



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE LIBRARY ROOM OF LAURIER MACONALD HIGH SCHOOL,
7355 VIAU, MONTREAL ON THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members of the Committee

Present:

East Delegates

Bancroft	Alex Guitoni
Dalkeith	Marco Lombardi
East Hill	Joseph Paglia
Edward Murphy	Laura Saragosa
FACE	Eamon Egan
Gerald McShane	Franco Mazzariello
General Vanier	Jason Trudeau
John F. Kennedy	Carmie Lato
John Caboto	Sonia Pecora
John Grant	Cynthia Dudley
John Paul I	Francesco Fortugno
LINKS	Giovanni Goffredo
Laurier Macdonald	Mario Bentrovato
Lester B. Pearson	Benny Berneti
Mackay	Joanne Charron
Michelangelo	Pietro Mercuri
Nesbitt	Carlo Peruch
Pierre de Coubertin	Stephen Hudon
Rosemount	Richard Berger
St. Dorothy	Robert Patone
Sinclair Laird	Caleigh Saucier
Vincent Massey	Todd Roberts

West Delegates

Carlyle	Serena Capplette
Coronation	Hannu Jailos
Dunrae Gardens	Joseph Bondi
Elizabeth Ballantyne	Julian Hung
Gardenview	George Varelas
Marymount	Sherlyn Figueira
Royal West	Norm Gharibian
St. Gabriel	David Benoit
St. Monica	Andrew Ross
Willingdon	Suzanne de Jonge
Westmount Alt.	George Szatmari

ACSES Delegate

Isabelle Baas

Regrets/Absent

Dante	Alba Fiorino
Honore Mercier	Joseph Di Liello
Leonardo da Vinci	Linda Racanelli
MIND	Gwendolyn Shulman
Our Lady of Pompei	Anthony Cristofaro
Pierre E. Trudeau	Joanne Seto

Regrets/Absent

Cedarcrest	Margherita Ciarlelli
Edinburgh	Erin Matheson
Hampstead	Tamanna Maqsood
James Lyng	Donna Stewart
Laurenhill	Adriano Miele
Merton	Stacey Kaufman
Parkdale	Mohd Imran Shariff
Roslyn	Filomena Trindade
Royal Vale	Mark Ellenbogen
Westmount	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
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 7:15 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Isabelle Baas, seconded by Marco Lombardi and resolved that the agenda be adopted with the following modifications;

Items to be dealt with first

5.1 Approval of Recommendations- Special Needs Policy (due May 9th)

5.3 Literacy Program – S. de Jonge

5.5 Update - Anti-Bullying Initiative

5.6 Update - Elementary-to-High School Retention Initiative

6.1 Consultation: Three Year Plan 2016-2019 (due May 31st)

5.8 Update- Delegate Inquiry

And remove:

5.10 Discussion- Survey

5.11 Discussion- Meet the Candidate Night

5.12 Discussion- Social Media

Vote: 27-0-5 (S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

3. FIRST PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Angela Mancini asked if CPC would be willing to collaborate on a press release regarding the Democratic Parents for the EMSB.

7:29 pm S. Figueira arrived.

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

It was moved by Cynthia Dudley, seconded by Isabelle Baas and resolved that the minutes from April 17h be adopted.

Vote: 28-0-5

Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS- SPECIAL NEEDS POLICY (DUE MAY 9TH)

The members also discussed modifications to the recommendations.

It was recommended to add details of the categories or sub-categories of the IEP.

It was recommended to add at least 1 CPC parent be on the drafting committee.

It was moved by Sonia Pecora, seconded by Norm Gharibian that the vote on the removal of #26 be called.

Vote: 18-14-0

Motion Defeated

Discussion continued on recommendation #26.

It was moved by Norm Gharibian, seconded by Sonia Pecora and resolved to remove #26 from the list of recommendations;

26) On page 26, we recommend removing Section 7.2 as the recourse is outlined in 7.3. Furthermore, the school cannot implement the IEP without consent.

Vote: 16-12-5

Motion Carried

It was moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Caleigh Saucier that the vote on the removal of the second sentence on page 26 of the policy be called.

Vote: 29-2-2

Motion Carried

The vote on the recommendation took place;

It was moved by David Benoit, seconded by Caleigh Saucier and resolved that on page 26, Section 7.2 remove the second sentence.

Vote: 11-19-3

Motion Carried

The following are the recommendations brought forward by the CPC for the Special Needs Policy;

- 1) We recommend that a parent be on the writing committee
- 2) *We recommend that at least 1 central parent committee parent be on the drafting committee*

This will allow parents to have some ownership of the document and speed up the consultation process.

- 3) We recommend that a more user friendly brochure/guide be created
- 4) We recommend that all school board policies be placed on a review schedule so that no policy is left more than 3 years without being reviewed, even if there are no changes suggested from the board. This is the first revision of the special needs policy in eleven years.
- 5) We recommend that we change how sections of the policy are referred (ex.: "see section 1.3" should become "see Section I-1, 3"). There are many parts of this policy that share the same section numbers.
- 6) In the preamble change from "may reach his/her maximum potential" to "can reach his/her maximum potential" as the former implies permission and the latter means that the student WILL be able to reach their maximum potential as this policy is meant to enable student success.
- 7) For Section 1.3 on page 4, reinstate the references to the Youth Protection Act, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Eaton & Brant.
- 8) For Section 1.3 on page 4, a reference to Moore vs. BC (2012) should also be added (<http://www.canlii.org/en/ca/scc/doc/2012/2012scc61/2012scc61.html>). Specific quotes from this reference
 - i) That the Province allocate funding on the basis of actual incidence levels, establish mechanisms ensuring that accommodations for Severe Learning Disabilities students are appropriate and meet the stated goals in legislation and policies, and ensure that districts have a range of services to meet the needs of Severe Learning Disabilities students.
 - ii) That the District establish mechanisms to ensure that its delivery of services to Severe Learning Disabilities students meet the stated goals in legislation and policies, and ensure that it had a range of services to meet the needs of Severe Learning Disabilities students.
- 9) When referencing the "collective agreements in force", the document should reference the specific collective agreements i.e.: "The collective agreement with teachers", etc....
- 10) Add reference to By-law #8 (By-Law establishing the complaint examination procedure for students or their parents or guardians)
- 11) On page 2, change the "II" heading at the top to "I" as per the table of contents on page 3.
- 12) On page 5, Section 2, rephrase to read "However, if integration is deemed inappropriate to effectively meet the needs of a student, an alternate educational setting may be recommended that takes into account the best interest of the student."
- 13) On page 6, Section 3, it is currently unclear who is making the request (Is it a parent? A teacher?). The document should specify who is the requestor.
- 14) On Page 6, Section 3, change "in a pre-kindergarten or kindergarten program where deemed appropriate" to "in pre-kindergarten or kindergarten as appropriate".
- 15) On Page 6, Section 4.3, change "shall" to "may" in the last sentence.
- 16) On page 8, Section 6, include the Central Parents' Committee in the list of those that shall be consulted.
- 17) On page 12, Section 3.3(b) the word "counselor" should be "counsellor" (as per Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapists Association).
- 18) On page 12, Section 3.4, change the word "shall" to "must" in the first sentence and remove everything including and after the word "subsequent". The rights of the parents are paramount and this would allow the school board to overstep those boundaries.
- 19) On page 13, Section 4.4, change the word "required" to "encouraged" as there is no recourse if the parents do not oblige.
- 20) On Page 15, Section 3.2, change from "rights of other students, a decision will be taken by the Board" to "rights of other students, a recommendation may be made by the Board". We also recommend striking the last sentence.
The following recommendations pertain to the informed consent of a parent and their right to deny/refuse a recommendation:
- 21) On page 21, Section 3.2 change "Any decision" to "Any recommendation" as decisions/actions can't be made without consent. We also recommend striking the new text that was added to document. We want the parents to feel welcome in the process and not be seen as adversaries or as an obstruction.
- 22) On page 24, Section 3.3, add the words "of the Education Act" after "96.14".

- 23) On page 26, Section 7.3, we recommend a similar rewording as in recommendation # 21.
- 24) On page 26, Section 6.2, strike "on an as-needed basis" from the first sentence and reword the second sentence to say "At least once a month, as per Section 29.2 of the Basic School Regulations, it is expected that there be a documented report on the progress of the IEP that is acknowledged by the parent." We also recommend striking the list of examples.
- 25) On page 26, Section 7.1 add "as well as any modifications, since section 2.1 on page 24 established that this is a living document and any change to the IEP must have consent.
- 26) On page 29, for item VII, we recommend adding text before the list indicating that "an advocate should be suggested to the parent as early as possible in this process (ex.: social worker, OPHQ representative)". The rationale is that many disagreements or conflict may arise from misunderstanding which may be simple to fix.
- 27) *Include a detail of the categories or sub-categories of the IEP.*

Vote on original motion with amendments

It was moved by Carmie Lato, seconded by Andrew Ross that the above mentioned recommendations be approved.

Vote: 27-0-6

Motion Carried

5.3 LITERACY PROGRAM – S. DE JONGE

Suzanne de Jonge read the members the letter that will go out to principals requesting the names of the student for the prize. The book will be offered in French and English.

It was moved by Suzanne de Jonge, seconded by Joseph Bondi and unanimously resolved that the letter be approved for distribution.

Vote: 33-0-0

Motion Carried

5.5 UPDATE - ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE

The sub-committee has not met to date.

5.6 UPDATE - ELEMENTARY-TO-HIGH SCHOOL RETENTION INITIATIVE

The sub-committee is in the process of collecting data.

6.1 CONSULTATION: THREE YEAR PLAN 2016-2019 (DUE MAY 31ST)

The members discussed the Three Year Plan and asked questions;

- 1- Can the reference to the high school at St. Raphael be removed without it being a major school change
- 2- Is the Montreal Oral school still sharing with Westmount Park
- 3- How was the calculation for the enrolment based as there are large differences from the previous versions
- 4- Why for some of the groups is the totals less than the teaching level numbers.
- 5- What is the definition of the term capacity for the document and is the board liable for the capacity if there is a situation
- 6- Can the enrolment for Michelangelo be verified as they had a larger enrolment (this question can also be related to #3 I believe)

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri, seconded by Suzanne de Jonge that the vote on the Three Year Plan occur by email following the clarifications to the questions.

Vote: 31-2-0

Motion Carried

5.8 UPDATE- DELEGATE INQUIRY

This item was dealt with in camera.

It was moved by Mario Bentrovato, seconded by David Benoit that the meeting move in-camera at 9:28 pm.

Vote: 19-11-0

Motion Carried

It was moved by Sonia Pecora, seconded by Jason Trudeau that the meeting move out of-camera at 10:20 pm.

Vote: 33-0-0

Motion Carried

It was moved by Sonia Pecora, seconded by Serena Caplette that in light that Andrew Ross is part of the Democratic Parents for the EMSB and it is a conflict of interest, he be removed as vice-chair of CPC.

The vote was held by secret ballot and the scrutineers were Brigida Sellato and Christophe Haug.

Vote: 17-13-2 and 1 spoiled ballot

Motion Defeated

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.2 PAOLA MINIACI RETIREMENT- (CPC TO RECOGNIZE HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE)

Following a brief discussion; it was moved Steven Hudon, seconded by Suzanne de Jonge and unanimously resolved that CPC send flowers and a card to Ms. Miniaci as a thank you following her retirement and that the budget not exceed \$150.

Vote: 33-0-0

Motion Carried

5.4 JUNE SOCIAL & MEETING – G. VARELAS

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by George Varelas, seconded by Joseph Bondi that CPC forgo the social in June and allocate the funds another occurrences.

Vote: 4-25-4

Motion Defeated

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

5.2 REVIEW- INTERNAL RULES

The members would like the sub-committee to send the revised internal rules in advance so they can be reviewed before the meeting in order to vote on them.

5.7 INFORMATION FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETING- RESTRUCTURING OF CPC RE: ALTERNATES

5.9 DISCUSSION- AFFILIATION WITH FCPQ

6.3 CPC REACTION TO PARENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC EMSB

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 Joseph Bondi.

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

See attached report from T. Roberts.

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

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. VARIA

11. SECOND PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

12. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – June 2, 2016 St. Pius X Culinary

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING – (usually Monday before Council Meeting) – May 23, 2016

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Suzanne de Jonge, seconded by Norm Gharibian, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 pm.

Vote: 33-0-0

Motion Carried

Pietro Mercuri
Chair

Brigida Sellato
Communications Consultant/Secretary

Finance Committee Report

For: Finance Committee Meeting April 13, 2016

Submitted to: Central Parents Committee on May 5, 2015

1. Information: 2015-2016 Operating Budget Update - Fluctuation Report was presented, see summary to date below....

Recap to date:

Deficit Status Summary:

June 30, 2015 Balanced Budget	\$ -	System Reserve	\$ 100,000
September Adjustments	(30,000)		
October Adjustments	0		
November Adjustments	(224,000)		
December Adjustments	(45,000)		
sub-total at December 31, 2015	(299,000)		
January Adjustments	0		
February Adjustments	(70,000)		
March Adjustments	403,906		
April adjustments			
May Adjustments	0		
June Adjustments	0		
Anticipated surplus (deficit) to date	\$ 34,906		

2. Information: List of Payments over \$5,000 from December 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. A cumulative amount by supplier to date, for the cheques listed, is included in the listing
3. Information: General and Local Agreements for External Catering Services. Outside Food suppliers (external caterers) have been providing hot lunch services to elementary schools without any formal agreement/contract. A new Agreement was reviewed by Legal Services and will take effect in 2016-2017. The document clearly defines the responsibilities and obligations of the external caterers, the school board and the schools in the offer of a hot lunch service in elementary schools without a cafeteria. The General Agreement binds the Caterer with the EMSB and the Local Agreement binds the Caterer with the school receiving the services.
4. Information: Elementary Schools Painting Project. Pursuant to the discussion held at the last Finance Committee regarding the use of the 2015-2016 surplus, the Committee recommended to budget \$500,000 to paint various elementary schools. A list of schools have been identified by the Material Resources department to be part of the project. The estimated value for the project exceeds the budget of \$500,000. This was done in case additional funds are fund during the third quarter review.
5. Information: Facilities Rental Rates for 2016-2017. The Real Estate division reviewed the rental rates for use of Board facilities by outside groups and organizations. Recommended that the rental rates remain unchanged as of July 1, 2016 (2016-2017), due to the fact that they had increased the outside organization rental rates over the last few years.

Submitted by:

Joseph Bondi, CPC Observer, report also on behalf of Hannu Jailos

AEVS REPORT

The new welding and fitting shop will open next January 2017

Both Rosemount and JFK Schools have reached an agreement with the expansion of adult services in their schools.

AEVS has renewed their contract with CTV for commercial air time cost 150.000\$ per year for the next 2 years.

New permanent request for a course in farm fresh cooking at St. Pius.

A math research project proposal is under consideration on how best to teach adults in sec 2 and 4 math differently than youth.

Case studies in 5 adult education centers in the English Montreal School Board

Will be used to illustrate how a collaborative model of Professional development can support teacher change.

AEVS budget forecast for this year is expected to be 15.591.003 million dollars in profit revenue.

AEVS Ententes with Community Organizations will bring in 10 million before expenses and 5 million in profit

International Abilympics in Bordeaux France.

This is the world's largest skill competition featuring people with disabilities

12 participants from Montreal 5 from Nova Scotia

4 medal won 1 gold and 3 silver