

Minutes of the FIRST (1ST) meeting of the 2011-2012 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday October 6th, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Renée Beauséjour	ARUNDEL ELEMENTARY	Mary Marketos	OUR LADY OF PEACE ELEM
Stephane Brisebois	FRANKLIN HILL ELEMENTARY	David Mollot	PIERRE E. TRUDEAU ELEM
Diana Cugliandro	GENESIS ELEMENTARY	Frank D'Onofrio	PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY
Patricia Saputo	HILLCREST ACADEMY	Guy Gagnon	ROSEMERE HIGH
Jennifer Maccarone	JOHN F KENNEDY ELEMENTARY	Eugene Sakellaropoulos	SOUVENIR ELEMENTARY
Dean Dugas	JOLIETTE ELEMENTARY	Tommy Lapierre	ST JUDE ELEMENTARY
Christopher Tracton	LAKE OF TWO MOUNTAINS HIGH	Roberto Bomba	ST PAUL ELEMENTARY
Andy Simon	LAURENTIAN REGIONAL HIGH	Estelle Fleurant	STE-ADELE ELEMENTARY
Angelo Grasso	LAURIER SR. HIGH	Antoinette Noviello	TERRY FOX ELEMENTARY
Rosalind Hoening	LAVAL JR HIGH	Dori Raymond	TWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY
Morton Jaquays	LAVAL LIBERTY HIGH		
Megalie Sephton	MORIN HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY		
Luigi Broccoli	MOTHER TERESA JR HIGH		

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Vallerand, Interim Director General; Cliff Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General; Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Mario Di Domenico, Commissioner; Luigi Morabito, NPI

ABSENT: Crestview elem, Grenville elem, Joliette high, Jules Verne elem, Laurentia elem, Laurentian elem, McCaig elem, Mountainview elem, Rawdon elem, St Vincent elem, Ste-Agathe acad, SEAC

The outgoing Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add:

- 11.1 Videoconferencing
- 11.2 Bus fees
- 11.3 Laurentian Regional High School tenants
- 11.4 Bus safety introduction in Elementary schools
- 11.5 PC Objectives

PC20111006-01 Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted as with additions. Seconded by St. Paul Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. ELECTIONS

2.1 Procedures of Election

2.2 Nomination of Chairperson of Elections and Scrutineers

Mr. Robert Vallerand is nominated as president of elections. Marie Claude Drouin and Susan O'Keeffe will act as scrutineers.

2.3 Nomination – Election of Chairperson

Laurier Sr. High nominates Patricia Saputo, Hillcrest Academy, she accepts, nominations closed – Congratulations

2.4 Nomination – Election of Vice-Chairperson

Laurier Sr. High nominates Guy Gagnon, Rosemere High, he accepts, nominations closed – Congratulations

2.5 Nomination – Election of Secretary

Rosemere High nominates Christopher Tracton, Lake of Two Mountains High School, he accepts, nominations closed - Congratulations

2.6 Nomination – Election of Treasurer

David Mollot, Pierre E Trudeau nominates himself, nominations closed - congratulations

2.7 Nomination – Election of Parent Commissioner: Elementary

Laval Junior nominates Roberto Bomba, St. Paul, he accepts, nominations closed – congratulations

2.8 Nomination – Election of Parent Commissioner: High School

Mother Teresa Jr. High nominates Angelo Grasso, he accepts, nominations closed – congratulations

2.9 Nomination – Election of Representative and Delegates to EPCA

Laurier Sr. High nominates Morton Jaquays, Laval Liberty
Hillcrest Academy nominates Luigi Broccoli, Mother Teresa Jr. High
Stephane Brisebois, Franklin Hill nominates himself
Nominations closed - Congratulations

2.10 Nomination – Election of Representatives to RCP-3L

Twin Oaks nominates St Jude, Tommy Lapierre, nominations closed – congratulations
2 alternates are still available, will table to next month’s meeting

2.11 Nomination to Advisory Committee on Transportation

Stephane Brisebois, Franklin Hill nominates himself, nominations closed – congratulations

2.12 Nomination to Advisory Committee on SEAC

PC20111006-02 Laval Liberty High MOVED THAT Sylvie Battisti, St. Paul; Kimberly Leclerc, St. Paul; Rosanne Petardi, Laurier Sr.; Pamela Crompton, Hillcrest Academy; Janet Sallie, Ste-Adele; and Amanda Wood, Morin Heights as delegates to the SEAC for a two year mandate. Seconded by Laurier Sr. High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

PC20111006-03 Laurentian Regional High School MOVED THAT Judy Laving-Dalling, Laurentian elem; Kelly-Anne O’Connor, Mountainview elem; Maseh Rasuli Rasud Khan, Crestview elem; Yvon Carrier, McCaig elem; and Pamela Feres Morin Heights as alternate delegates to the SEAC. Seconded by Mother Teresa Jr. High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

There is still room for 4 alternate delegates who can be nominated at a later date

Congratulations to the entire Executive of the 2011-2012 Parents Committee ☺

2.13 Election of Recording Secretary and Remuneration

PC20101007-04 Hillcrest Academy MOVED THAT Susan O’Keeffe is engaged as the Recording Secretary for the 2011-2012 Parents Committee at a Seconded by Laval Jr High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

The rate of the recording secretary is \$70.00 per meeting, plus \$10.00 for every half hour after 21:30.

3. INTRODUCTIONS around the Table

Members around the table made introductions.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 2nd, 2011

PC20101007-05 St. Paul elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of June 2nd, 2011 are accepted as presented. Seconded by Rosemere High.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Genesis elem, Hillcrest acad, Joliette elem,

Abstain: Arundel elem, Franklin Hill elem, JF Kennedy elem,

Lake of Two Mountains high, Laurentian Regional high, Laurier Sr. high,

Laval Jr. high, Laval Liberty high, Morin Heights elem, Luigi Broccoli, Our Lady of Peace elem,

Pierre E. Trudeau elem, Pinewood elem, Rosemere high. Souvenir elem, St. Jude elem,

St. Paul elem, Ste-Adele elem, Terry Fox elem, Twin oaks elem

5. CHAIR'S Report

Report in members packages.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Luigi Morabito of Network Initiative Partnership

Presentation made at the end of the meeting to Laval schools only.

7. QUESTION Period

8. BUSINESS Arising

9. NEW Business

9.1 Date, time and place of meetings

PC20101007-05 Laval Jr. High MOVED THAT the meetings for 2011-2012 will be October 6, November 3, December 1, 2011 no meeting in January, February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Administrative Center at 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Quebec. Seconded by Rosemere High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 PC Internal rules of procedure 2011-2012

Please read these rules and procedures. Marie-Claude will prepare a document with proposed changes and e-mail it to the Chairperson. Please be prepared to discuss this and any changes and suggestions will be made at next months meeting and it will be voted on.

9.3 PC Internal Financial policy 2011-2012

Please read the document and if there are any suggestions or recommendations, bring them back to the next meeting.

9.4 Consultation on Sustainable Development Policy

Please read the document and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss it.

10. REPORTS

10.1 School Board's Report

- Cliff Buckland and Bob Vallerand have been on the job a little more than a week. They expressed their appreciation to parents and commissioners for the information they have given him. They look forward to a very positive working relationship.
- Strategic plan –The MELS requires SWLSB to develop a plan on school success and how effective we are. It is normally a 4 year plan however we have asked council to give an extension to June 2012 to continue with the existing one and be able to develop a new one. We are collecting data on current students to develop statistics and will submit by the end of December the report to the ministry. By the spring, consultation with

various stakeholders will allow us to develop a new strategic plan for 2012 to 2016. This requires broad consultation of all stakeholders with parents committee being a very important group. This information will be brought back and a final plan will be prepared to be adopted at the June meeting.

- Mr Vallerand and the rest of the directorate are committed to this committee. He feels that he plays an integral role in ensuring success of our students. One of the directorate team will be at a meeting every month prepared to report to and provide feedback.
- Mr. Buckland thanks parents and went on to say that it is a nice opportunity to re-establish relationships with schools and is pleased to come back and do as much as he can while Alain Guay is off. He just spent two days in Toronto looking at security and emergency preparedness and looks forward to sharing these ideas with us.
- Governing Board Training sessions will begin on Oct 25th with the first part of the meeting dedicated to new members. The second half will be more advanced questions that members may have. Subsequent meetings will be held on Nov 29th for chairpersons of GB; Feb 7th for the budget with more targeted information such as school fees, surpluses in daycares and finally on April 10th a training session on ending the current year and beginning the following year. Marie-Claude will consult this committee to find out what is of interest as this meeting is not well attended. A suggestion on the role of time allocation was made.

10.2 Treasurer's Report

As distributed. Expenses from last year and budget for current year was presented. The projected budget will be looked at during the year when actual expenses are in and any changes needed so as not to go into deficit. The final numbers for September 30th are not in yet. By November the final numbers will be available.

10.3 Parents Commissioners' Report

- Anne-Marie Lepage resigned as of November 13th, 2011. Mr. Bob Vallerand and Mr. Cliff Buckland were nominated for Interim Director General and Interim Assistant Director General respectively.
- The Code of Conduct for all employees was accepted
- Relocation for the Aquatic center in Laval was requested to be built next door to Laval Liberty High. The committee briefly discussed their concerns on this project.

10.4 RCP-3L Report (Regroupement des comites des parents de Laval, Laurentides et Lanaudiere)

The General assembly will be held on November 5th, 2011 from 9-4 at Polyvalente Deux Montagnes. Various conferences will be held. A pamphlet and invitation was distributed to all members to bring back to their schools.

10.5 SEAC Report (Special Education Advisory Committee)

Last year there was no representative. Please ask the committee to send either a member or a report so that Parents committee is aware of what is happening on that committee.

10.6 EPCA Report (English Parents Committee Association)

Meeting October 14, 2011, location to be determined. Morton will let the delegates know where the meeting is.

11. VARIA

11.1 Videoconferencing

There was a misunderstanding with Rawdon. They were expecting to be able to attend the meeting via videoconferencing. Members were asked if they were interested in videoconferencing. Costs would need to be looked at. The pros and cons were discussed. If anyone would like to participate by videoconferencing please let the Chairperson know. Mr. Vallerand will examine the maintenance costs.

11.2 Bus fees

LRHS feels that there is not enough money for late day bussing. Some of the other high schools allocations for late day bussing was read by the delegate and it is felt regional needs should be considered rather than how many students are in a school.

Mr. Buckland suggested that LRHS make a proposal at GB and send it to the school board to look into.

11.3 Laurentian Regional High School tenants

Due to the fire at Polyvalente Lavigne attached to LRHS the senior grades of the French side are attending school in the evening at the LRHS facility. The GB is not sure that this was the right choice and that the decision was made too quickly. They have lost revenues in the evening as they cannot rent out their facilities anymore.

Mr. Vallerand responded that no one wanted this to happen, but they needed to get back quickly to a learning situation. The letter of concern was received by the school board and is being addressed. There are several personnel from our school board who are working tirelessly, consulting and visiting the site regularly. Everything is being done to protect our children, staff, building and the immovables. All of our employees who take care of the building are working in the evening to ensure the safety of everyone concerned. It is a testament to our staff that all this could be done so quickly. The school board recognizes the effort of the LRHS employees to make his succeed.

Laval Jr High commends the school board on coming so quickly to help this community.

11.4 Bus Safety Introduction in Elementary schools

St Jude thinks that the bus safety classes are not done fast enough at the beginning of the year for the younger grades and that a real bus should be used for all grades. Mr. Vallerand will review this concern with the Director of Transportation and bring it back next month.

Our lady of peace asked that the topic of "bus idling" be looked into.

11.5 PC Objectives

The parents committee has in the past set an objective for the year. Guy Gagnon would like members to submit an idea and come back as a group with a project or a goal that the committee can do to help better all of our schools. Can everyone please send the secretary two ideas and the top idea is chosen to work on for the year. christopher.tracton@me.com

Last year the idea of sensitizing the parents to bussing came up.

12. QUESTION Period

Please give your mileage sheets to the treasurer.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC20111006-06 St. Paul Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting is closed at 9:35 pm. Seconded by Genesis Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved _____, 2011

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____