



Minutes of the meeting of the
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (ACSES)
Monday, June 4, 2018 in the William Dawson Room of the
English Montreal School Board at 6:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Parent Members:

Isabelle Baas
Serena Capplette
Joanne Charron
Rosemarie Federico
Betty Skagos
Rinku Vardi

Non-Teaching Professionals:

Susan Waite, Speech-Language Pathologist

Support Staff:

Paul Robichaud, Special Education Technician

In-School Administrator:

Anna Sanalidro, Principal

Non-Voting Members:

Lew Lewis, Director, Student Services
Julie René de Cotret, Assistant Director, Student Services
Patricia Sansone, Coordinator, Student Services
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant

REGRETS:

Parent Members:

Karen Abecassis
Mubeenah Mughal
Viviane Zabbel

Teachers:

Gail Bernstein, Teacher
Peter Sutherland, Teacher

In-School Administrator:

Patrizia Ciccarelli, Alt. Principal

Outside Agency:

Isabelle Cormier, CIUSS

Non-Voting Members:

Commissioner:

Sylvia Lo Bianco, Commissioner

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 Isabelle Baas and unanimously resolved that the agenda be accepted as presented.
Vote: 9-0-0 **Motion Carried**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2018**
It was moved by Betty Skagos, seconded by Isabelle Baas and resolved to accept the minutes as presented.
Vote: 9-0-0 **Motion Carried**

4. **PRESENTATION: IEP MODULE**
Julie Rene de Cotret and Patricia Sansone presented to the members the new program being developed by the EMSB, allowing teachers access to student files for the IEP electronically so they can be easily modifiable and allowing the dossier to follow the student.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**
5.1 RECORDING OF MOTION FROM E-VOTE ON BUDGET BUILDING PROCESS
Appendix A: Guiding Principles:
 - i) Agree
 - ii) Agree
 - iii) Agree
 - iv) Agree
Recommendation to add keeping in mind all forms of accessibility for our students with special needs
 - v) Agree
 - vi) Agree
 - vii) Agree
 - viii) Agree
 - ix) Agree
 - ix) Agree
 - x) Agree
 Appendix B: Budget Priorities
 In light of the declining youth sector population and considering the ongoing increase in the Board's special needs population (particularly handicapped and Code 14 students), the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (ACSES) is strongly recommending the following as part of its budget priorities for the 2018-2019 school year:
 1. That there be no cuts in any professional and support staff posts implicated in servicing the Board's special needs population;

 2. That funding sources (e.g. for professional development, material purchases, etc.) be made available to support the effective functioning of the school's multidisciplinary teams (e.g. psychologist, speech-language pathologist, special education consultant, administrator, resource teacher, special education technician and attendant, etc.) in order to ensure the ongoing collaboration with in-school personnel in addressing the systemic needs of each school's special needs population;

3. That the following posts be given priority (in the order indicated below) with respect to a possible increase in the event of available funding sources:
 - a. Assistive Technology Consultant
 - b. Occupational Therapist
 - c. Speech-Language Pathologist
 - d. Psychologist
 - e. Guidance Counsellor
 - f. Special Education Consultant
 - g. TEVA Consultant
4. Funding for more self-contained classes within the Boards network and the resources to support it.
5. In light of the increasing enrolment of special needs students, it is important to have Special Education Technician/Attendants early in the school year.

It was moved by Rosemarie Federico, seconded by Serena Capplette and resolved that the budget priorities and guidelines be accepted.

Vote: 11-0-1

Motion Carried

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. CONSULTATION- THREE YEAR PLAN

It was moved by Isabelle Baas, seconded by Rosemarie Federico and unanimously resolved that ACSES accept the Three Year Plan as presented.

Vote: 9-0-0

Motion Carried

6.2. ACSES MEMBERSHIP

6.2.1 PARENTAL MEMBERSHIP

The members discussed the upcoming leaving of 2 members, Joanne Charron and Isabelle Baas and the new candidates that sent in their forms to become members.

6.2.2 REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL (PARENT COMMISSIONER)

Seeing that Joanne Charron will be leaving and her mandate is complete as Parent Commissioner she asked the members to reflect on submitted their candidatures for parent commissioner. She also advised members that the Ministry will make a decision on extending Parent Commissioner mandates since they have a vote, should the Government postpone the elections.

7. REPORTS

7.1. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

1) STAFF UPDATE

- Student Services will be adding six (6) professional posts for the 2018-2019 school year as a result of consultations with the school-based Allocation of Resources Committees, the Resource Allocation Committee, Management Table, and the Council of Commissioners. The only concern that remains is finding available space in the Administration Building.
- Victoria Della Cioppa is the new Healthy and Safe Schools Consultant who was hired about a month ago.

2) SPECIAL EDUCATION ITEMS

- The Child Care Worker budget indicates that we are anticipating a net increase of approximately 160 students with handicaps or code 14. As well, the Allocation of Child Care Workers to schools is currently underway in consultation with school principals and Regional Directors.
- The Allocation of Resource Teachers and the identification of new self-contained classes are currently being discussed for the 2018-2019 school year.

3) MONTREAL ORAL SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (MOSD)

- Approximately 45 hearing-impaired students are targeted to receive itinerant services for the 2018-2019 school year.

4) PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

- On-site consultation services are going very well in the schools in that approximately 8 schools have already been visited wherein Dr. Gifuni has been part of the multidisciplinary team discussing cases at the school level. Presentations are continuing of which the last one was on the subject of psychosis. For the 2018-2019 school year, a possibility of discussing various themes (e.g. depression, suicidal ideation, etc.) can also be addressed at the school level if many students are implicated.

5) MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE CENTRE (MHRC)

- Presentation by Sandra Reich, M. Ed., Clinical Director of the Montreal Centre for Anxiety and Depression, was excellent. As well, various activities with respect to the theme of self-acceptance have been taking place at the school level in that winning videos were from 4 schools – John Caboto, Focus High School, Lester B. Pearson High School, and Royal West Academy.

Joanne Charron mentioned that the extra staff members could use the Parent Commissioners office as they don't use it.

The department will be opening more self-contained classes, seeds classes and autism classes next fall.

Funding was received to continue training for crisis prevention intervention courses.

7.2 EDUCATION COMMITTEE (EC)

Topics included ETS initiatives, sec 3 and 4 history program, establishing a moment of reflection for students at the beginning of the day, literacy and numeracy, sex ed, youth fusion updates.

7.3 PARENTS COMMITTEE (PC)

Topics included a presentation on the new sex education course, successful parent conference with full registration, Town Hall with governing boards on spending for buildings.

7.4 ENGLISH PARENTS COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION (EPCA)

No report.

8 VARIA

There was no varia.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

10 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Paul Robichaud, seconded by Serena Caplette to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm

Vote: 9-0-0

Motion Carried

Joanne Charron
Chair

Brigida Sellato
Communications Consultant