

March 11th EMSBPC Report:

EMSB Transformational plan: Concerns as to what will become of the EMSBPC in the new format, worried cuts to student services/programs and schools will pay for the additional 20-30 additional admin positions mentioned. As a consultation body, EMSBPC would want a presence at the Transitional plan steering committee, more specifically someone from the PC that is not a parent commissioner. Future major changes to be presented to PC before the public (As opposed to the recent townhall format). Asking for a yearly report from Admin regarding progress, changes+ implementation of the Transitional plan.

Internal rules will be looked at and perhaps revised next year concerning how “e-votes” take place.

Pela answered questions re: COVID protocols, masks (question about what they are made of, have they been sample tested) Answer: Board is using what Government is sending, hand sanitizers and equipment+staff readiness if having to go for full lockdown. (Enough computers for all students who need, but perhaps not formatted yet, all teaching staff ready to go online should the need arise.)

@Feb Council meeting sent minister of health asking voluntary testing by saliva swabs be considered and looked at for schools.

Question Period: How do we put a positive spin on COVID information for kids?

Whom to contact if student can't wear a mask?

How do students maintain social distancing during phys ed and who is legally responsible if something happens to a child re COVID? There is no social distancing within the class. If 2 classes in the gym everyone needs a mask.

If bill 40 is implemented do parents know what powers they lose/will change with regards to student achievements? This is not the time to discuss this.

DRAFT CALENDAR 2021-2022, 2022-2023 approved with the following suggestions:

*Board wide ped day on the day after Halloween if it falls on a weekday.

*Remove all ped days leading up to Dec 24th and add them to Jan 5+6 on 2021-2022 calendar and place a ped day on Jan 7th. * Similar for 2022-2023 replace dec 21-22-23 and add to Jan 4-5-6

Discrimination & Diversity: Very emotion filled discussion was had pertaining to whether all EMSB schools addressed this topic, if so to what extent, and what steps were being taken to help improve the current status. The general feeling being that this topic should be a mandatory subject to speak and sensitize, staff, students and people to the current climate in society.

EMSBPC moved to provide sensibility training to all staff on how to have conversations about discrimination and anti-racism, and equity. Further moved to be brought up to EPCA for consideration with other PCs.

Motions passed, with 6 members not voting, and 4 leaving the meeting without giving notice. (Including at least 1 parent commissioner).

RWA: Topic should be visited as some families feel the Mission of the school is not being upheld.

Parent Commissioner's report: Reports on the budget, increasing Francais Plus in our schools to help

stop losing clientele to the French sector and the school boundaries.

** RWA What are we doing as a school to alleviate the shortage of qualified French teaching personnel? Parent questions about 2 years without qualified French teachers. As a GB, are we willing to request answers from the board as to their plan to increase the hiring of qualified French teachers?

Virtual Parent conference to be held April 18th. Keynote speaker Dr Earl Ruben, panelists including Dr Debbie Schwarcz and Mtl medical columnist Aaron Derfel. Comedian and delivery service still to be confirmed.

Low enrollment committee: marketing push, survey to grade 4 students asking for potential high school registration. Reintroducing scholarship funds for special programs (such as sport etude and 240 schools) and strengthening the quality of French instruction.

*RWA: Have we ever, do we currently have a grade 6 scholarship in place?

Pertaining to the French, revisit point mentioned above.

Next Meeting April 1st