



EPCA Board of Directors Recap

Saturday, May 11th, 2019 from 9:30am to 3:00pm
7875 e-de-Liesse, Saint-Laurent, Québec H4T 1G4

The EPCA passed the following motion to support the EMSB:

- WHEREAS the Ministry of Education (MEES) had requested that the English Montreal School Board and the Commission scolaire Pointe de l'Île enter into negotiations about the sharing of space within the East End of Montreal to accommodate an overpopulation of 3,000 CSPI students (approximately 150 classroom spaces) for the 2019-2020 school year.
- WHEREAS a first proposal by the EMSB to furnish approximately 85 classroom spaces has been made.
- WHEREAS the MEES deemed this first proposal insufficient, and has advised the EMSB that unless a better plan is proposed by June 10, 2019, that the elementary schools of Gerald McShane (Montreal North) and General Vanier (St-Leonard), as well as John Paul I Junior High School (St-Leonard) would be immediately transferred to the CSPI for August 2019.
- WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board Parents Committee, represented by its EPCA delegates, requests the assistance and support of EPCA to campaign and advocate to protect the integrity of our schools and the campaign against the closure of the above-mentioned schools.
- It is moved by R.Boucher (WQSB) and seconded by B. Chasiotis (SWLSB) that EPCA condemns in no uncertain terms the unilateral announcement by the Quebec Minister of Education of the potential transfer of three EMSB schools to the Commission scolaire Pointe de l'Île.
- FURTHER that EPCA will solicit the support of other English-language school boards in Quebec to protect the integrity of English-language schools and advocate to the Ministry of Education on the EMSB's behalf.

- Carried unanimously



APPELE:

- It was established that the EPCA should have alternatives to attend meetings if the primary directors are unable to attend. As well all directors should be sent copies of the Agenda so they may send questions or comments to attending directors for responses. If directors attending should change, there should also be a notification sent to the BOD.
- A motion was carried that in the event that The EPCA reaches a majority support for APPELE (5 school boards), the EPCA would change status from observer to supporter.

Special Needs Advisory Committee:

- The Special Needs Advisory committee is at a stand still as it is still waiting on one parents' committee to submit their representatives.

Bill 21 (Religious Symbols):

- The EPCA will not be presenting at the national assembly because the French parents counterpart declined too.

Bill 5 (4-year-old pre-K):

- Directors are required to go back to the PC and GB to prepare questions, comments and concerns regarding the pre-k and send them to the President so a brief can be prepared for when the National Assembly gives the EPCA a date to present.
- **Next meeting – June 15th, 2019**