



Minutes of the meeting of the  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (ACSES)**  
Thursday, February 8, 2018 in the William Dawson Room of the  
English Montreal School Board at 7:00 PM.

**PRESENT:**

**Parent Members:**

Serena Capplette  
Joanne Charron  
Rosemarie Federico  
Mubeenah Mughal  
Betty Skagos  
Rinku Vardi  
Viviane Zabbel

**Non-Teaching Professionals:**

Susan Waite, Speech-Language Pathologist

**Support Staff:**

Paul Robichaud, Special Education Technician

**Non-Voting Members:**

Lew Lewis, Director, Student Services  
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant

**Guests:**

Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services  
Tracey Mangal, Consultant, Educational Services  
Tony Lacroce, Independent Consultant Strategic Planning  
Sam Boskey, Independent Consultant Strategic Planning

**REGRETS:**

**Parent Members:**

Karen Abecassis  
Isabelle Baas

**Teachers:**

Gail Bernstein, Teacher  
Peter Sutherland, Teacher

**In-School Administrator:**

Anna Sanalidro, Principal  
Patrizia Ciccarelli, Alt. Principal

**Outside Agency:**

Isabelle Cormier, CIUSS

**Non-Voting Members:**

**Commissioner:**

Sylvia Lo Bianco, Commissioner

Julie René de Cotret, Assistant Director, Student Services

Patricia Sansone, Coordinator, Student Services

1. **WELCOME**  
The Chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
It was moved by Rosemarie Federico seconded by Serena Cappelletto that the agenda be accepted as presented.  
**Vote: 8-0-0** **Motion Carried**
3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**  
The members had a round table introduction for the new parent members.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2017**  
It was moved by Rosemarie Federico, seconded by Rinku Vardi and resolved to accept the minutes.  
**Vote: 6-0-2** **Motion Carried**
5. **PRESENTATIONS:**
  - 5.1 **BUDGET PROCESS 2018-2019**  
Livia Nassivera presented the members the budget for the services from Student Services and the allocation the Board receives per code.

**M. Mughal arrived at 7:36 pm.**

Seeing that the consultation has yet to be approved and there will be a new process in place it was recommended that the members look over the response ACSES made last year regarding the priorities and it will be reviewed at the March meeting.

**5.2 CONSULTATION: COMMITMENT TO SUCCESS PLAN**

Tony Lacroce, Sam Boskey and Tracey Mangal presented to the members the documentation on the commitment to success plan that will be implemented for July 2018 in line with the new measures from the Ministry.

The members gave their feedback for the special needs community.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING**

**6.1. ACSES: CPC DELEGATE (3 MIN)**

The chair asked the new members if they would be interested to be the delegate for ACSES to CPC as there is no representation from ACSES at this time. There are only 4 meetings left for this year.

Serena Cappelletto nominated Viviane Zabbel, seconded by Betty Skagos. (accepted). There were no other nominations.

Vivane Zabbel is the official delegate for ACSES to CPC.

**6.2. ACSES EDUCATION COMMITTEE OBSERVER (3 MIN)**

Joanne Charron volunteered to be the observer for ACSES, seconded by Paul Robichaud.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**8. REPORTS**

**8.1. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES**

**1) STAFF UPDATE**

- 40% replacement psychologist post and a 60% replacement guidance counsellor post are currently on the website with a deadline date of January 19, 2018.

**2) SPECIAL EDUCATION ITEMS**

- Plans are now underway for the 2018-2019 school year with respect to the allocation of resource teachers as well as the organization of self-contained classes
- Professional development activities are currently being planned for the resource teachers as well as teachers of self-contained classes. Solution Focused Brief Therapy (SFBT) is being planned in the format of a two-day workshop for both the guidance counsellors and psychologists. The annual conference for SLPs in English Quebec is being planned for May 2018.

**3) COMMITMENT TO SUCCESS PLAN**

- Numerous consultation sessions are being planned with regard to the Board's Commitment to Success Plan including the Management Table, various EMSB departments (e.g. Student Services)

**4) PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES**

- A consultation session for psychologists and guidance counsellors is being planned for January 31, 2018 in which Dr. Anthony Gifuni, our consultant psychiatrist, will be animating a discussion on suicidality and self-harm. As well, a number of in-school consultation referral forms have been submitted which will soon be examined then prioritized for follow-up in the schools.

**5) PRESENTATIONS**

- Julie and Lew will be making a presentation to the Central Parents Committee on February 1, 2018 with respect to our special education student population as well as our network of specialized classes and schools.

**8.2. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Topics discussed were central board funding, software solutions for programs, and educational services initiatives.

**8.3. CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE (CPC)**

There was a presentation from student services, the commitment to success plan update on the responses from the various groups, discussion on a new logo for the CPC and a name change to EMSB Parents Committee and a parent conference being scheduled for March.

**8.4. ENGLISH PARENTS COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION (EPCA)**

There was no report.

**9. VARIA**

There was no varia.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, March 26th @ 7 pm.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mubeenah Mughal, seconded by Rosemarie Federico to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 pm

**Vote: 9-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

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Joanne Charron  
Chair

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Brigida Sellato  
Communications Consultant