

Minutes of the THIRD (3<sup>RD</sup>) meeting of the 2009-2010 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 19:30hrs in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ronald Cole	ARUNDEL ELEMENTARY	Angelo Grasso	MOTHER TERESA JR HIGH
Silvana Di Medio	CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY	Lisa Chartier	OUR LADY OF PEACE ELEM
Roger Desormeaux	GENESIS ELEMENTARY	Anne Marie Regimbal	PIERRE E TRUDEAU ELEM
Violet Selby	GRENVILLE ELEMENTARY	Amber Lawrence	RAWDON ELEM & MIDDLE
Patricia Saputo	HILLCREST ACADEMY	Luc Samson	ROSEMERE HIGH
Jennifer Maccarone	JOHN F KENNEDY ELEM	Pablo Carrera	SOUVENIR ELEMENTARY
Dean Dugas	JOLIETTE ELEMENTARY	Guy Gagnon	ST JUDE ELEMENTARY
Helena Muir	JOLIETTE HIGH	Roberto Bomba	ST PAUL ELEMENTARY
Laurent Courion	JULES VERNE ELEMENTARY	Felicia Schiro	ST VINCENT ELEMENTARY
Janice Eddy	LAKE OF TWO MOUNTAINS	Danielle Gareau	SAINTE-AGATHE ACADEMY
Jennifer Boudreault	LAURENTIAN ELEMENTARY	Antoinette Noviello	TERRY FOX ELEMENTARY
Natasha Fontes	LAURIER SR HIGH	Chantal Pelletier	TWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY
John Colotouros	LAVAL LIBERTY HIGH		
Andrew Simon	MORIN HEIGHTS ELEM		

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources; Steve Mitchell, Commissioner

ABSENT: Franklin Hill elem, Laurentia elem, Laurentian Regional high, Laval Jr high, McCaig elem, Mountainview elem, Pinewood elem, Ste-Adele elem, SEAC

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 19:31 hrs

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add 6.2 School Calendar 2010-2011

PC20091203-01 Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted with addition.  
Seconded by Twin Oaks Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

In Chairperson's report – insert "cooperatively" after work and before with

PC20091203-02 Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 are accepted as presented. Seconded by Morin Heights.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Crestview elem, Genesis elem, Grenville elem, Hillcrest acad, JF Kennedy elem, LTMHS, Laurentian elem, Laval Liberty high, Morin Heights elem, Mother Teresa Jr high, Rawdon elem, Rosemere high, St Jude elem, St. Paul elem, St Vincent elem, Terry Fox elem  
Abstain: Arundel elem, Joliette elem, Jules Verne elem, Laurier Sr. high, Pierre E Trudeau elem, Sainte-Agathe Acad, Souvenir elem, Twin Oaks

3. CHAIRPERSON'S Message

On November 27<sup>th</sup> the Parents Committee and Commissioners met. It was an opportunity in an informal way to give topics of concerns from parents. The primary topic was communications. The parents felt that there is a disconnect with the parents and the commissioners. The commissioners and parents will meet again in January and a few times a year to get a better connection. This meeting will be to concentrate on how both parties can reduce the disconnect. The Chairperson encourages members

to attend this meeting in January. A document on how a policy is developed was distributed to parents.

Silvana is going to have a document "I care about school" on the website for parents to print and read. It is a very informative document, so please if you can, read it.

LEARN, the group that oversees the development of English programs in our province, has asked to come and do a presentation to this committee. The committee would like to ask them to come in February or March to speak to us.

Silvana brought up the Laurier News and is happy to have it back. She pointed out that this committee's name is THE PARENTS COMMITTEE, not CENTRAL PARENTS COMMITTEE. Please remove "Central" from any documents concerning this committee. If anyone has anything from their school they would like to put into this paper, please e-mail [mjolin@swlauriersb.qc.ca](mailto:mjolin@swlauriersb.qc.ca)

#### 4. QUESTION period

#### 5. BUSINESS ARISING

##### 5.1 PC Action Plan: update on Communication Pamphlet

The rough draft was handed over the school board to finalize. The format that came back was not a format that the sub-committee liked. The committee met tonight and revisited how they feel it should be and it will be turned back over for a final version. The aim is to have it ready for the February registration period.

*Joliette High entered the meeting at 19:47 hrs*

##### 5.2 RCP-3L Membership fee

They would like to raise the fee from 0.014 per student, to 0.015 per student. There has been an increase in expenses and the rate of 0.014 has been there for a long time.

PC20091203-03 Hillcrest Academy MOVED THAT the parents committee accept the increase to 0.15 per student for the RCP-3L membership fee. Seconded by Morin Heights Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

##### 5.3 SWL Foundation Gala 2010

Two members will be given a ticket to the CAP gala on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Congratulations to Francois-Pierre from Franklin Hill and Morton from Laval Jr. (backup names – Laurent from Jules Verne, Helena from JHS, Danielle from SAA and Pablo from Souvenir)

PC20091203-04 Rawdon Elementary MOVED THAT the Parents Committee sends two members to the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 SWL Foundation Gala as listed above. Seconded by Our Lady of Peace Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

##### 5.4 Enrolment Criteria

PC20091203-05 Mother Teresa Jr. High MOVED THAT the enrolment criteria is accepted as presented. Seconded by St. Jude Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

### 5.5 Internal Rules of Procedure

Changes to the rules of procedure are: 5.3.3 Extension of a regular meeting: In the event a regular meeting goes beyond 22:30hrs, a member may move to extend the meeting by one half hour. Should there be any items left on the agenda that have not been discussed by the expiration of the extended time, these items will be tabled and will be addressed in "New Business" at the following scheduled meeting.

PC20091203-06 Rawdon Elementary MOVED THAT the internal rules of procedure with the amendment of 5.3.3 are approved as presented. Seconded by St. Paul Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Bill 104

Tabled to next meeting as Laval Jr. is not here this month

### 6.2 School Calendar 2010-2011

Welcome to Mrs. Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources. The proposed school calendar for 2010-2011 was distributed and she explained on why the calendar is set the way it is. This is a 60 day consultation period. This committee will vote on it in January

## 7. REPORTS

### 7.1 School Board's Report

- H1N1 – all schools have taken their kids for the shots. Mr. Paquette & Mr. Hogue were instrumental in helping get transportation for all children and this went well. Mr. Guay and Mr. Paquette went to the locations to greet the children when they arrived at the vaccination center. Maxeen Jolin took care of getting the information to schools. The committee sends their thanks to Mr. Guay, Mr. Hogue & Mr. Paquette and their team for their organization of this. All of the expenses related to H1N1 are being accumulated and the school board will make a request to MELS for a reimbursement of funds. A final report of numbers of students vaccinated will be available for the next meeting. We have not had to report the absences to the MELS as of last week.
- Partnership agreements – MELS informed the board last fall that they are looking at 5 goals. Each school board has been asked to submit a partnership agreement based on the MELS' strategic plan of these goals. There have already been two committee meetings at this board, with several more coming in the future with more stakeholders. Should our strategic plan not be in line with the MELS goals, we may have an addendum. SWLSB has an 80% success rate for our graduation which is very high compared to the rest of the province. There has been a commitment from MELS to make the rest of the province higher, and our school board has been given a target of 87% to reach for success. This board has good resources and believes we can reach this goal. Once our partnership agreement has been developed with the MELS, each school has to develop their own partnership plan with the school board. Our plan will go out for a 60 day consultation with the plan to be signed in June 2010. One of our consultants, Geneviève Legaré has been selected to be the analyst for this project. There will be some costs to this implementation; however it should not affect our recovery plan. The school board is very mindful of the deficit when looking at change. The committee entered into discussion.
- Linda extended her best wishes for a happy holiday season and congratulates this committee on their hard work.

### 7.2 Treasurer's Report

As received and explained

### 7.3 Parents Commissioners' Report

As received and explained.

Update on accelerated learning. There will only be a secondary 1 group as there were not enough for secondary 2. It will be housed at Mother Teresa Jr. high. The committee would like to know how many of those students are out of our board.

*Hillcrest Academy left the meeting at 21:05 hrs.*

### 7.4 RCP-3L Report

As received and explained

SWLSB is planning on sharing the ombudsman with another English school board

### 7.5 SEAC Report

Helena Muir will report on SEAC this year.

### 7.6 EPCA Report

No report

## 8. VARIA

At the commissioners and parents committee meeting it was suggested that Commissioners be a part of the Parents Committee meetings. If they would like to participate in the meetings, the prerequisite is that they have to stay for the entire meeting. Two commissioners can participate and they can be alternating each month.

PC20091203-07 Helena Muir MOVED THAT the Parents Committee would like two commissioners to participate at the meetings each month understanding that they should stay the entire meeting. Seconded by Rosemere High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

PC20091203-08 Joliette elementary MOVED THAT this be on a trial basis for January & February 2010. Seconded by Rawdon Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

## 9. QUESTION Period

Joliette high school was named as an "École Phare" meaning that they have achieved higher averages due to the resources received because of their NANS status.

## 10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC20091203-09 Our Lady of Peace MOVED THAT meeting is closed at 22:02 hrs. Seconded by St, Vincent Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS TO ALL J

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_