



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE LIBRARY ROOM OF LAURIER MACONALD HIGH SCHOOL,
7355 VIAU, MONTREAL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Members of the Committee

Present:

East Delegates

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 Bentreovato
Lester B. Pearson	Benny Berneti
Mackay	Joanne Charron
Michelangelo	Pietro Mercuri
Pierre de Coubertin	Stephen Hudon
Rosemount	Richard Berger
Sinclair Laird	Caleigh Saucier
St. Dorothy	Robert Patone
Vincent Massey	Todd Roberts

West Delegates

Carlyle	Serena Capplette
Coronation	Hannu Jailos
Cedarcrest	Margherita Ciarlelli
Dunrae Gardens	Joseph Bondi
Gardenview	George Varelas
Merton	Stacey Kaufman
Roslyn	Filomena Trindade
Royal West	Norm Gharibian
St. Gabriel	David Benoit
St. Monica	Andrew Ross
Willingdon	Suzanne de Jonge

ACSES Delegate

Isabelle Baas

Regrets/Absent

Bancroft	Andrea Gratton
Dante	Alba Fiorino
Dalkeith	Marco Lombardi
Honore Mercier	Joseph Di Liello
Leonardo da Vinci	Linda Racanelli
MIND	Gwendolyn Shulman

Regrets/Absent

Edinburgh	Erin Matheson
Elizabeth Ballantyne	Julian Hung
Hampstead	Tamanna Maqsood
James Lyng	Donna Stewart
Laurenhill	Adriano Miele
Marymount	Sherlyn Figueira

Nesbitt	Carlo Peruch	Parkdale	Mohd Imran Shariff
Our Lady of Pompei	Anthony Cristofaro	Royal Vale	Mark Ellenbogen
Pierre E. Trudeau	Joanne Seto	Westmount	Cyril Wani

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
Paula Kilian, Alt Delegate, Dunrae Gardens
Joel Ceausu, The Suburban, Parent Edinburgh

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 7:02 pm. Pietro Mercuri excused himself as he would have to leave at 8:45 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Caleigh Saucier, seconded by Cynthia Dudley and resolved that the agenda be adopted with the following movements of items 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8 moved after item 8f.

Vote: 21-7-0 (G. Goffredo & R. Berger not present)

Motion Carried

G. Goffredo and R. Berger arrived at 7:24 pm

2.1 PRESENTATION ÉCOLE BRANCHE- S. FURFARO, DIRECTOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Sandra Furfaro, Director of Educational Services presented to the members the concept of école branche and the 21st century classroom. Members and guests had an opportunity to ask questions to Mrs. Furfaro. See attached PDF document for complete presentation.

3. FIRST PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2016

It was moved by Isabelle Baas, seconded by Joseph Bondi and resolved that the minutes from January be adopted with minor corrections.

Vote: 16-0-14

Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 REVIEW- INTERNAL RULES

5.2 CONSULTATION: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LONG RANGE PLANNING FOR ADULT EDUCATION

A) ROSEMOUNT/ B) JOHN F. KENNEDY

Following a brief discussion the members agreed to three points to include in the consultation. The delegates from John F. Kennedy and Rosemount spoke to their schools concerns.

It was moved by David Benoit, seconded by Jason Trudeau and resolved that the proposal from John F. Kennedy Governing Board be approved.

Vote: 29-0-1

Motion Carried

It was moved by Andrew Ross, seconded by Caleigh Saucier and resolved that the CPC draft a brief with three major points;

1-Support the Governing Board recommendations from John F. Kennedy & Rosemount High School

2- Promotion of the enrolment at both schools

3-Implement a process so that Governing Boards' and Adult Ed centres can work together

And that the brief be shared with the members prior to submission.

VOTE: 24-0-6

MOTION CARRIED

See attached brief

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 APPROVAL - ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE

The members discussed launching a sub-committee to look at the promotion and awareness of bullying in all forms and the role parents have.

P. Mercuri left at 8:45 pm

Following brief discussions;

It was moved by David Benoit, seconded by Suzanne de Jonge and resolved to rename the Outreach Sub-Committee to the Adhoc committee to the Anti-Bullying Initiative and that they return with a formal plan.

Vote: 24-0-5

Motion Carried

It was moved by Norm Gharibian, seconded by Suzanne de Jonge and resolved to remove the section on allocation of funds and have the committee develop a budget and present a plan of action.

Vote: 21-4-3 (M. Bentrovato not present)

Motion Carried

It was moved by Sonia Pecora, seconded by Norm Gharibian and resolved to strike the portion mentioning the parent survey.

Vote: 17-0-10

Motion Carried

R. Berger & C. Saucier left at 9:05 pm.

MOTION WITH AMENDMENTS - LAUNCH OF AN ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the Quebec National Assembly passed Bill 56, An Act to prevent and stop bullying and violence in schools, on June 12, 2012, which among other objectives, defined the responsibilities and duties of students, parents, school staff, school principals, governing boards, school boards and the student ombudsman; this is now regarded as a collective and shared responsibility;

WHEREAS parents, as their children's primary educators, must encourage their children to adopt positive oral communication habits, so that they may properly express some of the situations they encounter in everyday life. This gives parents the opportunity to convey values such as openness to others, respect for differences and peaceful conflict resolution;

WHEREAS both the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) and the Surêté du Québec (SQ) have created significant anti-bullying resources, including videos, for use in schools;

WHEREAS the CPC Executive Committee discussed and unanimously approved at its March 7, 2016 meeting that a parent-initiated anti-bullying initiative may be added to the agenda for consideration by CPC at its next regular meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Parents' Committee launch a parent-focused anti-bullying initiative in April 2016, which would potentially include the following suggested elements:

- Parent seminar on Cyberbullying Prevention;
- Social Media Outreach using parent governance Facebook and Twitter profiles;
- Communication with parents on bullying prevention;
- Any other appropriate actions as determined by the organizers;

Further, that the Adhoc committee to Anti bullying Initiative be tasked with coordinating with Governing Boards and all local partners to launch this initiative, and should additional funding be necessary, to solicit potential sponsors.

Moved by Andrew Ross and seconded by Steven Hudon

Vote: 22-4-1

Motion Carried

Volunteers to the ADHOC committee were Norm Gharibian, Benny Berneti, Eamon Egan, Suzanne de Jonge, Andrew Ross and Filomena Trindade.

6.2 APPROVAL - ELEMENTARY-TO-HIGH SCHOOL RETENTION INITIATIVE

The members discussed the formation of a committee to reach out to parents about retention. The committee will work with the Board to gather information and ideas in order to submit them to the Board.

Moved by David Benoit and seconded by Joseph Bondi.

Vote: 21-4-2

Motion Carried

Volunteers to the committee were; David Benoit, Jason Trudeau, Cynthia Dudley, Eamon Egan, and Todd Roberts

See attached survey result for the motion on the retention committee.

6.3 DISCUSSION - DELEGATE CONDUCT

It was moved by Jason Trudeau, seconded by David Benoit and resolved to move this item in camera at 9:36 pm

Vote: 21-0-7

Motion Carried

R. Patone left at 9:38 pm

The meeting came out of camera at 10:00 pm.

It was moved by Carmie Lato, seconded by Sonia Pecora that the Vice-Chair, Andrew Ross be removed from the executive position.

D. Benoit and G. Varelas left at 10:10 pm

Before a call to vote could take place quorum was lost and the remainder of the items were tabled to April 7th.

5.3 DISCUSSION- SURVEY

5.4 DISCUSSION -MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

5.5 DISCUSSION -SOCIAL MEDIA

5.6 DISCUSSION - RESTRUCTURING OF CPC

5.7 DISCUSSION - AFFILIATION WITH FCPQ

5.8 DISCUSSION - MEETING ATTENDANCE

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

See attached report from C. Dudley.

8C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

See attached report from H. Jailos.

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

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

8F. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

9. CORRESPONDENCE

11. SECOND PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

12. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – April 7, 2016 Laurier Macdonald High School

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING – (Monday before Council Meeting) – March 21, 2016

13. ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Ross
Vice-Chair
École Branchée Presentation

Brigida Sellato
Communications Consultant/Secretary



Ms. Ann Marie Matheson, Director General
English Montreal School Board
6000 Fielding Avenue,
Montréal (QC) H3X 1T4

Ms. Matheson:

The EMSB Central Parents' Committee wishes to express their thoughts concerning the request for more classroom space. At the last regular meeting of the Central Parents' Committee, the following three points concerning this consultation were approved by the members:

1. Support the Governing Board recommendations from John F. Kennedy & Rosemount High School
2. Promotion of the enrolment at both schools
3. Implement a process so that Governing Boards' and Adult Ed Centres can work together

Both Regional Delegates from John F. Kennedy and Rosemount High School were present at the last Central Parents' Committee meeting. Both Regional Delegates had the opportunity to provide the Central Parents' Committee with clarifications concerning the views of their respective High Schools.
To clarify the three points made by the Central Parents' Committee:

- a) After listening to the clarifications made by the Regional Delegates from both affected high schools and reading the documentation that came forward from their governing boards, it is apparent that the Governing Boards are in agreement with proposals to relinquish space that is needed in the Adult Education Centres. The Central Parents' Committee is pleased to support the Governing Boards' motions included as an attachment to this document.
- b) The Central Parents' Committee understands the need to support enrolment in the youth sector. It is important that both High Schools have the space necessary to accommodate more students should their enrolment numbers increase. As evidenced in the Rosemount High School Governing Board minutes (attached to this document), this is a concern for parents. The Central Parents' Committee is pleased to note that it is also evident in the Rosemount High School Governing Board minutes that there will still be enough space to accommodate for an increased enrolment of more than double the current student population. We certainly hope that both John F. Kennedy High School and Rosemount High School can increase their youth sector enrolment and fill their schools to capacity.
- c) It is apparent in the documentation that was provided by both RHS and JFKHS that there was some form of collaboration between the Governing Boards and AEVS. This can be seen in the JFKHS document that shows that more than one proposal was studied and that a solution that worked for both the youth sector school and the Adult Education centre was selected. The Central Parents' Committee is pleased to see the high level of collaboration between the affected parties and we hope that a process where Governing Boards and Adult Ed Centres can work together on an ongoing basis on projects and proposals can be implemented in the future.

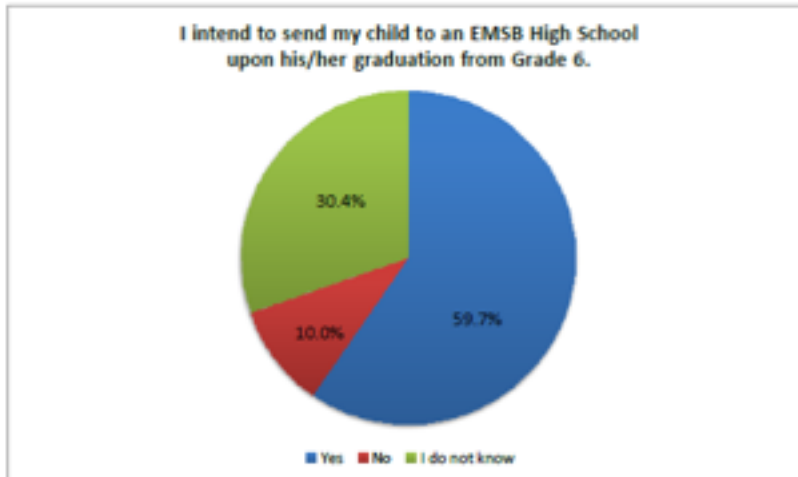
Sincerely,

Pietro Mercuri
Chairperson



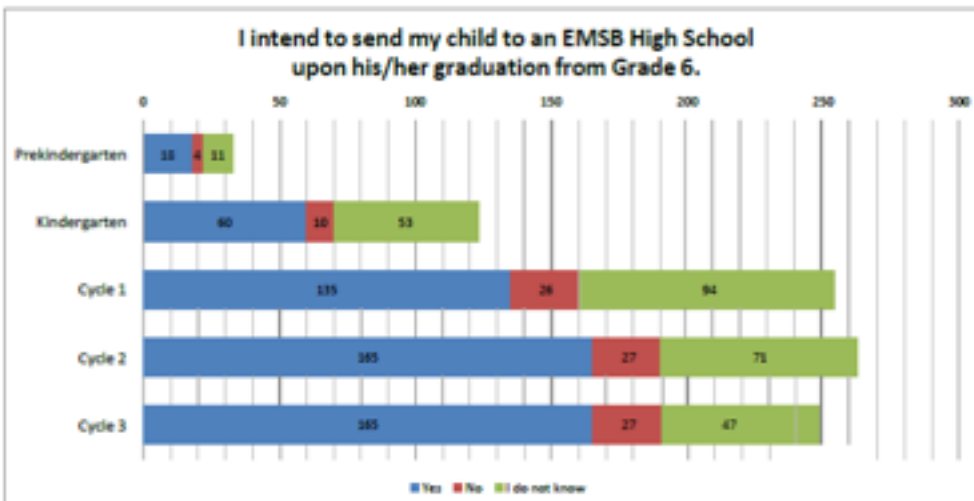
I intend to send my child to an EMSB High School upon his/her graduation from Grade 6. *

	Elementary		TOTAL	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Yes	407	59.7%	407	59.7%
No	68	10.0%	68	10.0%
I do not know	207	30.4%	207	30.4%
RESPONSE	682		682	



Grade-by-Grade Breakdown

	Prekindergarten		Kindergarten		Cycle 1		Cycle 2		Cycle 3	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Yes	18	2.6%	60	8.8%	135	19.8%	185	24.2%	185	24.2%
No	4	0.6%	10	1.5%	26	3.8%	27	4.0%	27	4.0%
I do not know	11	1.6%	53	7.8%	94	13.8%	71	10.4%	47	6.9%
RESPONSE	33		123		255		283		239	



* Question was not asked of parents in the secondary sector

EPC Meeting

Business Arising:

a) International Students- Adult Vocational studies:

2015-2016 numbers of students not available yet

b) Notice of motion

tabled to next meeting while talks continue

c) Research

i) Sleep for thought: The Interplay Between Sleep and Socio-emotional Cognition in Children with ADHD accepted

ii) Reconceptualizing School Relationships: Applying Working Alliance to High School Engagement and Risk of Dropout accepted

d) teacher laptops: Replacing old laptops, Apple Mac laptops are ineligible because Apple doesn't participate in the tendering process as required by the Mésure providing funding. Apple does participate in the CSPQ site for tendering. Apple is working with the Ministry on the issue of tendering. They are in the process of preparing a tendering process for academic tools as opposed to for administrative purposes.

Need to adjust the platforms used by teachers to combine administrative and pedagogical functions. Shift from Microsoft to Google is happening but it does create problems with accessing older documents. Need for a means of satisfying everyone by offering choice of platforms. In discussion at IT steering committee.

AEVS system is more ad-hoc. Laptops for teachers comes from general budget, no specific budget line.

New Business:

a) New program at Focus: Looking at bringing in the WOTP pre-work 3 year. For the reFocus students, these students need a structured environment after finishing reFocus and need a new program that allows them to stay with the community that they are attached to as they need the emotional support. TEVA consultation at end of program. Moved and passed.

b) Step Program at Marymount: Move back to Venture, one teacher to be moved (already located in Venture). moved and passed.

c) EOC (end of cycle) elementary exams: need to know which exams are mandatory- board, ministry, local. High school schedule of exams is ready within the next week or two. Cat 4 is compulsory to test literacy skills, given in grades 1,3,5 in April. EOC grade 2-oral language and math exams, EOC Grade 4- French, English language arts, Math- last two from the Ministry, EOC Grade 6-English, French and Math- English and Math from the ministry, French local.

Off topic- concerns about transitions from programs, from youth to adult sector.

Cynthia Dudley

Report to the Central Parents Committee on March 10, 2016 Finance Committee Meeting February 10, 2016

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

1. An increase of \$70,000 to the budget for the costs of the commissioner by-election.
2. Authorization to proceed to tender for
 - a. Lawn maintenance, and
 - b. Insurance for surplus and residential properties, civil liability, automobiles and employee criminal acts.

Information on budget rollovers from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016 was presented. The rollovers at schools and centres were \$1.6 million and those centrally held, \$1.9 million for a total of \$3.5 million. This was \$1.0 million less than the rollovers of the previous school year.

Respectfully submitted,

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