

The EMSB Parents Committee met on May 7.

- Thank you to Anna Sanalidro, Director of Student Services, for speaking to committee members about the funding model for tutorial services, specifically those services managed by LEARN. Mrs. Sanalidro also spoke to the group about pedagogical resources for students related to severe weather incidents. EMSB parents should have received a memo called “resources for parents” with a link to the resources online just in time for end of school exams.
<https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/services/central-services/home-schooling/modules>
- The PC introduced a new survey to gather information to get a snapshot of current infrastructure conditions in schools, including heating, ventilation, air conditioning facilities, accessibility, and outdoor spaces.
- PC delegates spoke about the need to roll out a road safety campaign in the fall. Senior administration to be contacted regarding this.
- PC delegates discussed the challenges posed by insurance requirements for third-party providers of extracurricular activities, including increased costs and the exclusion of smaller local vendors, and shared experiences and possible solutions for ensuring program continuity. The group noted that a \$2 million liability insurance requirement for third-party extracurricular providers has significantly increased costs, making some activities unaffordable for families and excluding smaller local providers. Senior administration to be contacted to confirm the amount and requirements. Parents to investigate further and share information about how different schools are managing these requirements, with the goal of finding more accessible solutions for all schools.
- Parents relayed concerns from a parent about a reported increase in lunch fees to \$3.10 per day across the province, prompting discussion about the accuracy of this information and its potential impact on families, especially in lower-income communities. Participants questioned whether the fee increase was universal or specific to certain schools, noting that some schools had not seen such a rise. The group agreed to seek clarification from school administration to confirm the policy.
- Parent event: 35 parents attended the Governance 101 event on April 15. Of the 66 RSVPs 48% of parents have children with IEPs and 1/3 of the parents who RSVPd had never participated/volunteered at their child’s school.
- Today (May 25, 2026), parents should have received a letter from the English Parents Committee Association and the Quebec English School Boards Association entitled “Protest Our Adult Education and Vocational Training Centres”. To summarize, English adult education and vocational training centres serve a wide range of learners, anglophones, francophones, newcomers, helping adults complete high school, retrain, and enter the workforce. Under the proposed changes, it’s estimated that 40 to 70 percent of current students could lose access to these centres. For many, transferring isn’t a simple option. They could face longer travel, fewer program choices, waitlists, and language barriers, and some may end up leaving their studies altogether. The broader impact is also a concern. We could see fewer graduates and fewer skilled workers, especially in sectors already facing shortages, along with reduced enrolment and potential program cuts in the English system. The EMSB emphasizes that it supports French-language learning, but the concern is that restricting access is not the solution. Instead, the focus should be on strengthening French support while maintaining these important educational

pathways. The letter calls for parents to raise these concerns with their MNAs before any legislation is introduced.

- The next PC meeting is June 4.

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