

EMSBPC report December 7, 2023

Land acknowledgement

Presentation given to the PC members by Anna Sanalidro on the use of AI, ChatGPT showing the how teaching staff could use it to modify and make adaptations to schoolwork to reach a wider student population within the same class. Mentioned the ministry has asked to wait until they come down with their official guidelines before coming out with our own. Spoke about the teaching staff using open ended questions instead of concrete questions to help make it harder for students to use it to "cheat".

Question about creating an accessibility divide between the paid and free version of ChatGPT future use by students was met with a we wont know until the government decides what they are doing.

Internal rules were tweaked with a brief in camera session. Online vote to follow based on discussion.

Chair Katherine Korakakis reconfirmed that the certificate of eligibility regarding going to CEGEP cannot be retracted if it has ever been received but MUST be applied for before graduating from High School.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025 - As a consultative body, the school calendar 2024-2025 as presented was accepted unanimously with the recommendation once again that November 1st be a BOARD wide ped day. Some schools have taken it on as individual PED days, but all parents present would like to see it applied board wide.

The following parents were appointed to ACSES: Julie Kristof, Lysa Marie Mancini and Francesca Pitruzzello.

How will missed Strike days be made up? Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette advised the members that depending on how long the strike will last, measures will be put in place to recoup the school days as per the Ministry directives. Currently only FACE students have been out for an extended period of time.

Format for the parent conference was discussed, including a possibility of a collaboration with EPCA. Volunteers to a sub-committee: Victoria Grosko, Merika Ramundo and Katherine Korakakis.

Education Plan Stakeholder input: A discussion was had as to how schools were polling stakeholders (staff, parents, students, community members) on their school's educational plan. 18 schools confirmed ALL parents from the school received a selection of questions with the timeframe ranging from 24 hours- to a week, with a few sending recalls or extensions due to low response rate. 1 school said the entire population was sent a call of action email to see who

was interested in giving their input and the questions were sent to those who said they were interested.

13 schools held mini group sessions during their GB meetings to address one or more of the questions. (Ranging from 5 minutes - 30 minutes, before returning to share findings with remainder of the GB.

2 schools had not heard anything whatsoever about their educational plan.

A majority of schools who sent it out to every parent, also sent it to every student. Some parents were pleasantly surprised that the language had been made age appropriate for the younger students.

Mme Lacroix did mention there was an extension for the Educational Plans and was a little surprised as to the wide discrepancy of the implementation of the stakeholders input across the board. She did confirm that the schools had had a presentation with certain advice such as creating a smaller window of response time encouraged getting higher response rates. With the extension in place, it was unanimously voted to ask the executive to write up a letter to the board Admin for a clearer and more uniform policy to be applied across the board for all stakeholders input on each school's education plan as per outlined in the education Act.

School Reports:

Dunrae Gardens unveiled a new mural on the front of the school.

St. Gabriel's PPO presented the music teacher with a new laptop computer for recording all the students in music at their holiday concert.

Questions from Alternates:

What schools have cellphone policies, and what are they? The chair said she would look into it for the next meeting.

How many schools have homework policies that differ from the one on the EMSB one? What do they look like and how are they upheld?

Questions from the public: M. Eustace asked questions about the format of the upcoming PC meetings, which the chair pointed out is marked on the website and answered his question that there will not be an individual email made public for each parent member of the PC.

PARENT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT: By-Law #8 the complaint examination process following the consultation with stakeholders, the financial statements for the EMSB, a motion for a stay on certain provisions on Bill 96.

EPCA REPORT Topics included tools for parents on the website, AGA will be held on Saturday, parent workshops to be held in the new year.

EMSB PC MARKETING (SOCIAL MEDIA) Topics discussed: how PC communicates with the stakeholders, working on creating a plan of action.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES covered creating toolkits for parent on IEPs and homework.

Next meeting Thursday January 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm Via Zoom