

2026-06-04 EMSB PC Highlights

Meeting notes:

- **Discussion of Bill 8 and Its Impact on English Education:** EMSB delegates discussed the recent tabling of Bill 8, expressing concerns about its severe impact on the English-speaking community, including potential loss of students, teachers, and educational options, and outlined strategies for informing governing boards. EPCA press release to be shared after the meeting as well as talking points to help governing boards communicate the bill's implications and encouraged participants to share these materials widely.
- **Infrastructure survey:** 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. Thank you to all respondents. We received responses from 17 schools. 13 elementary schools and 4 high schools. Successful renovation projects and facilities issues were shared as well as resources.
- **School Funding Index Changes and Budget Implications:** There are upcoming changes to the school funding index, highlighting concerns about reduced funding for schools serving vulnerable populations and the criteria used for the new index. The new funding index is based on factors such as the mother's education and parental employment status, which may not accurately reflect school needs, and warned that many schools will lose funding as a result. Reduced funding will impact services such as extra teachers and resources, affecting both English and French sectors, and advised participants to check their school's status on the government website. Changes will take effect in the upcoming school year and encouraged participants to bring this information back to their communities to prepare for budget adjustments.
- **Road Safety Campaign:** Efforts continue to roll out a road safety campaign in the fall including the distribution of safety materials to parents. PC Executive to follow up with Director General to explore possibilities including the printing and design of standees with the help of the Rosemont Technology Centre.
- **Clic Ecole mobile app tool:** (<https://www.quebec.ca/en/education/preschool-elementary-and-secondary-schools/clic-ecole-application>). This app will replace Mozaik in the fall. Please connect with EMSB PC to report problems for resolution.
- **Transportation Committee:** Transportation contracts have been confirmed. Parents should have received bus pass reimbursement cheques for high school students. Reconsideration of the use of electric vehicles due to operational issues.
- **Climate Readiness Sub-Committee:** The PC moved to submit the Proposed Framework for Extreme Weather Events to the Council of Commissioners Sustainability Subcommittee.

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