Commission scolaire English-Montréal

English Montreal School Board

Meeting #08 2012/2013

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE HELD IN THE WILLIAM DAWSON ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 6000 FIELDING AVE., MONTREAL ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Central Parents' Committee held in the William Dawson Room
on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Committee

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

Mona Kamel, Executive Secretary, EMSB

Absent:	Region 1:	Frank Viera

Also Present:

Roma Medwid, Deputy Director General
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB

Guest: Marc Charland, FCPQ
Corinne Payne, FCPQ
Darren Kotania, ETSB

1. OPENING REMARKS

Following the social the chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Nijad Dahdah, seconded by Teresa Gullo and unanimously resolved that the agenda be approved with the following addition:

2.1 Presentation Lew Lewis

Vote: 17-0-0 **Motion Carried**

2.1 PRESENTATION LEW LEWIS

Lew Lewis, Director of Student Services presented Angie Bertone, outgoing Chair of ACSES and parent with a plaque of appreciation for all her work over the past 20 years.

3. FIRST PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 2, 2013

It was moved by Ilgin Sartekin, seconded by Teresa Cocullo-Scotto and resolved that the minutes from the May 2nd meeting be approved as presented.

Vote: 12-0-5 **Motion Carried**

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 FCPQ PRESENTATION

Marc Charland, Corinne Payne and Darren Kotania presented to the members the changes that have occurred at the FCPQ since the departure of the English Boards.

(See documents attached and reports on EPCA and FCPQ from A. Bertone and A. Ross)

7:40 PM Laura Saragosa arrived

7:45 PM Ron Lee Latchman arrived

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 THREE YEAR PLAN CONSULTATION 2013-2016

After a brief discussion; it was moved by Patricia Willis, seconded by Kurtis Law and unanimously resolved that the Three Year Plan be accepted with the following recommendations;

1- Add the reference to the CARE Program to page 13 and 17
2- For L.I.N.K.S. and John Grant Schools indicate that the capacity is for special needs students (as it was indicated in the previous editions of the document)
3- For Marymount Adult Centre indicate the amount of students that are special needs
4- For Carlyle and Michelangelo: add designation for IBO program
5- If there is a special designation for a school add it to the plan

Vote: 19-0-0 **Motion Carried**

6.2 NICOLAS ROULEZ SCHOLARSHIP- REPORT

The CPC members agreed to help fund the Nicolas Roulez Scholarship seeing that it was established by the CPC in the early 90's.

It was moved by Patricia Willis, seconded by Kurtis Law and unanimously resolved that the Central Parents' Committee donate 500.00$ to the Nicolas Roulez Scholarship Fund.

VOTE: 19-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

6.3 AFFILIATION

The members discussed the situation regarding the FCPQ and EPCA and made a discussion to affiliate with a group.

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri, seconded by Andrew Ross and resolved that the vote be closed ballot.

Vote: 15-1-3 **Motion Carried**

It was moved by Nijad Dahdah, seconded by Pietro Mercuri and resolved that the scrutineers be Roma Medwid and Brigida Sellato.

Vote: 17-0-2 **Motion Carried**

It was moved by Nijad Dahdah, seconded by Kurtis Law and resolved that the CPC join the FCPQ.

The chair asked for round table discussion by the members giving each person an opportunity to speak to the motion. After the round table the majority of the members agreed that the issues were not language based but rather for the better education of the students and support for parental concerns.

Following the closed ballot vote the members voted in favor to rejoin the FCPQ.

Vote: 12-6-1 **Motion Carried**

The members agreed to draft a letter with the resolution to both the FCPQ and EPCA informing them of the decision of the EMSB CPC.

A question from a member with regard to continuing to send an observer from CPC to EPCA. Response that no an observer would not continue to attend the EPCA meetings.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The regional meetings are taking place next week.

7B. PARENT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

No report.

7C. TREASURER'S REPORT

See attached report from K. Law.

The treasurer asked for approval of a stipend for the chair in the amount of 200$ as per the CPC internal rules.

The chair, Pietro Mercuri, asked requested that the stipend for the chair be included into the donation for the Nicolas Roulez Scholarship.

It was moved by Kurtis Law, seconded by Pietro Mercuri and unanimously resolved that the remaining balance of the budget for CPC be divided between the members who have attended four meetings or more.

Vote: 19-0-0 **Motion Carried**

7D. GREEN COMMITTEE
See attached report from K. Law.

7E. MARKETING COMMITTEE
No report.

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE
The meeting was cancelled.

8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
No report.

8C. FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
See attached report from Hannu Jailos and Nijad Dahdah.

8D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADULT EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES (AEVS)
No meeting.

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

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
See attached report from D. Benoit.

A concern was raised from David Benoit on the holding back of the cam pass allocation for those parents who have not paid their school fees. Roma Medwid explained that Board Lawyer looked at the legalities for reclaiming the fees owed by parents, but it is the discretion of the principal who evaluates each situation.

It was moved by Nijad Dahdah, seconded by Kurtis Law and resolved that the topic be tabled to the first CPC meeting of 2013-2014 for further discussion.

Vote: 15-3-1 **Motion Carried**

9. CORRESPONDENCE
There was no correspondence.

10. VARIA
No varia.

11. SECOND PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD
No questions.

12. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – T.B.D.
DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING – T.B.D.

13. ADJOURNMENT
On motion by Ilgin Sartekin and seconded by Pietro Mercuri, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Pietro Mercuri Chairperson	Brigida Sellato Acting Secretary

Fédération des comités de parents du Québec

Québec Federation of Parents' Committees

English Montreal School Board
Parents' Committee

June 6th, 2013

Presentation

- Mission
- Governance
- Support to members and parents
- Summary
- Question Period

Our Mission

- QFPC is the province-wide instance by and for the parents of students enrolled in Québec's public education system.
- **Ultimately, we intend to preserve and promote the rights and interests of parents of students enrolled in preschools, primary and high schools in order to insure the quality of education offered to our children.**

Key Objectives

- Represent and express parents opinions on the provincial scene and with education partners.
- Promote parents rights and interests on the education front.
- Participate in developing education in collaboration with school community partners.
- Provide training and information to bolster parents action, to foster student success and to enhance what paretns do at school, at the school board level, and within the community.

Governance (since 2011)

General Council (GC)

The key instance & decision-making forum!

- **Gathers together 125 parents**
  - 2 delegates from each of 61 school board parents' committees;
  - 2 delegates from Forum of Parents of Children with Special Needs (FPEHDAA)
  - 1 president
- **Is at the center of the decision-making process**
  - Political orientations
  - Strategic plan, annual action plan, budget
  - Attended by General manager but without right to vote

The GC Delegates

- **Every PC elects two delegates to GC**
  - Both have the right to speak
  - Both have the right to be member of working groups and committees (except Executive Committee)
  - **Both are responsible to insure exchange of opinions, needs and information between PC and QFPC and vice versa**
  - Only delegate #1 votes (but may consult delegate #2!)
  - The expenses for both delegates are covered (following the established guidelines) to attend the four General Councils each year.

ACSHSSSMLD Parents Forum

- Made of delegated parents, one from each ACSHSSSMLD committee (i.e. one per PC)
- Chaired by QFPC President but without right to vote.
- Attended by General manager but without right to vote.
- Discusses themes and makes recommandations related to children with special needs.
- Meets once a year.

Executive Committee

Prepares and insures the follow-up of the work of General Council.

- Includes 4 officers and 6 advisors (and GM, but without right to vote)
  - Officers : President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Representative for English-Language Affairs (must come from an English-speaking Parents' Committee)
  - Advisors : each is coming from a separate geographical region
  - General manager attends but without right to vote
- All Executive Committee members are elected by all delegates
- Mandate of 2 years

Other Committees

Ethics Committee

- Made of 5 members from GC
- Responsible to study complaints

Working Groups

- Made of members from GC
- Permanent or *ad hoc*
- Study specific themes and make recommandations to CG for decision

Governance: Balance of power

General Council	Executive Committee
Makes decisions	**Prepares and follows**
1. Adopts political orientations and decisions	12. If emergency, may adopt decisions that have to be validated by GC
2. Adopts a strategic plan	2. Prepares a strategic plan and follows implementation
3. Adopts an action plan	3. Prepares an action plan and carries follow-up
...	
11. Once a year, transforms into General Assembly... a) Adopts changes to General Rules	1. Prepares changes to General Rules and see to implement them

Governance: Decision-Making Process

On a given subject during GC, the principal goal is to build consensus.

- **From workshop...**
  - Delegates from different PCs discuss together
    - 1 delegate : 1 right to speak
  - Animator, secretary, reporter
  - Find arguments for final resolution
- **To plenary**
  - Sharing of opinions and needs in order to build consensus
  - Political resolutions
  - 1 PC : 1 vote

From General Rules to Real Life : How do we work?

Preparation and Follow-up of GC

Before: Preparation with documents

During: Guests and/or animation

After: Wrap-up with CG Express

Support to Members

- Staff:
  - 1 General Manager
  - 5 counselors dedicated to services for members (1 special, 2 R&D, 1 communications, 1 corporate affairs)
  - 2 support staff (administration & secretary)
- Counseling
- Animation and Mobilisation
- Research and Development
- Communications
- Training (4 trainers throughout the province, including English capabilities)
- Annual Congress & Colloque

Representation « Lobbying Power »

- Participation on National Assembly committee hearings
- Participation on MELS national committees
  - 12 committees in 2012-2013
- Participation on steering committees
  - Allô Prof, CTREQ, CRIRES, Mobilys, Heure des Enfants, Persévérance Group (Mr. Ménard)
- One-on-one meetings with partners
  - MELS administrative / political staff
  - Education partners (French and/or English)
    - Parents, Administrators, School Directors, Unions
    - AQETA, AQIS, ROCLD

Support to Members: Action

Development and/or validation of tools for parents

Summary

- QFPC aims to insure a quality education for <u>all</u> children of public schools.
- QFPC collaborates with partners to address issues in education.
- QFPC offers a diversity of services and tools to parents to foster their engagment.

FCPQ Report – April 2013
Submitted by Angie Bertone and Patricia Willis

Friday evening

- Meeting with the DG, Marc Charland, and President, Gaston Rioux, Friday night was scheduled for 45 minutes. Meeting lasted 2 hours
- Spoke about different projects, mostly about issues that would concern the English Community, like Bill 14 and if the FCPQ would support the English Affairs Committee if they decided to challenge any bill that would affect only the English Community. The answer was "Absolutely, YES". In fact, because of its long standing relationship with the MELS and other Ministries, the FCPQ has developed a relationship with the various ministries. They are highly respected and are automatically invited to every consultation. They are a strong Lobby group. They were given a spot on Bill 14 at the Commission de la Culture without requesting one. The ETSB with the help of the DG, Lyne Deschamps and the FCPQ bilingual staff at the office were to draft a Brief.
- Seemed to be on top of various dossiers, even if those dossiers were only of concern to a certain region or a rural or urban board.
- Not 1 negative statement about EPCA
- FCPQ is about partnerships
- Coalition Education, launched by a Public press release on February 11, 2013, was able to receive support from about 40 different associations at different levels (QESBA, QFHSA, EPCA, many unions etc…..). Most of the partners attended this Press release and were given the opportunity to voice their opinion, in either offfical languages. The FCPQ has shown the video at the meeting on Saturday. FCPQ is quite confident that should the need arise for such support, it will be there once more.
- Massive changes in structure since the departure of the 8 English Parents Committees.

Saturday

- Everyone was welcoming, and even though we were not supposed to be interacting or influencing the discussions taking place around the table, from the onset we were asked for our opinions and encouraged to participate. At both our tables, a member of the executive was sitting with us. The DG and President did the rounds of the table, during the "workshop" and saw us participating; however they did not discourage us, on the contrary, they were happy to see us participate. We felt that the issues **discussed <u>transcended the linguistic barriers.</u>** The parents at our table were bilingual (or tried to understand us for those who had functional English) and respectful of who we were: Parents
- Each board (about 60) sends in 2 delegates, (1 official and 1 alternate). Both have full speaking privileges. Only official delegate has voting rights. However, if absent, alternate steps in with voting rights.
- Members around the tables are seated by the organizers of the meeting, thus allowing people to intermingle more easily. At every Council meeting the seating is changed so as to allow people to get to know each other.
- Each table has a mix of delegates from the city, suburbs and outlying regions
- Discussions and resolutions presented in a very organized, efficient and respectful manner. All PCs are equal, regardless their size.
- Every mean necessary is taken to achieve consensus. In fact during that Saturday, consensus could not be reached by 3 or four groups on 2 out of the 10 points. Those groups stated their

reasoning behind it. A group consisting of the DG and the subcommittee on that issue huddled at a table to reach a statement that could meet the approval of the WHOLE FCPQ, before adjournment. It was done and everyone went back to their PC knowing they have achieved Consensus

EPCA Report : May 2013

Due to previous engagements, Patricia and I were able to stay till 2 pm.

- 4 Directors out of 7 were present
- Introduction of the new DG – Angelo Grasso
- Website: on track and should be unveiled at the June General Council
- Letters to the Minister concerning Secondary IV math, school taxes, and failure rate for the science and history courses
- EPCA received letter from the LBPSB very similar to resolution passed by the EMSB in June 2012
- MELS has requested a five year plan on where the association is headed.
- Personal observations to be presented at meeting

Angie B & Patricia W

Report to Central Parents Committee
EPCA Board of Directors Meeting
April 13, 2013

The April meeting of the Board of Directors took place on Saturday, April 13 at the Holiday Inn in St-Laurent. Representatives of most Quebec English-language school boards were present except Eastern Shores, Central Quebec and Eastern Townships.

Topics addressed during this meeting:

- **Director General**: after a selection process that included four possible candidates, the Board of Directors approved Angelo Grasso as the association's new Director General, to begin May 1, 2013. Angelo has served four terms as parent commissioner at the Sir Wilfred Laurier School Board, and has significant experience a parental governance and school board operations. As a consequence of his new position, he will resign his parent commissioner position and all executive posts at SWLSB to avoid any potential conflict of interest.
- **Presentation re Bill 25:** this bill will set new parameters for the setting of school tax rates across Quebec. It was suggested that off-island school boards match the procedures of Montreal's *Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire*, in order to avoid disparity among territories and between English and French school boards. In some areas, the disparity in tax rates can be significant. It was agreed to have a presentation on this issue by the riverside Finance Director at a subsequent meeting.
- **Presentation re Bill 14**: EPCA presented their brief to the National Assembly on Thursday, March 28 in Quebec City. Among the issues that were raised, the commission was especially surprised about students who lose English eligibility status mid-year, especially because of sudden changes in parental status (expiring grandfather clauses, military families and hockey players). EPCA requests all school boards to research the number of enrolled students affected during the 2012-2013 school year by this situation, so that the information can be sent to all reps on the NA commission.
- **President's Report**:
  - Met with the EMSB CPC on April 4, and while there was some tension at the beginning, a useful and positive Q/A session and discussion took place.

- On April 6, attended an LBPSB parent conference, which was also a very positive experience and serves as an example of how PCs and EPCA can engage parents.
- EPCA will be present at the next meeting of the QFHSA (Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations).
- All equipment and documentation has been retrieved from former delegates and directors.

- **Treasurer's Report**
  - A complete budget forecast for 2013-2014 was presented, taking into account a $10,000 reduction in government funding due to the EMSB disaffiliation. Additionally, all carry-over funds from previous years must be spent by end of 2014, as MELS will not permit carry-over into the 2014-2015 school year. The budget forecast was approved unanimously.
  - Questions were raised about the specific mandate of the internal Audit Committee, and their role in reviewing financial information. This topic was tabled to the next meeting.
  - A delegate asked about the possibility of sponsorship for specific EPCA efforts or activities. It was pointed out that this was discussed in the past, but could still be explored.
- **Administration**: it was asked that directors submit ideas for planning of June 15 General Assembly, including workshops and seminars that would be useful to delegates to make the meeting more interesting and useful.
- **School Board Reports**
  - **Lester B. Person:** work of an allergy subcommittee continues, with reps polling each school to learn individual policies. Also, significant concerns related to new copyright regulations when it comes to school performances and permission forms for A/V students for promotional use.
  - **Western Quebec:** 600 students took part in a Destination Imagination event at the Canadian Museum of Civilization, as part of the Destination Imagination program.
  - **New Frontiers:** open letter by commissioners to public about school board cuts, with almost 20% of budget being cut. Parents fear effect of cuts, but also fear higher taxes to offset cuts. A new director general, Rob Butters, will join the board on July 1, 2013.
  - **EMSB:** concerns about the Math 404 program were reintroduced, along with copies of the correspondence sent by Westmount High School. Informed that WQSB and SWLSB have similar concerns and are researching the issue, but are already supportive of EMSB efforts. LBPSB has already sent letters regarding this program to MELS. EPCA unanimously passes a resolution to support all school boards with concerns about the Math 404 program, and send a letter of support to MELS in this regard.
  - **Sir Wilfred Laurier:** several vacant commissioner seats are being filled through by-elections. PC providing outstanding commitment and citizenship awards to one child in each school (40 schools) this year. Question regarding allocations of PC budgets:
    - What special funding has been made for scholarships, awards, etc.?
    - What allocations are made to members (mileage, etc.)?
    - What amount is allocated per student for PC operations?
  - **Riverside:** parents now begin consulted on possibilities of school closures, and the possibility of combining three different language streams into one bilingual stream for all students. The board is also working to market small schools as close-knit and valuable to their communities.
- **Website Update**
  - Content suggestions and copywriting to be completed as soon as possible for site launch in June. Technical back-end development underway and nearing completion.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 pm.

Presented by
Andrew Ross, CPC Vice-Chair

Report to Central Parents' Committee
EPCA Board of Directors Meeting
May 11, 2013

The May meeting of the Board of Directors took place on Saturday, May 11 at the Holiday Inn in St-Laurent. Directors from Riverside, New Frontiers, Western Quebec and Sir Wilfrid Laurier were present, constituting quorum. Five delegates from the following school boards were also present:

- New Frontiers
- Riverside
- Sir Wilfrid Laurier
- Western Quebec

Along with the undersigned, both Angie Bertone and Patricia Willis were present representing the EMSB.

Topics addressed during this meeting:

- **Website Development:** the new EPCA website will be launched at the association's General Assembly on June 15. The new website will be found at www.epcaquebec.org and will be bilingual. English content will be complete by launch date, but some French content will still be in development. Content will include details about the organization, meeting minutes, policies, details on current and past initiatives, tips for parents and background documents for parents' committees. A new e-newsletter is also being discussed, and may be launched at the same time. New email addresses will also be implemented to create a consistent 'brand' for the association
- **Current Initiatives**:
  - A letter has been drafted to Minister Malavoy (MELS) regarding Secondary IV Math, History and Science failure rates, in support of similar initiatives by the EMSB, SWLSB and LBPSB.
  - A letter has been drafted to Minister Malavoy (MELS) regarding the potential increase in school taxes, and subsequently making parents pay even more out of their pockets for services. There was a consensus among EPCA representatives that tax rate differences between English and French school boards be eliminated, and that a uniform tax rate be charged to avoid funding discrepancies.
- **President's Report**:
  - **General Assembly Planning:** discussion was held regarding the hiring of a recording secretary for the two general assemblies in June and November. The director general will inquire with two potential candidates.
  - **Letter from LBPSB**: a lengthy discussion was held regarding concerns from the LBPSB about the functioning of EPCA. It was noted that many of these concerns were similar to those that the EMSB had brought forth in June 2012. It was concluded that many of the concerns had already been addressed since the EMSB raised them, significantly improving how EPCA functions, and that other suggestions made by the LBPSB would be considered accordingly. Such suggestions include ideas for increased roles for delegates and more partnerships with like-minded organizations. A response letter would be drafted as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the LBPSB director and delegates were not present to contribute their viewpoints to this discussion.
- **Five-Year Plan**: MELS has requested a five-year plan from the Association. It was discussed that this would be a good opportunity for delegate input at the General Assembly in June to create a collaborative plan, with final approval at the November AGA by all. Mr. Chouinard will consult with MELS regarding the requirements of such a plan.
- **School Board Reports**
  - **Western Quebec**: this school board had not experience any problems with the Math 404 program in the 2011-2012 school year.
  - **New Frontiers:** Student coalition reported to the Council of Commissioners that the new anti-bullying law is ineffective because there are no boundaries in schools and teachers have little control over certain students. Additionally, the School Board has set up a program called PASS where students are not suspended and sent home for not doing school work, but are sent to a program similar to WOTP where they learn future opportunities other than university.
  - **EMSB:** Information Session on Wallenberg Academy (new 240 school in Cote St-Luc) took place on May 8. Nearly 250 parents attended. Potential opening for 2014/2015. Two special needs schools have been put out for consultation on relocation (St Raphael and Mile-End). These schools may be

relocated to other EMSB facilities to cohabitate with existing elementary schools. If adopted, schools would be relocated on July 1, 2014.

- **Sir Wilfred Laurier:** PC is making inquiries about how PC funds are allocated and how they can be assigned. EPCA unanimously adopts a resolution to seek a legal opinion on how PCs are allocated funds and how they can assign and use these funds, and also inquire if the unused funds can be carried forward to the following year.
- **Riverside:** PC is conducting long-term planning with their school board. EPCA has been invited to the PC meeting in June.

- **Director General's Report**: Update was given on a possible new location for an EPCA permanent address. More research will be done in order to find the best option respecting the budget and accessibility requirements.
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - A motion to accept expenses that are not within Financial Policy Guidelines was tabled to the June BoD meeting.
  - A thorough presentation was made by the Internal Audit Sub-Committee, reviewing the financial statements and accounts for 2012 into 2013. Many recommendations were made by the group, including a refinement of the Financial Policy Guidelines. A resolution was unanimously adopted that all delegates be refunded for their expenses when attending the monthly BoD meeting.
- **Administration**: planning for the June 15 General Assembly is underway. Activities will include:
  - Presentation of reports from the President, Treasurer and Director General.
  - Website presentation and launch.
  - Director/delegate workshop to develop EPCA five-year action plan.
  - Possibility of attendance by Leo Lafrance and representatives from QESBA.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.

Presented by
Andrew Ross, CPC Vice-Chair

CPC Budget Report
June 6, 2013

	2011 – 2012 Expenditures	2012 – 2013 Budget	2012-2013 Expenditures (As of June 4, 2013)
Opening Balance	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	$10,000.00
Expenses			
Meeting Refreshments	$ 1,132.04	$ 1,250.00	$ 1054.50
Scholarships & Donations	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 575.00
Workshops & Seminars	$ 0.00	$ 500.00	$ 389.94
Special Events (Dec, June socials)	$ 1,393.55	$ 1000.00	$ 529.95
Agendas	$ 0.00	$ 50.00	$ 0.00
Postage/Printing etc	$ 180.11	$ 100.00	$ 63.21
Meeting Allocations (Includes $200 for Chair)	$ 5,688.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 3290.00
Gifts	$ 606.30	$ 100.00	$ 700.30
Totals	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 6,602.90
Cash Balance	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 3,397.10

The above figures are based on all available data provided to me as of June 4th , 2013

Motion: As per Internal rules that as in years past the chair be awarded a $200 Stipend.

Prepared by

Kurtis Law
CPC Treasurer

Green Committee Report
to CPC
June 6, 2013

I Attended the Last Green Committee Meeting of the year (**June 4, 2013**); though I had to leave early to attend my Governing Board meeting at Westmount High. The committee reviewed the Green Awards & Grants application process and the associated forms as well as the success of the program, now in it's second year. A number of improvements to the applications were suggested, like using Dynamic Pdfs to reduce the need for printed copies. This years awards and grants were given at the last council meeting May 29th,2013 at J.F.K High School. As further background on the committee and the awards /grants I have reproduced a portion of the Committees Annual Report below and have noted the recipients of the awards and grants.

(Excerpt of Annual Report)

Green Committee

The EMSB Green Policy (2010) that encompasses the four pillars; education; creating green and healthy spaces; sustainable resource use; and striving to be toxic free, was used to provide a framework for the creation of a five- year school board Action Plan. Last year, the EMSB Action Plan (2011 – 2016) was distributed to schools and centers as a basis for the creation of their own action plans. As a result, every school and center submitted their own Green Action Plan and this past year they submitted an annual review of that plan.

The second year of the Green Award and Green Grant Programs revealed increased popularity with over $30,000 worth of awards and grants distributed. The Green Award acknowledges the important and innovative green initiatives that have taken place in our schools and centers. Three Green Awards of $1000 was bestowed to **John Caboto** (Pillar 1:Education), **Gardenview** (Pillar 2: Green and Healthy Space), and **St. Monica** (Pillar 3:Sustainable Resource Use). As well, **Honoré Mercier, Marymount Academy, and Royal West Academy** were the recipients of Green Recognition prizes of $500.

The Green Grant Program help schools, centers and the administrative building implement future environmental initiatives. These projects are linked to their action plans, as well as the four pillars of the EMSB Green Policy.

Grant Categories

- **Category OAK**: Grants from $3000 to $5000
- **Category MAPLE**: Grants from $1001 to $2999
- **Category WILLOW**: Grants $1000 and under

Willow:

Edinburgh for their project *Green Team Garden*, **Edward Murphy** for *Schoolyard Garden*, **Focus** for their *Garden Project*, **Gardenview** for *Des légumes dans ma cour d'école*, **Hampstead** for *Sensory Garden*, and **Honoré Mercier** for *Welcoming Garden*.

Maple:

Parkdale for their project *Growing Up Green*, **Perspectives II** for *Community Roots Garden*, and **Westmount High School** for *Waste Management and Reduction*.

Oak:

John Caboto for their project *Outdoor Classroom Space*, **Royal West Academy** for *Park 'n Lot*, and **St. Monica** for *Garden Expansion and Arbor*.

Also in keeping with the EMSB Action Plan, the *6000 Fielding Green Committee*, chaired by EMSB Director General Robert Stocker, with representatives from each of the departments serving as members continued their work at the central office. Their mandate is to ensure the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Action Plan in each department of the Administration building.

Various projects implemented this past year included: a survey of water quality in school/center water fountains; the conversion of water fountains to metered fountains, resulting in a measurable reduction in the use of single-usage disposable water bottles: the distribution of laptops to all commissioners that enabled the distribution of all meeting documentation to commissioners and administrators through the e-doc portal, thus reducing the use of paper and eliminating the use of couriers for delivery.

So ends my reports for the year, and with that I wish all of you a great summer. I would also like to say, that as this is my last year with CPC, that it was an Honor and a pleasure to have worked with so many dedicated parents, teachers and administrators over the years; I'm a better individual for the experience.

Thank You for all the Great Memories.!!!

Best Wishes.

Kurtis Law
CPC Member Green Committee
CPC Treasurer

Report to CPC on the FINANCE AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING of WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013

The following items were discussed:

1. CAFETERIA AND NUTRITION EDUCATION SERVICES 3RD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
2. CAFETERIA PRICE-LIST - SUBSIDY STRUCTURE 2013-2104
   The proposed price and subsidy increases for 13-14 are required to counter the effects of uncontrollable variables such as the higher cost of a healthier menu complying with the MELS' Framework Policy.
3. Early Literacy Initiative Update
4. The 2012-2013 Board Budget - 3rd Quarter review of Revenues and Expenses
5. School Tax Revenue for 2013-2014
6. REQUEST TO PROCEED FOR A PUBLIC CALL FOR TENDERS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCKOUT SYSTEM PER CSST REQUIREMENTS.
   Definition : to physically neutralize all energies in a piece of equipment before beginning any maintenance or repair work to avoid electrocution
7. MELS Consultation Financing Parameters for 2013-2014

Submitted by Nijad Dahdah , also on behalf of Hannu Jailos

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (ACSES) Report to CPC June, 2013

May 7th Meeting

The topic of Sex Education for Special needs Students was discussed as a possibility for a future ACSES workshop evening for parents.

The committee discussed the consultation on the Three-Year Plan. Questions were raised about why the capacities for buildings keeps changing, and whether capacities listed for LINKS and John Grant High schools were special needs spaces rather than regular student spaces. These questions were forwarded to Diane Pontikes, Analyst in the EMSB Planning Department.

Julie Rene de Cotret, Assistant Director, Student Services, explained that there will be welcoming and/or ASD classes next school year at Parkdale, Edward Murphy, Westmount Park, and St. Gabriel.

June 5th Meeting

Luc Harvey, Assistant Director, Community Services gave a presentation on the EMSB Transportation Policy. ACSES members expressed concerns about safety on buses transporting students in wheelchairs, where there is often equipment not properly secured, about the length of bus rides for some special needs students, about training of bus drivers to understand and deal with the behaviours of students with special needs such as ASD.
Regarding the consultation on the Three Year Plan, ACSES received answers from Diane Pontikes to its questions from the May meeting; the numbers stated in the capacities for LINKS and John Grant are for special needs students. ACSES voted to respond to the consultation by asking that it be made clear in the Three-Year Plan that the capacities for LINKS, John Grant and Marymount Adult Education Centre's SIS day program are for special-needs students.

Lew Lewis, Director of Student Services, reported that the EMSB has 100 new registrations for 2013-2014 for handicapped students.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth J. Arnot, ACSES Delegate to CPC

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Transportation Committee Meeting was held on
Wednesday, May 28, 2013 at 2:00pm at the EMSB

NOTE: The last notice I received for this meeting noted that the time of the meeting was 3:00pm. I arrived at 2:45pm to a meeting already in progress and almost complete. As a result, I was unable to participate in any of the votes that occurred. Following the meeting, further investigation showed that the subsequent notice of the time change was not sent to me, likely due to a change in the person sending the notices. I was given verbal assurance that this would not happen again.

Of particular concern to me in this meeting was the decision to approve a suggestion from legal council that Governing Boards may include a clause in their "Code of Conduct" that parents sign at the beginning of the year that would permit the withholding of transportation allocation funds if school fees are outstanding. The inclusion of this clause was noted to "legalize" the procedure, but I, and others, have doubts about that legal interpretation. I argued, after the fact, against this change and made a plea for a motion to reconsider.

What follows is a list of the topics that were discussed, and some notes for the only item for which I was present:

- FACE Transportation
- Code of Conduct
- Anti-Bullying
- Budget
- Ville St-Pierre transportation for 2013-2014
- Giant Steps Summit and Vanguard transportation
- Emergency Procedures
- Revised Waiver Form
- Revised Safety Flyer
- Revised Transportation Procedures (I arrived near the end of discussion on this item)
- Ms. Tran from the STM discussed a request from John Paul I regarding dedicated buses to/from the school instead of using only regular routes, thus reducing travel time for students and loads on existing routes. After an examination of the loads on the affected routes, it was decided that additional buses were not warranted.

David Benoit
June 6, 2013