



**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, APRIL 6, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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**Members of the Committee**

**PRESENT: East Sector**

Bancroft	Stephanie Keating
East Hill	John Carosello
Edward Murphy	Laura Saragosa
General Vanier	Jason Trudeau
Gerald McShane	Franco Mazzariello
Honore Mercier	Joseph Di Liello
John Caboto	Alt. Maria Sabrina Mangione
John F. Kennedy	Carmie Lato
John Grant	Cynthia Dudley
John Paul I	Francesco Fortugno
LINKS	Giovanni Goffredo
Laurier Macdonald	Mario Bentrovato
Leonardo da Vinci	Tony Speranza
Lester B. Pearson	Benny Berneti
Mackay	Joanne Charron
MIND	Antoine Fecteau
Michelangelo	Pietro Mercuri
Nesbitt	Carlo Peruch
Pierre de Coubertin	Stephen Hudon
Pierre E. Trudeau	Marie-Helene Bedard
Rosemount	Richard Berger
Sinclair Laird	Amanda Liste

**PRESENT: West Sector**

Carlyle	Serena Caplette
Cedarcrest	Raymond Ayas
Coronation	Hannu Jailos
Gardenview	Daniel Tatone
Laurenhill	Alt. Melvin Shantz
Roslyn	Michelle Grigat
Royal West	Norm Gharibian
St. Gabriel	Mubeenah Mughal
St. Monica	Andrew Ross
Westmount Park	Sophie Antippa
Westmount	George Szatmari
Willingdon	Suzanne de Jonge

**ACSES**

Isabelle Baas

**Regrets/Absent: East Sector**

Dalkeith	Patty Smyth
Dante	Alba Fiorino
FACE	Alyssa Kuzmarov
John Caboto	Sonia Pecora
Our Lady of Pompei	Anthony Cristofaro
Philip E. Layton	Ann Gagnon
St. Dorothy	Milan Cardone
St. Raphael	Kelly De Pooter
Vincent Massey	Todd Roberts

**Regrets/Absent: West Sector**

Dunrae Gardens	Joseph Bondi
Edinburgh	Erin Matheson
Elizabeth Ballantyne	Marc Laforest
Hampstead	Felipe Morales
James Lyng	Karen Abecassis
Laurenhill	Adriano Miele
Marymount	Sherlyn Figueira
Merton	Stacey Kaufman
Parkdale	No GB
Royal Vale	Mark Ellenbogen

**Also Present:** Ann Marie Matheson, Director General  
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB

**Observers:** George Varelas, Parent, Gardenview  
Sophie Riches, Parent, Bancroft

## 1. OPENING REMARKS

The chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Amanda Liste, seconded by Isabelle Baas and resolved to adopt the agenda with the following modifications;

6.4 *Removed*

6.5 *Literacy Prize*

6.6 *Hot Lunch Programs*

6.7 *School Trips*

**Vote: 33-0-0 (S. Antippa, M. Mughal not present)**

**Motion Carried**

## 3. FIRST QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 2017

It was moved by Jason Trudeau, seconded by Cynthia Dudley and resolved to adopt the minutes of February 2<sup>nd</sup> as presented.

**Vote: 29-0-4 (S. Antippa, M. Mughal not present)**

**Motion Carried**

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 5.1 UPDATE: INTERNAL RULES

The members held a lengthy discussion on the modifications to the internal rules.

Changes included;

- Removal of the passage from the Education Act and include only the Sections relevant.
- Item 3.1 rephrase to, The Council of Commissioners has determined the composition of the CPC from all the delegates from each school. **Vote: 20-2-11(S. Antippa, M. Mughal not present)**

### S. Antippa arrived at 7:44 pm

- 3.2 removed
- Item 6.9; Criteria for removal; Sanction by sending a letter to the school GB and the principal explaining how the member has violated the code of conduct.
- Addition of appendix A code of conduct
- 6.11 term of ACSES member, it was decided that a legal opinion was needed but the internal rules would be approved without this section until the answer is received.

### M. Mughal arrived at 8:10 pm

- 8.20 replace dismissed with remove from office and add: the word only in the parenthesis
- 8.25 replace meetings attended with 2/3 of the total number of meetings

It was moved by Jason Trudeau, seconded by Francesco Fortugno and resolved to adopt the internal rules as modified.

**Vote: 32-0-3**

**Motion Carried**

### 5.2 UPDATE: PARENT CONFERENCE

The website is up and running for registration. Flyers will be sent out. The venue and food has been ordered and now the committee is looking for volunteers for that day.

### M. Benvorato left at 8:41 pm

### 5.3 SNOW DAYS POLICY

Ann Marie Matheson advised the members that the Boards first priority is the safety and security of the students and staff. The Board follows guidelines to close schools when there is bad weather and it begins at 4:30 am or even the night before. They consult other Boards and the buses.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 CONSULTATION: 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Ann Marie Matheson informed the members that some dates have changed therefore a revised calendar will be sent for consultation.

It was moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Stephen Hudon and resolved to table the consultation.

**Vote: 34-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

### **6.2 SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY AT EMSB**

Isabelle Baas asked how the Board deals with cases of harassment following some issues in the media recently. Ann Marie Matheson explained that policy DG-27 Safe Physical and Environment Policy and the Board sits at a table where they deal with multi-sectorial ententes.

### **6.3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST LETTER FOR GB'S**

Members asked about the form that some GB's have been asked to sign on conflict of interest.

Ann Marie Matheson explained that this form is just a declaration of interests that a member might hold when it comes to voting at your GB.

### **6.4 PARENT (CPC/RPC) CONFLICT OF ETHIC**

Item removed.

### **6.5 LITERACY PRIZE**

Suzanne de Jonge asked for volunteers to select a book for the literacy prize. Serena Caplette volunteered. It was unanimous that they choose the book without coming back for approval.

### **6.6 HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

Tony Speranza asked about suppliers and how it is communicated to the schools when a supplier no longer supplies to the schools.

Ann Marie Matheson informed members that this issue is new and it is being dealt with and communication is going out to principals.

### **6.7 SCHOOL TRIPS**

Cynthia Dudley shared a concern over the trips over the border and the current issues of immigration.

Ann Marie Matheson advised the members that the Board has always had a plan to ensure that anyone left at the border can get home.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **7A REGIONAL COMMITTEES REPORTS**

There were no meetings in March.

### **7B PARENT COMMISSIONER REPORT**

Topics discussed were a new vocational centre in St. Leonard, the electoral divisions, the finance reports and new signs for all building. Joanne Charron attended an autism press conference with the health and education sectors.

### **7C TREASURERS REPORT**

There is a balance of 5, 700.00 following all the earmarked monies.

### **7D EPCA REPORT**

There was a presentation from Joanne Charron on special needs to the members the remainder of the meeting there was no quorum.

## **8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **8A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The meeting was cancelled because of the snow storm.

### **8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE**

There was no report.

**8C. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

See written report from Hannu Jailos for February meeting.  
The March meeting was cancelled because of the snow storm.

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

The meeting has not taken place as yet.

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

Topics discussed were the internal rules, the website and there was a presentation from the Behaviour Specialist, Lori Rubin.

**8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Topics discussed were the bus service from Verdun to St. Gabriel, the new STM schedule for John Paul I and Laurier Macdonald and the bus contracts.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**10. VARIA**

There was no varia.

**11. SECOND QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

**12. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

May 4, 2017 @ 7:00 pm @ John F. Kennedy High School.

**DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING**

TBD @ 7:30 pm @ Administration Building.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Norm Gharibian, seconded by Sophie Antippa and resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm.

**Vote: 34-0-0**

**Motion Carried**

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Suzanne de Jonge  
Chair

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Brigida Sellato  
Communications Consultant/Secretary

**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