EMSBPC report March 11, 2024

Land acknowledgement

Presentation from Mme Rene de Cotret and M. Zampini on rescinding EMSB policies on: AIDS, signaling DYP when suspected abuse and neglect, traumatic team services, control of school absenteeism's new policy May 2023

PC asked for accessibility to the current guidelines/policies replacing the old, especially concerning parts of the policies that are not covered in the government documents being used to replace what is currently in place.

Budget building priorities part 2:

1- pushed for increase weighted rations especially psychologist, speech therapists and resource teachers

2 -physical learning environment including ice removal seems to be a priority

Literacy and PC financial prizes: choice of book narrowed down by availability. Emphasis to be made that ALL PC donated prizes be given by PC school reps.

Update on the letter for the education plan: Admin will speak to all principals about the concerns raised by the PC.

Eclipse update: schools will be closed; school board will hand out glasses.

Good news within the board:

LDA: Talent show was held at the end of anti-bullying week, which ended with a student being granted their make-a-wish to visit Disney.

MIND: Grade 11 ethics class making a documentary on an Iranian nobel peace prize laureate St Gabriel: held a historic week, food and items from multiple cultures. Rose mount inaugurated the new arts-études program.

Questions from the public:

- 1- Would like to verify that the chair will ask for the previously mentioned documents requested during the presentation be in English as it has to do with health and safety.
- 2- Are there any EMSB schools overflowing that would need a new building? Chair Answer: There may be some issues in the west end, will look into it and get back to the member of the public.
- 3- Has there been a follow up with the idea of schools bringing back famous alumni to help with marketing?
- 4- Do you have any tools that can help share information to all parents in the board? Chair answered this is not within the specs of PC.

Parent commissioners: Feb 27th opening of a new school in the Nesbitt building and closing of St Raphael? PET, Sinclair, St Lair, PC and ACCESS, for consultation will be presented next meeting. There is a 5-month timeframe to meet GBs and consultation committees.

EPCA: workshop coming up for parents on April 11th, what pathways are available for children with special needs in partnership with the government. Letting parents know what the pathways are that are available as well as what the possible outcomes of each option.

Next meeting Thursday April 4th at JFKHS