

St. Monica Elementary School

Governing Board Minutes – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 15 2022 7:00 PM – virtual meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Silvana Crigna (Principal), Cynthia Di Renzo, Nadine Joy Collins, Jesse Corbeil (Chair), Joseph Lalla (Commissioner), Deema Qasrawi, Lynn Watson, Jennifer Young

1. Opening Remarks

Jesse Corbeil called the meeting to order at 19h02
Opening remarks

2. Adoption of agenda

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Moved by Cynthia Di Rienzo
Seconded by Jennifer
Unanimously approved

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting January 18th 2022

Approval of minutes of January 18th 2022

Moved by Cynthia Di Rienzo

Seconded Deema Qaraswi

Unanimously approved

4. Business arising from the minute

No business arising from the minutes.

5. Reports

5.1. Principal reports

5.1.1 Specific budget amount confirmations – adoption of resolution

Silvana Crigna: Presentation of MEES amount received and part of school budget.
Section amounts used for tutoring, purchase of equipment, recess games, activities, outings chosen from lists.

Resolution:

It was resolved and approved that MEES amounts allocated to St- Monica school are a total of \$34 090

Moved by Cynthia Di Rienzo

Seconded Deema

Unanimously approved

5.1.2 Budget building process: please refer to document

Silvana Crigna: reviewed the Budget Building Process 2022-2023 and highlighted the specific points that relate to St-Monica.

Jesse Corbeil: APPENDIX B: Suggestions for Budget Priorities Feedback on Guiding Principles, Criteria, and Related Orientations
Last year's priorities to keep for this year: 1 remain, 2 remain, 3 (Gym maintain and repair to remain) b, c, d in process

Cynthia Di Rienzo: agreed with the first 3 items to remain and to add a **b**) locker repairs or new lockers L Watson agrees with the locker

Silvana Crigna: suggests locker replacement and **c**) replacement certain doors **d**) paint job for the entire school
Point 4 and 5 to be put in verbatim

Decision item:

2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES, CRITERIA, AND RELATED ORIENTATIONS

First sentence same for verbatim

Second Sentence with amendments below:

Resolution:

If no vice-principal is allocated to the school, a minimum 50% release to fill a position of staff assistant should be automatically available so that advanced staffing plans can include it. The Staff Assistant assignment should be part of the spring (March-April-May) plan along with the other staffing process with Human Resources. The needs at St-Monica's merit a 100% release.

Moved by Cynthia Di Rienzo

Seconded Jennifer Young

Unanimously approved

Joseph Lalla: asked that the 2 pages to be sent to him to present on behalf of St-Monica.

5.1.3 Garden programme

Silvana Crigna: Ça Pousse- collaboration with The Depot, students will be getting workshops. This will lead to planting activities, expansion of garden, and wonderful collaboration for summer care.

5.1.4 Open House update

Silvana Crigna: reported that open house received just under 30 participants (one of the highest attendances) and we received registrations from the event. The event gave parents a chance to meet staff as well.

The promotion of the open house went well including the flyer distribution to neighbourhood daycares.

5.1.5 February school activities

Silvana Crigna:

- Black History Month activities and events
- Kindness campaign was complemented by Pink Shirt Day- Anti Bullying Day
- Winter Carnival went very well with medals- staff made hot chocolate
- First group completed Robotics Club, and all was successful and enjoyed. Student's looking forward to the opportunity

5.1.6 Gratitude to parent community

Silvana Crigna: Extends her gratitude to the parents for Teacher Appreciation and thank you to them for their support

5.2 Commissioner's report

Joseph Lalla: CO2 sensors are being installed in every room

- January council of commissioners calling on the government to get N95 masks to staff members
- Deputy Minister of Education for English sector was appointed and no consultation was done with school boards. Usually, when position becomes vacant, the government would consult with the community.

5.3 Regional delegate report

Jennifer Young:

- Thursday Feb 3 observed a moment of silence in honour of the 5th anniversary of the Quebec mosque shooting
- Parent's conference- virtual event- May 22, 2022- outsourcing with McGill and Concordia for speakers.
- Bill 9 (bill tabled to change student ombudsmen)- presented in English at the National Assembly: Brief can be read at epaqqbec.org or on the group's facebook page.
- Covid: classes only go virtual when 60% of students in the class are absent
- Scholarships: \$50 for one grade 6 student for every elementary school, \$100 for grade 11 student in high schools
- Literacy prize for students: books will be gifted to the graduating students.
- Reminder to go over Budget Building Process with governing boards.
- New Covid reporting for parents: Mosaïque App will be used for the reporting. It is voluntary but everyone should report cases and take it seriously. Reports per school are by grades but classes not mentioned.
- Committee formed to help with sexual assault awareness.
- **Parent Commissioners Report:** EMSB calling on Quebec government to provide all staff with N95 masks. Month of May will be Jewish Heritage Month. A post-pandemic Committee was formed due to loss of international students, loss of teachers, etc.
- Anti-racism sub-committee: working on tool kits on Judaism and Islam. Brainstorming ideas on how to advocate for EMSB parents to get their voices heard. Once finalized, school principles will send out the toolkits to all parents through school messenger.
- Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee: they are looking into the boundaries for the school buses. Grandfather clauses to be reviewed.

5.4 Teacher's report

Cynthia Di Rienzo:

- Winter carnival on Thursday was really fun and many activities outside that the students can participate in.
- Celebrating valentine's day
- 100 days of school celebration
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation- treated to treats every day from Silvana
- Appreciation of PPO gift - couch in the staff room
- Black History Month
- Hooked on Schools
- Winter Olympics
- Pink Shirt Day Feb 23

Lynn Watson:

- Unit on Chinese New Year

5.5 Daycare Report

Silvana Crigna: provided Angela's report due to her absence

-On February 11th Ped Day – students participated in relay races and presented with medals and torches (inspiration from Winter Olympics).

-Expressed her happiness with this event and the presentation of the torches

-Photos are on social media

-On February 14th Ped Day - made bracelets and Valentine's Day crafts to bring home. Received treats and will be presented on social media.

5.6 PPO report

Jennifer Young: reported on behalf of Natasha

- Student pizza lunch March 23, from Pizza Pizza- boxed individually, no cross contamination
 - o \$6 for two slices, juice and dessert (\$1 more than last year)
 - o \$7 for three slices (\$1 more than last year)
- PPO bought a couch for the staff lounge for staff appreciation week
- Raised \$216.60 from dress down day on January 28
- No report from Graduation committee

5.7 Treasurers' report

Jennifer Young: nothing to report we should think about something for the end of the year if we can do it as restrictions ease

5.8 Community Representative's Report

Nadine Collins: Valentine's Day Boxes - treats were given

-Black History Month events:

- The Power of Our Stories Panel,
- Storytime with Nadine Collins with EMSB classes on ZOOM
- Black Businesses Scavenger Hunt and Panel to come
- Afterschool program started
- Basketball programs have resumed
- Registration for March Break
- Teen Workshop with Svens Telemaque

5.9 Marketing

Silvana Crigna:

- Updated and looked at website to make sure it is accurate
- More exposure with social media
- EMSB Communications Department working with St-Monica on exposure and social media
- CIUSSS- Flyer provided to promote our school
- Next meeting will be to discuss timeline for the different activities
- Consulting with certain individuals including Mr. Lalla

6 Public Question Period

-No public

7 Principal Criteria Letter

-Ms. Silvana excused herself from the meeting for this section

Resolution:

We move to adopt the previous year's principal Criteria Letter as-is, with dates amended to reflect 2022

Moved by Cynthia Di Rienzo

Seconded Lynn Young

Unanimously approved

8. New Business

-No new business

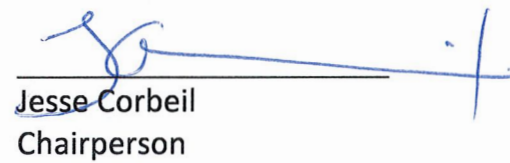
9. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, March 22, 2022

10. Adjournment

-Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm



Silvana Crigna
Principal



Jesse Corbeil
Chairperson