



Parents Committee Social June 2018

Dear parents, delegates and governing board members,

YEAR END 2017-2018 REVIEW

The EMSB Parents Committee (EMSBC) has gone through some major changes this year. We streamlined the structure of the Parents Committee and increased outreach to our stakeholders: you the parents! We believe we made good headway, but look to improve even further next year.

The EMSB Parents Committee represents all EMSB parents by:

- Informing the EMSB of parents' needs
- Advising the EMSB
- Representing parents on EMSB committees & the Council of Commissioners
- Promoting parent participation
- Informing parents of relevant issues

Our goals this year were to:

- Rebrand the Parents Committee
- Better inform parents of pertinent child and teen-related issues via our 2nd Parent Conference
- Increase outreach through social media
- Continue our Literacy Prize
- Advise the EMSB on their Commitment to Success Plan

THE DETAILS

Rebranding of the Parents Committee

This year, we rebranded the EMSB Parents Committee, formerly the Central Parents Committee (CPC), by changing our name, and commissioning a new logo. Our goal was to promote the ideals of a progressive inclusive community and take into account the new structure of the EMSBC.

Parent Conference 2018 (May 5th, 2018)

The EMSB Parents Committee's 2nd annual Parent Conference was a big success. We almost tripled our attendance from last year, attracting about 300 parents. A collaborative effort between the EMSBC the EMSB administration, and the Council of Commissioners, the Parent Conference offered three workshop sessions on a wide variety of topics from managing stress to bullying to homework to dealing with the new marijuana laws. It also gave a little time for networking during the free breakfast and lunch. Some of the workshops were featured in the news: <https://vimeo.com/269238860>

Next year, we're looking at possibly holding the Parent Conference in the fall at a bigger location in order to accommodate more parents. We hope to see you there! If you have requests for topics, would like to hold a workshop yourself or would like to ensure you're informed about the conference email us at parentconference@emsb.qc.ca.

DETAILS CONT'D

Outreach via Social Media

We rebranded our social media pages on Facebook ([facebook.com/EMSBCParents](https://www.facebook.com/EMSBCParents)) and Twitter (@EMSBCParents) and recommend all parents follow our feeds to keep up to date with EMSBC goings-on and resources for parents. We hope to increase our presence next year. If you'd like to send us a story about your school, education or parent issues to publish, email us at: parents@emsb.qc.ca

Literacy Prize

Each elementary school in the Board received a book to be given to a child who was recognized for their commitment or achievement in literacy. The book chosen this year was "The Darkest Dark" by Chris Hadfield

Commitment to Success Plan consultation

This year the EMSBC was actively involved in the Ministry of Education's "Commitment to Success Plan" reform initiative. Parent delegates brainstormed in workgroups to identify their expectations in terms of defining educational success for the EMSB.

The EMSBC gave dozens of suggestions and considerable feedback. Here are some highlights:

- The need to meet the needs of ALL students; including both special needs students and students who excel in school.
- Promoting 21st century technical skills in a context of limited resources
- Preparing students for the 'real world'
- Tackling anxiety and mental health issues in schools

Next School Year:

The EMSBC hopes to have another successful year in 2018-2019! In addition to a bigger, better Parent Conference, we aim to better inform you of our projects and circulate more information for you.



Parent Conference 2018

Any feedback on the above is welcome, and we can be reached at parents@emsb.qc.ca to address concerns, kudos, comments or any combination thereof.



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Wishing you a great summer. Congratulations to all the parents of graduates.

Sincerely,
The EMSB Parents Committee

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