

Minutes of the FOURTH (4th) meeting of the 2011-2012 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday February 2nd, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Renée Beausejour	ARUNDEL ELEMENTARY	Jenny DiBiase	MCCAIG ELEMENTARY
Paul Leal	CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY	Magalie Sephton	MORIN HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY
Stéphane Beaulieu	FRANKLIN HILL ELEMENTARY	Mary Marketos	OUR LADY OF PEACE ELEMENTARY
Diana Cugliandro	GENESIS ELEMENTARY	David Mollot	PIERRE E. TRUDEAU ELEM
Jennifer Maccarone	JOHN F KENNEDY ELEMENTARY	Frank D'Onofrio	PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY
Dean Dugas	JOLIETTE ELEMENTARY	Chantal Ouimet (teleconf)	RAWDON ELEMENTARY
Suzanne Albert (teleconf)	JOLIETTE HIGH	Guy Gagnon	ROSEMERE HIGH
Tracey Champagne	LAURENTIA ELEMENTARY	Tommy Lapierre	ST JUDE ELEMENTARY
Andy Simon	LAURENTIAN REGIONAL HIGH	Roberto Bomba	ST PAUL ELEMENTARY
Angelo Grasso	LAURIER SR HIGH	Danielle Gareau	STE-AGATHE ACADEMY
Rosalind Hoenig	LAVAL JR HIGH	Sergio Di Marco	TERRY FOX ELEMENTARY
Morton Jaquays	LAVAL LIBERTY HIGH	Dori Raymond	TWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY

ALSO PRESENT: Cliff Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General; Shelly Lecky, CDC Pont Viau

ABSENT: Grenville elem, Hillcrest adac, Jules Verne elem, Lake of Two Mountains elem, Laurentian elem, Mother Teresa Jr. high, Mountainview elem, Souvenir elem, St Vincent elem, Ste-Adele elem, SEAC

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add: 9.1 Strategic Plan Focus Session

PC20120202-01 Sainte-Agathe Academy MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted as with additions. Seconded by John F. Kennedy Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In the chairs report the comments put forward were from Donald Beverly, parent of LRHS and not the Governing Board.

At last month's meeting PC motion # **PC20111201-06** read:

Laval Jr. High MOVED THAT the Parents Committee send a letter to the EPCA expressing concerns about the choice of President as his command of the English language may not be strong enough to represent the English speaking community. Seconded by Crestview Elementary.

The motion was changed by the Chairperson and should not have been. The minutes should reflect the original motion that was read out loud at the last meeting.

PC20120202-02 Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of December 1, 2011 are accepted with corrections. Seconded by St. Laurentian Regional.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Franklin Hill elem, Genesis elem, John F Kennedy elem, Joliette elem, Laurentian Regional high, Pierre E Trudeau elem, Pinewood elem, Laval Liberty high, Rawdon elem, Rosemere high, St Paul elem, Joliette high, Terry Fox elem, Twin Oaks elem
Against: Crestview elem.

Abstain: Arundel elem, Laurentia elem, Laval Jr. high, Laurier Sr. high, McCaig elem, Morin Heights elem, Our Lady of Peace elem, St-Jude elem, Sainte-Agathe acad

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

The letter to the EPCA was read out loud. The committee went into discussion.

PC20120202-03 Laval Junior High MOVED THAT motion # **PC20111201-06** from the meeting of December 1, 2011 is rescinded. Seconded by Franklin Hill Elementary.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Arundel elem, Crestview elem, Franklin Hill elem, Genesis elem, John F Kennedy elem, Joliette elem, Laurentian Regional high, Laurier Sr. high, Laval Jr. high, Laval Liberty high, Morin-Heights elem, Our Lady of Peace elem, Pinewood elem, Rosemere high, St Jude elem, Rawdon elem, Joliette high, St. Paul elem, Ste-Agathe acad, Terry Fox elem, Twin Oaks
Against: Laurentia elem, McCaig elem, Pierre E Trudeau elem

PC20120202-04 Laurier Sr. High MOVED THAT, we invite Jacques Theriault, President of the EPCA to the next Parents Committee meeting to provide us the opportunity to have an open forum discussion to better understand the objectives of the EPCA. Seconded by John F Kennedy.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

4. PRESENTATION CDC Pont Viau Open House

The committee welcomes Shelly Lecky who is here to give information on the open house on February 8, 2012 at the Adult Vocational Education at CDC Pont Viau.

5. QUESTION PERIOD

6. BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 Nomination – SEAC alternates (two positions available)

Laurentian Regional High School MOVED THAT Bessie Athanasopoulos, parent at LRHS, is elected as an alternate to the SEAC. Seconded by John F Kennedy Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Nomination of RCP-3L delegate

No names were brought forward

6.3 Nomination for EPCA delegate

Mary Marketos, Our Lady of Peace Elementary, is nominated as a delegate to the EPCA. Congratulations

6.4 Letter to EPCA – Chair's comments

Covered in chair's report

6.5 PC Objective 2011-2012 update

This sub-committee will meet after this meeting to discuss the objective of bus safety.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Budget building process 2012-2013

For information right now. Please bring forward budget priorities to next month's meeting to be voted on. The committee can forward all of their ideas to the Secretary, Chris Tracton of LTMHS. Last year's priorities will be sent along with the invitation for everyone to comment.

7.2 Outstanding effort Awards

Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT The committee will continue with this award for outstanding effort with a plaque and a \$25.00 gift card from Chapters. Seconded by John F Kennedy Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8. REPORTS

8.1 School Board's Report

- Mr. Buckland explained the process that is used to close schools due to inclement weather to the members. These decisions are made early in the morning in conjunction with the transporters and other school boards who we share transportation with. The decisions are made based on input from the police, other boards and transporters. On January 27th 2012 the calls were not made early enough. The decisions are usually made as early as possible in the morning according to the weather reported to keep our students safe. We are doing more to improve this. The best way to know whether the schools are closed is to check the website.
- On January 18th there was a Task force to look at the issued of school boards in Quebec. The MELS is at the present time looking to re-organize school boards in the province of Québec. All the Director General's met with the ministers' attaché where they discussed scenarios. This task force got together to look at the importance of school boards and how it is in our best interest to maintain our school board is it is.
- Looking at the next 5 years in our position as a school board for the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan. A focus session will be held on February 22nd. A survey questionnaire will be sent out to all our parents and staff to see how they see the school board and where they would like to see it in the future.

8.2 Parents Commissioners' Report

A written report is in the package.

The SWL Foundation raised \$109,000 for the students of our schools.

8.3 Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

8.5 SEAC Report (Special Education Advisory Committee)

A written report is in the package.

8.6 EPCA Report (English Parents Committee Association)

Morton did not attend the meeting in January.

9. VARIA

9.1 Strategic Plan Focus session

A strategic Plan Focus session will be held here and by videoconference in Lachute. This committee is asked to send six representatives. Dori Raymond, Twin Oaks, Andy Simon, Laurentian Regional, Jennifer Maccarone, John F. Kennedy, Morton Jacquays, Laval Liberty, Jenny DiBiase, McCaig, Paul Leal, Crestview and Guy Gagnon, Rosemere High.

After the meeting, the draft document will be sent out on March 29th for a 60 day consultation. June 28th the adoption of the 5 year strategic plan will be adopted.

9. QUESTION Period

Joliette Elementary would like some information on the Governing Board finance/budgeting training session that was originally scheduled for February 2012. Roberto Bomba will ask the Director of Finance as she usually gives the session on budget.

Joliette Elementary discussed his opinion on the changing of the motion from last month. Once a motion is put on the table and democratically voted in, we should not have to go back to the discussion. Think out the consequences of our actions through before making a vote. On this particular motion, it was the time frame that brought us back to this discussion.

Our Lady of Peace is discouraged that the Cross on their building was removed without notifying the parents. They would like to know where the cross went. Other memorabilia in the school is symbolic to their school and would like to maintain these in good faith.

The committee discussed the AESOP system of substitutes. There seems to be a few bugs in the system. Mr. Buckland will look into this. If anyone has problems, please e-mail Roberto or Angelo as they sit on the Human Resources committee.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC20120202-05 St. Paul Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting is closed at 8:25 pm. Seconded by Laurier Sr. High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O’Keeffe, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved _____, 2012

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____