

May 6th EMSBPC

Julie-Renee C. from student services- 30minutes presentation

IEPS, Identification of students, adaptations and modifications, early intervention. When asked about gifted students, there is no current program in the EMSB to provide for those students, but a student from McGill doing their masters is currently doing a pilot study with 2 students from the board.

Parent conference debrief:

416 registered-206 showed-30 odd presenters, multiple volunteers for the break out rooms. Miscommunication between organizers and the board, means nothing besides the keynote speech was recorded. 58 responses to follow up survey thus far: break out rooms success, swag bags coming maybe in June.

Follow up on previous meeting's question as to the components in the masks, EMSB claims their masks come from a company in Ontario, and comply with current standards. Ms Pela Nickoletopoulos says if parents still have concerns, they can feel free to contact the board.

Anti-Racism committee:

Dr Jafralie 150\$ 1hr workshop+ website (time for building being donated, but domain and other costs affiliated with maintenance needed) request is approved.

This month's tool kit: tools and guidelines Anti racist baby by Ibrahim X Kendi (geared to elem aged children)

Jennifer Harvey interviewed by Michel Martin Podcast for those in highschool

Paid event of "Unpacking the N word" presentation by Omari Newton and post presentation panel of experts: Dr. Sabrina Jafralie, Ph.D., Educator, Consultant, Co-Founder and Activist, Balarama Holness, Social Entrepreneur, M.Ed, and community activist, presenter Omari and panel moderator Catherine Verdon-Diamond, award-winning TV personality and CBC News correspondent on May 14th 2021.

6.3 Continuation of online school. Parent commissioner Maria Corsi proposes advocating to keep the current online model for those that need it. Currently 500 students involved, without the majority of the population vaccinated, some are doing much better in virtual format, motion passed to support maybe setting something permanent up post covid.

Mainstream High school in the West End: Statistically, 60% of West end gr 6s leave the EMSB, parents are looking for an alternative to 240s schools. A need to cater to those with special needs+ mainstream immersion school option. Westmount is at capacity? Marymount no immersion, Laurenhill, landlocked in highways? Several local GBs are supporting this request among individual parents.

Parent commissioners report:bill 21 decision in our favour, the gov is going to contest the ruling. We won on section 23 (english school boards) perhaps ultimately this will help with french teachers

shortage (people with religious headgear) so broadly, that sets a precedent in subsequent legal matters as a linguistic minority bill 40 judge interested in bill 21 outcome.

EPCA update

Low enrollment comitee: Additional meeting to be had to address grads who cant make it into CEGEP. Idea of potentially offering grade 12 in the future? Meeting May 12th, 2021

Special Education Comitee: They hired more tutors for this year and the next by using mesure funds. Parents who want multiple copies of IEPs sent to both homes (if more than one home/seperate meetings (current wording unclear) should be accomodated.

Good news: 3 east end schools had an event thanking all the emergency respondants who gave their time. RWA added more diverse authors to the summer reading list. some schools made cards for frontline workers.

Next meeting June 3rd