

A Word from the President

This has been a year of consolidation and foundation building.

Last year, our first, EPCA exploded onto the English Quebec education stage and was right away thrust into the role of a major star. This was, in no small way, due to the credentials of our founding Directors and the initiative they took in seceding from the QFPC so that the English sector would have its own voice.

This, our second year, has been a time of introspection and of examining our foundational values and our goals.

This is not to say that nothing has been accomplished. Aside from the steps forward mentioned in other articles in this newsletter, including the growth in our numbers from six School Boards to eight with the joining of Lester B. Pearson and Eastern Shores, we are now in a time of relationship-building. This process is well under way and critical links are being cemented between EPCA and the other players on the English education scene.

With the coordinated effort of each member of your Board of Directors, the future appears to hold untold promise. EPCA definitely has a role to play and we are united in our drive to make it happen.

Morton Jaquays

EPCA in Quebec City

EPCA had the opportunity to be in Quebec City for two very important events:

Bill 103: Following the General Council in June 2010 where the topic of discussion was the Bill 104 and 103, the President of EPCA, Jacques Thériault, was invited to present the Brief on Bill 103 in September 2010 to the Committee on Culture and Education at the National Assembly.

Forum EHDA (Handicapped Students and Students with Social Maladjustments or Learning Disabilities) in Quebec City, October 25, 2010. EPCA was invited by MELS to participate in this Forum for Special Needs. A brainstorming session was held in the weeks preceding the Forum which allowed the EPCA to define its position and defend the interest of the parents and children that we represent to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports, M^{me} Line Beauchamp.

The student enrolment for the year 2010-2011 is as follows

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| Central Quebec School Board | 4,544 |
| Eastern Shores School Board | 1,202 |
| Eastern Townships School Board | 5,383 |
| English Montreal School Board | 21,239 |
| Lester B. Pearson School Board | 23,526 |
| Littoral School Board | 590 |
| New Frontiers School Board | 3,755 |
| Riverside School Board | 9,265 |
| Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board | 14,032 |
| Western Quebec School Board | 6,788 |
| Total | 90,324 |

Source: Quebec English School Boards Association



English Parents' Committee Association

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EPCA settling down: Office:

Since May of 2010, thanks to the generosity of the EMSB, the EPCA has an office at

6000 Fielding Avenue,
Room 108

Telephone #:
514 687-7585

We are currently working on getting a toll free number for the parents outside Montréal.

EPCA's mailing address:

P. O. Box 143,
Snowdon Station,
Montréal, QC, H3X 3T4

E-mail:

EPCA's new email address is acpa.epca@gmail.com.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at anytime. We will be happy to hear from you.

Funding



For the 2009-2010 school year, 6 English School Boards were part of the EPCA. EPCA received a \$45,000.00 grant from MELS.

Since 7 School Boards were part of EPCA in 2010, we expect to receive a more generous grant from MELS as the funding is prorated to the number of students enrolled in our School Boards.

We represent 8 School Boards or 94% of students for 2011-2012.

Two new School Boards join the EPCA:

The Lester B. Pearson School Board (LBPSB) officially joined the EPCA in May of 2010.

The Eastern Shores School Board (ESSB) officially joined on May 30, 2011.

Office Personnel

We are happy to announce that Patricia Willis is the EPCA administrative assistant.

The great difficulty in education is to get experience out of ideas.
George Santayana

Getting Together

For the school year 2010-2011, since the November 8, 2010 Annual General Assembly, the Association held 8 Board of Directors meetings.

The next meeting will be held on July 16, 2011. The General Council for the year 2010-2011 will be held on September 17, 2011.

The time and location will be announced shortly.

Annual General Assembly

Election results

On November 8, 2010 at the Annual General Assembly, the elections for the positions of President, Vice-President and Treasurer were held. Here are the EPCA representatives for the 2010-2011 school year.

Board of Directors:

| Position | Name | School Board |
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| President | Morton Jaquays | Sir Wilfrid Laurier |
| Vice-President | Denis La Rocque | Riverside |
| Treasurer | Eric Dunn | Lester B. Pearson |
| Director | Jacques Thériault | Central Quebec |
| Director | Angie Bertone | English Montreal |
| Director | Raymond Ledoux | New Frontier |
| Director | John Gancz | Western Quebec |

Delegates:

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| CQSB | Stephen Nellis | Bruce Thompson |
| EMSB | Frank Reda | Costa Fokoefs |
| LBPSB | Lana Roberts | Julie Ann Leblanc |
| NFSB | Debie Germann | |
| RSB | Philippe Bonneville | Pierre Chouinard |
| SWLSB | Guy Gagnon | Susan Yung |
| WQSB | Connie Butler | Sheri Burk |

As ex officio, we also welcome Colleen Landrigan at the table.

Calendar

EPCA meetings for 2011:

July 16th
Board of Directors

September 10th
Board of Directors

September 17th
General Council

October 15th
Board of Directors

November 12th
Annual General Assembly

CEGEP Overcrowding

EPCA's response to CEGEP overcrowding: In April of 2011, a letter was sent to The Minister of Education, M^{me} Line Beauchamp, on the subject of CEGEP overcrowding in the English sector. Among other things, the EPCA stated that it would like to see a long term solution to this recurring issue.