



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE LAURENCE PATERSON ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 6000 FIELDING AVE.,
MONTREAL ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members of the Committee

PRESENT: East Sector

Dalkeith
Dante
East Hill
General Vanier
Gerald McShane
John Caboto
John F. Kennedy
John Grant
John Paul I
Leonardo da Vinci
LINKS
Mackay
Michelangelo
MIND
Nesbitt
Pierre de Coubertin
Pierre E. Trudeau
Sinclair Laird
St. Dorothy
Vincent Massey

Patty Smyth
Alba Fiorino
John Carosello
Jason Trudeau
Franco Mazzariello
Sonia Pecora
Carmie Lato
Cynthia Dudley
Francesco Fortugno
Tony Speranza
Giovanni Goffredo
Joanne Charron
Pietro Mercuri
Antoine Fecteau
Carlo Peruch
Stephen Hudon
Marie-Helene Bedard
Amanda Liste (Alt)
Milan Cardone
Todd Roberts

PRESENT: West Sector

Carlyle
Cedarcrest
Coronation
Dunrae Gardens
Gardenview
Hampstead
Merton
Roslyn
Royal Vale
Royal West
St. Gabriel
St. Monica
Westmount Park
Westmount
Willingdon

Serena Caplette
Raymond Ayas
Hannu Jailos
Joseph Bondi
Daniel Tatone
Felipe Morales
Stacey Kaufman
Michelle Grigat
Mark Ellenbogen
Norm Gharibian
Mubeenah Mughal
Andrew Ross
Sophie Antippa
George Szatmari
Suzanne de Jonge

ACSES
Isabelle Baas

Regrets/Absent: East Sector

Bancroft
Edward Murphy
FACE
Honore Mercier
Laurier Macdonald
Lester B. Pearson
Our Lady of Pompei
Philip E. Layton
Rosemount

Alex Quiterio
Laura Saragosa
Alyssa Kuzmarov
Joseph Di Liello
Mario Bentrovato
Benny Berneti
Anthony Cristofaro
Ann Gagnon
Richard Berger

Regrets/Absent: West Sector

Edinburgh
Elizabeth Ballantyne
James Lyng
Laurenhill
Marymount
Parkdale

Erin Matheson
Marc Laforest
Karen Abecassiss
Adriano Miele
Sherlyn Figueira
No GB

Sinclair Laird

Jahangir Kabir

St. Raphael

Kelly De Pooter

Also Present: Ann Marie Matheson, Director General
Evelyn Alfonsi, Regional Director, East Sector
Pela Nickoletopoulos, Regional Director, West Sector
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB

Observers: George Varelas, Parent, Gardenview

Guest: 4 members from FCPQ
3 members from EPCA

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 Pietro Mercuri, seconded by Cynthia Dudley and resolved that item 5.3 be tabled to the next meeting allowing members to consult their governing boards.

Vote: 8-16-6

Motion Defeated

(S. Hudon, D. Tatone, R. Ayas, M.H. Bedard, M. Mughal not present) (1 member did not raise their hand)

Todd Roberts asked to discuss the composition of the membership to CPC. It was decided to speak to it at item 5.6 as it may affect the outcome for the meeting dates.

7:18 pm D. Tatone, R. Ayas, M.H. Bedard and M. Mughal arrived

It was moved by Sonia Pecora, seconded by Pietro Mercuri and resolved that the agenda be accepted.

Vote: 34-1-0 (S. Hudon not present)

Motion Carried

3. FIRST QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON:

A) JUNE 2, 2016

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri, seconded by Norm Gharibian and resolved that the minutes from June 2nd be adopted as presented.

Vote: 16-0-19 (S. Hudon not present)

Motion Carried

B) OCTOBER 13, 2016

It was moved by Norm Gharibian, seconded by Sophie Antippa and resolved that the minutes from October 13th be adopted as presented.

Vote: 30-0-5 (S. Hudon not present)

Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 PRESENTATION: FCPQ

The members representing the FCPQ presented to the members what the FCPQ is all about and what they have to offer the parents at the EMSB.

8:20 pm S. Hudon arrived.

5.2 PRESENTATION: EPCA

The members representing the EPCA presented to the members what the EPCA is all about and what they have to offer the parents at the EMSB.

5.3 DISCUSSION & VOTE: ASSOCIATION WITH FCPQ OR EPCA

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Felipe Morales, seconded by Tony Speranza and resolved that the CPC hold the vote.

Amendment to the motion: It was moved by Steven Hudon, seconded by Sophie Antippa to select either FCPQ or EPCA.

Vote: 28-4-3 (1 member did not raise their hand)

Motion Carried

Pietro Mercuri asked that the members wait to table the vote on the association so that the members can ask their parent population first.

Members were given a brief history on the FCPQ and EPCA for the EMSB and discussion was held on both presentations.

It was moved by Amanda Liste, seconded by Stacey Kaufman to end discussion and call the vote.

Vote: 29-0-5 (2 members did not raise their hands) Motion Carried

The vote was cast for the association.

Result of the vote:

FCPQ received 15 votes
EPCA received 18 votes
3 Abstentions

Following the vote the CPC will be associated with EPCA.

5.4 DISCUSSION & VOTE: ELECTION TO PARENTS' ORGANIZATION

A) 1 VOTING MEMBER

It was moved by Jason Trudeau, seconded by Giovanni Goffredo and resolved that following the past years a position be held for the chair, Suzanne de Jonge, of CPC to represent the members.

Vote: 33-0-3

Motion Carried

Suzanne de Jonge accepts the nomination.

B) 1 ALTERNATE

Moved by Serena Caplette, seconded by Steven Hudon that Isabelle Baas be nominated to EPCA representing the special needs population as well. Isabelle Baas accepts the nomination.

There were no other nominations or self-nominations.

Isabelle Baas was acclaimed alternate member to EPCA.

9:38 PM F. MORALES LEFT

5.5 INTERNAL RULES- ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW & MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

The chair asked for five members to sit on the sub-committee. Volunteers; Steven Hudon, Pietro Mercuri, Isabelle Baas, Andrew Ross. Seeing that there were no more volunteers, the fifth post will remain vacant if someone not present would like to be on the sub-committee.

The chair thanked Pietro Mercuri for being the chair of CPC for the past years and thanked him for his dedication and commitment to the group.

9:40 PM P. MERCURI LEFT

5.6 DISCUSSION: CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES FOR 2016-2017

Following a brief discussion the members agreed to accept the meeting dates for CPC only (December 1st, January 12th, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th and June 1st) and leave the regional dates to the sector meetings. Moved by Jason Trudeau, seconded by Cynthia Dudley.

Vote: 27-5-1 (S. Pecora not present)

Motion Carried

Location of meetings:

Moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Tony Speranza, to have the meetings at the Administration Building, John F. Kennedy, Laurier Macdonald and June at St. Pius.

Amendment to the resolution: Moved by Suzanne de Jonge, seconded by Steven Hudon that March, April and May meeting location to be determined in order to find accommodations for a larger group.

Vote: 32-1-0 (1 member did not raise their hand)

Motion Carried

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 INFORMATION: PARENT COMMISSIONER NOMINATIONS TO EMSB GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES

The parent commissioners agreed to the following members on the Board committees and informed the members of CPC:

Mario Bentrovato to sit on the Executive.

Jason Trudeau to sit on Finance

Norm Gharibian to sit on Education

Joanne Charron to sit on Educational Policies and Transportation

6.2 SOCIAL MEDIA

The chair asked for volunteers for a sub-committee to go over the social media page for the CPC.

Volunteers: Serena Caplette, Daniel Tatone, Andrew Ross, Cynthia Dudley, and Suzanne de Jonge.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A REGIONAL COMMITTEES REPORTS

The first meetings will take place in the coming week.

7B PARENT COMMISSIONER REPORT

Topics discussed were the financial statements, change orders and recommendations from Education and Finance committees.

7C TREASURERS REPORT

No update to the budget this month.

7D FCPQ REPORT

There was no report.

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

See reports from Joseph Bondi.

8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

Vocational Education was discussed.

8C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

See reports from Hannu Jailos.

8D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADULT EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES (AEVS)

See reports from Todd Roberts.

8E. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (ACSES)

Topics discussed were the meeting dates, the committee action plan and the internal rules. Members were also presented with the new structure for student services.

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

See reports from Raymond Ayas.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

10. SECOND QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

December 1, 2016 at the Administration Building.

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

November 17, 2016 at 8:15 pm at the Administration Building.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Sophie Antippa, seconded by Milan Cardone, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Vote: 34-0-0

Motion Carried

Suzanne de Jonge
Chair

Brigida Sellato
Communications Consultant/Secretary

Education Committee Report

For: Education Committee Meeting September 14, 2016

Submitted to: Central Parents Committee on November 3, 2016

1. Information session was held with a joint presentation by the Student Services and Human Resources Departments regarding the Allocation of Resource Teachers, Self-contained Classes, and Child Care Workers.
2. Information session was presented on the STEAM initiative and the EMSB from ETS Consultants.
3. Recommended the Approval of Request to increase budget for the Home Schooling program, in order to provide adequate and proper support to the Jewish Communities for Home Schooling. This is due to o a

significant increase of students in the Home Schooling programs. Noted that funding from the MEES covers the total estimated expenditures

Submitted by: Joseph Bondi, CPC Observer, report also on behalf of Laura Saragosa, CPC Observer

**Education Committee Report
For: Education Committee Meeting October 19, 2016
Submitted to: Central Parents Committee on November 3, 2016**

1. Recommended the Approval of Education Committee Mandate for 2016-2017. Action plan for 2016-2017 consists of;
 - 21st Century School – ongoing exploration of best practices and innovative projects- rethinking school design and future ready schools
 - GREEN – ongoing awarding of grants to schools
 - Numeracy – ongoing teacher training
 - Literacy – ongoing teacher training
 - Digital Literacy – Launch in November/December 2016
 - Robotics – ongoing teacher training and deployment of kits to second cohort of schools
 - Home Schooling
 - S.T.E.A.M.
 - Music Literacy
2. Discussion was held regarding Homeschooling Framework 2016-2017. The ETS Department is recommending that the Board hire additional personnel;
 - A (1) coordinator
 - Six (6) homeschooling facilitators
 - An (1) administrative technician
 - A (1) school organization technician
 - A (1) lab technician
 - Five (5) evaluators
3. Discussion was held regarding the Music Literacy Initiative. As the Board already has an extensive music program in certain schools, a draft music program survey was presented, that they would like the schools to complete to get a better understanding of what is currently available and being offered or absent, and help determine what might be needed for a Music Literacy Initiative.
4. Discussion was held regarding the decision that was made at the Council of Commissioners meeting in Sept. 28, 2016, to survey all secondary 3 teachers on the History of Quebec and Canada pilot program.
5. Discussion (working session) and Approval was held regarding the EMSB Brief on Educational Success in response to the Quebec Government's consultation document.
6. Information session was held regarding MEES Measures for 2016-2017 (15014, 15015 and 15314), focused on;
 - Support in inner-city high schools pertaining to specifically to mathematics, science & technology, history, ELA or FSL
 - Support in inner-city elementary schools pertaining to specifically reading and writing in 4 or 5 year old kindergarten classes and cycle 1 groups.

Submitted by: Joseph Bondi, CPC Observer, report also on behalf of Laura Saragosa, CPC Observer

**Report to the Central Parents Committee on November 3, 2016
Finance Committee Meeting September 13, 2016**

The Committee approved the following items and recommended their approval by Council:

1. Create a permanent administrative technician position to support the international students program
2. Free milk program for elementary schools: 5 days a week for Inner City Category I and II schools for 170 days and 4 days a week for others for 137 days
3. Snack program for Category I and II schools for 165 days
4. High School Campaign against Poverty program providing nutritional support and meal subsidies
5. MEES Special Nutrition Measures: increase in number of free milk and snack programs (already included above); meal subsidies to provide \$1 lunch for neediest students in Category I and II elementary schools

Respectfully submitted,
Hannu Jailos, CPC Observer

Also on behalf of
Joseph Bondi, CPC Observer

Report to the Central Parents Committee on November 3, 2016

Finance Committee Meeting October 19, 2016

The Committee approved the following items and recommended their approval by Council:

1. \$3.4 million in funding of programs for schools in economically disadvantaged neighbourhoods (AMSFA, ICOR, NANS, Joining Forces)
2. \$1.178 million information technology budget: \$0.5 million for schools, \$0.25 million for computer replacements, \$0.21 for Ecole 2.0 initiative, balance other projects
3. Budget Transfers from Reserves:
 - a. \$40,000 MIND relocation to Marymount
 - b. \$45,000 to prepare a classroom for 7 special needs students at Roslyn
 - c. \$21,000 to fix 2 rooms at Westmount Park
 - d. \$372,960 for Childcare Workers (CCW) for 76 additional coded students
4. Budget Increases:
 - a. \$72,249 for CCW workers for 3 full-time pre-K classes
 - b. \$260,000 for painting of Marymount Adult Centre / Giovanni Palatucci
 - c. \$244,119 for additional caretaking positions at high schools / AEVS centres
5. Call for tenders for Hosted Webcasting (2 + 1 years)
6. 2017-18 Fees for International Students: full year elementary \$10,000; full year high school \$12,500
7. \$654,000 (from the Ministry) for oversight for the homeschooling of 654 children

Cafeteria Services Financial Report for 2015-16:

Revenues \$2.465 million, Expenses \$2.237 million direct, \$0.444 million indirect for a loss of \$56,606

Respectfully submitted,

Hannu Jailos, CPC Observer

Also on behalf of

Sophie Antipka, CPC Observer

AEVS Oct 12 2016

Dormitory project still under reflection at Pius Culinary and business center

The current tenants have been given another 3 year lease. If the project moves forward there will be 25 student rooms in each building and an estimated cost of 2 to 2.5 million dollars to renovate each building to make them suitable for the needs of the students

Net surplus in AEVS is \$5.988.358 and the expected revenue for the 2016 2017 school year is 14 million.

The new facility for welding at the Grand Prairies facility is expected to now open at the end of March 2017 instead of January as foretold at the last meeting.

A draft resolution to offer vocational training of professional Cooking and Contemporary Professional Pastry Making In Calixa-Lavallee vocational Training Center. Which is under the Commission scolaire de Pointe-de l'île an agreement would have to be made between the 2 School boards. This resolution will be brought to the council

There is a Procède conference on 26, 27 and 28 of October in Sherbrook this will be the 40 anniversary Adult Learning conference. It will deal with all aspects of Adult learning in School boards.

From: Todd Roberts

Sent: October-12-16 11:44 PM

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Raymond Ayas

- Société de Transport de Montréal working on analysis sent May 2016 to obtain an additional bus. Parents are asking Committee to move forward, Jean Paul is the only high school in that area not serviced by STM bussing. Dire need.

- Transportation of students from Verdun to St-Gabriel: it appears 11 children did not go to the school because transportation was not provided. Number of kids go to LBP because we cannot service them. Possibility children not choosing St-Gabriel for other reasons.

- FACE wants current 88 students to be grandfathered. When they registered, transportation was provided. We allocated \$62K to the CSDM, but because the territory is huge, it would take 5-6 buses, i.e. \$250,000. However, when they lost their buses, enrolment did not decrease. FACE is a 240 status school, Royal Vale too but they don't get bussing.

- Renegotiating transport contracts this year so opportunity to reduce costs 2016-2017. Deficit as it stands on budget is \$51,000
- Draft resolution for additional bus: Westmount Park and Roslyn - increase of enrolment at both of these schools, need 1 additional bus at cost of \$65,711. Moved to recommend that 1 additional vehicle be added to contract for Transco LaSalle for 2016-2017 school year.
- Last year's 3 objectives were to maximise efficiency, develop new school locator and review transportation for special needs students (workshops). This year 4 objectives are renegotiating the contracts, investigating other software, continuing workshops for special needs, and obtaining accommodation for high schools with STM.
- Recommendation to upgrade our software. For information purposes an example was provided, GEOREF software. This tracks the buses in real time with GPS and parents could know where the buses are. Cost is \$10,000 per computer, no different than current cost. Software also has additional functionality, you can pay invoices through it for example.
- Vanguard (no bus) requests accommodation for one girl whose mother gave birth to a child who is hospitalised for a long time. Presently the student is accompanied by her grandmother, which is not sustainable going forward. The request is for a taxi. Cost is \$150/day as per our contract with a service provider. Committee consensus was a maximum envelope of \$9,000 (despite \$51K deficit)
- Request for transportation - John Grant: 100 extra kids. Van costs \$75,000 / year. This would bring deficit up to \$100,000.
- It was suggested that some buses, not all but not just those with special needs children, would benefit from having a monitor, because some situations get out of hand. To be studied.
- Next meeting January 31, 2017 at 2 pm