

Minutes of the fourth (4th) meeting of the 2008-2009 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday January 15th, 2009 at 19:30 in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald Cole	ARUNDEL ELEMENTARY	Jenny DiBiase	MCCAIG ELEM
Silvana Di Medio	CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY	Andrew Simon	MORIN HEIGHTS ELEM
Patricia Saputo	HILLCREST ACADEMY	Kathleen Thompson	PIERRE E TRUDEAU ELEM
Jennifer Maccarone	JOHN F KENNEDY ELEM	Cathal Marlow	PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY
Dean Dugas	JOLIETTE ELEMENTARY	Pablo Carrera	SOUVENIR ELEMENTARY
Helena Muir	JOLIETTE HIGH	Roberto Bomba	ST PAUL ELEMENTARY
Laurent Courion	JULES VERNE ELEM	Angelo Grasso	ST VINCENT ELEM
Karen MacInnes	LAKE OF TWO MOUNTAINS	Caroline Laverdure	SAINTE-ADELE ELEM
Jennifer Boudreault	LAURENTIAN ELEMENTARY	Cynthia Beyea	SAINTE AGATHE ACADEMY
Don Beverly	LAURENTIAN REGIONAL	Chantal Pelletier	TWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY
Costanzo Colasante	LAURIER SR HIGH		
Guy Goffredo	LAVAL JR HIGH		
John Colotouros	LAVAL LIBERTY HIGH		

ALSO PRESENT: Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

ABSENT: Franklin Hill elem, Genesis elem, Grenville elem, Laurentia elem, Mother Teresa Jr high, Mountainview elem, Our Lady of Peace elem, Rosemère high, Rawdon elem, St Jude elem, Terry Fox elem, SEAC

The Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 19:35 hrs

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Add 6.1 English Services Committee Representative
- Add 6.2 Intercoms for elementary schools

PC20090115-01 Laval Jr High MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted with the above noted additions. Seconded by St. Paul Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 4th, 2008

PC20090115-02 Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of December 4th, 2008 are accepted as presented. Seconded by Laurentian Elementary.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Arundel elem, Crestview elem, Hillcrest acad, Joliette elem, Lake of Two Mountains high, Laurentian elem, Laurier Sr. high, Laval Jr high, Laval Liberty high, Morin Heights elem, Pierre E Trudeau elem, Pinewood elem, Souvenir elem, St Paul elem, Twin Oaks elem
Abstain: JF Kennedy elem, Joliette high, Jules Verne elem, Laurentian Regional high, McCaig elem, St Vincent elem, Ste-Adele elem, Ste-Agathe Acad

3. CHAIRPERSON'S Report

- ❖ The concerns of this committee regarding non-qualified substitutes were addressed at the last council meeting and the response was sent to all members via e-mail by Silvana. Solutions and actions that will be taken are written on that report. For the 2009-2010 school year, the school board will be doing their teacher recall in June instead of August to have a bigger selection of qualified teachers. In response to a question from MTJH, there are central lists of substitutes maintained yearly by the school board that all schools are given. The first objective of a principal and/or secretary is to call qualified teachers should they need a substitute. If there are no qualified available, the non-

qualified ones are called. Schools also have their own pool of substitutes. If the regular teachers feels the substitute was not effective they will ask that this substitute not be called for their classrooms again.

- ❖ Wednesday, February 25th, 2008 is IMPACT soccer night: tickets are \$6.00/each and \$1.00 per ticket sold will go back to your school. You should be receiving this information from your school soon.
- ❖ SWL Foundation Gala was very successful: over \$91,000.00 was raised.
- ❖ The school board has prepared a preliminary spreadsheet following the safety and security focus sessions and is currently being streamlined for presentations to schools.

4. QUESTION Period

5. BUSINESS Arising

5.1 Election Parent Alternate Members to SEAC

There are still 7 positions as alternates available, please bring forth some names

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 English Services Committee Representative

An English services committee with FCPQ meets every couple of months to discuss the issues for English schools. Helena Muir has been attending on behalf of this school board.

PC20090115-03 Laval Jr. High MOVED THAT the Parents committee authorizes Joliette High School's Parent Committee delegate, Helena Muir to represent Sir Wilfrid Laurier School board on the English Services Committee for 2008-200. Seconded by Morin Heights Elementary.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Arundel elem, Crestview elem, Hillcrest acad, JF Kennedy elem, Joliette high, Joliette elem, Jules Verne elem, Lake of Two Mountains high, Laurentian elem, Laurentian Regional high, Laurier Sr. high, Laval Jr high, Laval Liberty high, McCaig elem, Morin Heights elem, Pierre E Trudeau elem, Souvenir elem, St Paul elem, St Vincent elem, Ste-Adele elem, Ste-Agathe Acad Twin Oaks elem
Abstain: Pinewood elem

6.2 Intercoms for Elementary schools

Morin Heights would like elementary school security systems to be looked at. Some of the older elementary schools are looking for intercom systems in the classrooms. Members were questioning why this was overlooked when the school board was working on safety & security. Arundel, Morin Heights, Grenville and Ste-Adèle do not have intercom systems in the classrooms.

Mme Drouin responded that the school board is aware of this. High schools were started first because they had nothing in their schools for safety. In the greater project of safety and security, these schools are being looked at. Mme Drouin will bring this up at the school board and ask if there could be a temporary measure put into place.

7. DIRECTORATE'S Report – Marie Claude Drouin, Secretary General

- ❖ The Director General and Assistant Director General send their regrets.
- ❖ More governing board workshops are being put together. Hopefully it will be given around March break. The financial obligations of Governing Boards will be looked at for this workshop. Even if you did not attend the first workshop, you can attend the others. They are not a continuation of the last one.
- ❖ Joliette elementary would like it noted that one day per week of courier is not working well for their school. The Chair asked if the board could re-examine this new policy and reconsider delivery twice a week for the outlying schools. A lot of the schools within the area have people coming to and from the administrative center so mail can be dropped off as needed, unfortunately this is not the case for outlying schools.

- ❖ Recovery plan resolution was adopted and will be available on the website after the January 28th Council meeting.
- ❖ At a previous meeting of the Parents Committee, it was mentioned that the surpluses and deficits of each school are going to be posted on the web site. Mme Drouin responded that these documents will not be posted but will look into seeing if this committee can get a copy. Members feel that the budget should be part of the monthly agenda for GB meetings. Having to ask the principal to bring the budget at the GB puts both parents and staff in an uncomfortable position. It was suggested that the Director General encourage all principals to put the school’s budget on the agenda monthly.

8. TREASURER’S Report

No report presented.

9. PARENTS COMMISSIONER’S Report

No report presented.

10. RCP-3L Report

No report presented.

11. SEAC Report

No report presented.

12. BRAINSTORMING/ROUND TABLE Session

A meeting for parents on the enriched program committee was held and agreed on what they would like to see as part of this program. Enriched teaching within the classroom so that the teacher teaches on more than one level, catering to those who need to be a bit more challenged. At the high school level, self contained classes of enriched students. There could also be a building where just these students are taught like a Vincent Massey type school. An entrance exam would be taken. A question was asked whether all the teachers would want to go and teach at this school and existing schools would be in jeopardy of losing good teachers. In areas where it is not possible to have a self contained school, these programs should be offered in all high schools. SWLSB is losing students to private schools and would like to offer these types of programs in our own schools to keep them from leaving. This issue has already been brought up to school Principals and a list of questions was given to them to respond to. Parents are wondering where the money will come from to offer these enriched programs. Schools should look for things that will attract students and different concentrated programs need to be put into schools, sports programs, dance programs, music programs, not just enriched programs as the types of kids interested in concentration programs are usually enriched because they have to do well in order to stay in these programs. Some of our schools already have unique programs in them that are attracting students and more schools need to get on board. The parents all agree that all programs be geared to children of our school board first.

Strategic plan 2007-2011 is a good tool to have to look at their goals. Silvana will get members a copy of it.

13. QUESTION Period

14. CLOSURE of meeting

PC20090115-04 Pierre E Trudeau Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 22:36 hrs. Seconded by McCaig Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O’Keeffe, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved _____, 2009

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____