



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE LIBRARY ROOM OF JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL,
3030 VILLERAY, MONTREAL ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members of the Committee

Present:

East Sector:	Mario Bentrovato Benny Berneti Cynthia Dudley Giovanni Goffredo Marco Lombardi Joseph Paglia Todd Roberts Caleigh Saucier Laura Saragosa Jason Trudeau	West Sector:	David Benoit Joseph Bondi Serena Capplette Suzanne de Jonge S h e r i l y n Figueira Norm Gharibian Julian Hung Hannu Jaiilos Andrew Ross F i l o m e n a Trindade George Varelas
ACSES:	Isabelle Baas		

Also Present: Ann Marie Matheson, Director General, EMSB
Pela Nickoletopoulos, Regional Director, West Sector
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
Joanne Charron, Chair/Parent Commissioner ACSES/Delegate East Sector
Sonia Pecora, Delegate, John Caboto
Camie Lato, Delegate, John F. Kennedy
Margherita Ciarlelli, Delegate, Cedarcrest
Franco Mazzariello, Delegate, Gerald McShane
Steven Hudon, Delegate, Pierre de Coubertin
Liz Arnot, Alternate Delegate for ACSES
Joel Ceausu, The Suburban, Parent Edinburgh

Regrets: East Sector Pietro Mercuri

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

1. OPENING REMARKS

The Vice-chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The chair is unable to attend tonight.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by David Benoit, seconded by Jason Trudeau and resolved that the agenda be adopted with the following additions and movement of item 5.1, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 to the beginning as they are items that have deadlines this month;

Additions;

5.4 CPC Survey

5.5 Meet the Candidate Night

6.6 Social Media

6.7 FCPQ vs EPCA

Vote: 20-1-0 (J. Paglia not present)

Motion Carried

2.1 PRESENTATION: BUDGET BUILDING PRESENTATION 2016-2017

Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Services presented the budget building document to the members and answered questions.

3. FIRST PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Carmie Lato raised a question as to why no one from RPC East but rather a member of RPC West added the item FCPQ vs EPCA to the agenda. Laura Saragosa answered that she was going to raise this point at the report section of the agenda.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2016

It was moved by Cynthia Dudley, seconded by David Benoit and resolved that the minutes from January be adopted with minor corrections to spelling.

Vote: 17-0-5

Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 CONSULTATION: BUDGET BUILDING PROCESS 2016-2017

The members discussed the guiding principles and budget priorities.

It was recommended that the regional committees make their recommendations before the CPC in order to bring forward their concerns to the CPC.

Guiding Principles:

- I. Agree
- II. Remove "if required" and add "look for partnerships with outside organizations to generate new funds"
- III. Agree
- IV. Remove "maintaining or possibly. . . ." and replace with "maintain and or increase"
- V. Add to the end of the sentence "and those that generate revenue"
- VI. Agree
- VII. Agree – like to mention that fund 3 is rolled over
- VIII. Agree
- IX. Agree
- X. Agree
- XI. Agree
- XII. Agree

It was moved by Isabelle Baas seconded by Caleigh Saucier and unanimously resolved that recommended Guiding Principles be accepted.

Vote: 22-0-0

Motion Carried

Budget Priorities

1. Increase or at a minimum maintain the funding for literacy and numeracy in all cycles.

2. Increase the current staffing ratios, including resource teachers, professionals, CCW's and behavioral technicians taking into consideration services to all students from advanced learners to special need students and tailoring services according to individual school needs.
3. Ensure food programs are maintained throughout the year without compromise to nutritional guidelines.
4. Invest and continue to improve and optimize infrastructure, equipment and professional development in order to enhance student learning and success including an increase in the number of technicians to maintain the technology systems.
5. Increase funding for building maintenance, improvements, security, upgrading projects, health and cleanliness, including washroom maintenance, replenishment of hygiene products and snow and ice removal in common areas in order to improve the physical learning environment for students.
6. Increase or at a minimum maintain an equitable per capita allocation.
7. Creation of a specific budget for the marketing of all high schools for student retention after grade 6 to increase enrolment targeted to cycle 3 elementary students.

It was moved by Jason Trudeau seconded by Benny Berneti and resolved that recommended Budget Priorities be accepted.

Vote: 21-0-0 (M. Bentrovato & J. Bondi not present)

Motion Carried

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 CONSULTATION- TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The members discussed the clause added to the policy. Question were asked regarding;
 Will requests be prioritized?
 Can students living outside the boundary be picked up?
 What about students that go to another school board or school?
 Make sure that the bus stop disappears after the grandfathered child leaves the school.

The members were advised that this situation will affect approximately 175 students where the bus currently passes in front of them.

It was moved by Joseph Bondi, seconded by Marco Lombardi and resolved to accept the transportation policy with the amendment as presented.

Vote: 19-0-4

Motion Carried

6.2 CONSULTATION: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LONG RANGE PLANNING FOR ADULT EDUCATION

A) ROSEMOUNT

B) JOHN F. KENNEDY

On a recommendation from Mario Bentrovato, the members agreed to wait to hear from the East Sector and the Governing Boards of the schools affected before making their recommendations.

It was moved by Suzanne de Jonge, seconded by Cynthia Dudley and resolved to table this item and wait for feedback form the East Sector Parents Committee to the March meeting.

Vote: 21-0-0 (C. Saucier not present for vote)

Motion Carried

6.3 CONSULTATION- ARTICLE 240 RENEWAL STATUS FOR ROYAL VALE SCHOOL

Following a brief discussion, It was moved by Jason Trudeau, seconded by Filomena Trindade and resolved that the renewal of the 240 Status for Royal Vale School be accepted.

Vote: 19-0-3

Motion Carried

Due to the time it was recommended that the members recess the meeting in order to finish at another date so that no new items could be added to the agenda.

It was moved by Hannu Jailos, seconded by Cynthia Dudley that CPC recess this meeting and reconvene at the regular meeting date of March 10th at Laurier Macdonald High School.

Vote: 6-13-3

Motion Defeated

It was moved by Caleigh Saucier, seconded by Joseph Bondi that CPC recess this meeting and reconvene on Thursday, February 11th at 7 pm at John F. Kennedy High School.

Vote: 10-7-5

Motion Carried

A motion of reconsideration for location:

It was moved by Suzanne de Jonge, seconded by Caleigh Saucier that CPC to reconsider the location.

Vote: 22-0-0

Motion Carried

It was moved by David Benoit, seconded by Filomena Trindade that CPC reconvene on Thursday, February 11th at 7 pm at the Administration Building.

Vote: 13-5-3 (B. Berneti not present for vote)

Motion Carried

Some members asked if they could not be present could call conference be established.

It was moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Filomena Trindade that any member for valid reason may participate by phone at the reconvened meeting on February 11th.

Vote: 18-2-1 (B. Berneti not present for vote)

Motion Carried

It was moved by Suzanne de Jonge, seconded by Caleigh Saucier that CPC recess this meeting at 10:15 pm.

Vote: 21-0-0

Motion Carried

**RECONVENED MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE WILLIAM DAWSON ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
6000 FIELDING AVE., MONTREAL ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members of the Committee

Present:

East Sector:	Mario Bentrovato	West Sector:	David Benoit
	Cynthia Dudley		Joseph Bondi
	Giovanni Goffredo		Serena
	Marco Lombardi	Caplette	Suzanne de
	Joseph Paglia	Jonge	S h e r i l y n
	Caleigh Saucier	Figueira	Norm Gharibian
	Laura Saragosa		Julian Hung
	Jason Trudeau		Hannu Jairos
			Andrew Ross
			F i l o m e n a
		Trindade	George Varelas

ACSES: Isabelle Baas

Also Present: Ann Marie Matheson, Director General, EMSB
Sylvia Lo Bianco, Vice-Chairman, EMSB
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB
Joanne Charron, Chair/Parent Commissioner ACSES/Delegate East Sector
Sonia Pecora, Delegate, John Caboto
Camie Lato, Delegate, John F. Kennedy
Liz Arnot, Alternate Delegate for ACSES
Paula Kilian, Alt Delegate Dunrae Gardens

Regrets: East Sector Benny Berneti
Pietro Mercuri
Todd Roberts

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

OPENING REMARKS

The Vice-chair welcomed everyone and reconvened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

7:09 pm J. Trudeau arrived

6.4 DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR LA LOCHE

MOTION - Message of Sympathy, La Loche SK

WHEREAS a local school is often the heart of a community, especially in rural areas of Canada, where both adults and children feel a strong connection to the institutions and feel safe and secure in their surroundings.

WHEREAS that sense of security was shattered on Friday, January 22, 2016, when two adults were killed and seven injured during a mass shooting at the local school in La Loche, Saskatchewan, a small village 600 km northwest of Saskatoon.

WHEREAS the Montreal community has experienced similar school shootings in recent years, and understands the terrible impact such occurrences can have both inside and outside the school community.

It is moved by Andrew Ross and seconded by Suzanne de Jonge that the Central Parents' Committee, on behalf of EMSB Parent Governance and the parents of the English Montreal School Board, express our sympathies and condolences to the students, parents and staff of La Loche Community School in La Loche, Saskatchewan.

It is further resolved that the CPC allocate a \$100 donation to the Fuel for Change Fund, set up in the wake of this tragedy, to help empower students through monetary investment within La Loche to create positive change in the community.

Vote: 17-0-0 (S. Figueira, F. Trindade and G. Varelas not present) Motion Carried

7:15 pm S. Figueira arrived

7:20 pm F. Trindade arrived

6.5 DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR PARENT LITERACY PRIZE

Following the press conference on literacy held in January, the members discussed the proposed resolution to create a prize for students. Members discussed amending the resolution to form a sub-committee to plan the details. Another discussion was to personalize the books to the students with messages from the committee.

Members felt that a book would be better than a gift card to encourage students to read. It was also recommended that the books be purchased online to facilitate shipping and reimbursement.

Volunteers to the sub-committee were; Suzanne de Jonge, Serena Caplette, Sherilyn Figueira, Filomena Trindade and Marco Lombardi.

MOTION - Parents' Literacy Prize.

WHEREAS literacy is at the cornerstone of learning, and forms the basis of understanding of all other subjects taught in the public education system.

WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board held a highly successful press conference and outreach activity on Friday, January 22, 2016 at Dante Elementary School, emphasizing the importance of reading, and highlighting the \$2-million investment in both French and English literacy initiatives in EMSB elementary schools since 2009-2010.

WHEREAS as a result of this investment, the number of students reading at or above grade level has now reached 90% at Grade 5, one year earlier than the goal of the balanced literacy initiative.

WHEREAS the Central Parents' Committee routinely identifies literacy as a top funding priority for EMSB parents during the annual Budget Building process.

WHEREAS the proposal to create a one-time Parents' Literacy Prize was approved in principle by the CPC Executive Committee on January 25, 2016, and was recommended to the Central Parents' Committee for its consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

It is moved by Cynthia Dudley and seconded by Norm Gharibian that the Central Parents' Committee create a one-time Parents' Literacy Prize for two (2) graduating Grade 6 students at each elementary school in the EMSB, to be granted at the school's June 2016 graduation ceremony to those who have shown a marked interest in reading.

It is further resolved that the CPC allocate \$20 per winning student to fund the Parents' Literacy Prize, to purchase a new book that is of interest to the student, as determined by that student's teachers and principal. The total allocation amount is \$1400.

It is further resolved that the CPC form a sub-committee with the task of undertaking all action necessary to coordinate the Parents' Literacy Prize to the winning students.

Vote: 19-0-0 (G. Varelas not present)

Motion Carried

5.3 UPDATE- JAN 16TH WORKING SESSION BILL 86

Members held a vote on the grid for the FCPQ on Bill 86. Below is the extract from the email votes;

At the CPC executive meeting, I was asked to tally the email vote that happened over the weekend. There were a total of 14 responses before the deadline, and 1 after, which unfortunately does count.

The vote, as verified, is 9-5-1; the motion is carried.

It was followed by a reconsideration vote via email on the grid for the FCPQ on Bill 86. Extract below;

The result of the email vote that ended today, for which I was asked to sent the result, needs to be reconsidered. Although the result of the motion directs Peter to submit the responses to FCPQ, I don't feel this would represent the latest understanding of this committee. In a message last night, Mr. Mercuri wrote the following:

All this to say – even though I initiated the action that is being discussed among CPC members right now, I am recommending to CPC to NOT send in the document due to the concerns that parents have voiced and due to a willingness to move forward to better support our children in a constructive fashion. In the end, it will be my colleagues to decide in the best way they can. But my recommendation has been made.

As the CPC, we have voted to send it, and Peter is duty bound to do so. However, given Peter's message, I don't believe it would be clear as to why we would still be submitting it. Therefore, as a member of the prevailing side of the vote,

I move to reconsider the motion to submit the grid to the FCPQ until such time as the responses are presented at the next regular meeting of the CPC.

Please vote YES if you would like this presented on Feb 4th Please vote NO if you want CPC submit this as is

*Below is the tally of votes on the motion to reconsider.
15-2-0; motion carried.*

G. Varelas arrived at 8:02 pm

The grid has not been submitted to the FCPQ. Isabelle Baas attended the session for Bill 86 in Quebec City as the alternate to the FCPQ. She did not represent any views or options for the EMSB parents and the grid was not filled out. Two other Boards did not respond to the grid. Everyone around the table shared the same concerns for the Bill.

Original motion:

It was moved by David Benoit, seconded by Suzanne de Jonge and resolved that this committee, CPC, will not submit the consultative grid to the FCPQ but it will formulate its response to the National Assembly and copy the FCPQ

There was a 10 minute recess to make photocopies for the members.

L. Saragosa and M. Bentreovato left at 9:02 pm

An amendment to the resolution:

It was moved by Jason Trudeau, seconded by Serena Caplette and resolved that the Central Parents' Committee is against Bill 86 as it is presented today and the CPC acknowledges the resolutions from the vast majority of the Governing Boards and that the CPC formulates the top reasons that are favorable and those that are not favorable regarding Bill 86, being;

- In favor of the intent to give parents and schools more involvement
- In favor of the right for Parent Commissioners to vote
- In favor of the Protection of the English Language and Minority Rights
- Concerned for the increase to Ministerial powers
- Against the elimination of universal suffrage
- Revisit the remuneration for the positions on the school council

Vote on amendment: 17-0-1

Motion Carried

Vote on original motion with the amendment: 14-0-4

Motion Carried

5.2 REVIEW- INTERNAL RULES

It was moved by David Benoit, seconded by Sherilyn Figueira and resolved to table the internal rules to the March meeting.

Vote: 16-1-1

Motion Carried

It was moved by Jason Trudeau, seconded by Andrew Ross and resolved that the agenda be prioritized due to the time remaining and allow item number 8 to be discussed.

Vote: 15-0-3

Motion Carried

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

8A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The January 6th report was reviewed. See report attached from Joseph Bondi.
The members asked for a presentation on école branche.

8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

There was a presentation on Autism.

8C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

See attached report from Hannu Jaiilos.

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

See attached report from Todd Roberts

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

The committee meet on January 21st and February 2nd. The executive members were elected. The main topic discussed was the Special Education Policy which is being revised.

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

The main item discussed was the change to the Transportation Policy. The issue with the busing for FACE was made aware to the members and that the Board is looking into the situation with the CSDM.

It was moved by David Benoit, seconded by George Varelas and resolved to table the remaining items to the March meeting.

Vote: 17-1-0

Motion Carried

5.4 SURVEY

Tabled to the next meeting.

5.5 MEET THE CANDIDATE NIGHT

Tabled to the next meeting.

6.6 SOCIAL MEDIA

Tabled to the next meeting.

6.7 FCPQ vs EPCA

Tabled to the next meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tabled to the next meeting.

7B. PARENT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Tabled to the next meeting.

7C. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tabled to the next meeting.

7D. FCPQ

Tabled to the next meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

11. SECOND PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

12. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – March 10, 2016 Laurier Macdonald High School

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING – (Monday before Council Meeting) – February 22, 2016

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Hannu Jailos, seconded by Norm Gharibian and resolved to adjourn at 10:00 pm.

Vote: 18-0-0

Motion Carried

Andrew Ross
Vice-Chair

Brigida Sellato
Communications Consultant/Secretary

Education Committee Report

For: Education Committee Meeting December 9, 2015

Submitted to: Central Parents Committee on January 6, 2015

1. Information session was held to provide details around the action plan and investment strategy related to the government funding provided through the École 2.0 measure, regarding technology in the classroom. Key themes are:
 - a. Connecting through technology
 - i. Implement 2:1 ratio of students to computers using Chromebooks
 - ii. Create learning environments i.e. Makerspaces
 - iii. Purchase tools such as Interactive Multi-touch Tables and walls designed for the ultimate interactive experience
 - b. Robotics
 - i. Three year initiative – total \$450,000
 - ii. Expand, modernize and enhance the robotics initiatives in all schools
 - iii. 3D printers will be purchased for five schools
 - iv. 2015-2016 investment \$157,000
 - c. Professional Development linked to École 2.0
 - i. Key to success is professional development
 1. In-house experts
 2. ETS personnel
 3. Key technology suppliers
 - ii. Creating Benchmarks
 - d. 2015-2016 Investments

Expense Areas	2015-2016
	Budgeted
NTIC Allocation to Schools & Centres	\$ 552,000
Teacher Laptop	\$ 390,000
Digital Instructional Materials	\$ 347,000
<i>2015-2016 Action Plan Spending</i>	
Chromebook & iPad	\$ 186,473
3D Printers	\$ 17,250
Infrastructure	\$ 60,000
Writeable Tables	
Smartboard	\$ 36,000
Interactive Tables & Walls	\$ 165,313
Various Multimedia Materials	\$ 70,587
Professional Development	\$ 50,000
Total Allocated	\$ 1,874,622
Total Funding Available	\$ 2,034,459
Funding to be allocated	\$ 159,837

Submitted by:

Joseph Bondi, CPC Observer, report also on behalf of Filomena Trindade

**Report to the Central Parents Committee on February 4, 2016
Finance Committee Meeting January 13, 2016**

There was no quorum; information was presented at the meeting.

1. A new report for cheques over \$5000 was presented. It shows the cheque amounts and the cumulative amounts for each payee.
2. There was a presentation on the new technology initiative for students and schools called 2.0 École Branché and the proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannu Jailos, CPC Observer

AEVS Jan 12th 2016

There is a project in motion to use more classrooms in JFK high school.
To host international students for language instruction in both English and French.

They are also asking for additional space In Rosemount Technology Center.

- 1 Computer Graphics
- 2 Industrial Drafting
- 3 Electro mechanics
- 4 Cabinetmaking

Floor annex plans have been made to minimize the interaction between the population in both schools including new doors.

The new welding and fitting and Automobile Mechanics is due to open its doors July 1 2016

Due to the continuing size of the AEVS students there is a request for an additional Assistant Director
To be proposed at the next council meeting

From Todd Roberts