



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE LIBRARY ROOM OF JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL, 3030 VILERAY, MONTREAL ON THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 2, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members of the Committee

PRESENT: East Sector

Dante
East Hill
General Vanier
Gerald McShane
John F. Kennedy
John Grant
John Paul I
Leonardo da Vinci
Lester B. Pearson
LINKS
Mackay
Michelangelo
MIND
Nesbitt
Our Lady of Pompei
Pierre E. Trudeau
Rosemount
St. Raphael

Alt. Costa Carrara
John Carosello
Jason Trudeau
Franco Mazzariello
Carmie Lato
Cynthia Dudley
Francesco Fortugno
Tony Speranza
Benny Berneti
Giovanni Goffredo
Joanne Charron
Pietro Mercuri
Antoine Fecteau
Carlo Peruch
Anthony Cristofaro
Marie-Helene Bedard
Richard Berger
Peter Baas

PRESENT: West Sector

Cedarcrest
Coronation
Dunrae Gardens
Royal Vale
Royal West
Westmount
Willingdon
Raymond Ayas
Hannu Jailos
Joseph Bondi
Mark Ellenbogen
Norm Gharibian
George Szatmari
Suzanne de Jonge

ACSES

Isabelle Baas

Regrets/Absent: East Sector

Bancroft
Dalkeith
Dante
Edward Murphy
FACE
Honore Mercier
John Caboto
Laurier Macdonald
Pierre de Coubertin
St. Dorothy
Philip E. Layton
Sinclair Laird
St. Raphael
Vincent Massey

Alex Quiterio
Patty Smyth
Alba Fiorino
Laura Saragosa
Alyssa Kuzmarov
Joseph Di Liello
Sonia Pecora
Mario Bentrovato
Stephen Hudon
Milan Cardone
Ann Gagnon
Jahangir Kabir
Kelly De Pooter
Todd Roberts

Regrets/Absent: West Sector

Carlyle
Edinburgh
Elizabeth Ballantyne
Gardenview
Hampstead
James Lyng
Laurenhill
Merton
Marymount
Parkdale
Roslyn
St. Gabriel
St. Monica
Westmount Park
Serena Caplette
Erin Matheson
Marc Laforest
Daniel Tatone
Felipe Morales
Karen Abecassis
Adriano Miele
Stacey Kaufman
Sherlyn Figueira
No GB
Michelle Grigat
Mubeenah Mughal
Andrew Ross
Sophie Antippa

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

Guest: Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services

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 Jason Trudeau, seconded by Isabelle Baas and resolved that the agenda be approved with the following additions;

Move item 6.1 after 2.1

6.3. Tribute to R. Guzzo, Michelangelo International

6.4 Sex Education Program Pilot Project

Vote: 26-0-0

Motion Carried

2.1 PRESENTATION: BUDGET BUILDING PROCESS LIVIA NASSIVERA, DIRECTOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

Livia Nassivera presented the changes to the budget building document for 2017-2018 and answered questions from the members

6.1 CONSULTATION: BUDGET BUILDING PROCESS

Guiding Principles:

- I. Agree
- II. Agree to remove
- III. Agree
- IV. Remove “maintaining or possibly. . . : and replace with “maintain and or increase”
- V. Add to the end of the sentence “and those that generate revenue”
- VI. Agree
- VII. Agree
- VIII. Agree
- IX. Agree
- X. Agree
- XI. Agree
- XII. Agree

It was moved by Isabelle Baas seconded by Peter Baas and unanimously resolved that the recommended Guiding Principles be accepted.

Vote: 26-0-0

Motion Carried

Budget Priorities

- 1- Increase or at a minimum maintain the funding for literacy and numeracy in all cycles.
- 2- Increase the current staffing ratios, including resource teachers, professionals, CCW’s and behavioral technicians taking into consideration services to all students from advanced learners to special need students and tailoring services according to individual school needs.
- 3- Invest and improve in new and ever-changing technologies in all schools. To be maintained and supported by an increase in technicians as well as professional development ad refreshers courses to ensure staff utilizes tools to the best of their capabilities.
- 4- Increase the funding for building adaptations in order to ensure accessibility to all levels and facilities for students and staff with physical disabilities
- 5- Increase or at a minimum maintain the budget and the professional development to special programs that schools subscribe to in order to implement and maintain them as proficiently as possible. Including but not limited to; STEAM, IB, Sport Etude, Closed Classes, PELO
- 6- Grow the infrastructure capabilities available to students and staff through;
 - Sustainable investments/improvements in infrastructure
 - Provisions of professional development in order to enhance student learning and success

- 7- Increase funding for building maintenance, improvements, security, upgrading projects, health and cleanliness, including washroom maintenance, replenishment of hygiene products and snow and ice removal in common areas in order to improve the physical learning environment for students.
- 8- Increase or at a minimum maintain an equitable per capita allocation.
- 9- Creation of a specific budget for the marketing of all high schools for student retention after grade 6 to increase enrolment targeted to cycle 3 elementary students.
- 10- Ensure food programs are maintained throughout the year without compromise to nutritional guidelines.

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri seconded by Joseph Bondi and resolved that the recommended Budget Priorities be accepted.

Vote: 26-0-0

Motion Carried

3. FIRST QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2017

It was moved by Isabelle Baas, seconded by Norn Gharibian and resolved that the minutes be adopted with minor corrections to grammar.

Vote: 22-0-4

Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 UPDATE: INTERNAL RULES

The chair asked that the item be discussed in March as the budget took most of the time for the meeting.

5.2 UPDATE: STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CPC 2016-2017 (5 MIN)

There were no new updates.

5.3 UPDATE: PARENT CONFERENCE

The steering committee is currently working on topics and a venue. A date of April 29th has been decided. Posters are in the works and registration will be capped at 300.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Norm Gharibian, seconded by Pietro Mercuri and resolved that for the 2017 parent conference, CPC commit at this time \$2000.00 and request that each regional parents committee contribute \$500.00.

Vote: 26-0-0

Motion Carried

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.2 CONSULTATION: 240 RENEWAL STATUS

A) ROYAL WEST

DRAFT RESOLUTION- CENTRAL PARENTS COMMITTEE

**“Request to Ministry of Education for Renewal of Specific Project Status
(Section 240 of the Education Act) – Royal West Academy”**

WHEREAS Section 240 of the Education Act indicates that, by way of exception, at the request of a group of parents and after consulting with the parents’ committee, a school board may, with the approval of the Ministère de l’Éducation et de l’Enseignement supérieur (MEES) establish a school for the purpose of a Specific Project, subject to the conditions and for the period determined by the Minister;

WHEREAS Section 240 also indicates that the school board may determine the criteria for the enrollment of the students in schools with a Specific Project;

WHEREAS the MEES requires that schools wishing to do so, renew their request for authorization;

WHEREAS the Governing Board and Staff Council of Royal West Academy have affirmed their request for the maintenance and support of its Specific Project Status;

WHEREAS pertinent documentation has been prepared by the school concerned and reviewed by Board Administrators and recommended by the Council of Commissioners;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the request for the renewal of the Specific Project Status for Royal West Academy be approved and be forwarded to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur for authorization to continue its specific educational project, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.

It was moved by Benny Berneti, seconded by Isabelle Baas and unanimously resolved to accept the renewal status, article 240, for Royal West Academy as presented.

Vote: 26-0-0

Motion Carried

B) VINCENT MASSEY

DRAFT RESOLUTION- CENTRAL PARENTS COMMITTEE

“Request to Ministry of Education for Renewal of Specific Project Status (Section 240 of the Education Act) – Vincent Massey Collegiate”

WHEREAS Section 240 of the Education Act indicates that, by way of exception, at the request of a group of parents and after consulting with the parents' committee, a school board may, with the approval of the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) establish a school for the purpose of a Specific Project, subject to the conditions and for the period determined by the Minister;

WHEREAS Section 240 also indicates that the school board may determine the criteria for the enrollment of the students in schools with a Specific Project;

WHEREAS the MEES requires that schools wishing to do so, renew their request for authorization;

WHEREAS the Governing Board and Staff Council of Vincent Massey Collegiate have affirmed their request for the maintenance and support of its Specific Project Status;

WHEREAS pertinent documentation has been prepared by the school concerned and reviewed by Board Administrators and recommended by the Council of Commissioners;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the request for the renewal of the Specific Project Status for Vincent Massey Collegiate be approved and be forwarded to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur for authorization to continue its specific educational project, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.

It was moved by Isabelle Baas, seconded by Peter Baas and unanimously resolved to accept the renewal status, article 240, for Vincent Massey Collegiate as presented.

Vote: 26-0-0

Motion Carried

6.3 TRIBUTE TO R. GUZZO, MICHELANGELO INTERNATIONAL

Pietro Mercuri spoke to the passing of Rosa Guzzo, a long-time volunteer very well respected at the school and asked that CPC send a letter to her husband and son. Jason Trudeau asked if the same could be done for a teacher at Dante School. The members agreed unanimously.

6.4 SEX EDUCATION PROGRAM PILOT PROJECT

Pietro Mercuri asked about the pilot project running in some schools at other Boards and that parents were concerned following the information night given and what the students will be learning.

Ms. Matheson informed the members that there is no plans or discussion at the EMSB to pilot this program and the Board has not been approached by the Ministry, but she will get more information from Educational Services.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A REGIONAL COMMITTEES REPORTS

Both Regions were cancelled, next meetings are in February.

There was a press conference at General Vanier for the STEAM program and Mackay Centre is having a reverse integration session for interested students, the information is online.

7B PARENT COMMISSIONER REPORT

There were presentations to Honore Mercier Choir winners of the CBC project, Teacher recognition for Inspirations, topics discussed included that resolution to the history program on the content.

7C TREASURERS REPORT

Balance of 9,726.00\$

7D EPCA REPORT

Topics discussed were the issue with the sex education course and the history curriculum resolution

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

See written report from Laura Saragosa.

8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

Cynthia Dudley must resign her position as observer. There were no volunteers at this time so an email will be sent to everyone.

8C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was cancelled.

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

There was no meeting.

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

Topics discussed were the budget building process, the new special education policy, the ACSES media hub and the internal rules.

Isabelle Baas informed the members that Ms. Liz Arnot has sent in her resignation to the committee and asks that CPC approve a new member at this time. Following the previous nominations the executive approved two members as backup should this situation arise. The next name on the list is still available and interested in being on the committee.

It was moved by Suzanne de Jonge, seconded by Isabelle Baas and resolved that CPC appoint Rosemarie Federico from John Caboto Academy to be on the ACSES committee.

Vote: 26-0-0

Motion Carried

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

There was no meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION FROM ST. GABRIEL GB

The chair informed the members on the email that was received from St. Gabriel School regarding the resolution they passed on CPC moving to EPCA.

It was mentioned that Anna Sanalidro was chosen as Quebec's Outstanding Principal, the members agreed to send a letter of congratulations to her.

10. SECOND QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

March 2, 2017 @ 6:30 pm @ John F. Kennedy High School.

The chair informed the members that at this meeting the agenda would be shared with a meeting with the council as they have asked to meet with CPC. Topics will be brought forward and the remaining agenda will be dealt with following the meeting with the internal rules first on the list.

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

TBD @ 7:30 pm @ Administration Building.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Joseph Bondi, seconded by Carmie Lato, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Vote: 26-0-0

Motion Carried

Suzanne de Jonge
Chair

Brigida Sellato
Communications Consultant/Secretary

Education Meeting 11-Jan-2017
Submitted by Laura Saragosa

These are the topics that were discussed:

CeSDA Entente: Possibilities to have virtual Italian classes and the funding for Pelo classes to continue.

We discussed the renewal of the 240 status VMC and Royal West

A presentation was given on the budget and results of 2016 Summer School and the proposal for 2017 Summer School
There was also a report on rewrite and success rates of 2016 supplemental examinations and table of results was provided

New secondary III and IV History program. A survey was completed by teachers regarding the new Sec III, IV history course. Results show that there were 19 out of 28 teachers agree that there is not enough content on the indigenous, allophone and Anglophone's contribution to the history course.

The survey also reported that the teachers also mentioned that the program is too detailed and that there is too much content to cover