



Association des comités de parents anglophones English Parents' Committee Association

EPCA Board of Directors

Saturday, November 24th, 2018
Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Montréal, (Dorval)
1900 route Transcanadienne
Dorval, Québec H9P 2N4

Present BOD:

CQSB, Pierre Masson
CQST, Christine Rouleau
ESSB, Katherine Mackenzie
EMSB, Katherine Korakakis (Vice-President)
EMSB, Andrew Ross
LBPSB, Dayo Odubayo
LBPSB, Bobbi Brown
NFSB, Deborah Wright
RSB, Theresa Aguiar (Treasurer)
RSB, David Fournier
SWLSB, Tara Anderson (Secretary)
SWLSB, Billie Chasiotis
WQSB, Rhonda Boucher (President)
WQSB, Nick Giannakoulis

Also Present:

Tony Filoso (EPCA financial consultant)
Joseph Bondi (Chair of EMSB Parents' Committee)
Raymond Ledoux (Commissioner from NFSB)

Absent:

ESSB, Cindy Carney
NFSB, Debie Germann

- 1. Quorum was established at 10:42 for AGA**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
Addition of 5.5 Travel Expenses

- B. Chasiotis (SWLSB) motion to adopt the agenda with additions, seconded by C. Rouleau (CQST)

- Carried Unanimously

- 3. Elections, Results & Committees**

- 3.1 Executive Committee:**

President: Rhonda Boucher
Vice-President: Katherine Korakakis
Treasure: Theresa Aguiar
Audit Committee Chair: David Fournier
Communications Committee Chair: Dayo Odubayo
Rules and Regulations Committee Chair: Tara Anderson

3.2 Other Committees & Positions

Special Needs Advisory Committee Chair: Katherine Korakakis

Secretary: Tara Anderson

3.3 Members of Committees:

Volunteers for Audit Committee:

- Nick Giannakoulis (WQSB), Dayo Odubayo (LBPSB) and Tara Anderson (SWLSB)

Volunteers for Communications Committee:

- Katherine Korakakis (EMSB), Nick Giannakoulis (WQSB), Tara Anderson (SWLSB), Theresa Aguiar (RSB) and Andrew Ross (EMSB)

Volunteers for Rules and Regulations Committee:

- David Fournier (RSB), Dayo Odubayo (LBPSB) and Pierre Masson (CQSB)

Volunteers for Special Needs Advisory Committee:

- Deborah Wright (NFSB) and Rhonda Boucher (WQSB)

4. Presidents Report:

President's Annual Report 2017-2018

It's been a very busy and prosperous year for the association.

The parents contributed to several Comité MEES-Partenaires within the Ministry:

1. Règles budgétaires
2. Régime financier
3. Infrastructures scolaires
4. Ressources informationnels
5. Soutien à la mise en œuvre de dispositions législatives
6. Table montréalaise en éducation
7. Table de travail sur l'éducation préscolaire
8. Travaux sur le protecteur de l'élève

We've finally secured our funding from the Ministry for the next three years. We've been advocating for several years to receive equal funding as the FCPQ. The EPCA will be working on its three year plan to ensure the English Education system in Québec continues to flourish. Our number one goal is to increase the communication and involvement of the dedicated parents of the English Parents' Committees, as well as our Anglophone partners, to defend our minority rights.

The EPCA is continuing the collaboration for Committee for the Enhancement of the History Curriculum, with our Anglophone partners.

Our Communications Committee has been working extremely hard on our website. They've also been working on improving the communications with our Parent Committees throughout Québec.

The EPCA was asked by the Advisory Board for English Education (ABEE), to consult on the brief "Revisiting the 1992 Task Force Report on English Education in Québec".

With the Provincial Election in October, I was busy doing press, along with other Anglophone Associations & Committees. The English System Study Panel (ESSP) (aka "The Jennings Report" and Bill 86 were the focus of most of the interviews, as the CAQ made an "Election Promise, to get rid of all the School Boards in Québec". We will continue to defend our minority rights to run and control our School Boards.

We presented "Parents Have Power" at the English Montreal School Boards third "EMSB Parent Conference", which was a HUGE success. We intend on partnering up again with them and other School Boards to bring workshops on different Educational topics.

The EPCA will be adopting our three year "Strategic Plan", to ensure the English Education system in Québec continues to flourish. Our number one goal is to increase the communication and involvement of the dedicated parents of the English Parents' Committees.

I would like to personally thank ALL of the PARENT VOLUNTEERS in our SCHOOLS. Every hour you dedicate to your school benefits not only students, but teachers and your community.

I look forward to another prosperous year!

5. Treasurer's Report:

5.1 Annual Financial Statement

Presentation by Tony Filoso, Internal Accountant

- D. Wright (NFSB) motioned to adopt the Independent Auditor's Report 2017-2018, seconded by T. Aguiar (RSB)

- Carried Unanimously

5.2 Financial Consultant

- R. Boucher (WQSB) motioned to retain the services of Tony Filoso, our Internal Accountant for the 2018–2019 financial year, seconded by T. Aguiar (RSB)

- Carried Unanimously

5.3 Budget for 2018-2019

- Tabled

5.4 External Auditor

- Tabled

5.5 Travel Expenses

- D. Odubayo (LBPSB) motions to make a special exception for today's AGA to waive the maximum travel allowance and allow the payout for what has been submitted to the treasure seconded by A. Ross (EMSB)

- D. Fournier (RSB) motions to amend previous motion to include the total amount of extra-millage being paid out; ~~extra 485 km~~ 485\$-250\$=235\$

- Carried Unanimously

- K. Korakakis (EMSB) motioned revisit the topic of millage compensation at the next BOD meeting, seconded by R. Boucher (WQSB)

- Carried Unanimously

6-Presentation by Raymond Ledoux, Commissioner from the New Frontiers School Board

7-Presentation by Dayo Odubayo Chair of EPCA's Communications Committee

The EPCA Media Engagement Team is on schedule to have three (3) Vignettes completed by the end of November. We plan to release one to two vignettes per month.

The next set will be the PPO and Home & School Vignettes; as the Vignettes are released, I would invite comment by my fellow Directors before starting the French versions. For this project, I consider all Directors as members of the Communication Committee. All of the Communication Committee meetings will be result oriented.

I invite all Directors to use our SurveyMonkey unlimited license for their PC's. Send a complete list of survey questions to dodubayo@epcaquebec.org.

Social Meeting Engagement over the next 24 months

The three tools that will be used are:

- Facebook with targeted adds, and offers (primarily for admissibilite.com)
- Content curation with Scoop.it
- Surveys published on Facebook

- YouTube vignettes

Our biggest challenge is how to target our limited finances with maximum exposure. For example, a 28 day campaign, ending Saturday, Nov. 24th , for a maximum budget of \$784.00 (\$28.00/day), reached 55,620.

With the funding that is now available, the aim of the Communications Committee is to implement a sustained media campaign over 24 months. Here is a preview of the first vignette: <https://app.vyond.com/videos/ef809a93-79b0-4773-a848-816587e3e4db>

8-Question Period

9-Adjournment

- D. Wright (NFSB) motioned to adjourn at 15:18, seconded by B. Chasiotis (SWLSB)

Thank you for attending EPCA's 2018-2019 Annual General Assembly

**Next BOD Meeting:
December 15th, 2018**

Minutes approved: December 15th, 2018

President

Secretary