



**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, DECEMBER 1, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members of the Committee

PRESENT: East Sector

FACE
General Vanier
Gerald McShane
Honore Mercier
Honore Mercier Alt
John Caboto
John Grant
John Paul I
Laurier Macdonald
Lester B. Pearson
Leonardo da Vinci
LINKS
Mackay
Michelangelo
MIND
Nesbitt
Pierre de Coubertin
St. Dorothy
St. Raphael

Alyssa Kuzmarov
Jason Trudeau
Franco Mazzariello
Joseph Di Liello
Mario Pietrangelo
Sonia Pecora
Cynthia Dudley
Francesco Fortugno
Mario Bentrovato
Benny Berneti
Tony Speranza
Giovanni Goffredo
Joanne Charron
Pietro Mercuri
Antoine Fecteau
Carlo Peruch
Stephen Hudon
Milan Cardone
Kelly De Pooter

PRESENT: West Sector

Cedarcrest
Coronation
Gardenview
Hampstead Alt
Marymount
Roslyn
Royal Vale
Royal West
St. Gabriel
St. Monica
Westmount Park
Westmount

Raymond Ayas
Hannu Jailos
Daniel Tatone
Simon Becker
Sherlyn Figueira
Michelle Grigat
Mark Ellenbogen
Norm Gharibian
Mubeenah Mughal
Andrew Ross
Sophie Antippa
George Szatmari

ACSES

Isabelle Baas

Regrets/Absent: East Sector

Bancroft
Dalkeith
Dante
East Hill
Edward Murphy
John F. Kennedy
Our Lady of Pompei
Philip E. Layton
Pierre E. Trudeau
Rosemount
Sinclair Laird
Vincent Massey

Alex Quiterio
Patty Smyth
Alba Fiorino
John Carosello
Laura Saragosa
Carmie Lato
Anthony Cristofaro
Ann Gagnon
Marie-Helene Bedard
Richard Berger
Jahangir Kabir
Todd Roberts

Regrets/Absent: West Sector

Carlyle
Dunrae Gardens
Edinburgh
Elizabeth Ballantyne
Hampstead
James Lyng
Laurenhill
Merton
Parkdale
Willingdon

Serena Capplette
Joseph Bondi
Erin Matheson
Marc Laforest
Felipe Morales
Karen Abecassis
Adriano Miele
Stacey Kaufman
No GB
Suzanne de Jonge

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: David Benoit, GB Chair, St. Gabriel
George Varelas, Parent, Gardenview
Joel Ceseau, The Suburban
Marie France Coallier, The Gazette

Guest: Sandra Furfaro, Director, Educational & Technology Services
Anna Villalta, Assistant Director, Educational & Technology Services
Sara Iatauro, Consultant, Educational Services
Chad Leblanc, Consultant, Educational Services
Nicolas Doyon, Consultant, Educational Services

1. WELCOME

The vice-chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Sonia Pecora, seconded by Isabelle Baas and resolved that the agenda be approved with the following additions;

5.2 B) *Code of Conduct*

5.2 C) *Call to Vote*

6.3. *Presentation at January Meeting on the EMSB Annual Report*

6.4 *Parent Commissioner Right to Vote*

Vote: 28-1-0 (M. Bentrovato, M. Mughal & S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

2.1 PRESENTATION: STEAM- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Sara Iatauro, Chad Leblac and Nicolas Doyon presented and answered questions from the members on the STEAM initiative and how it works in the schools.

3. FIRST QUESTION PERIOD

David Benoit asked about having the agenda posted on the website to facilitate people coming to ask questions and he asked about the disaffiliation from the FCPQ.

George Varela asked about the article which appeared in the Gazette. There was no comment.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2016

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri, seconded by Francesco Fortugno and resolved that the minutes be adopted as presented.

Vote: 24-0-6 (S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 INFORMATION AND APPROVAL: LOCATION OF MARCH, APRIL & MAY MEETING @ LESTER B. PEARSON LIBRARY

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Joanne Charron, seconded by Sonia Pecora and resolved that CPC hold their February, March, April and May meeting at John F. Kennedy High School.

Vote: 28-0-2 (S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

5.2 UPDATE: INTERNAL RULES

The subcommittee could not meet last time as there were some issues with the video conference. The 1st draft is almost complete and will be ready for the January meeting.

A) VOTE: SPECIFIC PARTS OF INTERNAL RULES

Following a brief discussion it was moved by Sonia Pecora, seconded by Tony Speranza and resolved that the alternates for the delegates at CPC be granted replacement status and be allowed to vote at a CPC meeting.

Vote: 24-2-3 (S. Figueira and J. Charron not present)

Motion Carried

B) CODE OF CONDUCT

It was moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Cynthia Dudley that an investigation be struck into the allegations against Jason Trudeau and that pending the outcome he remove himself from the executive.

A discussion ensued and the members asked that they go in camera to discuss.

Moved by Norm Gharibian and seconded by Pietro Mercuri to go in camera at 8:28 pm.

Moved by Sonia Pecora, seconded by Joanne Charron to keep the Administration in the room.

Vote: 13-10-6 (S. Figueira not present) (1 person did not raise their hand) Motion Carried

The meeting came back from in camera at 8:38 pm.

It was moved by Mario Bentrovato, seconded by Pietro Mercuri that there be a secret ballot vote.

Vote: 6-21-3 (S. Figueira not present)

Motion Defeated

Vote on the original resolution:

It was moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Cynthia Dudley that an investigation be struck into the allegations against Jason Trudeau and that pending the outcome he remove himself from the executive.

Vote: 2-22-6 (S. Figueira not present)

Motion Defeated

Kelly de Pooter left at 8:52 pm

C) CALL TO VOTE

Hannu Jailos wanted it noted to the subcommittee on the internal rules to include a reference to calling the vote in order to give members the chance to conclude their comments before a vote is called.

5.3 UPDATE: SOCIAL MEDIA

There is no new update.

5.4 DISCUSSION: RPC MEMBERSHIP

Moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Raymond Ayas to table the item to the next meeting.

Vote: 29-0-0 (S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL: JANUARY SOCIAL

It was discussed to have the call for the meeting at 6:30 pm. and the Director General will handle the refreshments.

Moved by Cynthia Dudley, seconded by Norm Gharibian.

Vote: 29-0-0 (S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

6.2 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CPC 2016-2017

- A) Organizational Structure
- B) Parent Conference
- C) Literacy Prize
- D) Educating Parents/GB
- E) Enrollment/Marketing/Retention

The vice chair informed the members that the executive came up with a strategic plan for the CPC for 2016-2017 with some ideas of what they can do. He asked for feedback from the members if this is something that they are interested in doing for this year so the information can be further discussed at the executive.

Members agreed that it is something to work on and added that French be looked at, they work with the Administration to see what is currently done and that perhaps a workshop be worked on for next year.

Alyssa Kuzmarov and Pietro Mercuri volunteered if needed.

6.3. PRESENTATION AT JANUARY MEETING ON THE EMSB ANNUAL REPORT

Ann Marie Matheson asked the members if they could present the EMSB Annual Report to the members at the January meeting and also invite the public, as it must be announced in the paper. She also asked in order to facilitate the presentation if the January meeting could take place at the head office. The presentation would be 30 minutes and would consist of an overview of the EMSB by various departments.

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri, seconded by Joanne Charron and accepted that CPC hold the presentation at 7 pm at the head office for 30 minutes.

Vote: 29-0-0 (S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

S. Figueira arrived at 9:12 pm

6.4 PARENT COMMISSIONER RIGHT TO VOTE

Mario Bentrovato asked the members how to proceed now that the parent commissioners have the right to vote on Council. The members assured the parent commissioners that they trust them to vote and if something comes up that they need to get members feeling they can email everyone.

A recess was called for 5 minutes at 9:44 pm

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A REGIONAL COMMITTEES REPORTS

East: topics discussed were the calendar of meetings, scholarship prizes, criteria for principal selection and fundraising ideas.

West: topics discussed were the calendar of meeting dates, outreach to parents, scholarship prize and social.

7B PARENT COMMISSIONER REPORT

The parent commissioners were sworn in and they were approved to the Board based committees and change orders were discussed.

7C TREASURERS REPORT

Balance of 9,840.00\$

7D EPCA REPORT

Suzanne de Jonge was elected treasurer and they are working on putting a special needs committee together.

Isabelle Baas asked that at the next meeting the item for election of Suzanne de Jonge and Isabelle Baas for a two year or one year term be put on the agenda.

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

See report from Joseph Bondi.

8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

See report from Cynthia Dudley

8C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

See report from Hannu Jaiilos.

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

There was no report

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

The members were presented with two presentations on Dyslexia and integration of special needs by the city of Laval and Montreal.

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

There was no report

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

10. SECOND QUESTION PERIOD

A member asked if at the Council meeting there could be a sign on camera when the meeting has not started yet or in camera advising the public of such.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

January 12, 2017 at Administration Building.

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

To be Determined.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Sherlyn Figueira, seconded by Giovanni Goffredo, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:09 pm.

Vote: 30-0-0

Motion Carried

Stephen Hudon
Acting Chair

Brigida Sellato
Communications Consultant/Secretary

Education Committee Report

For: Education Committee Meeting November 9, 2016

Submitted to: Central Parents Committee on November 26, 2016

1. There was a presentation by Andrea Di Tomaso from communication department in the DGs office gave a presentation about website development for the board and schools. They have selected a platform called Agility CMS (<http://agilitycms.com/>). This will facilitate the updating of web site and web content. It will allow schools to put content into their site in a drag and drop fashion. It will unify the general appearance of sites for schools. It will also make sites mobile friendly.
2. A presentation was given by Daniel Smajovits on Marketing on Social Media Presentation. A marketing agency was engaged to study and improve the EMSB Facebook and twitter reach. A google ad-word campaign was launched. This resulted in good increases in the traffic through Facebook and a traceable number of calls into EMSB. This campaign was also under budget and will be continued.
3. A detailed report with Board and province comparison was presented by Ms. Alessandra FURFARO – Director Pedagogical Services. EMSB maintains high standings in almost all categories.
4. Mr. Angelo Marino, DDG Administration Division spoke about the International Students (Youth Sector). He addressed some of the concerns about their entry dates as a disruption to the regular class, the duration of their stay with us and the minimum level of English language competency upon starting. He highlighted the difference between home stay and international students.
5. The history survey will be sent out to the SEC III and the results will be brought back to the Dec. Council meeting.
6. Music literacy Survey will sent out to all schools with results presented in to Council January.
7. Next Meeting is Dec 07 2016 at 5PM in the William Dawson Room.

Submitted by:

Joseph Bondi, CPC Observer, also on behalf of Laura Saragosa, CPC Observer. Report written by Norm Gharibian.

From: Cynthia Dudley
Subject: Educational Policies Committee Meeting

Business Arising: 4a. Vocational Training- deferred until other matters are resolved.

New Business: MEES end of cycle Exam scheduling 2017

Looks like Math cycle 3 might be late in the schedule (June 12th to June 16th) which is problematic for marking and its relationship to other years. Shrinking the timeline and putting it later in the schedule with a rumour that English Grade 6 would also be moved later in 2018. Provincial exams require extra effort to finalize. Queries are being sent to the Ministry and any changes have to be sent to Cabinet. If it remains late then how it affects marking and report cards will need to be addressed. This impacts parents, children, staff and admin.

MEES June 2016 exam results

I have the documents but the CPC may want to have Sandra Furfaro do a presentation on elementary results.

Report to the Central Parents Committee on December 1, 2016
Finance Committee Meeting November 9, 2016

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

1. \$1.0 million in funding for schools from the reserve distributed in the amount of \$15,000 per school for most schools;
Last year \$106,618 in school spending (of the \$20,000 per school given in May last year) and \$21,985 for library books were not used increasing last year's board surplus. This is a loss in that the board can only use 10% annually from any accumulated surplus.
2. \$23.2 million in ministry funding for repairs at 15 schools in poorest condition (class D & E) and 2 schools with security needs (measures 50622, 50625, 50626)
3. Budget Transfers from Reserves:
 - a. \$40,000 St. John Bosco furnace conversion
4. Budget Increases:
 - a. \$100,000 for additional resource teacher for international students (89 increase)
 - b. \$164,000 for a program and a consultant for web sites that will make it easier for schools to keep their sites up to date

EMSB received \$566,613 in additional Ministry funding for specific objectives at elementary and secondary school levels ranging from \$5,099 to \$17,499 per school (measure 30170); also an opportunity to apply for money for projects subject to approval for AEVS (measure 30312 \$4 million province-wide) and culture in schools (measure 30090 \$3 million province-wide).

The committee was provided an analysis of the 2015-2016 financial results by department.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannu Jailos, CPC Observer