



**St. Monica Elementary School**  
**Governing Board Minutes – Regular Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 7:00 PM – virtual meeting

**ATTENDANCE:**

Silvana Crigna, Natasha Bassett-Saltarelli Cynthia Di Renzo, Nadine Joy Collins, Jesse Corbeil, Jasmine Guillaume, Joseph Lalla, Deema Qasrawi, Lynn Watson, Jennifer Young, Angela Zambito

**1. Opening Remarks**

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

**2. Adoption of agenda**

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**Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved by Cynthia Di Rienzo**

**Seconded by Angela Zambito**

**Unanimously approved**

**3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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**Moved by Jennifer Young**

**Seconded Deema Qaraswi**

**Unanimously approved**

Lynn Watson joins the meeting

**4. Business arising from the minutes**

No business

## **5. Reports**

### **5.1. Principal reports**

#### **5.1.1. Return to in-person update**

Silvana Crigna: back to school went well, everybody was happy to be back and usual routine went smoothly. Cold temperature did not allow us to have outside recess or resulted in shorter recess. This might happen in the days to come as well with the projected cold wave. Safety measures are put in place with vigilance by staff and caretakers. Masks are mandatory from grade 1 to 6 at all times and for staff. Guidelines received from the school board were passed on to parents in case of Covid positive cases or symptoms for students or household members. No general tracking is done except by Principal and Johanne Hall to keep track of cases and/or when students are due back to school.

The school keeps track of all visitors in the building and making sure they are respecting safety measures.

In case of staff absences, substitutes are planned and it will not affect the curriculum

### **5.2. Commissioner's Report**

Joseph Lalla: amazing job from the staff and the parents. Nothing to report.

### **5.3. Regional Delegate's Report**

Jennifer Young: the meeting took place last week:

1. Chad Leblanc from the school board did a presentation on high school access: 240 status schools are up for renewal. Question arose as to the necessity to have two (2) High Schools with the 240 status in our area. This status isolates a big part of the students from enrolling into schools closer to home. Discussion on the possibility for the 240 status school to become mainstream high school in order to give better access to all students of the community.
2. There is discussion about creating a Committee to help school form governing boards as it was brought up that some schools don't have a governing board.
3. Better representation for discrimination highlighted

Joseph Lalla: wants to clarify a misunderstanding when we talked about 2 of the 240 status schools located in the west end. The creation of these 2 schools came from parents initiatives. There is not a maximum number set, it depends on the parent's initiative to ask for this status to be given to the schools.

Every 3 years, school must resubmit an educational project to the ministry to have the status renewed.

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

Cynthia Di Rienzo: virtual learning went really well. We are glad to be back in school for the young kids to be able to socialize with their friends.

Lynn Watson: virtual learning was really positive, attendance was high.

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

Angela Zambito: emergency daycare went really smoothly approximately 50 students. Upcoming Ped Day January 31<sup>st</sup>: theme science and optical illusions.

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

Natasha Bassett-Saltarrelli: no meeting was held since last Governing Board. Next meeting is January 24<sup>th</sup> 2022.

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

Jennifer Young: Nothing to report

#### **5.8. Community Representative Report**

Nadine Joy Collins: Center was closed and is going to start in February. Vaccination clinic will be up in February or March. Donations (specifically winter clothes) will be gladly received.

#### **5.9. Marketing and promotion campaign report**

Jesse Corbel : first meeting is yet to come, no report for now.

**6. Public question period**

No public

**7. Code of conduct**

Jesse Corbeil: existing code of conduct was sent and another one from EMSB to see if any changes or additions need to be made.

Reading of code of conduct.

Silvana Crigna: suggested to add that subjects that are specific to a student or situation should be addressed with Administration rather than Governing board.

Natasha Bassett-Saltarelli: the restrictiveness of the text might preclude general questions arising from a specific situation. Ex: the last GB meeting, a question on Covid policies arose from a specific situation.

Jesse Corbeil: explaining GB is about reports from departments and functioning of school in relation to decisions from the ministry and EMSB. Questions about Covid policies is an example of what should be brought up to administration.

**1. Motion to add following text to the rules of conduct:**

**“For situations related to a specific student or a specific situation, questions should be addressed to the school administration rather than the governing board.”**

**Moved by Angela Zambito**

**Second by Deema Qasrawi**

**Unanimously approved**

**2. Approval of amended code of conduct**

**Moved by Cynthia Di Rienzo**

**Seconded by Lynn Watson**

**Unanimously approved**

**8. New Business**

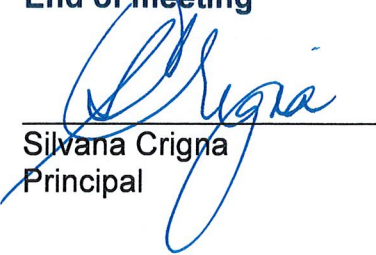
No new business

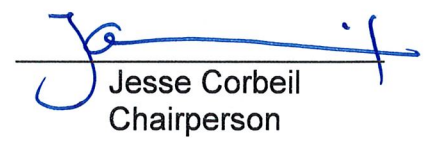
**9. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7:00 PM

**10. Adjournment**

**Adjournment of the meeting at 19h48  
Moved by Deema Qaraswi  
Seconded by Angela Zambito  
End of meeting**

  
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Silvana Crigna  
Principal

  
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Jesse Corbeil  
Chairperson