



**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 5, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members of the Committee

Present: East Sector: Mario Bentrovato
Benny Berneti
Cynthia Dudley
Giovanni Goffredo
Marco Lombardi
Pietro Mercuri
Todd Roberts
Caleigh Saucier
Jason Trudeau

West Sector: David Benoit
Joseph Bondi
Suzanne de Jonge
Sherilyn Figueira
Norm Gharibian
Julian Hung
Hannu Jailos
Andrew Ross
Filomena Trindade
George Varelas

ACSES: Isabelle Baas

Also Present: Paola Miniaci, Deputy Director General, Education, EMSB
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB
Angela Mancini, Chairman, EMSB
Sylvia Lo Bianco, Vice-Chairman, EMSB
Joanne Charron, Chair/Parent Commissioner ACSES

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

Regrets: East Sector Joseph Paglia
Laura Saragosa

West Sector Erin Matheson

1. OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Caleigh Saucier, seconded by Norm Gharibian and resolved that the agenda be adopted with the following addition and removal;

Remove item 6.5

6.10 Update: Coalition of Parents for Public Education

Vote: 17-0-0 (J. Trudeau, T. Roberts & S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

3. FIRST PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON;
JUNE 4, 2015**

It was moved by George Varelas, seconded by Isabelle Baas and resolved that the minutes from June 4, 2015 be adopted with minor corrections (replace elected with acclaimed and correct ACSES member on the Executive).

Vote: 13-0-4 (J. Trudeau, T. Roberts & S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

A question was raised regarding the balance of the budget from the meeting. See attached budget report.

OCTOBER 15, 2015

It was moved by Benny Berneti, seconded by Marco Lombardi and resolved that the minutes from October 15, 2015 be adopted with minor corrections.

Vote: 17-0-0 (J. Trudeau, T. Roberts & S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

At 7:17 pm J. Trudeau arrived

At 7:18 pm T. Roberts arrived

At 7:33 pm S. Figueira arrived

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 DRAFT REVISED POLICY SG-6 CONCERNING STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEES

After a brief discussion, it was moved by Joseph Bondi, seconded by Todd Roberts and resolved that CPC make the following recommendations to the policy on the Structure of Committees SG-6.

- Add statement at the beginning of the document stating that it is the Council of Commissioners that is responsible to maintain the structure of the committees
- Clarify that this policy is speaking of Council membership
- Point #5; remove the word membership as it is a broad word seeing that several groups on certain committees are chosen by internal selection, i.e. professionals, teachers, etc.
- Specify why Transportation is excluded and does not follow the same procedures as the other committees

Vote: 19-0-1

Motion Carried

A question was asked why the process is different for the transportation committee. Brigida Sellato will ask the question and get back to everyone.

6.2 DECEMBER SOCIAL

It was moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Isabelle Baas and resolved to have the December meeting catered at the Head Office.

Vote: 12-3-5

Motion Carried

It was moved by George Varelas, seconded by Cynthia Dudley and resolved to allocate a maximum of \$400.00 for the social.

Vote: 11-0-9

Motion Carried

6.3 INTERNAL RULES- ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW

The members discussed forming a subcommittee to review and make recommendations to update the internal rules.

It was moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Hannu Jaiolos and resolved that CPC create a subcommittee of five people that will communicate by email to make recommendations for the internal rules.

Vote: 3-12-5

Motion Defeated

Following a brief discussion members felt that the internal rules should be discussed by everyone at the next meeting.

It was moved by Isabelle Baas, seconded by Cynthia Dudley that the internal rules be emailed to everyone and members would send their recommendations to Brigida Sellato who would compile them in order to send them out to everyone before the next meeting.

Vote: 17-0-3

Motion Carried

**6.4 INFORMATION - ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE TO EVALUATE ACSES
PARENT REP NOMINATIONS**

The members were advised that a subcommittee made up for three CPC executive members and three ACSES members will meet to discuss the candidates for the four vacant positions on ACSES.

6.5 APPROVAL - PARENT COMMISSIONER NOMINATIONS TO EMSB BOARD COMMITTEES

Item was removed

6.6 APPROVAL - LETTER TO MINISTER OF EDUCATION RE BUDGET CUTBACKS

Following a recommendation from a member, it was moved by Norm Gharibian, seconded by Filomena Trindade and resolved that a petition be started on the National Assembly website regarding the cuts to education.

Vote: 18-0-2

Motion Carried

The letter drafted in regard to the budget cuts was briefly discussed and a small correction in wording was suggested.

It was moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Joseph Bondi and resolved that the CPC Chair send the letter to the Minister.

Vote: 19-0-1

Motion Carried

6.7 DISCUSSION - DISTRIBUTION OF DELEGATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Andrew Ross asked the members if they would add their name to a newsletter list that would inform parents of what is going on at region and CPC. Some concerns were raised regarding that not all members are on CPC and it was asked that this go to the sector meetings asking the delegates to bring it to their governing boards.

6.8 OUTREACH COMMITTEE- ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE

Following a brief discussion it was moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Pietro Mercuri and resolved that CPC form a subcommittee of five members including Andrew Ross as chair to

come up with ideas on a newsletter to reach out to the parent community in order to get them information.

Vote: 11-3-5

Motion Carried

Volunteers to the subcommittee: Suzanne de Jonge, Caleigh Saucier, Filomena Trindade and Cynthia Dudley.

The subcommittee will come to CPC with its ideas at a later date.

6.9 ONGOING TEACHER SUPPORT AFTER STRIKE

The members discussed the ongoing pressure tactics. The members asked if the CPC could send parents a letter explaining CPC's support for teacher and staff strike actions. The chair will send everyone an email with the letter for discussion and comments.

6.10 UPDATE: COALITION OF PARENTS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

The members briefly discussed the rally that the coalition has scheduled for November 20th in Quebec City and how the transportation there is being funded by other political parties making this event political. Some members asked if they were to go could they go by other means of transportation.

The remaining items were tabled. Moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by David Benoit. Vote: 20-0-0

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The sectors are meeting in the next week.

7B. PARENT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Tabled.

7C. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tabled.

7D. FCPQ

Tabled.

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

8A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Tabled

8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

Tabled

8C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

See attached report from Hannu Jaiolos.

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

Tabled

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

Tabled

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

See attached report from Cynthia Dudley.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

11. SECOND PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked regarding the snack program: on the finance report why it is not extended throughout the entire year. Paola Miniaci can have Sylvie Beaudry, Manager of Cafeteria Services come to present the programs to the CPC to give an explanation.

12. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – December 3, 2015 Administration Building.

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING – (Monday before Council Meeting) – November 23, 2015

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Marco Lombardi seconded by Mario Bentrovato and resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Vote: 20-0-0

Motion Carried

Pietro Mercuri
Chairperson

Brigida Sellato
Communications Consultant/Secretary

Date	Form	Description	Debit	Balance
01/07/2014		Allocation 2014-2015		\$10,000.00
10/15/2014	cafeteria	Refreshments for General Assembly	\$255.75	\$9,744.25
10/20/2014	C-44	pamphlets meet the candidate	\$1,270.47	\$8,473.78
10/30/2014	C-49	LMAC AV Tech meet the candidates night (Oct 23rd)	\$213.84	\$8,259.94
10/31/2014	C-44	refreshments executive cmt (G. Varelas)	\$24.38	\$8,235.56
11/24/2014	C-44	flowers for A. Marino	\$57.49	\$8,178.07
11/24/2014	C-49	AV Tech meet the candidates (JFK-Royal Vale)	\$213.84	\$7,964.23
11/24/2014	C-44	Refreshments for executive (G. Varelas)	\$24.88	\$7,939.35
12/04/2015	C-44	wine, soda, plates, glasses, knives for social	\$110.70	\$7,828.65
12/04/2014	C-44	food for social (L.T. Traiteur)	\$300.00	\$7,528.65
12/15/2014	C-44	executive refreshments (G. Goffredo)	\$25.06	\$7,503.59
01/22/2015	cafeteria	November & December coffee orders	\$102.35	\$7,401.24
02/09/2015	C-44	dessert and water for Feb meeting (T. Roberts)	\$30.41	\$7,370.83
02/09/2015	C-44	Coffee for Feb meeting (G. Varelas)	\$34.15	\$7,336.68
02/24/2015	C-44	Refreshments Executive Feb. (G. Varelas)	\$25.06	\$7,311.62
03/12/2015	C-44	refreshments Coffee March (G. Varelas)	\$34.15	\$7,277.47
03/12/2015	C-44	water and treats March Mtg (T. Roberts)	\$34.04	\$7,243.43
04/01/2015	C-44	refreshments executive March (G. Varelas)	\$24.95	\$7,218.48
04/01/2015	C-44	refreshments Coffee March 31st (G. Varelas)	\$34.15	\$7,184.33
04/01/2015	C-44	water and treats March 31st Mtg (T. Roberts)	\$31.63	\$7,152.70
04/22/2015	C-44	refreshments executive April (G. Varelas)	\$25.06	\$7,127.64
05/08/2015	C-44	refreshments (coffee) May meeting (G. Varelas)	\$41.05	\$7,086.59
05/08/2015	C-44	water and treats May Mtg (T. Roberts)	\$30.57	\$7,056.02
5/27/2015	C-44	Refreshments Executive May (G. Varelas)	\$28.51	\$7,027.51
06/02/2015	C-44	Refreshments Special Executive June 1 (G. Varelas)	\$28.51	\$6,999.00
6/15/2015	C-44	social	\$578.00	\$6,421.00
6/16/2015	C-44	Refreshments executive June (G. Varelas)	\$29.51	\$6,391.49
6/23/2015	C-44	Printing of survey	\$3,185.23	\$3,206.26
6/23/2015	C-44	survey monkey fee	\$60.00	\$3,146.26
6/23/2015	C-44	receipts for supplies for meet the candidates nights	\$89.10	\$3,057.16
6/23/2015	C-44	allocations for members 2014-2015	\$3,057.00	\$0.16
		Total Expenses	\$9,999.84	

Transportation Meeting Report October 14, 2015

This was a big meeting dealing with a range of issues. First transportation for students at FACE has traditionally been organized by CSDM but they have cut FACE transportation for the 2016-2017 school year. This will affect 70 EMSB students. The two boards are in discussion and EMSB transportation department is monitoring the situation. Options should the CSDM retain its position may be to charge parents for elementary transportation costs.

A response to a letter from ACSES had never been sent so it is to be updated and sent to the new committee.

Contracts with bussing companies need to be negotiated for next year. There will be workshops for drivers concerning special needs students and Bill 56. The Transportation Policy is coming up for review and updating.

The school board policy on accommodation bussing is to be reviewed looking at the Lester B. Pearson model and taking into consideration courtesy bussing (inside territory where a stop already exists) and accommodation bussing (outside territory where a stop already exists). There needs to be a mechanism created to set lines of responsibility, a review process, discretionary powers and qualifying factors as well as the possibility of a nominal fee.



Central Parents' Committee

Montreal, November 6, 2015.

L'honorable François Blais, M.A.N.

Ministre de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche

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Dear Minister Blais,

As members of the English Montreal School Board's Central Parents' Committee, we call upon you to put an end to the budgetary cuts imposed on our public education system over the last several years. Repeated cuts have had and will continue to have countless negative impacts on the quality of our children's learning environment and threaten to increase failure and dropout rates. Those same cuts are also heightening social and territorial inequities among children and their communities.

This is regrettable, as student persistence in school and educational success are essential to the development of a healthy, thriving and prosperous society. Further, planned cutbacks will have a disproportionate effect on students with special needs, who are the most vulnerable in our system and depend heavily on the additional support our dedicated teams provide. Success for all students should be a primary concern for our provincial government, and we firmly believe that public education should be considered one of Québec's top priorities.

Because you are responsible for Québec's public education system, it is your duty to convince the present government to stop making cuts in the education budget. We ask you to do everything in your power to ensure the constant and adequate financing of our education system, and to invest in the quality of our children's

learning environment so that public education becomes a true Québec priority and that the needs of each and every child are fulfilled.

Yours sincerely,

Chair

On behalf of the members of the

English Montreal School Board Central Parents' Committee

Report to the CPC on Finance Committee Meetings

Meeting held on September 16, 2015.

Items discussed:

1. Budget Transfers & Position Authorizations
 - \$26,000 for Gardenview linoleum tiles, transfer from Material Resources reserve fund
 - \$46,000 for Sinclair Laird windows, transfer from Material Resources reserve fund
 - \$1,300-\$1,400 for a temporary secretarial position in Human Resources
 - \$10,000-19,000 for a temporary elementary psychologist position in Student Services
 - \$40,000 for a temporary international student facilitator
2. Nutrition Programs
 - \$58,405 for snack program for 6 inner-city elementary schools for 169 days
 - \$281,446 for free milk program: inner-city elementary schools 170 days; others 136 days
 - \$419,574 for meal subsidy program for needy elementary and high students
 - \$842,858 for high school meal subsidy programs, part needy students, part universal
3. Funding Request to Ministry for Optimization Measures (non-recurring)
 - Requests for security consultant, St. Raphael moving costs denied
 - 4 other project requests with no response will be resubmitted (\$50,000 janitor scheduling, \$40,000 lean management, \$75,000 abolishing a management position, \$232,500 digitalizing archive documents)
4. Printing Outsourcing working well

Meeting held on October 14, 2015.

Items discussed:

1. \$22,500-\$34,000 approved for a temporary admin tech position for AEVS
2. 2014 – 2015 Financial Results
 - Overall expect \$5.3 million surplus (original budget was \$5.2 million deficit)
 - Cafeteria and Nutrition services \$35,002 deficit, essentially break-even
 - Transportation services \$25,729 surplus (after 50% Ministry claw-back), i.e. break-even
3. Discussion on EMSB Foundation on-going

Respectfully submitted,
Hannu Jailos