Commission scolaire English-Montréal

English Montreal School Board

Meeting #02 2012/2013

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 6000 FIELDING AVE., MONTREAL
ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Central Parents' Committee held in the William Dawson Room of Administration Building on December 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Committee

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

Roma Medwid, Deputy Director General
Mona Kamel, Executive Secretary, EMSB

Absent:	Region 1:	Patrick Marcovecchio Ron Lee Latchman

Also Present: Claude Dansereau, Regional Director, EMSB
Angelo Marino, Director, Financial Services
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB

Observers: Isabelle Baas, General Vanier/St. Raphael
Genvieve Ferdais, Dunrae Gardens

1. OPENING REMARKS

Pietro Mercuri called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Teresa Gullo, seconded by Teresa Cocullo-Scotto and unanimously resolved that the agenda be approved with the following additions;

4.7 Co-Habitation
4.8 Commissioner's meetings

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

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2012

It was moved by Kurtis Law, seconded by Teresa Gullo and resolved that the minutes from the November 1, 2012 meeting be approved with minor corrections.

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

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 PRESENTATION: BUDGET BUILDING PROCESS

Angelo Marino outlined the changes to the budget building process for 2013-2014 and showed the members a breakdown of budgetary categories from the Board. He emphasized the importance of taking into account in the responses services to maintain, services to reduce or cut and if there is spending on what.

4.2 PRESENTATION: TRANSPORTATION

The item was tabled to January.

4.3 INTERNAL RULES

The chair went over certain sections of the internal rules with the members. It was recommended that the minutes from the CPC executive be distributed to all members.

Following a discussion of the internal rules, it was moved by Nijad Dahdah, seconded by Kurtis Law and resolved that on page 7, item 5.14 be added, "after three absences without sending regrets to the chair or secretary. . ."

Vote: 11-6-0 **Motion Carried**

It was moved by Patricia Willis, seconded by Pietro Mercuri and resolved that all references to EPCA be removed.

Vote: 14-1-2 **Motion Carried**

4.4 DISCUSSION: PALATUCCI TASK FORCE

After a lengthy discussion it was moved by Patricia Willis, seconded by Nijad Dahdah and unanimously resolved that CPC form a sub committee consisting of the chairs and vice-chairs of region, the chair and vice chair of CPC and ACSES and the members of the Palatucci Task Force and Kurtis Law to develop an action plan for everyone.

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

An initial meeting will take place next week, an email will go out to the members of the sub-committee.

4.5 MEETINGS WITH COUNCIL

The item was tabled.

4.6 EPCA DISCUSSION

The item was tabled.

4.7 CO-HABITATION

Claude Dansereau explained that this situation steamed from MELS requesting to the EMSB and CSDM to work together and find a means of co-habitating two schools together. He gave details on the current situation at St. Dorothy and John Caboto and how each governing board prepared for its brief and for the arrival of students from the CSDM neighboring schools. He also told the members that this situation will be temporary according to the CSDM as expansions are planned at the French schools.

The chair will forward to all a copy of the brief to be submitted to the Board for comments and review. The deadline for submission is December 11th.

4.8 COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

It was suggested that CPC become more vocal with its concerns over the comportment of the council meetings, just writing and sending letters has not seen any changes.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Patricia Willis, seconded by Frank Reda and unanimously resolved that the CPC Chair convene a meeting with some CPC delegates and some Commissioners to speak about the issues.

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

5. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Genvieve Ferdais from Dunrae Gardens expressed concerns over the fact that some parents at the school now do not have busing because of the boundary changes. She would like CPC to see if they could suggest some options for the community and perhaps have the accommodation policy reviewed and changed.

Questions for Roma Medwid:
proposed car-pooling through the school. Can the school make that request and organize car pooling with parents.
Can there be a clause amended to the transportation policy to accommodate those students if there is space on the buses.

All other items were tabled to the next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 WORKSHOP

Debra Fogel will forward the information to the members.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No report.

7B. PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

No report.

7C. TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

7D. EPCA REPORT

The item has been removed from the agenda until further notice.

7E. GREEN COMMITTEE

No Report

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EDUCATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE

No report

8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
No report.

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

8D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADULT EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL SERVICES (AEVS)
No report.

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

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
No report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE
There was no correspondence.

10. VARIA

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING –Thursday, January 10 2013
DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING –

12. ADJOURNMENT
On motion by Frank Reda and seconded by Mario Bentrovato, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM

Pietro Mercuri Chairperson	Brigida Sellato Acting Secretary

Report to Central Parents' Committee meeting of December 6, 2012.
Subject: Finance and Legislation Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2012.

The following topics were discussed:

- Reduction in Quorum Requirement
- Recommendations on Outsourcing Cafeteria Operations
- Cafeteria Services and Nutrition Education – First Quarter Financial Report
- Inner City /Operation Renewal Budget – Allocation of Funds for 2012-13
- Proposed Agreement with Italian Canadian Community Foundation for 2012-14
- CCSR Cooperative Group Purchase re Information Technology Equipment
- A Montreal School for All (*École Montréalaise pour tous)* – Initial Budget
- New Approaches, New Solutions (NANS) – Initial Budget Allocation for 2012-13
- Canada-Quebec Entente – Budget for 2012-13
- Corporate Surplus 2011-12 Update
- Budget Fluctuation Report

Submitted by Nijad Dahdah and also on behalf of Hannu Jailos, CPC Observers.

ACSES Report to CPC
December 4th, 2012
Submitted by Liz Arnot, ACSES Delegate to CPC

Since the last CPC meeting on November 1, 2012, ACSES has met twice:

November 19, 2012 Meeting :
1. Discussion regarding Mandate of ACSES: The committee was joined for part of this meeting by guests Robert Stocker, Director General, Roma Medwid, Deputy Director General, Angelo Marino, Director of Finance, Angela Mancini, Chair, Council of Commissioners, and Sylvia LoBianco, Vice Chair of the Council of Commissioners. ACSES members expressed that they would like to be included in the process of the special needs budget on how the services should be dispensed by receiving more information on the budget ahead of the deadline which would allow them to give their feedback to council before any approval. Angela Mancini expressed to the committee that she will ensure that open communication for ACSES is strengthen. The committee asked if they could receive list of children per code per school and the budget for the professionals.

2. Palatucci Task Force: ACSES passed a resolution to support and send a letter prepared by Liz Arnot, ACSES delegate on the Palatucci Task Force, to Commissioners, with a cover letter from the ACSES Chair that included the ACSES resolution. The letter, cover letter and a response from Angela Mancini have been forwarded to CPC members.

December 4th, 2012 Meeting :
The main item on the Agenda was **the Budget Building Process**. Angelo Marino gave a presentation, on the Special Education Budget, went through details of the 2011-2012 budget and explained how the Special Education Budget is determined. Members expressed appreciation at receiving the detailed information requested, which will be helpful in the budget building meeting in January, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Arnot, ACSES Delegate to CPC