



**NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE LIBRARY ROOM OF JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL, 3030 VILERAY, MONTREAL
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Members of the Committee

PRESENT: East Sector

Dante
East Hill
General Vanier
Gerald McShane
John Caboto
John F. Kennedy
John Paul I
Leonardo da Vinci
LINKS
Mackay
Michelangelo
Nesbitt
Our Lady of Pompei
Pierre de Coubertin
St. Dorothy
Rosemount

Alba Fiorino
John Carosello
Jason Trudeau
Franco Mazzariello
Sonia Pecora
Carmie Lato
Francesco Fortugno
Tony Speranza
Giovanni Goffredo
Joanne Charron
Pietro Mercuri
Carlo Peruch
Anthony Cristofaro
Stephen Hudon
Milan Cardone
Richard Berger

PRESENT: West Sector

Carlyle
Dunrae Gardens
Gardenvue
Royal West
Westmount
Westmount Park
Willingdon
Serena Caplette
Joseph Bondi
Daniel Tatone
Norm Gharibian
George Szatmari
Sophie Antippa
Suzanne de Jonge

ACES

Isabelle Baas

Regrets/Absent: East Sector

Bancroft
Dalkeith
Edward Murphy
FACE
Honore Mercier
John Grant
Laurier Macdonald
Lester B. Pearson
MIND
Philip E. Layton
Pierre E. Trudeau
Sinclair Laird
St. Raphael
Vincent Massey

Stephanie Keating
Patty Smyth
Laura Saragosa
Alyssa Kuzmarov
Joseph Di Liello
Cynthia Dudley
Mario Benvotato
Benny Berneti
Antoine Fecteau
Ann Gagnon
Marie-Helene Bedard
Jahangir Kabir
Kelly De Pooter
Todd Roberts

Regrets/Absent: West Sector

Cedarcrest
Coronation
Edinburgh
Elizabeth Ballantyne
Hampstead
James Lyng
Laurenhill
Merton
Marymount
Parkdale
Roslyn
Royal Vale
St. Gabriel
St. Monica

Raymond Ayas
Hannu Jailos
Erin Matheson
Marc Laforest
Felipe Morales
Karen Abecassis
Adriano Miele
Stacey Kaufman
Sherlyn Figueira
No GB
Michelle Grigat
Mark Ellenbogen
Mubeenah Mughal
Andrew Ross

Also Present:

Angela Mancini, Chairman, EMSB
Sylvia Lo Bianco, Vice Chairman, EMSB
Joe Lalla, Commissioner, EMSB
James Kromida, Commissioner, EMSB
Joe Ortona, Commissioner, EMSB
Bernie Praw, Commissioner, EMSB
Ann Marie Matheson, Director General
Evelyn Alfonsi, Regional Director, East Sector
Pela Nickoletopoulos, Regional Director, West Sector
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB

Guest:

1. WELCOME

The chairs, Suzanne de Jonge and Angela Mancini welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Everyone around the table introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Tabled

3. MEETING WITH COUNCIL (1H 30 MIN)

3.1 STRATEGIC PLAN

The CPC members outlined their plans for this school year and how the Parent Conference is a major project they are undertaking.

CPC discussed with Council the organization of the parent structure following the resolution from last year to make one CPC. Council asked CPC what their priority and vision is for their committee and that their internal rules should reflect their vision.

Discussion was also had on how to educate parents on governance, especially with Bill 105 coming into effect and asked that Administration look into a session to inform parents. Discussion also occurred on the possibility of virtual or video presentations that could be sent or viewed online by all making them more accessible.

Discussion took place on the marketing of schools especially to the High Schools and how open houses are important and the appearance of the school building has an impact on students and parents. A suggestion was made to also ask students how they choose a school. An idea to reach out to student committees to their input, Facebook ads, revisit the TV commercials looking at High Schools. The EMSB needs to sell the value of the public system to the parents.

3.2 IMPACT OF BILL 105

There will be more power at the local level and things will be passed to schools and governing boards. Administration can come back to speak about the roles when more information is received.

3.3 PARENT ISSUE ESCALATION

CPC members asked what the proper steps are that a parent should take regarding the complaints procedures. They feel there is a lack of information available for parents to consult for procedures.

3.4 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DOSSIER

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of resources for students and teachers. It was suggested that the resources offered by the Board, via professional consultants can be asked to work with the teachers and the schools.

3.5 ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Some members expressed concern over changing both the principal and the vice-principal at the same time and perhaps leaving one for the transition period.

Suzanne de Jonge and Angela Mancini thanked everyone for coming out and expressed that this type of meeting be held again and perhaps schedule two or three per year.

The meeting between CPC and Council ended at 9:10 pm.

Seeing that quorum was not attained no items can be approved or adopted all items will be tabled to the next meeting only information items will be discussed and the internal rules.

**Report to the Central Parents Committee on March 1, 2017
Finance Committee Meeting February 8, 2017**

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

1. Public Call for Tenders
 - a. Insurance for international students
 - b. Multi-function devices (copier, fax etc.)
 - c. Grocery, meat, poultry and fish products
 - d. Rental of gas equipment and supplies for new AEVS Centre on Grandes Prairies
 - e. Banking services
2. EMSB to join a co-operative purchasing group for milk
3. New rental rates for EMSB facilities as of July 1, 2017
4. Budget Transfers and Increases:
 - a. Transfer \$90K for maintenance & repairs from other accounts
 - b. Increase identity management budget by \$32K for work not completed June 2016
 - c. Transfer \$93K for literacy & numeracy not completed last year due to strike days
 - d. \$70K increase in international students youth travel insurance taken from revenues from greater number of students
 - e. \$127K transfer from prior year surplus for professional development on digital citizenship (every teacher vs teams or leads)
 - f. \$6.5K for temporary full-time analyst position for Mozaic system in addition to \$22K budget from unfilled tech support position for financial systems
5. Reinvestment in Education: \$33K for robotics teacher training, \$23K for COOL-E (communication, oral, reading, writing) professional development at 7 schools, and \$16K for Welcome to Kindergarten program, plus \$64K to be determined

A listing of all cheques and payments over \$5000 from April 1 to June 30, 2016 and from July 1 to December 31, 2016 was provided.

As of January, the anticipated budget deficit for this year is \$2.9 million.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannu Jailos, CPC Observer
Also on behalf of Sophie Antippa, CPC Observer