



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE LIBRARY ROOM OF LAURIER MACONALD HIGH SCHOOL,
7355 VIAU, MONTREAL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members of the Committee

Present:

East Delegates

Dante
Dalkeith
East Hill
FACE
Gerald McShane
General Vanier
John F. Kennedy
John Caboto
John Grant
John Paul I
LINKS
Laurier Macdonald
Lester B. Pearson
Mackay
Michelangelo
Nesbitt
Pierre de Coubertin
Rosemount
St. Dorothy
Alba Fiorino
Marco Lombardi
Joseph Paglia
Eamon Egan
Franco Mazzariello
Jason Trudeau
Carmie Lato
Sonia Pecora
Cynthia Dudley
Francesco Fortugno
Giovanni Goffredo
Mario Bentrovato
Benny Berneti
Joanne Charron
Pietro Mercuri
Carlo Peruch
Stephen Hudon
Richard Berger
Robert Patone

Regrets/Absent

Bancroft
Edward Murphy
Honore Mercier
Leonardo da Vinci
MIND
Our Lady of Pompei
Pierre E. Trudeau
Sinclair Laird
Vincent Massey
Andrea Gratton
Laura Saragosa
Joseph Di Liello
Linda Racanelli
Gwendolyn Shulman
Anthony Cristofaro
Joanne Seto
Caleigh Saucier
Todd Roberts

West Delegates

Carlyle
Coronation
Dunrae Gardens
Elizabeth Ballantyne
Gardenview
Merton
Royal West
St. Gabriel
St. Monica
Willingdon
Serena Capplette
Hannu Jailos
Joseph Bondi
Julian Hung
George Varelas
Stacey Kaufman
Norm Gharibian
David Benoit
Andrew Ross
Suzanne de Jonge

ACES Delegate

Isabelle Baas

Regrets/Absent

Cedarcrest
Edinburgh
Hampstead
James Lyng
Laurenhill
Marymount
Parkdale
Roslyn
Royal Vale
Westmount
Margherita Ciarlelli
Erin Matheson
Tamanna Maqsood
Donna Stewart
Adriano Miele
Sherlyn Figueira
Mohd Imran Shariff
Filomena Trindade
Mark Ellenbogen
Cyril Wani

Also Present: Ann Marie Matheson, Director General, EMSB
Anna Villalta, Regional Director, East Sector
Angela Mancini, Chairman, EMSB
Sylvia Lo Bianco, Vice-Chairman, EMSB
Joe Ortona, Commissioner, EMSB
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB
Paula Kilian, Alt Delegate, Dunrae Gardens
Joel Ceausu, The Suburban

Guest: Dr. Christoph Haug, Marie-Curie Fellow at the University of Montreal

1. OPENING REMARKS

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

The chair asked for a motion to adjourn the March meeting as quorum was lost before adjournment could happen.

It was moved by Hannu Jailos, seconded by Cynthia Dudley and resolved to adjourn the March 10th meeting.

Vote: 16-1-12 (S. Kaufman not present)

Motion Carried

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Suzanne de Jonge, seconded by Carmie Lato and resolved that the agenda be adopted with the following addition;

5.0 Volunteer Contribution

Vote: 29-0-0 (S. Kaufman not present)

Motion Carried

3. FIRST PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 10, 2016

It was moved by Norm Gharibian, seconded by Cynthia Dudley and resolved that the minutes from March 10th be adopted with the correction to add the names of the members that left at the end of the meeting..

Vote: 26-0-3 (S. Kaufman not present)

Motion Carried

At 7:22 pm S. Kaufman arrived

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.0 VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION

It was moved by Mario Bentrovato, seconded by Pietro Mercuri and unanimously resolved that CPC contribute \$500 to the volunteer event.

Vote: 30-0-0

Motion Carried

5.1 DISCUSSION - DELEGATE CONDUCT

The members continued the discussion that ensued at the last meeting and the motion was reintroduced.

Following a brief discussion;

It was moved by Joanne Charron, seconded by Sonia Pecora, that the internal rules of CPC be reviewed and modified.

It was suggested that a sub-committee be established to investigate the situation and report back to the members in a timely fashion.

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri, seconded by Jason Trudeau and resolved that the meeting move in camera at 8:08 pm.

Vote: 30-0-0

Motion Carried

It was moved by Steven Hudon, seconded by Joseph Bondi and resolved that the meeting move out of camera at 9:00 pm.

Vote: 30-0-0

Motion Carried

Joanne Charron is withdrawing her motion.

It was moved by Suzanne de Jonge, seconded by Sonia Pecora and resolved that a sub-committee, composed of the 2 parent commissioners with outside advisors, as per Robert's Rules of Order be established in order to collect information and allegations in reference to Mr. Ross and that his duties as vice chair be suspended until the end of the investigation.

Vote: 28-1-1 (A. Ross abstains)

Motion Carried

The chair asked to prioritize the remaining items on the agenda due to the time.

The members agreed to speak to items 6.1, 8E, 5.5 and 5.8 and then relook at the remaining items time permitting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 CONSULTATION- SPECIAL NEEDS POLICY (DUE MAY 9TH)

The chair asked for a special meeting to look at the special education policy. The members agreed to hold the special meeting on Thursday, April 21st at Head Office.

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri, seconded by Andrew Ross that telephone participation be used for those members that cannot make the meeting on April 21st.

Vote: 30-0-0

Motion Carried

The chair asked that a sub-committee be established with a mandate to prepare and collaborate the response to the consultation for CPC approval.

It was moved by Hannu Jailos, seconded by Suzanne de Jonge that the members of the sub-committee be composed of Isabelle Baas, Pietro Mercuri, Andrew Ross, Joanne Charron and David Benoit.

Vote: 30-0-0

Motion Carried

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

Topics discussed were the special education policy and a presentation on special needs success rates.

ACSES is requesting that CPC revise their internal rules, especially the portion that affects ACSES as they must also modify their rules and they need to be synchronized. The two sub-committees for the internal rules will coordinate.

5.5 DISCUSSION - RESTRUCTURING OF CPC

Following a brief discussion on the restructuring of the CPC and having the alternates attend the meeting in the absence of the delegates with voting rights;

Original motion:

It was moved by Norm Gharibian, seconded by Serena Caplette and resolved that the alternates be allowed to come to participate in the absence of the delegate on CPC.

An amendment:

It was moved by Hannu Jailos, seconded by Andrew Ross and resolved that a formal request be sent to the Council in order to pass a resolution at their next meeting allowing the alternates to attend in the absence of the delegates.

Discussion ensued on the topic and a vote was called,

It was moved by Serena Caplette, seconded by David Benoit, that the discussion cease and a vote take place.

Vote: 20-4-6

Motion Carried

The members proceeded to vote on the amendment and the original motion;

On the Amendment:

Moved by Hannu Jailos, seconded by Andrew Ross, that a formal request be sent to the Council in order to pass a resolution at their next meeting allowing the alternates to attend in the absence of the delegates.

Vote: 29-0-1

Motion Carried

Original Resolution with the amendment:

It was moved by Norm Gharibian, seconded by Serena Caplette and resolved that CPC allow the alternates to participate in the absence of the delegate and that a formal request be sent to the Council in order to pass a resolution at the next Board meeting allowing the alternates to attend in the absence of the delegates.

Vote: 28-0-2

Motion Carried

5.8 REVIEW- INTERNAL RULES

It was moved by Joseph Bondi, seconded by Carlo Peruch and resolved that a sub-committee be formed to relook at the rules in light of the new membership to CPC and create the internal rules bringing them for approval to the members.

Vote: 28-0-2

Motion Carried

Volunteers to the sub-committee; Peter Mercuri, Steven Hudon, George Varelas, David Benoit and Suzanne de Jonge.

The two sub-committees (for CPC and ACSES) will work together on the portion that must be synchronized.

Pietro Mercuri informed the members that he could not attend volunteer night and asked that Mario Bentrovato speak on behalf of the CPC. It was mentioned to ask Todd Roberts first as he is treasurer. The chair will speak to Todd and get back to Mario.

Due to time all other items were tabled to the next meeting.

5.2 DISCUSSION- SURVEY

5.3 DISCUSSION -MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

5.4 DISCUSSION -SOCIAL MEDIA

5.6 DISCUSSION - AFFILIATION WITH FCPQ

5.7 DISCUSSION - MEETING ATTENDANCE

5.9 UPDATE- ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE

5.10 UPDATE ELEMENTARY TO HIGH SCHOOL RETENTION INITIATIVE

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. REGIONAL SECTOR COMMITTEE REPORTS

7B. PARENT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

7C. TREASURER'S REPORT

7D. FCPQ

7E. LITERACY AWARD SUBCOMMITTEE

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN REPORTS)

8A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

8C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

See attached report from H. Jailos.

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

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. VARIA

11. SECOND PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

12. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – May 5, 2016 Laurier Macdonald High School

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING – (Monday before Council Meeting) – April 25, 2016

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Joseph Bondi, seconded by Mario Bentrovato, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:07 pm.

Vote: 30-0-0

Motion Carried

Pietro Mercuri
Chair

Brigida Sellato
Communications Consultant/Secretary

Report to the Central Parents Committee on April 7, 2016
Finance Committee Meeting March 16, 2016

The Committee approved the following items and recommended their approval by Council:

1. Transfers of \$23,000 for MacKay swimming pool staff, \$500,00 for electricity, fuel oil and natural gas, and \$50,000 for software maintenance from reserves or surpluses in other budgets
2. Authorization to proceed to tender for
 - a. Patrol services
 - b. Elevator maintenance and repairs
 - c. Resurfacing of wood gym floors in 19 schools
3. New spending: \$0.5 million for painting in all elementary schools, and \$0.3 million for other requests dropping the estimated surplus from \$1.3 million to \$0.5 million

The sale of Nazareth and Hallowell properties result in \$6.6 million in profit on sales; these funds can only be used for new infrastructure

Information was provided on the following:

1. Montreal School for All Budget provides \$491,135 to 16 schools for entrance fees, transportation etc.
2. ICOR Budget (inner city schools) provides \$730,718 for 26 elementary schools and 2 high schools with \$409,824 for 3 category I schools, \$117,460 for 3 category II schools, and the balance for the others
3. Green Award and Green Grants totaling \$30,250 were given to 17 schools (all that applied)

Respectfully submitted,
Hannu Jailos, CPC Observer