

Parent Participation Organization (PPO) Report

Governing Board Meeting of February 13, 2024

The PPO has met twice since the January 10 Governing Board meeting discuss the best way forward given that the option of seeking parent input for the Educational Project did not pass at Governing Board.

We note that the EMSB Parents' Committee sent a letter of concern to the Board's Assistant Director General of Education regarding a lack of guidelines and consistency across EMSB schools in terms of how to obtain parent stakeholder input (and we attach the letter for the Governing Board's information). The RWA PPO shares their concerns and are eager to hear the EMSB's response.

The Chair of PPO and the PPO Governing Board representative met with Mr. Pita to discuss possible ways the PPO could fulfill its purpose in the Education Act. We would like to propose the following two ideas for the Governing Board to consider:

- i) A presentation of the Educational Project (with question period) by the Administration to an open meeting of the PPO so as to build awareness among parents of the Educational Project. This would assist the PPO in filling its mandate per section 96.2 of the Education Act which is to "encourage the collaboration of parents in developing, implementing and periodically evaluating the school's educational project". Such a meeting could be held in person although holding it online may facilitate parent participation.
- ii) That any Governing Board member who has a suggestion for the PPO on meaningful ways for the PPO to collaborate in the fulfillment of its purpose contact us at parentparticipationorgrwa@gmail.com. We would be happy to discuss via email or meet with you.

Thank you for your consideration,

RWA PPO