



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE CAFETERIA ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
6000 FIELDING AVE., MONTREAL ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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
Joseph Paglia
Todd Roberts
Laura Saragosa
Jason Trudeau

West Sector: David Benoit
Joseph Bondi
Serena Caplette
Suzanne de Jonge
Sherilyn Figueira
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
Sylvia Lo Bianco, Vice-Chairman, EMSB
Julian Feldman, Commissioner
Joanne Charron, Chair/Parent Commissioner ACSES

Observers: Anne Monereau, Royal West
Ayala Aviel, Parent, Merton School

Regrets: East Sector Caleigh Saucier
West Sector Norm Gharibian

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 Giovanni Goffredo and resolved that the agenda be adopted with the following additions and modifications;

Rearrange item 5 by reversing the order, 5.2 to 5.1, 5.3 to 5.2 and 5.1 to 5.3

6.1 School Board Governance

6.2 Parent Opinion Survey

6.3 Coalition of Parents for Public Education

6.4 Home & School

Vote: 20-0-0 (S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

3. FIRST PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2015

It was moved by Mario Bentrovato, seconded by Cynthia Dudley and resolved that the minutes from November 5, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Vote: 17-0-3 (S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 APPROVAL- ACSES PARENT REPS

At the last meeting the members were informed that a sub-committee of CPC executive and ACSES were going to meet to review the candidates for the vacant positions on ACSES.

It was moved by Isabelle Baas, seconded by Filomena Trindade and resolved that; Giovanni Goffredo, Mubeenah Mughal, Serena Caplette and Rinku Varde be designated to the ACSES committee.

Vote: 17-0-3 (S. Figueira not present)

Motion Carried

The chair asked that Brigida Sellato send notification to those members selected and those that were not.

5.2 UPDATE- OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Andrew Ross updated the members on the meet the candidate night that will be taking place on December 8th at Hampstead School. It has been published on the parent Facebook page, and the EMSB has paid for an ad in the Suburban and has placed it on the website. Flyers are being prepared to go out to the community parents of the schools in the area. The moderator will be Elias Makos from Breakfast Television

CPC will have an opportunity to ask two questions again and they will use the same two questions that were asked the last time the meet the candidate nights were held in October of 2014.

S. Figueira arrived at 7:41 pm

The members were also made aware that the CPC was approached by a social media person, Rowena Roy to take over the campaign "we need to talk". This is a hub for social media to reach the English language parents of Quebec. CPC was approached because they are more visible than the other committees of the other Boards. The EMSB has a stronger social media presence. CPC would coordinate with other CPC's of the Boards and bring together other partners in sharing a common master message.

A common question was "what do we get out of this".

Following a discussion, Ms. Miniaci asked the parents to come together and work for the students and help her with the goals she has for getting more pedagogical and technology items to the students on her ICT Steering Committee. Marco Lombardi volunteered to help Ms. Miniaci.

It was moved by Mario Bentrovato, seconded by Laura Saragosa and resolved that the item regarding the social media page be tabled to the next meeting.

Vote: 17-3-1

Motion Carried

5.3 REVIEW- INTERNAL RULES

The members started the review to the modifications and recommendations to the internal rules. A time limit of thirty five minutes was given and then the item would be tabled to continue at the next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE

It was discussed that the Project de la Loi, bill 86 that will be deposited tomorrow be shared with the RPC and CPC members before anything else. The members stressed that before any public statements or opinions are made to the press and or media it should be discussed by CPC members first.

The item will return to the agenda next month.

6.2 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Questions were asked regarding; "does CPC contact the governing boards directly or do they go through the RPC", "did CPC authorize the results of the survey to go out" and "should the RPC/CPC receive the results before the GB chairs".

It was mentioned that the results were given to CPC at an in-camera meeting in September and the schools that governing boards were sent messages if they wished to receive presentations on the survey.

At 9:20 pm M. Bentrovato and L. Saragosa left.

6.3 COALITION OF PARENTS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Members asked if there were any updates on where they stand with the coalition. The chair informed them that no communication has been received from the coalition to date.

A brief discussion ensued over the terms consensus with regard to the parents attending the November demonstration in Quebec City organized by the Coalition of Parents.

6.4 HOME & SCHOOL

Concerns were raised over the issues between some Governing Boards and the Home & Schools with regard to reporting and fundraising. Ms. Miniaci informed the members that the Board is currently in talks with the H&S president to resolve these issues and the Board is also working on meeting with the GB and the H&S to ensure that they work together.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

East- discussed revisions to their internal rules, social and the Syrian refugee status and EMSB can help with the situation.

West- set up a sub-committee on internal rules, traffic in the area

7B. PARENT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Topics discussed were changes to the composition of the GB at St. Dorothy, renewal of the Sports-Étude program at Lester B. Pearson and a renewal of agreement on the co-habitation for John Caboto and the CSDM.

7C. TREASURER'S REPORT

There is currently a balance of \$9,642.29.

7D. FCPQ

See attached report from Pietro Mercuri.

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

8A. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

See attached report from Joseph Bondi

8B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

No report.

8C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

See attached report from Hannu Jailos.

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

See attached report from Todd Roberts.

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

No report.

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

No meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

10. SECOND PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked from Ayala Aviel, Parent, Merton School regarding the homework program and why it starts in January and only for grade 3 at this individual school and she had heard that this funding has been cut. Ms. Miniaci informed the parent and the members that this funding comes directly from MESRS and is allocated per capita to each school. The schools use these funds to the penny and that is why they may be starting in January to give more homework assistance for the second half of the year as they review during the first half in the smaller grades.

11. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – January 7, 2016 John F. Kennedy High School

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING – (Monday before Council Meeting) – December 14, 2015

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: 19-0-0

Motion Carried

Pietro Mercuri
Chairperson

Brigida Sellato
Communications Consultant/Secretary

FCPQ Report

Friday November 27th (after 7PM)

The FCPQ General Assembly began just after 7PM on November 27th, after opening words and presentation of the Executive Committee as well as FCPQ staff members, the FCPQ Chair, Mrs. Payne, gave an overview of how the FCPQ has been involved in discussion concerning budget cutbacks in education as well as discussions concerning the future of school board governance. A grid giving an explanation on these items is available as an annex item in the “CG Express” which all Parent Delegates should have received.

The General Assembly was recessed at approx. 10PM on November 27th.

The General Assembly was brought back to order at approx. 8:30AM on Saturday November 28th.

- 1) New Director General was introduced and approved.
- 2) Assembly minutes for May 29th 2015 were approved.
- 3) The 2016 Congress on special needs was introduced.
- 4) Workshop on the government's pilot project on Sex Education. This included a presentation and overview of the entire program. Note that only some schools in some school boards are giving the program right now. The program includes all grades starting from Kindergarten to Secondary 5. The program overview can be found on the MEESR website (<http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/contenus-communs/education/education-a-la-sexualite/des-apprentissages-essentiels/>).
- 5) A consultation process was adopted so that all member school boards of the FCPQ can be consulted on the draft law that the government is expected to deposit soon. The consultation process can be seen as an annex item in the CG Express which all Parent Delegates should have received.
- 6) Workshop on consultation best practices. The discussion involved time lines, communication and who is consulted.
- 7) The FCPQ budget was presented.

Education Committee Report

For: Education Committee Meeting November 11, 2015

Submitted to: Central Parents Committee on December 3, 2015

1. Information session was held to provide preliminary details relating to the activities taking place and planned to ensure integration and service improvement to the schools regarding technologies. The goal being to review, facilitate, and optimize the delivery of IT services and resources throughout the EMSB and train Technology staff & Pedagogical Consultants as well as teachers for the integration of technology and applications into the classrooms.

Some Initiatives that were presented are...

- Cloud based collaborative tools like Google Apps for Education, Office 365, Web video conferencing
- Implementation of a electronic services request system
- Implementation of an application installation self-serve system
- Deployment ~350 Chromebooks as new classroom technologies
- Deployment ~800 additional iPad
- Robotics Upgrade Phase I – 29 Schools
 - 16 Elementary School
 - 7 High Schools
 - 6 Outreach
- Deployment of 400 additional teacher laptops
- Installation of 100 additional SmartBoards and projectors
- Etc.

Submitted by:

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

Report to the Central Parents Committee on December 3, 2015 Finance Committee Meeting November 11, 2015

1. Recommended transfer of \$500,000 to the budget for Child Care Workers (CCW) from their reserve and an additional \$224,000 to cover anticipated expenses for the year. The proportion of handicapped and code 14 students as a percent of the total youth student population has increased from 3.55% five years ago to 6.39% today. In 2001 EMSB had 40 students with ASD (autism spectrum disorder), today over 500.
2. Recommended the creation of a Data Processing Operator position in Educational and Technology Services to replace an Office Agent Class 1 position where the incumbent has retired and the duties have been redistributed to others. There is no budget impact.
3. Final Financial Results for 2014 – 2015

Results for the 2014 - 2015 Year			
Original Budget (June/July 2014), a deficit			(5,231,567)
Revisions to June			5,949,187
Revised Budget (June 2015)			717,620
Variance of Actual vs Revised Budget (see below)			4,578,514
Actual Results, surplus			5,296,134
Detail on Variances: Actual vs the last Revised Budget			
Teachers salaries 1% increase			722,826
AEVS			559,950
Other revenues			418,410
Vacation & sick leaves			1,450,953
DG, DDGs			160,751
Real Estate - energy costs, rentals			136,170
Material resources - external services			528,758
Material resources - trades			(350,681)
Transportation			25,753
Cafeteria			(76,945)
Sales tax rebates			233,894
Fringe benefits			361,884
Pedagogical services			216,749
Information technology			217,694
Financial services - bad debts			(179,852)
Other departments, net			57,912
Additional salary costs			(680,342)
Reduction of school surpluses			(786,278)
System and audit reserves			382,049
Practicum, Professionals, IEP			955,844
Daycare			223,015
			4,578,514

4. Rescinded the motion for \$26,000 for tiles for Gardenview made last month, since the funds had already been provided by a 2013 Ministry measure.

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

AEVS Report

The new welding and automobile mechanics building lease is almost finalized
Want to make sure that structural repairs will fall under landlord responsibility

Dormitory project still on the table

With some of our building being sold AEVS is hoping to get some of the funds
From sales and use it as capital gains to do renovations and upgrades to some of their facilities.
i.e. 4 new kitchens at Pius

Upcoming delegation going to China before Christmas hoping to do an exchange program
With Beijing

Immigrants that come here for an 1800 hour course and pass secondary 5 French can receive a 3 year work permit to stay in Canada

Also if they are hired by a company for 1 year and pass a secondary 5 French they can also apply for residence here

Projected revenue for 2015-2016 is 11 million dollars
Next AEVS meeting Feb 17 2016