



Association des comités de parents anglophones English Parents' Committee Association

EPCA Board of Directors

***Saturday, September 22nd, 2018 from 9:30am to 4:00pm
7875 Cote-de-Liesse, Saint-Laurent, Québec H4T 1G4***

Present:

LBPSB, Dayo Odubayo
RSB, Theresa Aguiar (Treasurer)
RSB, David Fournier
SWLSB, Tara Anderson
WQSB, Rhonda Boucher (President)
EMSB, Katherine Korakakis
EMSB, Isabelle Baas

Regrets:

CQSB, Pierre Masson
CQST, Christian Falle
ESSB, Amanda Crozier
NFSB, Anne-Marie Yelle
SWLSB, Bilal Sirhan
NFSB, Debie Germann (Vice-President)
WQSB, Nick Giannakoulis
LBPSB, Bobbi Brown

1. Roundtable discussion on the start of the school year. Three minutes each.

Topics brought up: socio-economic issues among ppo's. home and school and outside funding. IB programing and cost. Modified programs or ~~WT~~ Work Orient Training (WOT) do not allow children to graduate with the full certificate as the other students do with the diploma.

2. Call to order and Quorum 11:27

3. Adoption of the Agenda –

Motion to adopt agenda with additions to Varia 12.1 Rules for representation for Directors, 12.2 Points of interest to highlight to the ministry 12.3 Facebook subscription 12.4 AGA rental location by Rhonda Boucher seconded by Katherine Korakakis
- carried unanimously

4. Minutes from the BOD meeting of June 9th, 2018

Motion to accept minutes from BOD meeting for June 9th, 2018 moved by Katherine Korakakis second Theresa Aguiar.

- Motion carried, Abstention by Isabelle Baas asked to be noted

5. *President's Report* –

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer. It's been a busy two months for EPCA.

On July 30th, I had a meeting with Lisa Langlois and Raphael Charrier concerning our last installment of \$10,000.00 for translation. We should have received it at the beginning of July but it was delayed due to vacations. I explained that we needed those funds until we received our three year financing. I gave them my word and they released the cheque in the amount of \$396,450.00 to me.

I've been in contact throughout the summer with the auditors and the audit should be completed before the end of September.

I was asked to participate on "Day Break" CBC radio Montreal. The topic was regarding the CAQ announcing that their mandate is to close school boards. Each elected party had a representative. Marlene Jennings and I were in the studio. Russell Copeland, the new Executive Director of QESBA pre-taped an interview. I'll provide the link.

I met with Mr. Copeland and plan on meeting with him again in October.

On September 18th, 2018 the « Groupe de travail MEES-Partenaires sur le soutien à la mise en œuvre de dispositions législatives » met to talk about the « Plan d'engagement vers la réussite (PEVR) des commissions scolaire ». After the last meeting with that committee where I asked them when the guides would be translated and their response was « We won't be translated » because it was a "Quebec thing", I wrote several letters to the Ministry and when we met I asked to add it to the agenda and Anne Robitaille, direction générale des politiques et de la performance ministérielle told me that the guides are being translated.

The second meeting of the "Table Montrealaise en Education" on Thursday, September 20th, was cancelled. Will be meeting in October.

Lisa and I have been working on the website, mainly the "description/wording". The eligibility

6. *Finance Report* –

- We have final received 396450.00\$ for 3-year funding (2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020)
- Investment option possibilities 2 years 100000\$ 2% 3 years 3.5% vs 90-day notes, meeting to be set to Talk to Tony to have several GIC (30, 60, 90 days) place into investments on rotation.
- Need to have set budget for the next 2 years

7. *Office Rental Agreement for 2019.*

- If we pay a year in advance, we would be allowed to use the board room when ever it is free as apposed to having additional fees to pay for extra use over 2 uses.

- Additions needed to be added to contract, we want to have a yearly review of terms, it needs to be in writing the additional uses of boardroom, there is a line missing for the mail and we would like to have Gavin cards for all our vehicles.

8. Update on the Audit

- Audit should be finished by the end of September, EPCA has been asked for additional written letter regarding law suite with Angelo Grasso.

9. Vice-President's Report – No report Vice-President absent with regret

10. Communications Committee Activities

- Press release of the COMECH Monday September 24th, 2018 – will be made public, and make the government and public aware of the stance of COMECH and let the parents know and government officials of the lack of ethnic and minority contributions in Secondary 4 Quebec History
- Vignettes are going to be ready to be to be evaluated, once ready we will have 48 hours to make any necessary corrections.
- Looking at setting up a response system for telephone system

11. Three-year Strategic Plan

- Asking the PC what they would like to see from EPCA
- What type of products can we do to use for promotional PR
- Celebrate the success of the School board – look at reactivating scoop it
- Folder created in Basecamp to add suggestions

12. Varia

12.1. Rules of Representation by directors

- Should we have a general signature for e-mails
- We will have rule and regulations review and rewrite rules regarding electronic signatures

12.2. Points of interest to highlight to ministry

- Complications regarding voting around the special needs' pc rep and special needs' commissioner. Need to have the educational act adjusted to represent the vote around the table. Things to consider asking; PC's chair if Special needs Rep have a Vote?
- Year-round school for special needs
- WOTP should be **available to students** younger than 15 and allowed to vocational training/ profession/ apprenticeship.
- "Points of interest to highlight to the ministry" Should be put onto agenda in the future.

12.3. Facebook Subscription

- Motion to allow Dayo Odubayo to use 1000.00\$ for Facebook and Scoop it, to get the word out about EPCA by Theresa Aguiar and second by David Fournier.
- carried unanimously

12.4 AGA rental location

- Motion to hold AGA at Hampton Inn on November 17th, 2018 by Dayo Odubayo and second by David Fournier.

- carried unanimously

13. Next meeting – October 20th, 2018

14. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 3:32 by Rhonda Boucher and second by Isabelle Baas.

- carried unanimously

Minutes approved: October 20th, 2018

President

Secretary

EPCA Approved