



**St. Monica Elementary School**  
**Governing Board Minutes – Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM – virtual meeting

**ATTENDANCE:**

Silvana Crigna, Cynthia Di Renzo, Nadine Joy Collins, Jesse Corbeil, Jasmine Guillaume, Natasha Saltarelli (left at 19h40), Deema Qasrawi, Lynn Watson (joined at 19h28) Jennifer Young, Angela Zambito

**1. Opening Remarks**

Jesse Corbeil called the meeting to order at 19h01  
Opening remarks

**2. Adoption of agenda**

Silvana Crigna: one addition and one omission

5.1.7 Budget Spending Update - addition

5.8 Marketing Analysis and Promotion Campaign – omission on original agenda

Nadine Collins 5.9 Community Report – omission on original agenda

**Adoption of Agenda with modifications**

**Moved by Angela Zambito**

**Seconded by Jennifer Young**

**Unanimously approved**

**3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting November 16<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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**Moved by Cynthia Di Rienzo**

**Seconded Jennifer Young**

**Unanimously approved**

**4. Business arising from the minutes**

No business

**5. Reports**

**5.1. Principal reports**

**5.1.1. Sexuality Education Program Approval**

Silvana Crigna: Review of the program given by the ministry. The curriculum is adapted to the students receiving it by age and grade level. The GB must approve the plan submitted by the principal. It's a matter of awareness and presenting facts. Consultations with school board departments and health professionals for teacher resources.

Questions:

Natasha Salterelli: why is there no social worker addressing gender role and how are the grades chosen to give

Silvana Crigna: the themes for each grade level are decided by the ministry. Our school social worker was always involved with grade six and is still involved. Gender, inclusion and diversity is further addressed by activities through our awareness campaign and future activities with the students with the aid of our school board consultants.

**Resolution to approve Sexuality education program 2021-2021 read by Silvana Crigna**

**Approval of the resolution**

**Moved by Angela Zambito**

**Seconded by Cynthia Di Rienzo**

**Unanimously Approved**

**5.1.2. Robotics program**

Silvana Crigna: Will be starting end of January till early June cycle 2 and 3 Preschool trained by the same consultant that we are working with for the Robotics program and cycle 1 will be included later on in the year.

Will take place at lunch time and will continue until 2 pm with the teachers who are willing to participate.

**5.1.3.School fees collection**

Silvana Crigna: We are still having difficulties with collection of school fees, lunch fees and daycare fees. There is a deficit in the budget. We are contacting the parents who have outstanding fees and working on collections.

**5.1.4.Sun Youth partnership**

Silvana Crigna: Introduction to Football is open to cycle 1 to 3, there is a lot of interest. Mentorship program to come for next year.

**5.1.5.Santa visit**

Silvana Crigna: Santa will visit us on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**5.1.6.St-Monica 65-years celebration**

Silvana Crigna: Will be discussed at marketing campaign meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> with the committee. We can consider ideas such as, when large groups are permitted, we will bring past graduates and staff to St-Monica. We could create a student project for the school's history and involvement in the community. A celebration both in school and extended to outside including our community centres and NDG Depot to share our success with the community.

Jesse Corbeil: how can people submit suggestions?

Silvana Crigna: by sending them to me before January 19 would be preferable but will take suggestion after as well

**5.1.7.budget spending update**

Silvana Crigna: updates provided on the amounts received by the ministry

**5.2.Commissioner's Report**

Mr. Lalla was absent

**5.3. Regional Delegate's Report**

Jennifer Young:

Mr. Copeman had a presentation on demystifying Bill 96.

\*Cap on English language enrollment growth (priority to English high school graduates)

\*Temporary English school eligibility certificates for foreign nationals limited to 3 years (currently open ended)

\*This will further restrict enrollment in English schools

\*Another narrow interpretation might require all official school G.B. documentation to also be available in French  
\*Bill 96 may also reinforce the current position of the OQLF that individual school websites be in French.

There was a lot of talk about racism and how the black parents don't feel supported within the EMSB.

Apparently the Quebec government (according to a parent delegate) is sending expired rapid tests for Covid. Principals should check for the expiry dates.

Everything else was tabled until January's meeting.

#### **5.4. Teacher's Report**

Cynthia Di Rienzo: cycle 2-3 has been skating. MTL visited with various games for cycle 1 to 3 students. Students are excited about Santa's visit.

#### **5.5. Daycare Report**

Angela Zambito: last ped day, December 6<sup>th</sup>, was holiday crafts: students made snow globes, ornaments and stockings. They received special snacks at end of the day  
Next ped day is January 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

#### **5.6. PPO Report**

Jennifer Young: PPO selected dress down days: December 10, 2021, January 28, 2022, February and March are to be determined. April 22, 2021, May 27, 2022. There is no dress down day in June.

A lot of questions arose as there is a lot of new participants. PPO engaged in a discussion about making a PPO manual for our school.

Silvana Crigna: will be answering to PPO's questions sent by email by the PPO chairperson.

#### **5.7. Treasurer's Report.**

Jennifer Young: Nothing to report

#### **5.8. Marketing analysis and promotion campaign**

Nothing to report.

### **5.9. Community Representative Report**

Nadine Joy Collins: papa et moi program: last activity was last Saturday with a musician who performed and let the children try out instruments. Committee Jeunesse NDG can distribute food cart in partnership with organisations and schools, \$80 food cart will be delivered.

### **5.10. Grade 6 parents graduation committee**

Nothing to report

## **6. Public question period**

No public

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1.**

Jennifer Young: Covid policies

Silvana Crigna: if it's about a specific case, it will be addressed it in private.

Jesse Corbeil: Mr. Lalla mentioned that some parent's want to be better informed of when the GB meetings are held for the parents to participate when they wish to. If possible to add dates on the school website. Jennifer Young's name needs to be corrected.

Silvana Crigna: the dates are supposed to be on the website and a correction to Jennifer's name will be done

### **7.2. Virtual meeting platform:**

Jesse Corbeil: Virtual meeting platform: problem with the time limit because of the number of people attending the meeting. It will not let us go over 40 minutes. We will be looking into TEAMS to avoid anymore problems.

### **7.3. Governing Board social**

Jesse Corbeil: We usually share a meal. Last year's meal was postponed, and we were unable to make it happen because of Covid.

Considering the present situation should we put it off this year as well?

Silvana Crigna: the sanitary measures made us postpone the meal for the staff and we should postpone the one for Governing Board as well.

**8. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday – ~~December 14, 2021~~, 7:00 PM

*January 18, 2022*

**9. Adjournment**

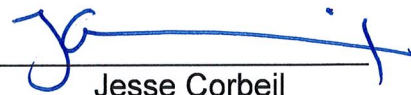
**Adjournment of the meeting at 20h07**

**Moved by Angela Zambito**

**Seconded by Deema Qarsawi**

**End of meeting**

  
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Silvana Crigna  
Principal

  
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Jesse Corbeil  
Chairperson