

St Monica Elementary School  
Governing Board Minutes — Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, 11 April 2023, 7:00pm

**Attendance:** Peter Mckelvie, Nina Hebert (substitute), Leighton Jacobs, Nadine Collins, Gelsira Venuta, Jesse Corbeil, Angela Zambito, Joanne Hall, Natasha Bassett-Saltarelli (PPO representative) Sadar Jehan Mian (left at 7:30pm).

**Regrets:** Ellen Yambouranis, Deema Qaswari. Alejandra Perez, Joseph Lalla,.

1. Opening remarks/welcome

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm. Jesse Corbeil welcomed everyone.

2. Adoption of Agenda.

- Moved by Angela Zambito
- Seconded by Gelsira Venuta
- Unanimously approved

3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting — regular meeting, March 21, 2023

- Jesse called for 'emus' to be changed to 'EMSB' in the last line of section 6.7.2.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended.

- Moved by Leighton Jacobs
- Seconded by Sadar Jehan Mian
- Unanimously approved

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- None.

5. Public Question Period

- None.

6. Reports

**6.1 Principal's Report**

**6.1.1 Staffing update**

April is when we plan for next year. School board takes a snapshot of enrolment to make decisions for staffing next year.

For next year, based on our numbers:

1 x pre-k

2 x kindergarten  
2 x grade 1  
2 x grade 2  
2 x grade 3  
2 x grade 4  
1 x grade 5  
1 x grade 6  
1 x grade 5/6 split

Total 14 homerooms

#### 6.1.2 Language of instruction-review document

Peter Mckelvie presented the language of instruction document for informational purposes.

### 6.2 Commissioner's Report

- None

### 6.3 Regional Delegates Report

*March English Montreal School Board Parents Committee update:*

Sadar sent the March update after the fact because he was absent from the March 11 GB meeting. Included here are the notes from the 1 March EMSBPC meeting:

- An addendum has been added to the 2023-2024 student calendars, which reflects the collective agreement requirement that teachers select the content for 10% of ped days:  
As per clause 8-5.03 of the Collective Agreement 2020-2023, two of the moveable pedagogical days, of which the content is determined by the teachers shall be established at the school level.

Subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in the local provisions, at least 10% of the pedagogical days of which the content is determined by the teachers shall be identified by the board when establishing the school calendar as prescribed under clause 8-5.02.

The content of other pedagogical days shall be submitted for consultation to the board-level or school-level participating body of teachers according to the terms and conditions set out in Chapter 4-0.00.

- The Parents Committee also discussed a Bill 96 statement, which has now been posted on the EMSB website:  
<https://www.emsb.gc.ca/emsb/articles/an-open-letter-to-bernard-drainville>

*April English Montreal School Board Parents Committee Update:*

- A parents conference will take place from 29 May to 2 June, with a half-day keynote on Sunday, 28 May at Rosemount High School.
- Registration opens 17 April at [emsbparents.ca](https://www.emsbparents.ca).

- A Conversion and Moderation document was presented to the committee to explain two procedures used by the MEQ for the marks of subjects that have uniform exams. Conversion consists of choosing a passing mark on the exam that brings the failure rate to the general observed level.

## **6.4 Teacher's Reports**

### **6.4.1 Gelsira Venuta**

- Getting ready for Cabane a sucre
- Grade 4 has started English language arts exams.

### **6.4.2 Leighton Jacobs**

- Cycle 2 and 3 are starting spring swimming.
- Cycle 3: On March 30, cycle 3 students were at the GMAA indoor soccer tournament. They did a great job.
- Starting tomorrow (12 April), lunchtime training starts for the HALO race on 11 May (Danelle Taylor, senior seeds teacher).

## **6.5 Daycare Report**

There is a ped day on 2 June. Approval for Reptizoo to come for the day.  
Fee: \$18 plus \$12 activity fee, \$30 per student.

Motion to approve the Reptizoo activity and fee.

Moved by Leighton Jacobs  
Seconded by Gelsira Venuta

Unanimously approved.

## **6.6 PPO Report**

There is a significant amount of money at the School Board level that originally came from a fundraising project for school yard improvement and which was never used. The PPO suggests that a portion of this money be used to pay for the installation costs of the new climbing wall. The amount recommended would be no more than \$ 2300.00- with the final amount being reported at a future meeting.

The Governing Board resolves to release \$2300 from the PPO fund in order to pay for the installation of the climbing wall in the gymnasium.

Moved by Gelsira Venuta

Seconded by Angela Zambito

Unanimously passed

## **6.7 Community Representatives Reports**

### **6.7.1 Alejandra Perez, Ca Pousse**

None

### **6.7.2 Nadine Collins, Women on the Rise**

Reached their fundraising goal for women's month with help from the community.

April is healing and health month: DIY workshops, healing day for moms (free massages) tomorrow (12 April) at the centre.

April is membership month, they will be happy to give a tour and explain services to potential members.

AGM to come in a couple of months.

## **8. New Business**

8.1 2023-2024 School Calendar (Ped days): School council sat down to figure out next year's suggested ped days.

Motion to approve the school calendar as presented.

Moved by Gelsira Venuta

Seconded by Nina Hebert

Unanimously passed

8.2 Grade 6 Overnight Camp proposed for approval

Proposal for grade 6 overnight trip. One night: camp familial St Urbain in Cherzy QC. The students will leave school on 15 June (Thursday) and be back early on the evening of Friday 16th. Paid for by the school.

Great trip for seeing kids outside their traditional element, some kids have never left the city; good bonding. There are usually animators.

Motion to approve the school trip as presented.

Moved by Angela Zambito

Seconded Nina Hebert

Unanimously passed

8.3 Meeting dates for May & June, (in person or virtual) 16 May and 13 June

Motion to approve next meeting days as presented, and to have the last meeting in person as a social

Moved by Leighton Jacobs

Seconded by Angela Zambito

Unanimously passed

**9. Adjournment**

- Moved by Angela Zambito
- Seconded by Leighton Jacobs
- Unanimously approved

Adjourned 7:50 pm



Peter Mckelvie  
Principal



Jesse Corbeil  
Chairperson