Commission scolaire English-Montréal

English Montreal School Board

Meeting #03 2012/2013

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 6000 FIELDING AVE., MONTREAL ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013 AT 6:15 P.M.

A meeting of the Central Parents' Committee held in the Laurence Patterson Room of Administration Building on January 10, 2013 at 6:15 p.m.

Members of the Committee

Present:	Region 1:	Ron Lee Latchman Patrick Marcovecchio Frank Reda Laura Saragosa
	Region 2:	Angie Bertone Teresa Cocullo-Scotto Ilgin Sartekin George Varelas
	Region 3:	Margaret Amos David Benoit Debra Fogel Hannu Jailos Kurtis Law Andrew Ross
	ACSES:	Liz Arnot
Regrets	Region 1:	Gail Giannakas Pietro Mercuri
	Region 2:	Patricia Willis Joseph Karadakis Teresa Gullo
	Region 3:	Nijad Dahdah
	Mona Kamel, Executive Secretary, EMSB	
Absent:	Region 1:	Mario Bentrovato
Also Present:	Syd Wise, Commissioner, EMSB Bernie Praw, Commissioner, EMSB Roma Medwid, Deputy Director General Paola Miniaci, Deputy Director General Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB	
Observers:	Isabelle Baas, St. Raphael Genvieve Ferdais, Dunrae Gardens	

1. OPENING REMARKS

The vice-chair, Andrew Ross called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Ilgin Sartekin, seconded by Kurtis Law and unanimously resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Vote: 11-0-0 **Motion Carried**

6:41 pm Laura Saragosa arrived

3. DISCUSSION

3.1NEW HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION- SYD WISE & BERNIE PRAW

Syd Wise and Bernie Praw presented to the CPC the steps towards the proposed new high school in Cote St. Luc starting from the original Focus group meetings held in all three regions in 2002.

6:50 pm Frank Reda arrived

The purpose of the new high school is too recapture the student population that has been lost to the private sector.
23% of students leave the Board, 69% go to private schools.

7:24 pm Liz Arnot left
7:25 pm Ron Lee Latchman arrived

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2012

It was moved by Angie Bertone, seconded by Kurtis Law and resolved that the minutes from the December 6, 2012 meeting be approved as presented.
Vote: 11-0-0 (R.L. Latchman, F. Reda & I. Sartekin not present) **Motion Carried**

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 PRESENTATION: BUDGET BUILDING PROCESS

The members broke into two groups to discuss the guiding principles and the budget priorities.

Guiding Principles:

I. Agree- *In light of the declining English community the Board should pressure MELS to be more flexible in the budget procedures to address the realities.*
II. Remove *"if required"*
III. Agree
IV. Agree
V. Add: *without compromising safety, security and success of all stakeholders*
VI. Agree
VII. Agree
VIII. Agree
IX. Agree
X. Agree
XI. Rephrase to read: "*The Board shall renegotiate agreements with municipalities, other School Boards and others using its facilities to ensure that costs and wear and tear are adequately covered."*
XII. Reword to say: *"Preferences shall be given to initiatives in keeping with spending priorities outlined as part of the budget building process"*

It was moved by Hannu Jailos seconded by Kurtis Law and unanimously resolved that recommended Guiding Principles be accepted.

Vote: 14-0-0 **Motion Carried**

Budget Priorities

1- Maintain the per capita allocation
2- Maintain funding for literacy and numeracy at the elementary level and implement at all high school levels (French & English) in all cycles
3- Ensure proper funding for building maintenance, improvements, security, upgrading projects, health and cleanliness including washroom maintenance, such as adapted washrooms and handicap ramps, daily caretaking and replenishment of toilet paper and soap (toilet paper problem still exists) in order to improve the physical learning environment for students.
4- Maintain staffing i.e. librarians, library services, specialists, Speech & Language Pathologists, guidance counselors
5- Maintain professional development for teachers and staff
6- Creation of a specific budget for the promotion of existing high schools for student retention after grade 6 to increase enrolment

It was moved by Kurtis Law seconded by Teresa Cocullo-Scotto and resolved that recommended Budget Priorities be accepted.

Vote: 13-1-0 **Motion Carried**

5.2 PRESENTATION: TRANSPORTATION

Roma Medwid presented to the members the new busing for distinct boundaries and the various routes taken by the school buses with their time frame and with how many students each bus picks up during their route to school. Many buses are twined between schools and the bus routes do not exceed a one hour period. The EMSB is the only Board that grandfathers busing to the students.

Roma Medwid will send the members the presentation.

5.3 MEETING WITH COMMISSIONERS

The members discussed possible dates to send to the chairman of the Board with regard to setting up a meeting between CPC and Council. The possible dates are: February 5th, February 19th and February 21st.

A letter will be sent to the chair with the dates.

5.4 EPCA DISCUSSION

The item was tabled.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There was no public present.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 SCHOOL SAFETY (ANDREW ROSS)

Andrew Ross presented a resolution with regard to school safety prioritizing security in all schools in light of the recent events in the United States.

After a brief discussion the members agreed that more research should be done to look at what the Board has in place and what is missing from the schools. Andrew Ross agreed to withdraw the resolution and table it for further research.

Roma Medwid suggested that if the members agreed, she will have a presentation on safety for the next meeting. All members are in favor.

9:17 pm Laura Saragosa left

7.2 QUESTION PERIOD AT COUNCIL MEETINGS (ANDREW ROSS)

Andrew Ross presented a resolution to the members requesting that the question period at the council meetings be moved to accommodate those who wish to ask questions earlier seeing that sometimes it can be late in the evening. The members discussed the resolution.

RESOLUTION

IMPROVING ACCESS AND ENCOURAGING INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC QUESTION PERIODS AT SCHOOL BOARD COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

WHEREAS transparency of all political and governmental organizations is paramount in the success of an open and democratic society;

WHEREAS meetings of the English Montreal School Board Council of Commissioners are open to the public;

WHEREAS public question periods are an integral component of all Council of Commissioners meetings;

WHEREAS the majority of evening public sessions of Council meetings last 4 hours or more and take place on weeknights;

WHEREAS the first public question period is traditionally held at the conclusion of "Business Arising" in the meeting agenda, frequently 1-2 hours into the meeting, discouraging parents from taking part because of the late time;

WHEREAS it is the stated role of the Central Parents Committee to encourage and facilitate the involvement of parents and other interested parties in school board governance;

It is moved by Andrew Ross and seconded by Ron Lee Latchman that the Central Parents Committee formally requests:

THAT the first public question period at all Council of Commissioner meetings be rescheduled to be the first item on the Council agenda after the 'in camera' session, any opening statement by the Chairperson and any ceremonial presentations;

THAT the procedure for public questions at Council meetings be clearly listed on the EMSB website and at several locations in and around the meeting room at all times;

THAT the Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners extend an open written invitation to all EMSB parents at the beginning of the school year, through their respective schools, to encourage them to take an active role in board governance.

Vote: 12-0-1
Adopted on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

A letter and a copy of the resolution will be sent to the chairman of the Board.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No report.

8B. PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The new Deputy Director generals were appointed, the council made its decision on the co-habitation for St. Dorothy and John Caboto.

8C. TREASURER'S REPORT
See attached budget report.

It was moved by Kurtis Law, seconded by David Benoit and unanimously resolved that the proposed budget report be accepted.

Vote: 13-0-0 **Motion Carried**

8D. EPCA REPORT
The item has been removed from the agenda until further notice.

8E. GREEN COMMITTEE
No Report

9. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EDUCATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE
See written reports attached.

9B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
See written report attached.

9C. FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
No report.

9D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADULT EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL SERVICES (AEVS)
See written report attached.

9E. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (ACSES)
No report.

9F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
No report.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

11. VARIA

11.1 ACCOMMODATION FOR HANDICAP STUDENTS DURING PROVINCIAL EXAMS (DEBRA FOGEL)
A concern was raised regarding the changes to services regarding the support to handicap students who receive assistance during provincial exams.

Roma Medwid is not aware of a cut to those services, but she will look into the matter.

12. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING –Thursday, February 7, 2013 at Laurier Macdonald

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING –

13. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Hannu Jailos and seconded by Angie Bertone, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM

Andrew Ross	Brigida Sellato
Vice-Chairperson	Acting Secretary

Proposed CPC Budget
2012 2013

	2011 – 2012 Expenditures	2012 – 2013 Budget	2012-2013 Expenditures (As of Jan 2013)
Opening Balance	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Expenses			
Meeting Refreshments	$ 1,132.04	$ 1,250.00	$ 417.27
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	$ 1,260.00 (+/-estimate)
Gifts	$ 606.30	$ 100.00	$ 75.30
Totals	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 1,752.57
Cash Balance	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 8,247.43

EDUCATION AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Education and Facilities Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the EMSB

- Ms. Lina Zielinski, Evaluation Consultant, and Mr. Gill Abisdris, Consultant for Partnership Agreement and MESA, presented on their respective dossiers and elaborated on the Partnership Agreement Annual Report.
- The membership and quorum requirement for the Education and Facilities Committee Meetings was discussed. The proposed schedule of meetings was accepted as presented.
- Ms. Miniaci and Mr. Dansereau provided a report on school opening which went well and reported that there is an increase of 100 students at the elementary level. A report on the outreach sector will be submitted after September 30th.
- International Students Dossier – there are over 200 paying and exchange students. A report will be presented at a later meeting.
- Dr. Goddard presented the Enrolment Policy for 2013-2014 and stated that the policy was rewritten to read in such a way that when there are no changes, it will not need to be

approved on an annual basis. All the dates for registration week will be sent to all stakeholders annually.

- Dr. Goddard and Mrs. Beaudry presented the Cafeteria and Nutrition Education Plan of Action for 2012-2013.
    - MELS Free Milk Program
    - MELS Special Nutrition Measures
    - CGTSIM Nutritional Support Program for Elementary Schools

Respectfully submitted by
Teresa Cocullo-Scotto
September 18, 2012
Teresa Cocullo-Scotto

EDUCATION AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Education and Facilities Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the EMSB

- International Students Dossier – Ms. Miniaci and Mr. Harvey provided a PowerPoint presentation on the International Students Dossier. The objective of this dossier is to increase enrollment and enrich the lives of students from other countries as well as the EMSB students.
- Mrs. Furfaro mentioned that Pedagogical Services is preparing dates for the training sessions of Principals and teachers. Forecasted dates are November for the Principals and Teachers and February are the rollout date for students. The iPads will be distributed at the sessions. It was agreed that feedback on the iPad deployment would be provided each month.
- Mrs. Furfaro introduced Ms. Terry Saba and Ms. Anne Beamish, English Language Arts Consultants. The consultants provided a presentation and elaborated on the strategies and objectives used to improve the English Language skills of elementary and secondary students.
- Mrs. Furfaro introduced Mr. Paul Kettner, the Literacy Consultant, who stated that a balanced approach to literacy instruction goes perfectly well with the English Language Arts program. Paul Kettner mentioned that all students are exposed to a variety of texts as well as allowing them to practice their literacy learning in ways that are meaningful to them.
- Nutrition Education – Mrs. Beaudry presented the Report of Activities for 2011-2012 and also elaborated on the “Read What You Eat” project. The main objectives for 2011-2012 were:
    - to educate and provide dietary strategies to maintain an adequate nutritional status;
    - to increase nutritional knowledge on the importance of sound eating habits;
    - to support the nutrition policy initiatives in promoting healthy eating in schools.
- Nutrition Education – Mrs. Beaudry presented the objectives for 2012-2013. Ms. P. Yiptong and Ms. G. DiQuinzio, Dietitians elaborated on the activities that are planned for 2012-2013 at the elementary and secondary levels. Ms. DiQuinzio presented the “Healthy Living Promotion” project which encourages high school students to use the school cafeterias instead of the local fast food restaurants.
- SRAM (Service regional d’admission du Montreal Metropolitain) – Mrs. Furfaro stated that the transmission dates established by SRAM, which is used by students to transmit their marks to CEGEP when they are ready for CEGEP, are not in line with the Ministry directives. She also mentioned that the Education Policies Committee had discussed the matter and recommended that a message be sent to SRAM that the dates for transmitting the marks be aligned with the MELS reporting terms.
- The Education and Facilities Committee will be renamed the EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted by
Teresa Cocullo-Scotto
October 4, 2012
Teresa Cocullo-Scotto

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Education Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the EMSB

- A Montreal School for All (École Montréalaise pour tous) – Mrs. Denommée stated that this is the initial Budget Allocation to Schools for 2012 and an adjustment will be made, since some schools were closed. Also the enrollment numbers do not include Pre-Kindergarten. The revised budget will be presented at a later date.
- New Approaches, New Solutions (NANS) – Mrs. Denommée presented the budget allocation for 2012-2013 and stated that the schools are determined by the poverty index. The goal of the program is to keep as many students as possible in school. Mr. Simon de Jocas is the new consultant for NANS.
- COPIBEC – Mrs. Denommée stated that this marks the first time that adult centers have been included to participate in the data collection of copyright works. A total of 12 schools and centers were selected for 2012-2013 to participate in this compulsory process. The aim of this process is to develop awareness of these copyright laws.
- Inner City/Operation Renewal Budget – Mrs. Furfaro presented on the allocation of funds for 2012-2013. She elaborated on the status of schools with regard to changes in category, and reviewed the distribution of allocations. Funding is based on last year's enrollment and monies from schools that have closed are redistributed to other schools. The Aide au devoir is only for Category I schools.
- Mrs. Furfaro presented the proposed agreement with the Italian Canadian Community Foundation for 2012-2014 re Integrated PELO Program. PICAI will no longer fund the PELO program and therefore a proposal from the FCCI was received. The FCCI is encouraging the EMSB to increase the schools that will offer the integrated program.
- The final version of the Proposed Safe Physical and Cyber Environment Policy was presented by Ms. Miniaci. She highlighted the changes that have been made and stated that the policy now contains all the elements required for the law on bullying.
- The Canada-Quebec Entente – Mrs. Denommée presented the budget for 2012-2013. This entente supports students born outside the province. She reviewed the grant allocations with all members.
- MELS June 2012 Results and Action Plan was presented by Mrs. Furfaro and she mentioned that Pedagogical Services will put in place an action plan to increase the success rate of the students. She also mentioned that certain issues are being addressed with the Ministry.
- A draft schedule for the January 2013 examinations was distributed to all members. A draft mid-year examination schedule for January 2013 was also submitted for information.

Respectfully submitted by
Teresa Cocullo-Scotto and David Benoit
November 8, 2012
Teresa Cocullo-Scotto
David Benoit

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Education Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the EMSB

- Mrs. Furfaro introduced Ms. Franca Persechino, Ms. Anik Malenfant, and Ms. Roxanne Berubé, French Consultants. The consultants provided a presentation and elaborated on the strategies and objectives used to improve the French Language skills of elementary and secondary students.
- A copy of the application for Article 240 status for a new school in the Giovanni Palatucci was distributed to all members. The documentation also included a tentative schedule and the compulsory courses required.
- A preliminary version of the mandate for the Education Committee was distributed to all members.
- A copy of the Central Parents' Committee Consultation calendar for the 2012-2013 school year was distributed to all members.

Respectfully submitted by
Teresa Cocullo-Scotto and David Benoit
December 6, 2012
Teresa Cocullo-Scotto
David Benoit

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Meetings held on December 17, 2012

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1. Research Projects: Out of five research papers, 2 were approved. EPC will request a presentation from the researchers to answer questions for the remaining 3 papers.
2. Results of 2012 MELS : EMSB graduation success rate is 84%.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2013
Respectively submitted by
Ilgin Sartekin

Adult Education And Vocational Services Committee (AEVS)
Report Of meeting held on Dec 12, 2012

Please note: I had another meeting later in the day so I had to leave this meeting early, so my report will itemize only those agenda items where I was present.

1. There was a brief discussion regards the mandate of AEVS
2. An update was presented to the Committee on the status of the move of the CARE program to the Palatuccii facility and that there are more students on a waiting list to be part of the program.
3. The Board is initiating new vocational programs which MELS has given the Board Provisional Approval for, and will be funded initially by the board until after the student groups are started. At that time the board will seek permanent authorization from MELS. The new programs are expected to start early 2013 at the Shadd Facility. The programs are as follows:
   Pharmacology Tech Assistance, and **Assistance in Health Care Facilities (PAB)**
   There is also a proposal to start a Nursing program soon after leading to an RNA credential.
4. Update given on the Asbestos issue at JFK High School, they have some more work to complete but this should be done soon. In-addition, the financial and legal issues regards this issue were mentioned.
5. In an effort to make students more aware of the programs avaliable to them in the vocational sector a workshop (part of the Sec IV Initiative) will take place on March 22, & April 12th at St.Pius Adult Center.

Kurtis Law
CPC Observer to AEVS