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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Silvana Crigna, Tanya MacDonald, Caroline Thomassin, Siarna Genest, John Cloutier, Erica Manis, Avice Roberts-Joseph, Cynthia Di Rienzo, Angela Sirianni, Gisele Alleyne, Joanne Hall, Hayley Juhl

Members Absent:

Jes Corbeil and Leighton Jacobs

1. Opening Remarks

The meeting began at 7:11 PM. Tanya MacDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Item 5.5 “PPO Report” was moved to 5.5.1 and item 5.5.2 “Graduation Committee Report” was added.
- Item 5.1.2 “Cancellation of the June 1, 2020 Ped Day” was also added.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Angela Sirianni and seconded by Ms. Erica Manis, it was unanimously decided to approve the agenda, with the changes as tabled.

3. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting – Regular Meeting – January 14, 2020

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Cynthia Di Rienzo and seconded by Ms. Angela Sirianni and with Ms. Gisele Alleyne and Ms. Haley Juhl abstaining, the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Governing Board meeting were approved.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

No items were tabled for discussion.

5. Reports

5.1 Principal’s Report

5.1.1 School Initiative for Student Support

Ms. Silvana Crigna informed the Governing Board that EMSB had recently approved the 2d year of a plan she began putting in place last year which aimed to foster school success.

Ms. Crigna reminded the Governing Board that Phase I of her plan had been focused on behaviours and providing staff with tools in order to manage and address behavioural issues. She advised that Phase II of her plan was an implementation phase, for the benefit of the entire school community.

Ms. Crigna explained that Phase II’s objective was the creation of an environment and a community where everyone belongs and feels safe, without forgetting students who are able to excel. She added that Phase II of her plan, once fully implemented, would allow staff to be proactive in managing students with differing needs and would also provide the resources needed in order to craft social stories with entire classes. She added that the second phase also includes restorative practices that permit students to understand the impact of their choices and how to ensure that they are guided to do better in the future.

Ms. Crigna added that the plan would also allow for the continuation of the WITS program (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help) and for the addition of “Zones of regulation”. She explained that there had

been an assembly at school to present “Zones of regulation” which is focused on having children understand the spectrum of how an individual may be feeling, from “green – I feel good” to “red – I am in a crisis” so that children understand that it is OK to have these feelings. Students were also presented with tools in order to manage their emotions and will be encouraged to develop their own tools that work for them. Ms. Crigna confirmed that The “Zones of Regulation” was a school-wide initiative, including adults. Ms. Crigna concluded her remarks by mentioning that the assembly had led to some very good discussions with students and that the benefits of this approach were already being felt in the school.

The Governing Board congratulated Ms. Crigna for the development of the plan with her school team, its approval/acceptance by EMSB and underscored how this plan would improve the every-day life of the St. Monica Elementary School community.

5.1.2 Cancellation of June 1, 2020 Ped Day

Ms. Silvana Crigna informed the Governing Board that the June 1, 2020 Ped Day would be cancelled as a result of the recent snow day.

5.2 Regional Delegate’s Report

The Regional Delegate summarised discussions at the January 16 meeting as follows:

- EMSB Survey. EMSB will be conducting a survey with the parents whose children could have attended EMSB schools but who chose to send them elsewhere. The survey will aim to understand the reasons underpinning this decision, as part of an initiative to increase EMSB enrollment.
- Transportation app. The regional delegate reported that a transportation app would allow parents to track their child if the child rides the school bus. EMSB is currently reviewing how to best secure the data associated to each child on this app (name, address, picture, etc.) The app is expected to be launched during the month of March.

5.3 Teacher’s Report

Ms. Cynthia Di Rienzo reported that:

- the pre-school and Cycle 1 kids would be celebrating the 100th day of school the following Wednesday;
- candy-grams sales had been very good in the Pre-K class;
- February 19 would be St. Monica’s Winter Carnival Day;
- Anti-bullying / Pink shirt day would be celebrated on February 26;
- The student talent show would be held on February 26;
- Black History Month was being celebrated during the month of February with a special event planned for February 28;
- Teachers and staff at St. Monica were very thankful for all the goodies received during Staff Appreciation Week. The PPO Chair noted that generous donations from parents had allowed for some catering to be organised as well as many treats for the teachers.

5.4 Daycare Report

Ms. Gisele Alleyne reported that Ms. Angela Zambito was now officially on maternity leave with baby expected in the very short term. She confirmed that she would be replacing Ms. Zambito on the Governing Board for all future meetings. She noted no Ped Days were scheduled for February and that no items required the Governing Board's review or approval at this time.

5.5 PPO Report

Ms. Tanya MacDonald reported that:

- Staff Appreciation Week had gone very well with generous food and financial donations from parents, enabling the PPO to hold a catered lunch to close the week;
- The February 3 Dress Down Day had also resulted in many food donations being received from parents for the NDG Food Depot (6 boxes of food were transported to the Depot)
- PPO will be meeting on February 19 in order to finalise Movie Night details and begin Family Fun Night planning
- A letter would be sent home shortly for the remaining 4 pizza lunches for the year.

The upcoming February 26, 2020 pizza lunch was noted, and no items were tabled for approval by the Governing Board.

5.6 Graduation Committee Report

Mr. John Cloutier tabled the report on behalf of the committee and reported that the coffee fundraiser had yielded a profit of \$750 to be allocated to graduation.

He then tabled additional graduation fundraising ideas for consideration by the Governing Board:

- TCBY
- Raffle during Movie Night

The Governing Board suggested the Graduation Committee carefully consider the Raffle as the members felt the proceeds would not justify the effort. A Governing Board member suggested a lemonade stand during the PPO car wash fundraiser. Proceeds from lemonade sales would be 100% allocated to the Graduation Committee.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. John Cloutier and seconded by Ms. Joanne Hall, the TCBY Graduation Committee fundraiser was approved for March 12, April 9 and May 15 at a cost between \$2.00 and \$2.50.

5.7 Treasurer's Report

In the Treasurer's absence, it was reported by the Governing Board Chair that the 2019-2020 budget had been spent.

6. Public Question Period

Nil.

7. New Business

7.1 Budget Building Process

Ms. Silvana Crigna tabled the budget building process document and highlighted the components of the process as well as the activities related to each. She reminded the Governing Board that the budgets were usually approved during the month of June, preliminary amounts made available in the Fall with the balance made available in January.

She noted that September 30 school attendance was very important as the school population (an important metric of the budgetary process) was measured at that date.

She advised the Governing Board that it needed to establish the 2020-2021 school priorities. In order to foster discussion, she presented the 2019-2020 priorities and was happy to report that EMSB had taken all of them into consideration.

Governing Board members then discussed potential priorities for the 2020-2021 school year which would be submitted to EMSB as part of the 2020-2021 budget planning process.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Hayley Juhl and seconded by Ms. Cynthia Di Rienzo, the 2020-2021 St. Monica School budget priorities were unanimously approved.

Extension of meeting

Upon motion duly made by Mr. John Cloutier and seconded by Ms. Angela Sirianni, it was unanimously decided to extend the meeting for another 15 minutes.

7.2 Governing Board Email Address – informing parents

The Governing Committee Chair requested that the members of the Governing Board publicise the Governing Board email address as a tool for communication between parents and the Governing Board.

8. Date of Next Meeting

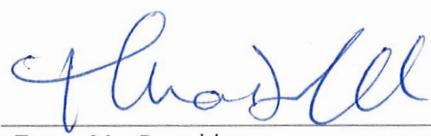
March 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM at St. Monica School.

8. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Cynthia Di Rienzo and seconded by Ms. Joanne Hall, it was unanimously decided to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM.



Silvana Crigna
Principal



Tanya MacDonald
Chairperson