Commission scolaire English-Montréal
English Montreal School Board

Minutes of the meeting of the
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (ACSES)
Monday, November 19, 2012 in the Mc Vicar Room of the
English Montreal School Board at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Parent Members:
Elizabeth Arnot
Isabelle Baas
Michael Beigleman
Angie Bertone
Joanne Charron
Cynthia Dudley
Kurtis Law
Patricia Willis

Teachers:
No members

Non-Teaching Professionals:
Susan Waite, Speech-Language Pathologist

Support Staff:
Paul Robichaud, Child Care Worker

In-School Administrator:
Patricia Ciccarelli, Principal

Non-Voting Members:
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant/Secretary

GUESTS:
Angela Mancini, Chairman
Sylvia Lo Bianco, Vice Chairman
Robert A. Stocker, Director General
Roma Medwid, Deputy Director General
Angelo Marino, Director, Financial Services

Observers:
Caleigh Saucier, Region 2 Observer

REGRETS:
Outside Agency:
Robert Gervais, CSSS

Commissioner:
Marvin Helfenbaum

Observers:
Enza Passa, Region 3 Observer

Non-Voting Members:
Lew Lewis, Director, Student Services
Julie René de Cotret, Assistant Director, Student Services

MINUTES:

1. Welcome

The chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Kurtis Law, seconded by Isabelle Baas and unanimously resolved that the agenda be approved with the following additions;

4.4 Palatucci Task Force
4.5 General Assembly Workshop

Vote: 11-0-0 **Motion Carried**

3. Adoption of the minutes from October 3, 2012

It was moved by Kurtis Law, seconded by Patricia Willis and unanimously resolved that the minutes from October 3, 2012 be approved with minor corrections.

Vote: 11-0-0 **Motion Carried**

4. Business Arising

4.1 Discussion Regarding Mandate of ACSES

The members discussed with Angela Mancini, Sylvia Lo Bianco, Robert Stocker, Roma Medwid and Angelo Marino how ACSES can deliver its advice on the budget while obeying the rules and confidentiality of the documents presented. What members expressed is that they would like to be included in the process of the special needs budget on how the services should be dispensed based on the needs of the special needs population and the needs of the department by receiving more information on the budget ahead of the deadline allowing them to give their feedback to council before any approval.

Robert Stocker advised the members that they can also advise the Board by understanding the operation, understanding what the professionals are doing for special needs population, the structure of the re-numeration for professionals, adequacy of funding and the one size fits all approach by the MELS in cuts.

Angela Mancini expressed to the committee that she will ensure that open communication for ACSES is strengthen. She also suggested that ACSES set up a mandate for new members to follow with short term and long term goals and tasks.

The committee asked if they could receive list of children per code per school and the budget for the professionals.

Due to the time Angelo Marino will come to the December 3rd meeting to discuss the budget building process.

Roma Medwid advised she will also attend the meeting.

4.2 Social

It was moved by Kurtis Law, seconded by Isabelle Baas and unanimously resolved that ACSES have a social at the next meeting and the budget not to exceed 250$.

Vote: 11-0-0 **Motion Carried**

Brigida Sellato will arrange for a small social for the December meeting as was done last year.

4.3 Parental Membership

To date candidacy forms have been received, some were blank. The chair is looking for applications with different disabilities to have a wide range of parents on the committee.

4.4 Palatucci Task Force

The item was discussed in camera.

It was moved by Liz Arnot, seconded by Kurtis Law and resolved that the letter written by Liz Arnot, the ACSES representative on the Palatucci Task Force be sent to commissioners with a covering letter from Angie as ACSES Chair.

Vote: 10-0-1 **Motion Carried**

4.5 General Assembly Workshop

The workshop in the east end has been moved to March as the person who will be giving the session is unavailable at this time.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Reports

6.1 Director of Student Services

There was no report.

6.2 E&F

There was no report

6.3 CPC

There was no report

7. Varia

No items.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Monday, December 3, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

9. Adjournment

On a motion from Liz Arnot, seconded by Isabelle Baas that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 pm.

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Angie Bertone, Chair, ACSES Brigida Sellato Secretary, ACSES