

Minutes of the SIXTH (6th) meeting of the 2010-2011 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday April 7th, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Ronald Cole | ARUNDEL ELEMENTARY | Frank D'Onofrio | PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY |
| Susan Jung | CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY | Suzanne Albert | RAWDON ELEMENTARY |
| Diana Cugliandro | GENESIS ELEMENTARY | Ann Gill | ROSEMERE HIGH |
| Dean Dugas | JOLIETTE ELEMENTARY | Michael Civitarese | SOUVENIR ELEMENTARY |
| Stephen Clarke | LAURENTIAN REGIONAL HIGH | Roberto Bomba | ST. PAUL ELEMENTARY |
| Morton Jaquays | LAVAL JR HIGH | Kristine Young | STE-ADELE ELEMENTARY |
| Francisco Couto | LAVAL LIBERTY HIGH | Danielle Gareau | STE-AGATHE ACADEMY |
| Eric Brissette | MCCAIG ELEMENTARY | Antoinette Noviello | TERRY FOX ELEMENTARY |
| Angelo Grasso | MOTHER TERESA JR HIGH | Dori Raymond | TWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY |
| Andy Simon | MORIN HEIGHTS | | |
| Lisa Chartier | OUR LADY OF PEACE ELEM | | |
| David Mollot | PIERRE E. TRUDEAU ELEM | | |

ALSO PRESENT: Alain Guay, Assistant Director General; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director, School Organization and Transportation

ABSENT: Franklin Hill elem, Grenville elem, Hillcrest acad, John F. Kennedy elem, Joliette high, Jules Verne elem, Lake of Two Mountains high, Laurentia elem, Laurentian Elementary, Laurier sr. high, Mountainview elem, St. Jude elem, St. Vincent elem, SEAC.

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice- Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add: New Business 6.1 consultation process for the policy regarding the evaluation of learning in adult education and vocational training

PC20110407-01 Sainte-Agathe Academy MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted with additions. Seconded by St. Paul Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 3rd, 2011

PC20110407-02 Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of March 3rd, 2011 are accepted as presented. Seconded by Pinewood Elementary.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Crestview elem, Joliette elem, Morin Heights elem, Mother Teresa Jr high, Pinewood elem, St. Paul elem, Terry Fox elem, Twin Oaks elem.

Abstain: Arundel elem, Genesis elem, Our Lady of Peace elem, Laval Liberty high, McCaig elem, Pierre E Trudeau elem, Rawdon elem, Rosemere high, Souvenir elem
Ste-Agathe acad.

Laurentian Regional High and Laval Jr. High entered the meeting at 7:13

3. CHAIR'S Report

As e-mailed in packages

Please get your school principals to send the name of the recipients of the Outstanding Effort Award.

Ste-Adele elementary entered the meeting at 7:14

4. Gaëlle Absolonne, Director School Organization & Transportation

The committee welcomes Ms. Gaëlle Absolonne. Ms. Absolonne is here to discuss the bus drop off ages of children. She explained what the policy in place is as far as escorting and picking up children from the bus stop. Our policy is in line with

the policies of all the school boards with the exception of EMSB. Ms. Absolonne and Mr. Guay explained why our school board cannot raise the age of the child accompanied to the bus stop. This issue was discussed at length at the School Org and Transportation standing committee meeting.

If the members would like to change the policy to include older than kindergarten children, please speak to your governing boards and bring back a resolution. At that time the parents committee will make a decision based on the feedback.

In terms of special needs children, depending on the need of the student, special considerations are made. The policy is a board wide policy and different schools cannot enforce their own policies.

5. BUSINESS arising

5.1 Budget building process 2011-2012

The committee would like to have feedback on the results of this consultation.

Top priorities to “Develop Budget Priorities” are:

- 1) Additional H.R. resources in order to better service our students: Special Education and Behaviour Technicians, Attendants, Library clerks, Secretarial, Janitorial;
- 2) Educational materials, standardized curriculum with the resources to back it up – textbooks, workbooks, library books;
- 3) Physical resources – the state of some of the older buildings are in constant repair. The buildings need to be repaired on a regular basis. There needs to be perpetual upkeep repairs and upgrades, and/or modernization of the buildings

PC20110407-03 Sainte-Agathe Academy MOVED THAT the three priorities for the budget building process of 2011-2012 as listed above are approved as presented. Seconded by Twin Oaks Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

In order to attain these priorities the following recommendations were made for efficiency:

The committee would like the schools to stop printing newsletters, papers, registration documents, permission slips etc. This can be done by e-mail and anything that needs to be signed and sent back to the school can be printed at home and signed and sent back. The parents who have dial up internet or no internet service at all could still receive the papers through children.

We believe that “taking from Peter to give to Paul” will simply create new needs in other areas and we will not be any further ahead.

PC20090407-04 Souvenir Elementary MOVED THAT in order to attain the priorities listed in **PC20110407-03** the Parents Committee would like to see the printing services looked with the modifications as presented above. Seconded by Laurentian Regional High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Concerning the photocopying charges, Mr. Guay responded that there was a study done by Xerox on the photocopying machines and the results of this will be discussed and followed up before the end of this school year to be implemented.

5.2 Deeds of establishment and 3 year plan

A discussion was held on multi purpose rooms and “parc école” facilities.

PC20090407-05 Pierre E. Trudeau MOVED THAT Deeds of establishment and 3 year plan are approved as presented. Seconded by Laval Jr. High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 Lockdown procedures at the schools

Each region has their own procedures when it comes to lockdowns. Some police communities believe that there should be no practice done and some encourage practices. Each school knows what their regions policy is and works with that.

Mr. Guay and Mr. Hogue will reconvene the Safety and Security committee with Administrators from every region that can bring the information from their region. He is meeting with Mr. Bletas and Mr. Fogel to perhaps form a parity committee with other stakeholders. The parents committee would like a report on the meeting being held with Mr. Guay, Mr. Bletas and Mr. Fogel.

Administrators are told to use the procedure that their region recommends. Schools can contact Mr. Daniel Hogue and knows the protocols of their regions.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Consultation process for the policy regarding the Evaluation of learning in Adult Education and Vocational Training

Members are asked to read this document and send any comments to Terry Fox (Secretary) and next month be prepared to vote.

7. REPORTS

7.1 School Board Report

- Accelerated learning program sent their first bulletin.
- 35 people came to an information session last night who are potentially interested in becoming Administrators in our school board. There are quite a few who look very interesting. The staffing process for next year has begun so we now have a bank of potential people.
- Preliminary staffing process for schools has begun and reviews are done twice before the school opening.
- In response to a comment from Morin Heights, the school board does not always know in advance when a Principal will retire, so when it happens they try to make the changes as easily as possible. In the future, any school who has a teaching principal will try to not have them teach a core subject.
- In response to a comment from Laval Jr. right now, the MELS is projecting an increase in enrolment in Laval over the next couple of years.
- In response to a question from Pierre E Trudeau, the school board has up until October 15th of the school year to make staffing changes in a school.

7.2 Treasurer’s Report

- No report this month, members are asked to give their mileage expense forms to Susan O’Keeffe as the treasurer is absent.

7.3 Parents Commissioners’ Report

- As e-mailed in report
- A draft to put into the agendas on the parents committee pamphlet will be presented to the committee next month.

7.4 RCP-3L Report

- Convention – Looking for subjects and animators for English Workshops. Any suggestions in keeping with the theme – Persévérer fait grandir - are appreciated. Will contact Maxeen Jolin as well, regarding this subject.
- 2nd Parents' Committee's Chairperson's meeting to be held April 28th in Ste.-Eustache. Invitation is addressed to PC Chair/Vice chair, SEAC chair and the Parent Commissioners.
- Meeting of April 8th will include a representative from the DRLLL – Mme. Lauraine Langlois.
- FCPQ has asked the ministry to allow the immediate implementation of the parent commissioner representing SEAC to the Councils of Commissioners.
- There will be a free conference hosted by the CS de la Rivière-du-Nord on April 28th in St.-Jérôme. The animator is Michel Duval and the title of the workshop is - S'Accrocher à ses rêves, un engagement vers la réussite.

6.5 SEAC Report

6.6 EPCA Report

- Several groups will go to Quebec City for a rally on May 14th to encourage the government to do better things for education, in particular for Special education. They are hoping for 15,000 participants.
- Annual report of EPCA's accomplishments is available to members.

8. VARIA

- About 30,000 books from Readers Digest were donated to the school board and distributed to various schools. They came from Mary Cataldo, Chairperson of Terry Fox. The parents committee will send a letter to Mrs. Cataldo to thank her for this donation. All administrators were told about this donation and asked if they wanted some books.
- Montreal Children's hospital foundation set up videoconferencing for an elementary school child with equipment donated by Pratt & Whitney. The child must be in hospital three days per week and can still interact with his class while in the hospital through the videoconferencing.
- Town Hall meetings were held simultaneously in Rosemere, Lachute and Rawdon. Four key questions were asked and groups were formed to answer these questions. The subject of this town hall was on the validity of school boards and it was quite unanimous that they are needed. The consensus from a lot of participants is that they would like to see the report on this meeting and go further into how the school board can help.

9. QUESTION Period

- An editorial from this committee is that we are glad to have a school board administration and commissioners that works with the parents and listens to their concerns and makes them part of the process.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC20110407-06 Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting is closed at 9:06 pm. Seconded by Terry Fox Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved _____, 2011

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____