Commission scolaire English-Montréal

English Montreal School Board

Meeting #02 2013-2014

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, DECEMBER 5, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Central Parents' Committee held in the William Dawson Room on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Committee

Present:	Region 1:	Mario Bentrovato Benny Berneti Ron Lee Latchman Pietro Mercuri Todd Roberts Laura Saragosa Jason Trudeau
	Region 2:	Eamon Egan Giovanni Goffredo Teresa Gullo Adriano Miele Patricia Willis
	Region 3:	David Benoit Nijad Dahdah Suzanne de Jonge Cynthia Dudley Hannu Jailos Andrew Ross
	ACSES:	Isabelle Baas

Also Present: Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB
Nicole Lefebvre, Parent, Dunrae Gardens

Regrets Region 3: Debra Fogel

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

Absent: Region 2: Lin Sok
George Varelas

1. OPENING REMARKS

The chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

5.1 Debrief on Brief
5.2 Internal Rules
6.5 Boundary Maps
6.6 Guiding Principles for LRPC
6.7 Joint Meeting of CPC and Council
7.e FCPQ/QFPC Report

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

3. First Public Question Period

Nicole Lefebvre a parent from Dunrae Gardens presented and asked for CPC to look at bringing to the Council and Board a plan for accommodation busing to those parents who live outside of the school's distinct boundaries.

The members asked if Roma Medwid could bring the transportation policy to the next meeting and explain accommodation busing and answer some questions from the CPC members.

4. Adoption of Minutes of the meeting held on;
October 30, 2103 Minutes;

It was moved by Isabelle Baas, seconded by Todd Roberts and resolved that the minutes of October 30, 2013 be accepted with minor spelling corrections.

Vote: 12-0-6 (P. Willis not present) **Motion Carried**

November 7, 2013 Minutes;

It was moved by Isabelle Baas, seconded by Nijad Dahdah and resolved that the minutes of November 7, 2013 be accepted with some minor spelling corrections.

Vote: 15-0-4 **Motion Carried**

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Debrief on Brief

The members discussed the brief hearings and how the CPC brief was received by Council.

The members asked if a legal question could be posed as to the proposed scenario by CPC where St. Raphael and Mile End move into the same building and what kind of consultation would be imposed on the schools and community.

5.2 Internal Rules

It was moved by Hannu Jailos, seconded by Patricia Willis and resolved that the internal rules be adopted.

6. New Business

6.1 Presentation Budget Building Process (due February 7th) - L. Nassivera, Director, Financial Services

Livia Nassivera discussed the budget building process for 2014-2015 with the members and answered questions pertaining to the document. She asked that the CPC response indicate areas that could be a source of reduction for the Board who is currently operating at a deficit budget and must produce a balanced budget for 2015-2016.

The members will prepare their response at the next meeting.

6.2 Consultation -Renaming of Marymount Academy (due December 12th)

The members briefly discussed the name change for Marymount Academy to Marymount Academy International.

It was moved by Patricia Willis, seconded by Hannu Jailos and resolved that the name change for Marymount Academy be approved as presented.

Vote: 18-0-1 **Motion Carried**

6.3 Consultation-AEVS Action Plan II (due February 14th)

The item was tabled to the January Meeting.

6.4 Consultation- Philip E. Layton-Mackay Centre Relocation

The item was tabled to the January Meeting.
The members asked if the letter attached could be translated into English.

6.5 Boundary Maps

A concern was raised over the maps that appear on the website for the program boundary as there are no street names on the maps and parents are confused as to which are the boundary streets. Brigida Sellato will ask Transportation to look into the matter.

6.6 Guiding Principles for LRPC

The members discussed forming a sub-committee to prepare a strategic plan or guiding principles for the Long Range Planning Committee. Something that they can suggest as parameters to look at when making descion on major school changes.

It was moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Suzanne de Jonge and resolved that a sub-committee be formed to come up with strategic planning recommendations to Long Range Planning with David Benoit chairing the sub-committee.

Volunteers to the sub-committee: David Benoit, Pietro Mercuri, Nijad Dahdah, Suzanne de Jonge, Ron Lee Latchman, Jason Trudeau, Cynthia Dudley and Andrew Ross.

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

6.7 Joint Meeting of CPC and Council

The chair sent an email to the chair of the Board requesting dates for January to meet with CPC and Council. He is awaiting a response and will let everyone know.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Region 1: discussed: the voters list for elections of commissioners, the academic results for the EMSB and the December social.
Region 2: discussed: their internal rules, funds for coded students, and marketing of the schools by the parents.
Region 3: discussed: the June math results and their internal rules.

7B. PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Topics discussed were in camera for most of the evening. Mario Bentrovato expressed his concerns over not speaking and doing things for the students.

7C. TREASURER'S REPORT

To date expenses are 369.10$.

9:41 pm Suzanne de Jonge left

7D. GREEN COMMITTEE
There was no meeting.

7E. FCPQ/QFPC REPORT
See attached report.

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE
See written report attached.

8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
See written report attached

Patricia Willis will resign from the committee after the December meeting and asked for another volunteer. Eamon Egan and Ron Lee Latchman volunteered. They would work out between them to see who would go to the meetings and get back to the CPC.

8C. FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
See written report attached.

8D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADULT EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL SERVICES (AEVS)
There was no meeting.

8E. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (ACSES)
The committee discussed their brief and had a presentation on the budget building process.

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
There was no meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE
There was no correspondence.

10. VARIA
There was no varia.

11. Second Public Question Period
No members of the public were present.

12. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – January 9, 2014
DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING – December 16, 2013

13. ADJOURNMENT
It was moved by Nijad Dahdah, seconded by Todd Roberts, and resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Vote: 18-0-0 **Motion Carried**

Pietro Mercuri Chairperson	Brigida Sellato Acting Secretary

Report to the CPC from Observers to the Education Committee
Education Committee Meeting of December 4, 2013 at 5:00 pm at EMSB.

The following items were discussed:

1 . Base School Daycare
A presentation was made by Mr Luc Harvey and Mrs Fuoco ; below is aummary of what was presented. For the year 2011-2012 there were 3002 day care children and for 2012-2013 there were 3248 day care children. An increase of 246 (196 regular and 50 sporadic/coded)
Also presented was the BASE daycare three objectives for 2012-2013 & 2013-2014
1) Extracurriculum activities
- Homework snack
- Creative Arts
- Physical activities
- Media Awareness
- Environmental Consciousness
- Speciality Programs Special needs

2) Environmental Consciousness Education Core (Green Initiative)

3) Professional Development Workshops

4) 2013-2014 Enhance the Media Awareness Program

A small video clip was also presented

All the info that was presented will soon appear on the EMSB website

2. Proposed Revised Policy on Naming or Renaming of Schools and Centers
- The policy Code DG-7, DG-7P have been modified and will be sent to council for vote.
(Central Parents Committee is consulted on changes)

3. Renewal of Specific Project Status (Section 240 Education Act)
Royal West Academy and Vincent Massey Collegiate have presented there plans, objectives for the renewal of there Article 240 status. MELS will review the info and decide whether the schools keep their 240 status.

4. Proposed Draft Schedule 2014 Board Mid-Year Examinations
January schedule was presented

5. Proposed Draft Schedule 2014 January Supplemental Examinations
Dates are chosen by MELS

Submitted by Giovanni Goffredo and George Varelas, CPC Observers to Ed. Comm.

Report to the CPC meeting of December 5, 2013. from Nijad Dahdah, Observer;
Finance and Legislation Committee (F&L) meeting of November 13, 2013

The items that were discussed are:

- Membership and Quorum Requirement of Committee for 2013-14
  Proposed Reduction in Quorum from 8 to 7 members of the total 14 members of F&L.
- Start of the meeting remains at 5:00 pm.
- Cafeteria and Nutrition Education Services – First Quarter Financial Report.
- Expenditure Over and Above Approved Operating Budget – Real Estate Division - Increase in Insurance Premiums due to unoccupied buildings $60,000
- Budget Fluctuation Report – Total projected deficit (for Sept 2014) as per budget submitted to MELS June 2013 is $3,140,685.
- Budget Building Process 2014-15 – Consultation Document
  Request for budget priorities and comments CPC, RPCs, ACSES: Nov. 28, 2013
  C.P.C. & A.C.S.E.S. deadline for response: Feb 7, 2014
  School Governing Boards & E.M.S.A.C. deadline for response: Feb 21, 2014
  Council of Commissioners: Feb 26, 2014
- A Montreal School for All – Budget for 2013-14
- New Approaches/New Solutions (NANS) – Budget for 2013-14
- Canada-Quebec Entente – Budget for 2013-14
  Grand Total Allocation For 2013-2014 is $333,500
  Included in the above, a total of 1130 Rosetta Stone Software licenses were purchased by the Board

Submitted by Nijad Dahdah, also on behalf of Suzanne de Jonge
CPC Observers

Report to the CPC meeting of December 5, 2013. from Nijad Dahdah, Observer;
Educational Policies Committee (EPC) meeting of November 18, 2013

Two applications to conduct research in schools were accepted. The first proposed research is titled: "Tasks Performed by Resource Teachers in Quebec and their Links to Special Education Leadership in a School Milieu". The second is titled: "Music, Movement and Medicine: Towards an Integrative Approach to Adaptive Instruments and Music/Motion Therapies."

The other item on the agenda that was presented and discussed in details is the MELS June 2013 Exam results. Here are some of the results:

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 612-516	Final Grade Average	Success Rate	No. of Students Assessed
EMSB RESULTS	72.7%	96.0%	1862
REGIONAL RESULTS (Island of MTL- Public Sector)	74.2%	96.3%	3639
PROVINVIAL RESULTS (public Sector)	74.2%	96.3%	7342

FRANÇAIS LANGUGE D'ENSEIGNEMENT 132-506	Final Grade Average	Success Rate	No. of Students Assessed
EMSB RESULTS	73.7%	92.4%	118
REGIONAL RESULTS (Island of MTL- Public Sector)	69.3%	84.5%	7122
PROVINVIAL RESULTS (public Sector)	71.0%	88.2%	43080

MATHEMATICS 563-414 Cultural, Social and Technical Option	Final Grade Average *	Success Rate **	No. of Students Assessed
EMSB RESULTS	52.7/55.4%	45.4/50.2%	787
REGIONAL RESULTS (Island of MTL- Public Sector)	52.8/55.6%	45.7/49.7%	1953
PROVINVIAL RESULTS (public Sector)	51.8/54.5%	44.0/47.8%	4650

Note: * Final Grade Average: 1st mark: raw exam mark; 2nd mark: converted exam mark
** Success Rate: 1st rate: before exam conversion; 2nd rate: after exam conversion.

MATHEMATICS 563-426 Science Option	Final Grade Average *	Success Rate **	No. of Students Assessed
EMSB RESULTS	67.1%	69.9%	895
REGIONAL RESULTS (Island of MTL- Public Sector)	68.6%	73.5%	1444
PROVINVIAL RESULTS (public Sector)	68.7%	74.1%	2640

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At the General Council meeting on November 22 and 23, 2013, which brought together 88 delegates from 53 Québec Parents' Committees, it was agreed to send delegates the following information:

Friday ice-breaker – The "Committee"

Friday evening an exercise took place on how FCPQ delegates can take on their roles and responsibilities. The goal was to have team members use external data to gravitate towards a "From Me to Us" approach.

(Re)investing in education: Parents' choice

For two years now, the Federation has worked to identify and speak out against the effect of budget cuts in education, even assuming leadership of a 51-organization coalition to ask for a time limit on cuts and for reinvestment in education (petition containing 25,000 names tabled in the National Assembly last spring).

In his welcoming speech, the president also pointed out that the Federation's communications last fall had enabled the Federation's demands to be heard regarding the need for major efforts to assess the relevance and effectiveness of each phase of the operationalization of education programs, from Department to classroom.

In workshops and in the plenary session, the General Council deliberated on the follow-up to this action. Since the government's financial resources are not unlimited, it was agreed to pinpoint the priorities that the FCPQ should put forward in order to influence future political decisions. Concerning the question of where to reinvest, it was resolved:

"That within the framework of discussions on how to ensure adequate and sizable investment in the quality of the educational environment in schools, the FCPQ use the following principles:

- since the act of educating hinges on human interaction, it is crucial that there be the right number of the best people at the right place at the right time;
- this act of educating must be carried out in healthy and safe environments equipped with tools adapted to the needs of the students and the various people who educate them;
- genuinely educational projects that are meaningful to the environment and decided upon locally must be ensured so that there are accessible, adapted and diversified activities for all."

Questionnaire: Parents on Governing Boards and Parents' Committees

One of the intentions of the 2012-2017 strategic plan and 2013-2014 action plan is to get to know involved parents better. A questionnaire was drawn up and given to members to complete. The document also contains questions to be validated by the delegates with a view to a study on Governing Boards and Parents' Committees.

Follow-up to last year's resolutions

The delegates received information related to last year's work on Bill 24 (*Act to amend the Act respecting school elections and other legislative provisions*) and Bill 23 (*Act to amend the Education Act concerning certain educational services for four-year-old students from underprivileged backgrounds*), the Conseil supérieur de l'éducation consultation (Bilan de la Réforme), and the request to participate in Table Québec – School Boards.

The Federation's recognition policy and recognition awards

As in the past three years, the Federation's recognition awards will be given out at the end of the year. The nominations calendar has been adopted and is available, along with details, at **www.fcpq.qc.ca/en/prix-reconnaissance.html**

Federation committee elections and nominations

Further to Saturday's elections, the following delegates were named to various positions on Federation committees. Heartfelt thanks to these members for this extra step in their commitment to the cause of education!

Executive Committee Representative for English-language Affairs: Patricia Willis, English Montreal School Board Delegate E (Laurentide, Lanaudière, Outaouais): Luc Trottier, CS au Coeur-des-Vallées	
Recognition Committee Ida Francoeur, CS Marie-Victorin Pascal Quirion, CS Beauce-Etchemin Serge Lefebvre, CS Marie-Victorin Michel Parenteau, CS au Coeur-des-Vallées Marc-Patrick Roy, CS de Laval	**Ethics Committee** Nathalie Dorais-Pagé, CS des Draveurs Viviane Drapeau, CS de la Rivière-du-Nord Serge Lefebvre, CS Marie-Victorin Louis Moubarak, CS de Montréal Simon Vincent, CS des Grandes-Seigneuries
Committee for Parent Involvement in Student Success and Retention New members: Sandra Cummings, CS des-Îles Edith Dubé, CS Cote-du-Sud Sébastien Dubé, CS des Patriotes Michel Parenteau, CS au Coeur-des-Vallées Returning members: Nancy Boone, CS des Trois-Lacs Mélanie Caron, CS des Chênes Serge Lefebvre, CS Marie-Victorin Mylène Presseault, CS des-Îles Manon Robitaille, CS de la Capitale Marc Viau, CS des Grandes-Seigneuries	**Committee for Parent Involvement in School Committees** New members: Patricia Brassard, CS du Lac-St-Jean Viviane Drapeau, CS de la Rivière-du-Nord Marcel Pépin, CS des Portages-de-l'Outaouais Sylvie Robberts, CS de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles Simon Vincent, CS des Grandes-Seigneuries Returning members: Jany Arseneault, CS Sorel-Tracy Dany Boudreault, CS des Bois-Francs Jean-François Messier, CS de Saint-Hyacinthe Lise Morin, CS des Chênes Corrine Payne, CS de de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles

Consultation on the teaching of Québec history

The government has launched consultations on the teaching of Québec history at the secondary level. The Federation has been invited to participate. Our opinion statement will be sent to delegates in early December. This public consultation is open to individuals or groups wishing to express their view point on the subject. The documents are available at **www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/en/teaching-of-quebec-history**

Next General Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014, at the same location. Parent Involvement in Student Success and Committee for Parent Involvement in School Committees members are convened for Friday evening. You will receive the possible subjects for discussion in late December or early January (education politics permitting!).

The Federation has many tools for parents at www.fcpq.qc.ca. You can also join us on Facebook and Twitter (@FCPQ)!