

SWLSB PARENTS' COMMITTEE

Meeting: December 1st 2016

Highlights – report to GB

Changed wording of Enrolment Criteria to include requirement for parents to state why they're transferring out of the School Board – Resolution Passed to adopt new wording.

Property Deeds and Three Year Plans for all schools remains unchanged (use of buildings and school property) – Resolution Passed to accept deeds and plans.

History Curriculum: The English Parents Committee Association is asking GBs whether we support their position on the proposed new History Curriculum for Sec 3&4. The Committee felt they needed more information – EPCA will be asked to present their needs at the next PC meeting.

GB Top 3 Priorities: GBs are asked to provide a list of their top 3 concerns that EPCA could assist with. Examples might include 'more special needs programs', 'GB training', 'specialization', etc. <http://epcaquebec.org/about-epca/>

Presentation on Demographics: by Paul Lamoureux, Dir Gen. Confirming the downward trend in enrolments. Highlighting some potential areas where positive action could have significant impact. Eg By introducing Pre-K, hope to lock in students. Next step is to identify actions to increase enrolments. Slides will be issued.

Presentation of 2017-18 Calendars: by Richard Greschner, HR Dir. See attached. First time in many years that the breaks all line up. PC needs to vote to accept calendars. We have no influence over the SAA/AES, Joliette, & Rawdon calendars because of those schools' dependence on the French boards' transportation. PC voted to accept the AES/SAA, Joliette & Rawdon calendars. PC is asked to take the All School calendar to GB for comments, and email feedback to PC Chair by mid-January.

Planned Guest Speakers/Workshops: The following sessions will be incorporated into upcoming PC meetings.

- Marketing 101 for Schools
- Strategies for Embracing the Autism Spectrum in the Classroom
- Training for GB on their new responsibilities under Bill 105
- Case study: Introducing a program to get kids moving/active before school starts
- Demonstration of the many resources and benefits available under the LEARN program

Best Practice Example: McCaig has introduced bike-desks and standing desks in several classrooms. Initial reports are that the students using them have demonstrated increased levels of attention and success. For more information, contact McCaig PC Delegate.