



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE DINING ROOM OF ST. PIUS X CULINARY CENTRE,
9955 PAPINEAU, MONTREAL ON THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Members of the Committee

Present:

East Delegates

Edward Murphy
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
Sinclair Laird
Vincent Massey

Laura Saragosa
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
Caleigh Saucier
Todd Roberts

West Delegates

Carlyle
Coronation
Dunrae Gardens
Elizabeth Ballantyne
Marymount
Roslyn
Royal West
St. Monica
Willingdon
Serena Caplette
Hannu Jailos
Joseph Bondi
Julian Hung
Sherlyn Figueira
Filomena Trindade
Norm Gharibian
Andrew Ross
Suzanne de Jonge

ACSES Delegate

Isabelle Baas

Regrets/Absent

Bancroft
Dante
Dalkeith
East Hill
FACE
Honore Mercier
Leonardo da Vinci
MIND
Our Lady of Pompei
Pierre E. Trudeau
St. Dorothy
Alex Guitoni
Alba Fiorino
Marco Lombardi
Joseph Paglia
Eamon Egan
Joseph Di Liello
Linda Racanelli
Gwendolyn Shulman
Anthony Cristofaro
Joanne Seto
Robert Patone

Regrets/Absent

Cedarcrest
Edinburgh
Gardenvue
Hampstead
James Lyng
Laurenhill
Merton
Parkdale
Royal Vale
St. Gabriel
Westmount
Margherita Ciarlelli
Erin Matheson
George Varelas
Tamanna Maqsood
Donna Stewart
Adriano Miele
Stacey Kaufman
Mohd Imran Shariff
Mark Ellenbogen
David Benoit
Cyril Wani

Also Present: Anna Villalta, Regional Director, East Sector
Brigida Sellato, Communications Consultant, EMSB

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

1. WELCOME/ APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Chair welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

It was moved by Caleigh Saucier, seconded by Isabelle Baas and resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Vote: 25-0-0 (S. Figueira & F. Trindade not present)

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 5, 2016

It was moved by Francesco Fortugno, seconded by Cynthia Dudley and resolved that the minutes from May 5th be adopted as presented.

Vote: 25-0-0 (S. Figueira & F. Trindade not present)

Motion Carried

3. PROPOSED NEXT MEETING DATE – JUNE 20TH (TO COMPLETE OPEN ITEMS)

The members discussed holding a meeting on June 20th to finish the open items for consultation so as to keep this meeting/social casual and fun for all members.

The chair will send everyone an email to fix a more convenient date to meet.

4. LITERACY PROGRAM – S. DE JONGE

The letter to be sent with the book was shared with the members.

It was moved by Jason Trudeau, seconded by Joseph Bondi and resolved that the letter be adopted.

Vote: 25-0-0 (S. Figueira & F. Trindade not present)

Motion Carried

Suzanne de Jonge recommended that because the books were cheaper than expected the budget for the prize has more money and CPC should use it to give a book per elementary school for its libraries.

It was moved by Caleigh Saucier, seconded by Steven Hudon and resolved that the supplementary books be ordered for the libraries.

Vote: 25-0-0 (S. Figueira & F. Trindade not present)

Motion Carried

5. CREATION OF SUB-COMMITTEES FOR TWO CONSULTATIONS;

(i) TEMPORARY MOVE OF MIND FROM BANCROFT TO MARYMOUNT (DUE JULY 11TH)

The members who will form the sub-committee are: Caleigh Saucier, Peter Mercuri, Andrew Ross and Sherlyn Figueira.

(ii) THE ANTI-SMOKING POLICY

The members who will form the sub-committee are: Caleigh Saucier, Cynthia Dudley, Steven Hudon and David Benoit.

Some recommendations from the members are:

- Include school buses and field trips
- Tighten the wording in the document
- Define the word "premises"
- Definition of smoking, as long as it does not include medical devices

F. Trindade & S. Figueira arrived at 7:18 pm.

Before adjournment Julian Hung read a statement to the members;

"We, the CPC, care for our school board, our schools, our teachers and staff and pledge to work together with them for the benefit of our students, our community and our society."

The members raised a glass to the statement in collaboration and to the future of the CPC working together.

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Pietro Mercuri, seconded by Mario Bontrovato, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Vote: 27-0-0

Motion Carried

Pietro Mercuri
Chair

Brigida Sellato
Communications Consultant/Secretary

June 3, 2016

Dear,

Congratulations on being awarded the EMSB Central Parents Committee Award for Achievement in Literacy.

The Central Parents Committee is proud to present this award for all your hard work and dedication. Reading will nurture imagination, build literacy skills that will be used in all aspect of life, improve communication skills and is a great means of entertainment.

The book that was chosen is a Dr. Seuss classic, about perseverance and dreaming. Know that there is nothing that you cannot achieve in life if you keep working and believing in your dreams and in yourself!

We hope that you will enjoy the book and keep it in your book collection for many years to come.

On behalf of the Central Parents Committee, we congratulate you and wish you continued success,

Sincerely,

Peter Mercuri
Chair – EMSB Central Parents’ Committee

**Report to the Central Parents Committee on June 2, 2016
Finance Committee Meeting May 11, 2016**

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

1. Increase repairs and security budgets by \$500,000, international students’ tutors by \$43,191, student insurance by \$105,000, grievances by \$50,000; and reduce cafeteria income budget by \$150,000 and trades revenue by \$400,000
2. Set the school tax rate for 2016-2017 at \$0.17789 per \$100 of valuation, down from \$0.18889 for 2015-2016
3. A three-year capital spending plan assuming \$8.7 million annually in government funding
4. A plan to spend \$3.0 million by the end of June to consume much of the \$4.6 million operating surplus projected after the third quarter review:
 - a. \$1.2 million allocation to schools (\$20,000 each)
 - b. \$235,000 for tutoring, library books
 - c. \$400,000 for AEVS at Laurier Mac and Rosemont Techonology
 - d. \$1.075 million for material resources - \$500,000 painting, \$500,000 HVAC cleaning
 - e. \$150,000 for marketing the EMSB
5. Cafeteria Price Increases averaging about 5%
e.g. Meal up \$0.10 to \$2.75, meal deal up \$0.15 to \$4.00, milk up \$0.05 to \$0.55, small juice up \$0.05 to \$0.95 etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannu Jailos, CPC Observer

EPC
Meeting starts 1.37 pm

Vocational Training:
deferred to June

Exemptions from Exams- International students (2 year adjustment period)

EOC exams in elementary school: exemption for some international students- temp stays have to write every exam including the french exams. What they get is more time. Any exemptions are at the discretion of the school, ILSS can get them an automatic exemption. Year 1 starts at any point during the regular school year no matter when the student arrives. ILSS is being stopped by the Ministry who are not amused by the derogations that have raised in number recently. (Derogations have to be authorized by the Minister) ILSS is operational until the end of 2016, starting next year the International students will be required to take the regular French programs and exams. There has been a large increase in high school level International students who are different from temp stays (children who accompany parents in the country for work).

Need to clarify the situation.

Cat. 4 optional exams from the Board- temp stay, international students fit in the same category as special needs. They should try but if problems occur the teacher has discretion to opt the child out.

Facilitators network, resource teachers network, Paul Ketner. Everyone should write the Cat. 4 but it is at the discretion of the teacher and school in individual cases.

Student Services has jurisdiction.

Marking Centres:

Data entry- teacher or resource person from Ped. Services? Teacher is in charge, resource people are available to ensure the sets get finished in a timely manner. In question of dispute, impartial 3rd person should be available, final say from consultant following rubrics put in place.

Mark Deadline for MEES exams

Math- last exam is June 21nd. Professionals at the Ministry are on strike. Deadline for all MELS exams is June 23 regardless of when they were written. Next year everything will be done by the 19th.

The tight deadline creates problems for summer school as marks from the Ministry will not be ready in time. Ministry is holding to its guns.

June Meeting Lunch

Board's turn this year. June 20 with PIC, 9.30 or 11

Adjourn- 2.25 pm.