



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EMSB PARENTS COMMITTEE
HELD VIA ZOOM, MONTREAL, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**

EMSBC PARENTS COMMITTEE DELEGATES / ALTERNATES

ACSES		Serena Caplette	Laurenhill	Alt	Barry Rolbin
ACSES	Alt	Mubeenah Mughal	Laurier Macdonald		Sophie De Vito
Bancroft		Kalli Kiriazidis	Laurier Macdonald	Alt	Mickey Lemme
Carlyle		Sabrina Pagano	Leonardo da Vinci		Marco Mollica
Cedarcrest		Raymond Ayas	Lester B. Pearson		Benny Berneti
Dante		Antonio Zaruso	Lester B. Pearson	Alt	Franco Mazzariello
Dunrae Gardens		Joseph Bondi	Marymount		Andrew Ross
East Hill		Joseph Paglia	Merton		Michael Gonshor
Edinburgh		Caroline Phaneuf	Michelangelo		Stephanie Passucci
Edward Murphy		Wendy Polverari	Our Lady of Pompei	Alt	Cynthia Di Bacco
Edward Murphy	Alt	Ana Paola De Sousa	Philip E. Layton		Roynette MacIntyre
Elizabeth Ballantyne		Lisa Bucciarelli	Pierre de Coubertin		Maria Corsi
Gardenvue		George Varelas	Pierre E. Trudeau		Frederick Lalonde
General Vanier		Jason Trudeau	Rosemount	Alt	Barbara Scharing
General Vanier	Alt	Fiorenzo Vetrone	Royal Vale		Andrea Batsis
Gerald McShane		Francesca Pitruzzello	Royal West		Norm Gharibian
Gerald McShane	Alt	Joe Rossi	Royal West	Alt	Anne Monereau
Hampstead		Katherine Korakakis	Sinclair Laird	Alt	Joanna Peters
Honore Mercier		Tony Campione	St. Gabriel		David Benoit
John Caboto		Mariasabrina Mangione	St. Monica		Siarna Genest
John F. Kennedy		Johnny Leoci	Vincent Massey		Tony Speranza
John Paul I		Giovanni Petrecca	Westmount Park		Sophie Antippa
LINKS		Samantha Dudok	Westmount		Maggie Vasseur

REGRETS/ABSENT

Coronation		Ravi Singh Chevan	Our Lady of Pompei		Carlo Rossi
Dalkeith		Grace Staffa	Parkdale		Natalie Richmire
FACE		Fabien Welp-Barr	Rosemount		Carlo Peruch
John Grant		Ahmad Hassan	Roslyn		Daniele Otou
Laurenhill		Martin Gaudet	Sinclair Laird		Amanda Liste
Mackay		Marie Josee Beaulieu	St. Dorothy		Stephen Lepage
MIND		Jo Anne Wilding	Willingdon		Mark Ellinger
Nesbitt		Glen Jensen	Parent Commissioner (E)		Pietro Mercuri

ALSO PRESENT:

Ann Marie Matheson, Director General
Pela Nickoletopoulos, Regional Director, West
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant
Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner, ward 8

OBSERVERS:

Abby, Member of Public	Carolina Hernandez, Parent, Willingdon
Carmelina Ciarlillo, Parent	Laura Marra, Parent, General Vanier
C. Curly, Member of Public	Merika Ramundo, Parent, Honore Mercier
Chris Eustace, Member of the Public	Ashfaq Shileh, Sinclair Laird, GB Member
Adam Gordon, Parent, Cedarcrest	

1. OPENING REMARKS

The chair, Caroline Phaneuf welcomed everyone to this meeting via zoom and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Caroline Phaneuf, seconded by Katherine Korakakis and unanimously resolved that the agenda be accepted with the following modifications;

The DG will say a few words and give an overview of what has happened to date and is in the plans for the coming week, followed by question period and then a discussion on the two items on the agenda.

Vote: 39-0-0

Motion Carried

Before the items began Caroline Phaneuf and Ms. Matheson gave the parents an update on what is coming up and what is being done to help parents and employees during this crisis.

3. FIRST QUESTION PERIOD

Concerns and questions raised by the public and members were centered on:

- how children were to continue their education for the remainder of the year and the kinds of materials and resources they can use.
- grades that students were to use in the last semester to attain entrance into cegeps.
- How parents can pick up equipment at the schools for their children.
- Teachers contacting students with materials to do over the quarantine.
- Could homeschooling help parents with curriculum.

At 8:20 pm B. Rolbin and M. Mangione left the meeting

4. ARE THE MEASURES PUT IN PLACE BY THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE OUR CHILDREN'S LEARNING DURING THE SCHOOL CLOSURES ENOUGH?

The members discussed the measures that the MEES and EMSB have in place to date to allow students to continue their studies online. The EMSB has set up a home web page with resources and links to everyone the MEES has made available to students at all grade levels.

4.1 SHOULD WE SEND A RE-WORDED LETTER?

Following a brief discussion on the letters that were drafted to be sent to MEES and the EMSB.

It was moved by David Benoit, seconded by Katherine Korakakis and resolved that both letters be tabled indefinitely.

Vote: 33-4-0

Motion Carried

5. WHAT DEGREE OF COORDINATION IS THERE BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THOSE STUDENTS DEPENDING ON FOOD AND/OR SOCIAL PROGRAMS (EX: HOT MEALS, DRUG ADDICTION PROGRAMS, YOUNG MOTHERS PROGRAMS, ETC) BE ENSURED A CONTINUITY OF RESOURCES DURING THE SCHOOL CLOSURES?

Ann Marie Matheson let the members know that a list of suppliers, resources and references are being put together by Cafeteria Services which will be shared with the community.

6. SECOND QUESTION PERIOD (8 MIN)

There were no other questions.

On the suggestion by Ms. Matheson that the PC members could write a letter of encouragement and appreciation to the teachers for everything they have done and continue to do for the students during this crisis.

It was moved by Joseph Bondi, seconded by Marco Mollica and resolved that the Parents Committee write a letter to the teachers.

Vote: 16-21-0

Motion Defeated

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.1 REGULAR MEETING

Thursday May 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. (to be determined)

7.2 EXECUTIVE MEETING

Executive meetings are currently being held via virtual meetings.

8. ADJOURNMENT (1 MIN)

It was moved by George Varelas, seconded by Tony Speranza and resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Vote: 37-0-0

Motion Carried

Caroline Phaneuf
Chair

Brigida Sellato
Consultant/Secretary