hall, Leighton Jacobs, Hayley Juhl, Peter Papastratis, Claudia Pulice, Pierre Turcot, Lynn Watson, Angela Zambito

Members absent: Joseph Lalla, Tanya MacDonald, Avice Roberts-Joseph

1. Opening Remarks

As Tanya MacDonald was absent, Hayley Juhl filled the role of Chair for this meeting.

Silvana Crigna welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 7:08 pm. Ms. Crigna noted that the EMSB has decided that the main St. Ignatius building will be used by Willingdon, and the 4 modular classrooms by Edinburgh.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Hayley Juhl moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Jes Corbeil seconded. **Adopted unanimously.**

3. Approval of Minutes of Last Meetings

3.1. Regular meeting – January 23, 2019

Angela Zambito moved to adopt the minutes of the January 23, 2019, regular Governing Board meeting as presented. Jes Corbeil seconded. **Adopted with 2 abstentions.**

3.1. Special meeting – February 4, 2019

Cynthia Di Rienzo moved to adopt the minutes of the February 4, 2019, special Governing Board meeting as presented. Leighton Jacobs seconded. **Adopted with 1 abstention.**

4. Public Question Period

No questions.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1. Spiritual Animator

Silvana Crigna confirmed that St. Monica now has a permanent Spiritual Animator, Samantha Smith, who is present every two weeks. Ms. Crigna noted that she has requested that the Spiritual Animator be present on a weekly basis for the next school year.

Ms. Crigna noted that Ms. Smith has assisted in organizing a visit by students to read to senior citizens at the Montclair Residence in May–June. Some students will also be reading to Mackay students, starting a date as yet to be determined.

6. Reports

6.1. Principal's Report

6.1.1. Educational Project

Silvana Crigna presented St. Monica's Educational Project document for the years 2019–2022. The Educational Project is a report and plan that replaces the MESA documents from previous years.

As noted in the Project, it was moved by Jes Corbeil and resolved that the Educational Project of 2019–2022 be adopted by the Governing Board. It was further moved by Leighton Jacobs and resolved that a copy of the Educational Project be sent to the School Board for its adoption. It was further moved by Angela Zambito and resolved that upon adoption of the Educational Project by School Board, the Educational Project will be made public and communicated to the parents and school staff.

6.1.2. Extracurricular Activities

Ms. Crigna noted that there are a number of extracurricular activities at St. Monica currently underway or upcoming, including the Strengthening Families program, pet therapy, robotics and coding with Mad Science, steel pan band, and the yearbook committee. The students also visited a cabane à sucre last week.

Career Day for grade 6 students will be on April 10. Many thanks to Tanya for assisting in finding parent/community participants. Much appreciation to parent/community members and vocational training teachers for agreeing to showcase their professions.

The Energy Club has been launched.

6.1.3. Accelerated Assistance Program and Classroom Tutors

There are currently 4 tutors at St. Monica every school day, and there are 3 tutors for the after-school accelerated program.

6.1.4. Parent Workshop

There will be a Parent Workshop on April 2, 2019, and another sometime in May.

6.2. Commissioner's Report

None.

6.3. Regional Delegate's Report

Topics at the February Parents' Committee meeting included the proposed provincial law concerning religious symbols, the cancelling of the Français Plus program, and the plans for the vacated St. Ignatius building.

Topics at the March meeting included the ongoing shortage of teachers, the result of last year's legal ruling on parent fees on uniform expenses, and the allocation of Fund 3 budgets when such a school is closed.

6.4. Teacher's Report

There was an assembly for Black History Month after March Break. Winter Carnival was held last Monday. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students will visit the Eco-Museum on April 12. A Welcome to Kindergarten session will be held on May 6. Skating for cycles 2 and 3 is coming to an end, with swimming to start soon. Grade 3 students will be participating in a program called Swimming for Life. Grade 5 students will be going to Concordia for touch rugby on April 10. The Spring Concert is coming up.

6.5. Daycare Report

There was a ped day last Friday with Mad Science. The May 6 ped day will be a sports day at Concordia.

6.6. PPO Report

Both January and February pizza lunch were successful. A special thanks once again to the grade 6 student volunteers and to Ms. Venuta for her help in scheduling them.

The March Dress Down Day raised \$212.40. The St. Paddy's theme went over well and the students enjoyed the chance to take a break from the uniforms.

Plans are still underway for this year's grad dance. Sweaters have been purchased (app. \$850) and were distributed to the students in early February.

PPO funds were used to purchase 4 sleds for the winter carnival.

There will be a pizza lunch on March 27, and a dress-down day on April 12.

Jes Corbeil proposed the following additional events:

Fundscrip: Letters to parents would go out March 27. The order deadline will be April 10, with cards distributed on May 10.

Car Wash: June 1 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. \$10.00 per vehicle, to be held in the junior yard. Students grade 4 and up can participate, younger grades are welcome if parents stay to supervise. In case of rain, the event will be moved to June 8.

Family Fun Night: June 7, 2019 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Majority of funds (\$2000) to come from the school. \$5 ticket is good for 2 hotdogs or 1 hamburger, a drink and a bag of chips. Open to the community.

Mark Côté moved to approve the PPO events as presented by Mr. Corbeil. Cynthia Di Rienzo seconded. **Adopted with 1 abstention.**

Mark Côté moved to extend the meeting until 9:30. Cynthia Di Rienzo seconded. **Adopted with 1 opposed.**

7. New Business

7.1. Adoption - Annual Report 2017-2018

The Annual Report has not yet been finalized. Adoption will be tabled until the net meeting.

7.2. Discussion - Remaining Governing Board Funds for 2018-2019

Consensus was reached to use the rest of the funds for coffee and donuts for the remaining Governing Board meetings.

7.3. Discussion - Fundraising Priorities for the 2018-2019 School Year

Tabled until the next meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next Governing Board meeting will be April 16, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

9. Adjournment

Jes Corbeil moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lynn Watson seconded. **Adopted unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

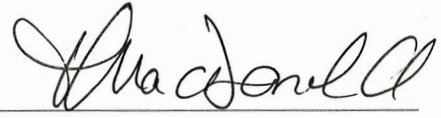
Minutes

St. Monica Elementary School Governing Board

March 26, 2019



Silvana Crigna
Principal



Tanya MacDonald
Chairperson