

St. Monica Elementary School
Governing Board Minutes – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 11th 2021 7:00 PM– virtual meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Silvana Crigna, Tanya MacDonald, Nadine Joy Collins, ^{TRACY} Kimberley Davey, Cynthia Di Renzo Jesse Corbeil, Jasmine Guillaume, Joanne Hall, Leighton Jacobs, Shanna Koussaie, Deema Qasrawi (left at 19h45), Jennifer Young, Angela Zambito

1. Opening Remarks

Tanya MacDonald called the meeting to order at 19h06

2. Adoption of agenda

Adoption of Agenda
Moved by Jesse Corbeil
Seconded by Jennifer Young
Unanimously approved

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting April 6th 2021

Approval of minutes of
Moved by Deema Qaraswi
Seconded Jennifer Young
Unanimously approved

4. Business arising from the minutes

No business

5. Reports

5.1. Principal reports

5.1.1. School Supply Lists-Editions Vaudreuil

Silvana Crigna: We have updated the supply lists. When the items are priced, the list will be up on the school website. The orders can be done online and pick up at school in August or ship at home for a fee. From the feedback of the past years, prices are competitive so we will offer Edition Vaudreuil's supply order service again next year.

5.1.2. Bike rack Update

The bike rack was ordered, we are waiting for delivery by June

5.1.3. Pre-K Classes 2021-2022 Approval

Silvana Crigna: Since last year, pre-K classes are full days instead of the half-day pre-K and half a day daycare we had in previous years. We received government's funding for the number of classes that we opened. For the moment, registration calls for 2 pre-K classes.

Tanya Mac Donald: if registration increase what are the options?

Silvana Crigna: the School Board will be notified that we have more registrations and request an adjustment for government funding and the number of classes

Resolution: approval to offer two (2) Pre-Kindergarten classes for 2021-2022 school year based on present registrations.

Approval
Moved by Angela Zambito
Unanimously approved

5.1.4. mTransport App Approval

19h21: member of the public joined us.

Silvana Crigna: objective is to improve the safety of all students that travel on school buses. This App is a secure tracking tool to monitor in real time students that are present on the bus, boarding or leaving the school bus. Parents will be able to download App on their smartphones and track their children's bus journey. It will also allow parents to be notified of any changes in the transportation schedule of their children.

Other school boards on the island are using it and the mTransport App is getting great feedback. The data is encrypted and protected under Canadian laws and regulations. The School Board IT Technicians monitor the safety of the data. All information collected will be destroyed upon termination of the contract.

The App will help get accurate information through the new student pass to ensure students are properly identified and to avoid mistakes in transportation identification.

Information available and benefits from the App:

- When bus leaves school or arrive
- Notice when bus leaves previous stop
- Increasing safety of children
- Making sure that bus drivers, if changes occur, are getting the right information on about the student's onboard.
- Making sure that protocol is followed according to the child transport plan.

Tanya MacDonald: Parents can notify by the App of child's absence but is it mandatory to notify through the App?

Silvana Crigna: It is a good way to identify the absence for the bus company but the parents will still have call the office for school purpose absences.

Shanna Koussaie: if parents opt out, will children have to upload information while boarding the buses?

Silvana Crigna: yes because information will have to be gathered at the school end in order to track children onboard a bus to address issues or when busses are delays.

We first need to approve mTransport App and the next phase will be to start to train bus drivers and notify parents.

RESOLUTION: approval to implement mTransport App at St Monica, a transportation tracking tool to improve safety of all students that travel on school buses.

**Approval for mTransport
Moved by Angela Zambito
Unanimously approved**

5.1.5. School Fees 2021-2021 Approval

Silvana Crigna: Some adjustments are needed based on the cost of workbooks for cycle 2 (grade 3 and 4) and cost of gym uniform. We are not going to order the same workbooks for cycle 2: teachers are working on a project to develop material from different sources to build the notebooks and material used by the students in the class. The goal is to follow the French curriculum and provide resources to students so they get maximum support. It will allow flexibility to go through the curriculum required with proper support for each child.

2021-2022 School Fees will be made available on our website by end of June.

**Approval of new school fees
Moved by Cynthia Di Rienzo
Seconded by Jennifer Young
Unanimously approved**

5.1.6. Jump Rope For Heart Approval

Event will take place on June 16th. If it rains, we will have it either June 17th or 18th. Teachers will talk about heart health and engage in students activities. We will launch June 9th.

**Approval of Jump Rope for Heart
Moved by Shanna Koussaie
Seconded by Jesse Corbeil
Unanimously approved**

5.1.7. School Calendar 2021-2022 Approval

New calendar will be available on our website by end of June.

**Approval of School Calendar
Moved by Jesse Corbeil
Seconded by Jennifer Young
Unanimously approved**

5.1.8. Student Activities in May

- Mad Science for all classes May 17th and May 21st 2021.
- Shakespeare Canada Cycle 2 and 3 this week will be an hour-long performance. There will be 5 performances to respect social distancing
- Dynamics May 27-28 for the whole school - 3 groups at the time, outside if weather allow
- Swimming opportunities
Leighton Jacobs: grade 6th trip has been secure with H2O adventure on June 10th: kayaking and GPS scavenger hunt will replace the overnight trip, which is not available because of Covid. Starting next Thursday, we will have six swim visits with the NDG pool for Tuesday and Thursday groups.

5.2. Commissioner's Report

Mr. Lalla was unable to attend the meeting.

5.3. Regional Delegate's Report

EMSB PC report: meeting was May 6, 2021.

- The virtual parent workshop went well.
- A report from the mask supplier was requested from the EMSB. Report is back, there is nothing dangerous in the masks.
- PC has allocated funds to the Anti-Racism subcommittee to build a website and create workshops. More details to follow.

- A motion was passed by the PC asking that students be allowed to enroll in virtual school without a medical exemption. A separate motion passed asking the EMSB to explore offering virtual school beyond the pandemic.
- Anti-Racism subcommittee has created some recommendations for children and parents, which include the book “The Anti-Racist Baby” by Ibram X. Kendi. Parts of it were read at the meeting and it is very highly recommended. The toolkit includes recommendations for both elementary and high school students as well as parents. A lot of work has gone into this toolkit and the Anti-Racism committee is doing an amazing job.
- There is a meeting tomorrow to discuss adding grade 12 to high school program - due to the current issue surrounding lack of spots at English CEGEPS. More to follow.

Leighton Jacobs: is it the same system as Ontario, like a community college with specialised classes to go to university?

Tanya MacDonald: we are at an early stage, the discussion is still open to foresee options for students and future problem,

Shanna Koussaie: Ontario is 4 years university instead of the 3 years programs in Qc

Silvana Crigna: The vocational programs need to be considered as well to make sure that students who do not choose university can still have training options to prepare them for the job market.

5.4. Teacher’s Report

Leighton Jacobs: see swimming and grade 6 trip

Cynthia DI Rienzo: nothing to report: pre-K is doing great and ready for kindergarten

5.5. Daycare Report

Angela Zambito: 2 ped days

- We painted and decorated Terra cotta pot and plant flowers

- Camping: we made binoculars and lanterns. The kids really enjoyed the smores.

5.6. PPO and Graduation Committee Report

Jesse Corbeil: two fundraisers going on: Fund Script and Plantables. Dress down day in April and one coming this week. Administrative Assistant, Principal Day and Mr. John's retirement were recognized with a sign on the school grounds. For Grad Committee, we will ask 25\$ from each Grade 6th family for the graduation.

The graduation dance will be held on June 21st 2021

Approval of 25\$ from each family
Moved by Jesse Corbeil
Seconded Jennifer Young
Unanimously Approved

5.7. Treasurer's Report.

Jesse Corbeil: nothing to report

5.8. Community Representative Report

Nadine Joy Collins: After school program outside on Fridays and bright stories program are going well

Author of "Dear Black Girls" will do workshop and improve workshop. Three locations for summer camp. Two more animators to *ça bouge dans le parc*. Shark costume was acquired to join the unicorn and dinosaurs for more fun dance and activities with the kids.

Silvana Crigna: can we plan to have animation for graduation?

Nadine Joy Collins: we will get organised for a graduation surprise.

6. Public question period

No public on the meeting at this point

7. New Business

7.1. Final plans for GB group meal

Jesse Corbeil: Suggest Cote St Luc BBQ restaurant: prices fit in with the budget. We can deliver to people living close to us to facilitate delivery.

Silvana if weather permits, we can be outside provided we respect the number of people allowed to be gathered

Shanna Koussaie: we have to beware also of the numbers from different bubbles allowed

Tanya MacDonald: we can wait to see regulations on June 1st to see how it is going to take place.

Move for the use of operational budget for Supper on June 8th

Move by Cynthia

Seconded Angela Zambito

Unanimously approved

7.2. Change in GB composition update

Tanya MacDonald: Application approved by School board for 2021-2022

The new GB composition is:

- 4 parents
- 2 teaching staff

- 1 support or non-teaching professional
- 1 daycare staff
- 2 community representatives

7.3. Varia - as needed

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8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday- June 8th 2021, 19:00 PM

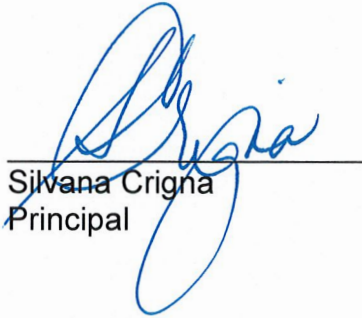
9. Adjournment

Adjournment of the meeting at 20h18

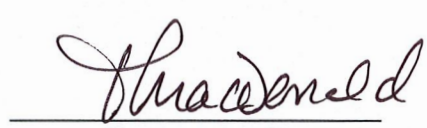
Moved by Cynthia Di Rienzo

Seconded by Jesse Corbeil

end of meeting



Silvana Crigna
Principal



Tanya MacDonald
Chairperson