

Minutes of the FOURTH (4TH) meeting of the 2010-2011 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday February 3rd, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald Cole	ARUNDEL ELEMENTARY	Anne-Marie Regimbal	PIERRE E. TRUDEAU ELEM
Susan Jung	CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY	Frank D'Onofrio	PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY
Diana Cugliandro	GENESIS ELEMENTARY	Suzanne Albert	RAWDON ELEMENTARY
Dean Dugas	JOLIETTE ELEMENTARY	Kathleen Thompson	ROSEMERE HIGH
Jennifer Maccarone	JOHN F KENNEDY ELEMENTARY	Franco Delli Colli	ST. VINCENT ELEMENTARY
Tracey Champagne	LAURENTIA ELEMENTARY	Kristine Young	STE-ADELE ELEMENTARY
Stephen Clark	LAURENTIAN REGIONAL HIGH	Antoinette Noviello	TERRY FOX ELEMENTARY
Bessie Papadopoulos	LAVAL JR HIGH	Dori Raymond	TWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY
Angelo Grasso	MOTHER TERESA JR HIGH		
Lisa Chartier	OUR LADY OF PEACE ELEM		
Dennis Murphy	MOUNTAINVIEW ELEM		

ALSO PRESENT: Anne-Marie Lepage, Director General

ABSENT: Franklin Hill elem, Grenville elem, Hillcrest Acad, John F. Kennedy elem, Joliette high, Jules Verne elem, Lake of Two Mountains high, Laurentian elem, Laurier sr. high, Laval liberty high, McCaig elem, Morin Heights elem, Souvenir elem, St. Jude elem, St. Paul elem, Ste-Agathe acad, SEAC.

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice- Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add 7.2 Outstanding Effort Awards

PC20110203-01 Pierre Elliot Trudeau elementary MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted with addition. Seconded by Twin Oaks elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 2nd, 2010

Page 122 – 8.1 second bullet Morten Jaquays is not Chairperson, but President of the EPCA

PC20110203-02 Joliette elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of December 2nd, 2010 are accepted with correction. Seconded by Rosemere High.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Arundel elem, Crestview elem, Genesis elem, Joliette elem, Laurentian Regional High, Our Lady of Peace elem, Mother Teresa Jr. high, Pierre E Trudeau elem, Pinewood Elem, Rawdon elem, Rosemere high, Ste-Adele elem, Terry Fox elem
Abstain: Laurentia elem, Laval Jr. high, Mountainveiw elem, St. Vincent elem
 Twin Oaks

3. CHAIR'S Report

4. PRESENTATION – LEARN Quebec

Mrs. Suzanne Longpre and Mr. Michael Canuel of Learn Quebec were here to give an overview of who Learn is and what they do. Their mandate is to serve the English language schools of Quebec. There are over 150,000 registered members, and they are the largest provider of internet resources in Canada. www.learnquebec.ca Visit to watch the video and learn more about this excellent site that is a great learning tool for children and parents.

A demonstration was given with a tutor who came online and showed the parents what was available in a classroom tutorial. The interesting part was that this teacher was speaking to us from Gaspé.

The committee thanks Mr. Canuel and Mme Longpre for their presentation. Mr. Canuel encourages parents to go on and look at the site and if you have any comments please e-mail them to him.

LEARN Quebec would be happy to help individual schools put a link to the website on their website.

John F. Kennedy entered the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

5. QUESTION period

6. BUSINESS arising

6.1 Nominations for SEAC representatives

There are 2 regular positions and 7 alternate positions still available. Please go back to your schools and let your Principals know and ask them to forward the name to the Chairperson or Secretary.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 School Calendar 2011-2012

Linda Di Domenico was here to talk about and present the proposed school calendars for the 2011-2012 school year. She explained the calendar for all the schools who do not have shared transportation with the French school boards for members to begin a 30 day consultation period.

A discussion was held on the different spring breaks in the different school boards.

The committee thanks Linda and her team for putting these easy to read calendars.

7.2 Outstanding Effort awards

PC20110203-03 John F. Kennedy Elementary MOVED THAT the parents committee will offer an outstanding effort award with an approximate budget of \$1500.00. Seconded by Joliette Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

A discussion was held on what format the award would be given.

PC20110203-04 Laurentian Regional High School MOVED THAT we offer a cheque to each recipient of the effort award. Seconded by Laval Jr. High.

This motion was DEFEATED on the following division:
For: John F Kennedy elem, Joliete elem, Laurentia elem, Laurentian Regional high, Laval Jr high, Mountainview elem, Rawdon elem, St Vincent elem, Ste-Adele elem,
Against: Arundel elem, Crestview elem, Genesis elem, Mother Teresa Jr. high, Our Lady of Peace elem, Pierre E. Trudeau elem, Pinewood elem, Rosemere High, Terry Fox elem, Twin Oaks elem

PC20110203-05 Terry Fox elementary MOVED THAT in addition to the plaque, we offer a gift certificate of \$25.00 from Chapters for the outstanding effort award. Seconded by Our Lady of Peace elementary.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:
For: Arundel elem, Crestview elem, Genesis elem, John F Kennedy elem, Laval jr high, Mountainview elem, Mother Teresa Jr high, Our Lady of Peace elem, Pierre E Trudeau elem, Pinewood elem, Rawdon elem, Rosemere high, St Vincent elem, Terry Fox elem, Twin Oaks elem
Against: Laurentia elem, Laurentian Regional High, Ste-Adele elem
Abstain: Joliette elem

8. REPORTS

8.1 School Board's Report – Anne-Marie Lepage, Director General

- A professional development workshop will be held on “Boy smarts” giving strategies for classroom success and how to make learning more relevant and responsive.

- The resolution for the Strategic plan was extended to February 2012. This will give everyone the time to really consult properly not during the rush time at the beginning of the school year.
- A handout on the “Journée de la Perseverance” week. Anne-Marie distributed a green ribbon and pamphlet to all members to wear during the week of February 7th. There are several activities happening in various regions during this week. This week also coincides with Teacher Appreciation Week.

Steve Bletas could not be at the meeting tonight but would like members to be aware of the following information:

- There will be a Community engagement Town hall meeting on March 29th, 2011 happening simultaneously in our three regions by videoconferencing.
- There will be a meeting of all Governing Board Chairpersons on February 8th, 2011. Please encourage your schools to attend and ask that your chairperson respond to this invitation.
- The QESBA launched a new phase of the Go Publique campaign with a video made by a former student of Chomedy High, Annakin Slayd. The members viewed this video which is available on youtube.

8.2 Treasurer’s Report

As distributed and presented

8.3 Parents Commissioners’ Report

- As distributed
- Parents Committee pamphlet is already on the website. The important information from the pamphlet will be put into the agendas in schools for 2011-2012
- Silvana Di Medio has e-mailed principals to ask how many pamphlets they need for registration.

8.4 RCP-3L Report

- The President is Danielle Savoie, CS des Laurentides. Trying to get some stats regarding parents’ committee attendance. Do all our schools have reps and how many come to each meeting? Will send an electronic copy to the chairperson.
- Websites regarding services in French. A list will be sent to the secretary to be distributed to members.
- General assembly, annual report deposited. Looking for info on how the Parent Commissioners are represented on school board standing committees. Angelo Grasso suggested she look on our website and she can get the information from that. Can vote at sub committees, but not at executive and council.
- School integration, new report cards.
- CS des Laurentides have put together a guide. FCPQ has bought rights and information will be on the website.
- Budget – 75 cents per student
- Student ombudsman, CS de Laval has information pamphlet on their website. Our student ombudsman has been hired and very soon we will be able to get in touch with him. The ombudsman is prepared to come to speak at a parents committee meeting once it has been passed at council.
- Convention on November 5th, 2011 at Polyvalente Deux Montagnes, theme is perseverance. Looking for information from us to get some English speakers that would like to address the English population. Communications department can be asked to help with this.

8.5 SEAC Report

No report

8.6 EPCA Report

No report

9.0 VARIA

10. QUESTION Period

In response to a question from Arundel Elementary, it is a per capita that we are funded.

A discussion on school fees was brought up by St Vincent Elementary. Schools send their delinquents to the school board and they are sent to a collection agency. He thinks that school fees should be government mandated and this way all parents will have to pay.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC20110203-06 Rosemere High MOVED THAT the meeting is closed at 9:30 pm. Seconded by Pierre E. Trudeau elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O’Keeffe, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved _____, 2011

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____