



St. Monica Elementary School
Governing Board Minutes – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 11, 2020 - 7:00 PM – virtual meeting

1. Opening Remarks

Tanya MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

2. Introduction of community representative.

Silvana Crigna introduced Nadine Joy Collins from St-Raymond's Community Centre to the group

Nadine Joy Collins : explain her position; second term coordinator of St Raymond's Community Centre and director of 3 summer camps; was involved in the past with St-Monica daycare program.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Jesse Corbeil

Seconded by Jennifer Young

Unanimous approval

4. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Moved by Robin Peissel

Seconded by Tracy Davey

Unanimous approval

5. Reports

5.1 Principal's report

Silvana Crigna: Graduation committee: Principal invited all the grade 6 parents to a meeting, to get to know each other and form the committee. The meeting was successful in getting people involved and additional members agreed to join the committee after the meeting. There are 8 committee members overall. This formula will be adopted again in the future.

The committee itself will be responsible for the celebration of the graduation, the Principal and St-Monica's staff will put together the ceremony.

Grade 6 students are encouraged to take on more responsibilities as role models. After Christmas they are expected to show more independence and leadership, become resourceful and be accountable in order to ease the transition to high school.

Principal will meet with the grade 6 students in January to outline these expectations and will give them their graduation hoodie as a token of their work and effort.

Hoodies were ordered to be distributed in January.

Work on the yearbook will start soon.

Graduation committee will have to fix meeting to decide theme and the celebration

School is preparing for in person celebration but plan B will be ready in case the usual ceremony is not possible.

5.2 Commissioner's report

Mr Lalla was unable to attend the meeting, he will give his report at the next meeting.

5.3 Regional delegate's report

First meeting 22/10/2020

Chair (by acclamation): Caleigh Saucier, Marymount

Vice Chair: Serena Capplette, Lauren Hill

Parent Commissioners :

Elementary : Maria Corsi, Pierre de Coubertin

High School : Tony Speranza, Vincent Massey

ACSES : Mubeenah Mugal

At Large : Daniel Tatone, Pierre E. Trudeau

EPCA : Kathy Korakakis (returning EPCA chair), Hampstead

Ernestina Oppong, Gardenvue

Second meeting 5/11/2020

Sub committee formed for both elementary and high school.

Parent Conference:

Will be held virtually this year. Discussions ongoing to hold jointly with other school boards.

Special Projects Committee

Formed to deal with issues such as overcrowding, school closings etc

It was decided to have 6 delegates from both east and west, I have joined to represent the west end.

Special Ped Days

As per new MEES directives, there will be two additional professional development days (Jan. 29 and Feb. 22 for elementary west) and one day to be left at the discretion of the school and GB. Our current Jan. 29, 2021 ped day will have to be moved.

Other

Many delegates asked about air purifiers for the school. Pela, regional director, will look into it and get back to the EMSB PC.

Silvana Crigna: Ped Days are being confirmed and will be provided at the December Governing Board meeting. Air purifier installation considerations are being established by MEES or Santé Publique. St-Monica's ventilation system has been checked and everything is functional. If it is too cold to open windows during class time, they will be open during recess, gym etc...

Tanya MacDonald: Question about who will fund the air purifiers: school board or government?

Silvana Crigna: cannot answer right now as we are waiting for directives and the details about funding from MEES.

Jesse Corbeil: in a previous year we had discussed about getting fan to fix the heat problem during warmer months, but it was unclear whether or not school's circuits were able to support the extra electrical load.

Silvana Crigna: it is an issue, air conditioners cannot be supported by the grid in place right now. We will wait for the directives from MEES and see what the next steps are.

5.4 Teacher's report

Leighton Jacobs: basketball practices started after school for cycle 3, in separate bubbles twice a week. He is in touch with the city about skating for grade 3 and up but that's on hold for now.

5.5 Daycare report

Gisele Alleyne:

1. Requested approval for Ped day November 19, 2020 with EKLAC glass mosaic: they will bring material to the school. The cost will be 11\$ on top of the 9\$ for usual Ped Day for a total cost of 20\$.

Moved by Deema Qasrawi

Seconded Jesse Corbeil

Unanimously approved as presented

Silvana Crigna: Can you clarify roles of educator in animating the activities?

Gisele Alleyne: list of activities and material were acquired in case not able to go out for activities.

Tanya MacDonald: Do we have an evacuation location for emergencies?

Silvana Crigna: There are 3 locations: French school and Mackay confirmed, the Parish has not confirmed yet but main location will be Mackay.

Deema Qasrawi: asked a question about how the children are monitored at daycare during homework time.

Gisele Alleyne: The daycare workers are supervising, guiding them in their homework, not tutoring them.

5.5.1 Approval of upcoming Ped Days

Silvana Crigna: as said in section 5.1 Ped Days were confirmed and will be presented at the December Governing Board meeting.

5.5.2 Approval of daycare handbook

Moved by Robin

Seconded Deema Qasrawi:

Unanimously approved

5.6 PPO and Grad Committee report

Jesse Corbeil: PPO first meeting was held on October 22nd. Elected chair Jesse Corbeil for this year. PPO opened a vice chair position to share duties. Elected vice chair Jennifer Young. The PPO report will be given by rotation of the PPO members.

1. Funds: final amount for pizza lunches refund is unknown but income 12435.84, profit 3568.64

2. Dress down days were previously approved by the Governing Board.
3. Scholastic moved the bookfair online schools gets money from sales
4. Graduation Committee: contribution by the PPO will be made, the amount will be decided once Graduation Committee's plan is in place.

Tanya MacDonald: first meeting of the Graduation Committee should be next Tuesday the 17th but it will be confirmed tomorrow.

Approval for virtual Scholastic Bookfair
Moved by Gisele Alleyne
Seconded by Jennifer Young
Tanya Macdonald abstained
Unanimously approved

Tanya MacDonald: Graduation Committee and PPO reports will be presented at the same time for subsequent Governing Board meetings.

5.7 Treasurer's report

Jesse Corbeil: no expenditure reported

6. Public question period

No public present in the virtual session
No question

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

Rules of Conduct & Internal Rules of Operation

Tanya MacDonald: Rules of conduct of the Governing Board were modified in May to include virtual meetings. The last sections was added at point 6.

Adoption of Rules of Conduct & Internal Rules of Operation
Moved by Cynthia Di Renzo
Seconded Robin Schulz-Peissel
Unanimously approved

Operating budget

Jesse Corbeil: small roll over 18.07\$

Tanya MacDonald: Question about how to spend in consideration of the ongoing pandemic. Do we have suggestions or wait to see how pandemic goes?

Silvana Crigna: suggested to wait it out after the Christmas holidays

Tanya MacDonald: it will be put on the January agenda

St-Raymond Community Centre

Nadine Joy Collins: update on the community side of things of St-Raymond:

1. Activities: we are not allowed to do recreation activities but badminton, ping pong 10h30 to 11h30 12-13 18h30-19h30 one on one only is permitted. Rules: waiver and temperature taken at the front door, limited spaces, need to be reserved 24 hours in advance.

2. Donations: Grocery gift cards will be offered to families in need; and there will be pick up for food baskets in the upcoming weeks.

Robin Schulz-Peissel: donations for the food baskets

Nadine Joy Collins: contact the food depot for information about what is needed.

Silvana Crigna: Important to know and remember that information will be confidential and privacy will be respected.

8. Date of next meeting

December 8th 19h00

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Gisele Alleyne

Seconded by Jesse Corbeil

19h52 end of meeting



Silvana Crigna
Principal



Tanya MacDonald
Chairperson