

St. Monica Elementary School
Governing Board – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, 9 April 2024 – 7:00PM (Virtual Teams)

1. Opening Remarks by Jesse
2. Adoption of Agenda
Addition by Silvana: Item 6.1.2, School calendar/New school year
Adoption of amended Agenda:
 Moved by Jasmine
 Seconded by Lynn
 Motion carried
3. Approval of Minutes from 19th March Regular meeting
 Moved by Jasmine
 Seconded by Lynn
 Motion carried
4. Business Arising from Minutes: None
5. Public Question Period: None
6. Reports
 - 6.1. Principal's Report
 - 6.1.1. ACGC (Academic and Career Guidance Content): Said to be delivered by the teachers to the grade 5 and 6 students.
The content and plan was presented to the GB, as was the resolution. Principal is seeking approval of the plan.
 Approval moved by Lynn
 Seconded by Sadar.
 Motion carried
 - 6.1.2. School Calendar/New School Year
Principal presented the calendar.
School Year Aug 23, 2024, to June 27, 2025
1st day of classes: Aug 29, 2024
Last day: June 20, 2025
Spring break: Mar 3 to Mar 7, 2025
December break: Dec 23, 2024, to Jan 3, 2025
Ped days: (stay tuned for full calendar)
 Approval moved by Lynn
 Seconded by Jasmine
 Motion carried
 - 6.2. Commissioner's Report

Bill 21: Although the School Board won the first round, the Court of appeal decided that in fact, Bill 21 was legal and so overturned the judgement from the lower court.

Council of commissioners are said to be having a special meeting on the 10th of March 2024 with only one item for discussion, which is whether to appeal the decision of the court of appeal by going to the supreme court. A total of \$1.3 million is said to have been spent and a projection of about \$1 million is expected to be spent if the decision to go to the supreme court is carried.

Commissioner requested any suggestions and comments from the parents regarding the decision to be made.

Jesse commented that it is expensive to go to the supreme court but important to get the decision clarified all the way out.

Jasmine suggested to go all the way to the supreme court as well as this position had already been envisaged by the council of commissioners.

6.3. Regional Delegates Report: None

6.4. Teacher Report:

Jacob Leighton: Nothing new to report

Lynn: Started lessons on letter R and creation of robots were decided with the input of parents sending recyclables.

Successful activity with student's complete engagement and the end results of 'really horrible robots'.

Silvana appreciated the initiative because she had noted a couple of very proud students who wanted to show off their work.

Sadar left the meeting at 7:31pm.

6.5. Daycare Report: Michelle: Lots of spaces available in daycare for grades 2 and 3; also for grades 4, 5 and 6 due to relocations of some students to other provinces and some children to other schools.

6.6. PPO Report:

Last dress down date brought in \$169.70

2 Pizza lunch dates are coming up April 24 and May 22

Next dress down dates scheduled are for April 19 and May 24

6.7. Grad Committee Report:

Christian joined at 7:33pm.

Movie night 5th April with approximately \$620 before expenses. Movie choice was credited to Joanne as excellent.

Two further fundraising events said to be upcoming: TCBY and Car wash. Silvana congratulated them for a successful and well-organized movie night and bake sale.

Christian would be coordinating with Joanne to rally as many volunteers as possible for the carwash and to get some members of the grad committee to make posters for the TCBY coming up. Dates supplied by Silvana and confirmed by Christian.

May 22: TCBY

June 8: Car wash

Party Planning on its way. However, have not booked the food truck yet, the number of staff members to account for. When that's sorted the truck will be booked.

6.8. Treasurer's Report: None

6.9. Community Representative Report(s):

Nadine

Women on the Rise Membership month

Month for having the collective meals

Lots of donations available for people, thanks to the amazing community donations received (toys, clothes, etc)

Women on the Rise is officially a women center as the votes went through.

Conjugal violence support group is still running, once a week. A French cohort and an English cohort

Women power action group finished last week

Amazing real talk—women in the workplace, going to be a big talk to help women settle in at work and a fire safety.

An embroidery series will take place Wednesday evenings.

Tax clinics available for families who fit the criteria that would be sent and verified, would benefit from free tax clinics and they also get to learn about any benefits that come with it.

Summer school is on its way: Dates to be shared as soon as available.

6.10. Promotional Campaign: by Silvana

We post on social media and as such the reins have been pulled up a bit as concerns on privacy protection and as to where the pictures could end up. So, as much as it's posted online, it would be related to students work not necessarily identified individuals or group pictures just to keep that in mind.

Parent Workshops being put together like the next one coming up, the nutritional workshop April 23rd and the last one in the month of May the 15th, related to Anxiety and Resilience.

Sadaf left at 7:33pm

7. New Business: None

Nadine concerned about parents with eligibility concerns as they know their children would be more successful in an English school.

Silvana: All the secretaries including Joanne have been trying to stay on top of the situation by giving the necessary support to the parent's specific needs on their child's profile.

General question by Nadine; Can anyone in our community make an appointment with the school to see they can qualify?

Lalla: Asides from the school, there is a department of the school board that specifically handles that kind of situation and are on top of that. Bill 101 department and the people are there for this situation to help.

Silvana : If there are families that might have difficulties approaching the school board, they can then place their first phone call to the school or drop in at school and then Joanne will redirect them if needed, especially if there are students having learning difficulties then there are exceptions that can be made and the file can be looked at in more depth.

8. Date of next meeting: 7th May 2024 @ 7:00PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Joanne

Seconded by Jasmine.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.