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COMMISSION SCOLAIRE SIR-WILFRID-LAURIER  
 SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting**  
 Monday, April 30th, 2012 at 19 h 30  
 ESD/CSD Boardroom - 239, montée Lesage, Rosemère, QC

**Present:** *Adelina Lepanto, Kimberly Leclerc, Adèle Leeming, Pamala Crompton, Brian Benoit, Ellen Dennick, Ghyslaine Massé, Bessie Athanasopoulos, Pamela Feres, Pat Gilmour*

**Resigned:** *Elia Russo, Rosanne Petardi, Amanda Wood*

**Absent with regrets:** *Sylvie Battisti, Janet Sallie, Steve Scallion, Sonia Busnardo, Sebastien Joly, Melanie Parkinson, Carolyn Curiale, Peter MacLaurin*

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	Remarks and Actions To be Taken
Welcoming remarks	<i>The meeting was called to order at 7:35.</i>	<i>Adelina Lepanto welcomed Bessie Athanasopoulos as an alternate parent representative.</i>
1.0 Additions and approval of the Agenda		<i>Moved by: Adelina Lepanto Seconded by: Kimberly Leclerc</i>
2.0 Approval of minutes of meeting held March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2012		<i>Moved by: Kimberly Leclerc Seconded by: Adelina Lepanto</i>
3.0 Question Period for the Public	<i>No questions at this time</i>	
4.0 Chairperson's Report	<i>Adelina Lepanto reported on the discussion of Bill 56 and on the web site 'I right the wrong.com'. Mr. Greschner reported that the Bill has not been passed by the government yet as they are reflecting on the briefs which were presented during the consultations. Adelina Lepanto also reported that the three alternate members, Pamela Feres, Melanie Parkinson and Rodica Teleman are now regular members.</i>	<i>Adelina Lepanto suggested that the SEAC committee members visit the web site 'I right the wrong.com' at the next meeting in May. Discussion on the importance of school boards. Brian Benoit asked if SEAC members should have input on decisions made regarding special needs students in Laval high schools. Mr. Greschner responded that there is a</i>

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		<i>committee looking into this matter but it is too soon to discuss this issue. Mr. Greschner also reported that the school board will have a consultation period before making any changes and SEAC members will be able to offer their input.</i>
<b>5.0</b> New Business		
5.1 Spring Conference 2012 (Debriefing)	<i>Adelina Lepanto reported that there were at least 120 parents who attended the conference and that the feedback from parents was very positive. Mr. Greschner was pleased at the turn out and felt the topics were very well received and that the conference was well organized. Discussion on how to share information with parents and looking forward to next years' conference and perhaps starting to plan earlier. Mr. Greschner suggested doing a part 2 because many presenters are willing to return.</i>	<i>Ghyslaine Masse reported that attendees from Lester B. Pearson were impressed by the information offered. She asked if the high school level could be highlighted if there is a part 2.</i>
5.2 Autism Webinars (Info)	<i>The next webinar will be "The Power Struggle" on May 8<sup>th</sup> hosted by Lisa Levy of Giant Steps School.</i>	
5.3 Working Committees (Update)	<i>Pamala Cipton would like to upload 'the handbook for parents of children with special needs' by the Federation des comites de parents du Quebec on the SEAC web site.</i>	<i>Mr. Greschner will review it before deciding to proceed.</i>
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<b>6.0</b> Complementary Services Report	<i>Mr. Greschner reported that the school board is preparing to offer support to schools after the implementation of new measures in Bill 56, once it is in place. The school board is awaiting approval from MELS for the 15+ Derogated Programs in order to keep students in school by offering more vocational choices. School board professionals are working on an early intervention program for language disorders. Mr. Greschner congratulated the school board's team of professionals since all the cases presented for validation were accepted.</i>	<i>Mr. Greschner reports that CSD is screening students in order to determine needs for next year. There is still much work to be done especially at the high school level. Brian Benoit expressed concern that many students arrive in high school unprepared because their needs were not validated in elementary school.</i>
<b>7.0</b> Financial Report (Attached)	<i>As presented.</i>	

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8.0 Parents' Committee Report	<i>As presented.</i>	
9.0 Question Period for the Public	<i>No questions at this time.</i>	
10.0 Next meeting	<i>The next meeting will be held on May 28 , 2012</i>	
11.0 Adjournment	<i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Moved by: Adelina Lepanto Seconded by: Ghyslaine Masse</i>

Respectfully submitted by: Pat Gilmour