

Council of Commissioners
Report - 24 February, 2014

Report of Chair:

- Spoke to Montreal Hooked on Schools, an organization which organizes events among 425 corporations in partnership with the 5 Montreal Island School Boards. Organization provides support and resources for primarily under-privileged children.
- Spoke to UPAC workshop – UPAC representative presentation to school boards on contracting rules and procedures.
- Spoke to how, in this month of staff appreciation, all LBPSB staff work for the betterment of the students.
- Wished everyone a restful March break.

Report of Director General:

- Spoke to the upcoming March retirement of the Interim Director of the Secretariat and LBPSB Legal Counsel, Remi Poliquin.
- Spoke to the registration of current and new students currently taking place.
- Spoke to appreciation of all staff, all year, and not just during February.

PTU President :

- Questioned when the Board would receive their date to present their comments to the Parliamentary Committee regarding Bill 60.
- Answer was that they did not know if they would be even given the opportunity to present, as there were so many applicants and the process would be postponed if there was a call for a general election.
- Questioned whether the expected under-capacity in many of our high schools, which will probably be highlighted in the upcoming Three Year Plan exercise, would lead to a rationalization of the high school network or a rebalancing of high school population among the facilities.
- Answer was that since LBPSB policy was to let parents choose their schools, this problem would probably continue.

Varia:

- Summer school will be at St. Thomas and LCCHS. Kathleen O'Reilly will be the Co-ordinator.
- LBPSB is working with a marketing firm to survey parents of Grade 6 and 7 as to how they choose their high schools. This would set the stage for a LBPSB marketing campaign.
- The LBPSB and the CSDM will sign an entente whereby the CSDM will recruit, house, feed and provide social support to selected First Nations aboriginal students and the LBPSB will educate them in the Electricity program at the PEC. Federal taxpayer funding makes this program possible.

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