Commission scolaire English-Montréal

English Montreal School Board

Meeting #01 2013-2014

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

A meeting of the Central Parents' Committee held in the Laurence Patterson Room on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Committee

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

Roma Medwid, Deputy Director General, EMSB

Absent:	Region 1:	Ron Lee Latchman

Also Present:

Paola Miniaci, Deputy Director General, EMSB
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB
Mona Kamel, Executive Secretary, EMSB

1. OPENING REMARKS

The chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Patricia Willis, seconded by Nijad Dahdah and unanimously resolved that the agenda be approved with the following additions;

6.3 Member to ACSES
6.4 Presentation Bill 118

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

3. First Public Question Period

No members of the public were present.

4. Adoption of Minutes of the meeting held on June 6, 2013 and October 17, 2013

June 6, 2103 Minutes;

It was moved by Patricia Willis, seconded by Debra Fogel and resolved that the minutes of June 6, 2013 be accepted with some minor spelling corrections.

Vote: 9-0-9 **Motion Carried**

October 17, 2013 Minutes;

It was moved by Suzanne de Jonge, seconded by Patricia Willis and unanimously resolved that the minutes of October 17, 2013 be accepted with some minor spelling corrections.

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

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 ***Major School Changes Consultation – Adoption of CPC Brief (due November 15th)***

The members discussed in camera their final version of the brief that will be submitted to the Board and presented at the hearings in December of 2013.

5.2 Delegate & Alternate to Quebec Federation of Parents (P. Mercuri & P. Willis)

An electronic vote was held from November 5th to November 6th and the following resolution was adopted.

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri, seconded by David Benoit and resolved that Patricia Willis be nominated as the representative to English affaires on the executive committee of the FCPQ.

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

6. New Business

6.1 Social

The members briefly discussed the December social. Seeing that there are presentations for the next meeting the social will take place at the head office.
Benny Berneti and Debra Fogel will each get a quote from a caterer.

It was moved by Teresa Gullo, seconded by George Varelas and unanimously resolved that the social budget be set at 250$ with a maximum of 80$ for wine.

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

6.2 Member to Green Committee (replacing K. Law)

Debra Fogel volunteered to attend the green committee.

6.3 Member to ACSES

The ACSES committee recommended a new parent member to the CPC for approval.

It was moved by Cynthia Dudley, seconded by Isabelle Baas and resolved that the CPC accept the nomination of Andrea Morrison to ACSES.

Vote: 15-0-3 **Motion Carried**

6.4 Presentation on Bill 118

The members discussed having a presentation at a future meeting on Bill 118 from Student Services. Brigida Sellato will contact them for a future meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The regions are meeting next week.

7B. PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

There was a presentation on Bill 118 by Student Services and a discussion on the report from the Ethics Commissioner. There was also a tribute to Angie Bertone, outgoing Parent Commissioner.

The chair asked that it be recorded in the minutes that an official thank you be given to Angie Bertone for her 22 years of dedication and devotion to the students of the EMSB. She has been chair of ACSES, CPC, RPC 2 & 3, honorary chair RPC 1 and chair for Bill 104 Committee and in her years she was always a driving force for all the kids.

7C. TREASURER'S REPORT

There have been no significant expenses in the budget as yet. the members agreed to maintain the allocation for this year for the members at 15$ per meeting.

7D. GREEN COMMITTEE

No meeting yet.

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

See written report attached.

The observers to Education Committee asked whether they were allowed to ask questions at the meeting.

8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

No report.

8C. FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

See written report attached.

8D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADULT EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL SERVICES (AEVS)

No report.

8E. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (ACSES)

Meeting next week.

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

No meeting yet.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

10. VARIA

Nijad Dahdah invited the members to the region 3 meeting on November 14th to hear the presentation from Pedagogical Services on the math exam results from June. CPC expressed to have a presentation on all the results from the June exams at a future meeting.

11. Second Public Question Period

No members of the public were present.

At this point on the agenda item 5.1 was discussed in camera.

It was moved by Isabelle Baas, seconded by George Varelas and unanimously resolved that CPC move in camera to discuss their brief.

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

8:25 pm Nijad Dahdah and Suzanne de Jonge left
9:30 pm Laura Saragosa left

12. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – December 5, 2013
DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING – November 25, 2013

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Isabelle Baas, seconded by Patricia Willis, and unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 pm.

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

Pietro Mercuri Chairperson	Mona Kamel Secretary

Education Committee Meeting of November 6th, 2013 at 5:00 pm at EMSB.

The following items were discussed:

1. **Presentation by Pedagogical Services**
   Two Science consultants, Mrs. Sarah Latauro and Mrs. Imms Lenaro gave presentations on Elementary Science and Technology, Social sciences, science projects and Science dossier. Their role is to provide teacher support, workshops, help teachers and students to develop hands on science projects. Support schools in Science Fairs. This year's science fair for Montreal area will be held at Royal Vale. 75% of students participating are from the EMSB school system!

2. **K.I.D.S. (Key Information Data System)**
   Presentation was given by Student Services staff. This system will allow Student Services Department to input all student records and info electronically. There will be info on classroom schedules, will if applicable identify special needs students by codes i.e. Learning, behavior, TED, AHDH, etc. This system is in the first stage and eventually will save time and money. Filling out consent forms by parents will also be facilitated by system. Eventually, other school departments will have access to this 'app'. Access will be restricted to only areas needed.

3. **Proposal to rename Marymount Academy to Marymount Academy International**
   Proposal passed.

4. **Budget 2013-14**
   MELS would allocate $70 to $100 per student for student enrolment depending on what school the student attends. The average amount per student is $70. Cultural outings would get an allocation of $20 per student.

5. **MELS June 2013 Exam results**
   A quick overview was given on how EMSB students did on the MELS Exams. In some subjects they were above average and some below. Applied Mathematics results were extremely low. There was a definite disconnect between the school year grades and the final exams grades for sec. 4 math. Ped. Services is studying this problem. Something has to be done.

6. **New Approaches / New Solutions (NANS) Budget 2013-14**
   $40 per student is allocated. Program helps Elementary students make the transition to High School. Program also helps students stay in school instead of dropping out.

7. **Canada-Québec Entente – Budget 2013-14**
   Designed to provide grants to students who are living in Québec for less than 2 years.

8. **iPADs**
   MELS has made a proposal to all English School boards in which the EMSB has accepted. MELS would provide 1000 iPADs and non-iPADs as a trial run. The EMSB would get 250 of these tablets. A questionnaire was sent October 17th to all the schools in the EMSB in order to gauge the interest of the schools and how they would be used. The results are due November 8th. Based on the results, the tablets would be distributed to the participating schools for student use.

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

Report to the CPC from Observers to the Finance & Legislative Committee

F&L Meeting of June 12, 2013

The following items were approved for recommendation to the Commissioners:

1. Public Tender for Professional Services Contract – Electricians
2. Nutritional Services Plan of Action for 2013-14 in Campaign against Poverty
3. Transportation Plan for 2013-14 for Giant Steps, Summit, Vanguard Schools; Transportation for Ville St. Pierre students to Elizabeth Ballantyne and Edinburgh; and the 2013-14 Funding formula agreement with the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf
4. 2012-13 Budget revisions: a $112,449 increase for the grievance settlement budget, and a $154,761 transfer from the energy budget to the ESCO project to cover additional interest as specified in the contract
5. Make a request to MELS for an additional $2 million to cover the budget deficit expected to be about $2.1 million

As information:

2013-14 Capital Investment Budget awaiting budget parameters from MELS; intent to develop plans during 2013-14 for washroom renovations in 2014-15 and 2015-16

F&L Meeting of September 11, 2013

Meeting was canceled as quorum could not be reached

F&L Meeting of October 9, 2013

There was no official meeting since quorum was not attained. The following items were discussed in an informal session without voting:

1. 2012-13 Transportation Surplus was $107,712 – MELS confiscates 50% of any surplus; a break-even budget was envisaged for 2013-14
2. 2012-13 was essentially break-even for Cafeteria and Nutrition Education Services
3. Contemplated 2013-14 budget transfers: $250,000 extra for repairs and maintenance to come from the energy budget, and $50,000 extra for duct cleaning at Bancroft School to come from the reserve for emergency projects
4. Forecast 2013-14 budget deficit remains at $3.1 million
5. Funding Request to complete the Wireless Project at the remaining schools (Phase III)

Respectfully submitted by H. Jailos
on behalf of N. Dahdah and H. Jailos, 2012-13 CPC Observers to F&L