Commission scolaire English-Montréal

English Montreal School Board

Meeting #01 2012/2013

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 6000 FIELDING AVE., MONTREAL
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Central Parents' Committee held in the William Dawson Room of Administration Building on November 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Committee

Present:	Region 1:	Mario Bentrovato Gail Giannakas Ron Lee Latchman Patrick Marcovecchio Pietro Mercuri Frank Reda Laura Saragosa
	Region 2:	Angie Bertone Teresa Gullo Joseph Karadakis Ilgin Sartekin George Varelas Patricia Willis
	Region 3:	Margaret Amos David Benoit Nijad Dahdah Debra Fogel Hannu Jailos Kurtis Law Andrew Ross
	ACSES:	Liz Arnot
Absent:	Region 2:	Teresa Cocullo-Scotto

Also Present: Roma Medwid, Deputy Director General
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB
Mona Kamel, Executive Secretary, EMSB

1. OPENING REMARKS

Pietro Mercuri called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., welcomed and thanked all members of CPC.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Gail Giannakas, seconded by Kurtis Law and unanimously resolved that the agenda be approved with the following additions and that the in camera items, 4.1, 4.5 and 6.8 be moved before item 7;

6.7 Tape recording – in camera
6.8 Consultation: School Calendar 2013-2014
6.9 Consultation: Co-Habitation
6.10 PIVOT
10.1 Council of Commissioners
10.2 IPADS

Vote: 20-0-0 (N. Dahdah not present) **Motion Carried**

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON;

JUNE 6TH

It was moved by Angie Bertone, seconded by Kurtis Law and resolved that the minutes from the June 6, 2012 meeting be approved with minor spelling corrections.
Vote: 10-0-9 **Motion Carried**

JULY 5TH

It was moved by Liz Arnot, seconded by Angie Bertone and resolved that the minutes from the July 5, 2012 special meeting be approved with minor spelling corrections.
Vote: 15-0-5 **Motion Carried**

OCTOBER 16TH

It was moved by Nijad Dahdah, seconded by Patricia Willis and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the October 16, 2012 general assembly be approved as presented.
Vote: 21-0-0 **Motion Carried**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 EPCA - DISCUSSION:

9:51 a motion to move in camera to discuss item 4.1.

It was moved by Angie Bertone, seconded by Kurtis Law and unanimously resolved that the CPC will invite members of the other eight English-language School Board Parent Committees to a meeting regarding EPCA before the association's Annual General Meeting on November 17.
Vote 20-0-0 **Motion carried**

It was moved by Patricia Willis and seconded by Hannu Jailos and unanimously resolved to spend no more than $300 on expenses for the meeting regarding EPCA.
Vote: 20-0-0 **Motion carried**

4.2 INTERNAL RULES:

It was moved by Hannu Jailos, seconded by Kurtis Law and unanimously resolved that the item be tabled to the next meeting.
Vote: 21-0-0 **Motion Carried**

4.3 MARKETING COMMITTEE (3 VACANT POSITIONS)

The chair asked for volunteers to attend these meetings as there are three vacant positions from outgoing members. The following members volunteered to attend those meetings: Margaret Amos, Mario Bentrovato and Andrew Ross.

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri, seconded by Frank Reda and unanimously resolved that Margaret Amos, Mario Bentrovato and Andrew Ross be appointed to the marketing committee.
Vote: 21-0-0 **Motion Carried**

4.4 EMSB CARES (101) COMMITTEE

There is one vacant position on the EMSB CARES Committee. Volunteers to the committee were asked Ron Lee Latchman and Kurtis Law.

After a secret ballot vote: Ron Lee Latchman was elected to the committee.

4.5 DISCUSSION – PALATTUCI TASK FORCE

10:10 pm a motion to move in camera to discuss item 4.5.

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri, seconded by Kurtis Law, and was unanimously resolved that the Central Parents Committee will write a letter to the Council of Commissioners regarding an application for 240 status for the new high school in Cote Saint-Luc, and inquiring whether or not all procedures were followed.
Vote: 20-0-0 **Motion carried**

Pietro Mercuri will draft a letter and submit it to the CPC Executive for comments.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 DECEMBER SOCIAL

After a brief discussion it was decided that Brigida Sellato and Mona Kamel will order the food for the social.

It was moved by Gail Giannakas, seconded by Ilgin Sartekin and unanimously resolved that the social for December not exceed $300.00.
Vote: 21-0-0 **Motion Carried**

6.2 CONSULTATION ENROLLMENT POLICY (NOVEMBER 18TH)

It was moved by Gail Giannakas, seconded by Angie Bertone and unanimously resolved that the Enrolment Policy for 2013-2014 be accepted as with the correction to article 239 on page 2.
Vote: 21-0-0 **Motion Carried**

6.3 CONSULTATION BUDGET BUILDING PROCESS 2012-2013

It was moved by Gail Giannakas, seconded by Frank Reda and unanimously resolved that the item be tabled to the next meeting and that Mr. Angelo Marino be invited to attend the meeting to present the budget building process. The members also asked if he could bring the breakdown of categories with dollar amounts.
Vote: 21-0-0 **Motion Carried**

6.4 MEETINGS WITH COMMISSIONERS – POSSIBLE DATES

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mario Bentrovato, seconded by Nijad Dahdah and unanimously resolved that a letter be sent to the chairman of the Board with three possible dates to meet with council before the holiday break; November 20th, November 26th, or December 4th.
Vote: 21-0-0 **Motion Carried**

It was agreed that the remaining dates would be determined at a later date.

6.5 POLICY FOR BACKGROUND/POLICE CHECK ON PARENT VOLUNTEERS.

Roma Medwid explained to the members the reason why the Board will be administering police checks on the school volunteers. This is in accordance with the

Law since 2006. She also informed them that the police checks for the volunteers are free. The majority of the CPC members were in favor of this and praised the Board for the initiative.

6.6 DISCUSSION – POLICY ON BULLYING

Roma Medwid explained the upcoming action plan that will be presented at the governing boards on the anti-bullying law. Some members expressed concerns as to what is in place at the moment regarding bullying. Brigida Sellato will send out bill 56 and the safe school policy.

6.7 TAPE RECORDING

9:40 PM A MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA TO DISCUSS ITEM 6.7.

It was moved by Patricia Willis, seconded by Kurtis Law and resolved that the CPC permits the recording of its meetings with a tape recorder.

Vote 1-18-2 **Motion Defeated**

6.8 SCHOOL CALENDARS

It was moved by Angie Bertone, seconded by Ilgin Sartekin and unanimously resolved that the School Calendar for 2013-2014 be accepted with the correction of the starting date in the French section.

Vote: 21-0-0 **Motion Carried**

6.9 CO-HABITATION CONSULTATION

See attached report from Roma Medwid.

CPC will have the opportunity to submit a brief on December 7th. Laura Saragosa will send the questions that Edward Murphy School came up with for their consultation to the chair.

After a brief discussion the members agreed that Pietro Mercuri, Angie Bertone and Patricia Willis will attend the governing board meeting at St-Dorothy on November 5th and they will contact the chair of John Caboto to attend their meeting to offer their help to both schools and discuss their positions.

6.10 PIVOT

Angie Bertone gave the members a brief history on the situation with the PIVOT teams.

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Angie Bertone, seconded by Patricia Willis and unanimously resolved that CPC send a letter to the Agence regarding the situation in the east end.

Vote: 21-0-0 **Motion Carried**

Pietro Mercuri and Angie Bertone will draft a letter and e-mail it everyone.

It was moved by Kurtis Law, seconded by Hannu Jailos and unanimously resolved that the meeting move in camera to discuss items 4.1, 4.5, 6.8 and 10.1. at 9:40 pm.

Vote: 21-0-0 **Motion Carried**

Gail Giannakas left the meeting at 9:40 pm

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No report.

7B. PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

No report.

7C. TREASURER'S REPORT

See attached report by Kurtis Law.

7D. EPCA REPORT
Item dealt with under 4.1.

7E. GREEN COMMITTEE
No Report

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EDUCATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
No report

8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
See attached report from Teresa Cocullo-Scotto and Ilgin Sartekin.

8C. FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
No report.

8D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADULT EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL SERVICES (AEVS)
See attached report from Debra Fogel.

8E. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (ACSES)
See attached report from Liz Arnot.

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
No meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

10. VARIA

10.1 Council of Commissioners
The item was discussed in camera.

10.2 IPADS
Concerns were raised as to where the money comes from when the IPADS are purchased and that some are more expensive than others. Roma Medwid explained that 420 IPADS were purchased and the money was taken from Fund 3, it is funded by the parents and the Board pays for the professional development. The IT Department and Pedagogical Services did research before recommending certain IPADS with regard to compatibility to the system and pricing.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING –Thursday, December 6, 2012

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING – November 26, 2012 at 7 pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Frank Reda and seconded by Hannu Jailos, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 PM

Pietro Mercuri Chairperson	Mona Kamel Secretary

October 25th, 2012

Cohabitation Scenarios between EMSB and CSDM

St-Dorothy – Marie Rivier

There were several meetings between the CSDM and the EMSB, the last of which occurred on September 18th. The meeting was attended by M. Corbeil, Directeur de réseau CSDM, Mme Chrétien analyste CSDM, M. Daly Directeur École Marie-Rivier, Rosetta Ortona- Perri, Principal of St. Dorothy School and Claude Dansereau, Regional Director.

As a result of these preliminary discussions, four pre-kindergarten groups would be attending St-Dorothy School from École Marie-Rivier. Therefore, École Marie-Rivier would send 60 students to St-Dorothy School. A dedicated entry was identified for these students. This entry opens up into a big room with a locker area, an office and toilets. This room would also serve as the receiving area and lunch area. Dedicated personnel would be present to welcome the pupils in the morning.

St-Dorothy School offered the possibility of utilizing the gym after discussing the schedule with CSDM as it would not penalize the St-Dorothy students. The possibility of the CSDM personnel using the EMSB photocopier could be arranged after finalizing a cost sharing agreement.

The rooms offered are 131-143-210-215.

John Caboto Academy – École St-Simon

There were several meetings between the CSDM and the EMSB, the last of which occurred on September 18th. The meeting was attended by M. Corbeil, Directeur de réseau CSDM, Mme Chrétien analyste CSDM, Mme Payette Directrice École St-Simon, Lucy Buscemi, Principal of JCA and Claude Dansereau, Regional Director.

As a result of these preliminary discussions, three grade 6 groups from École St-Simon would be attending classes in John Caboto Academy for a total of 60 students. The students would assemble each day at École St-Simon and would come to JCA as a group escorted by their teachers. Students would be limited to the 3 dedicated classes liberated by JCA. All other specialized courses, lunch and recess would take place at École St-Simon. The schedule would be prepared in order to minimize the displacement of students during the day. The JCA door used by École St-Simon students will modified to accept a magnetic card at the expense of the CSDM in order to minimize disruptions. Late or early departure students would always be escorted by an educator. Students from École St-Simon would not have access to any other facility at JCA. The possibility of the CSDM personnel using the EMSB photocopier could be arranged after finalizing a cost sharing agreement. The CSDM's decision to have the groups of students from École St-Simon be grade 6 students was made on the basis of the level of autonomy of these students and the personnel involved.

The rooms offered are 201-202-203.

Proposed CPC Budget
2012 2013

	2011 – 2012 Expenditures	2012 – 2013 Budget	2012-2013 Expenditures (As of Oct 2012)
Opening Balance	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Expenses			
Meeting Refreshments	$ 1,132.04	$ 1,250.00	$ 53.67
Scholarships & Donations	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 0.00
Workshops & Seminars	$ 0.00	$ 500.00	$ 0.00
Special Events	$ 1,393.55	$ 1000.00	$ 0.00
Agendas	$ 0.00	$ 50.00	$ 0.00
Postage/Printing etc	$ 180.11	$ 100.00	$ 0.00
Meeting Allocations	$ 5,688.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 315.00
Gifts	$ 606.30	$ 100.00	$ 0.00
Totals	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 368.67
Cash Balance	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 9,631.33

CPC financial statement
as of Nov 1, 2012

Assets (July 1, 2012)		$10,000.00
Expenses (as of Sept,6 2012)	$53.67	
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Total Expenses	$53.67	
Balance		$9946.33
Less current allocations (General Assembly October 2012)	$315.00	
Current Balance		$9631.33

Please note that expenses incurred at the general assembly and the executive meeting with Mr. Leo Lafrance are not included in the amounts above but will be included in my December report or as soon as they are made available to me.

Kurtis Law
CPC Treasurer

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meetings held on:
September 20, 2012 and October 22, 2012

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1. **CEGEPS:**
   - MTA and Pedagogical services are **still waiting** for an explanation from the various CEGEPS on how they are reading our reports cards and the competencies.
   - For Secondary 5 English and French, written and reading will be evaluated for term 1 on report cards. Term 2 all competencies should be evaluated.
   - Guidance counselors from the high schools do meet with the various CEGEPS.
   - When applying to the CEGEPS, results of Secondary 4 and the first term of Secondary 5, plus summer and winter supplemental exam marks are taken into consideration.
   - According to MELS, term 2 marks can only be released from the High Schools after March 15. CEGEP deadline is March 1. A message must be sent to the CEGEPS that the dates for CEGEP intake of marks be aligned with that of MELS.
2. **PLC at Work (Professional Learning Communities at Work)):** A three-day summit was organized from October 17 to 19 at the Sheraton Hotel downtown. Most schools had 'live' feed from the conference to the schools.
3. **Mandate and Composition of the EPC:** That 2 parent observers from CPC will be included in the text of the agreement point number: 4-5.04.
4. **Research Projects:** Tabled for next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2012

Respectively submitted by:
Ilgin Sartekin and Teresa Cocullo-Scotto

AEVS Report- Wednesday, October 10, 2012
Submitted by Debra Fogel

- the relocation of the CARE program for disabled students should be completed in December, allowing the student to move into the new facilities in January
- the promotional video, available on the website, was shown in Cinema Guzzo theatres this summer
- two activities (one for Sec. IV students and one involving an exchange with LBPSB) to encourage students to opt for vocational studies were discussed
- the outreach trips to China has resulted in 139 foreign students enrolling in Vocational training
- staff has met with MELS regarding funding

Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (ACSES)
Report for CPC Meeting November 1, 2012

ACSES met on October 3rd, 2012.
The following people were elected to the following positions:

Chair-Angie Bertone
Vice-Chair-Patricia Willis
Delegate Member for CPC-Liz Arnot
Alternate Member for CPC-Isabelle Baas
Delegate for E&F-Isabelle Baas

Matters discussed:

- Role of ACSES envisioned by the Education Act- Me. Duheme will be invited back to ACSES to discuss and advise on this matter
- Budget information that will/should be available to ACSES before it selects budget priorities
- Palatucci Task Force-reports from Marvin Helfenbaum and Liz Arnot
- PIVOT and reorganization of CLSC services in the east end-follow-up from June Council meeting and presentations
- Special Education Policy

ACSES is now hosting two workshop evenings for parents of students with special needs each school year, one in the east end and one in the west. On November 27th at Laurier MacDonald High School, there will be a workshop on:

1) The Work-Oriented Training Pathway Program,
2) Allocation of adaptive materials and equipment, and
3) Transition to High School

This workshop was given at the EMSB on March 22, 2012. A new workshop for the Spring of 2013 at the Board Head Office is in the planning stages; this workshop will be repeated in the east end in the fall of 2013.