

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Leal	CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY	Magalie Sephton	MORIN HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY
Patricia Saputo	HILLCREST ACADEMY	Josée McGrath	MOTHER TERESA JR. HIGH
Dean Dugas	JOLIETTE ELEMENTARY	Lisa Chartier	OUR LADY OF PEACE ELEMENTARY
Debbie Dann	JOLIETTE HIGH	Frank D'Onofrio	PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY
Christopher Tracton	LAKE OF TWO MOUNTAINS HIGH	Guy Gagnon	ROSEMERE HIGH
Andy Simon	LAURENTIAN REGIONAL HIGH	Shawn McMahon	ST JUDE ELEMENTARY
Angelo Grasso	LAURIER SR HIGH	Dori Raymond	TWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY
Rosalind B. Hoenig	LAVAL JR. HIGH	Adelina Lepanto	SEAC
Morton Jaquays	LAVAL LIBERTY HIGH		
Jenny Di Biase	MCCAIG ELEMENTARY		

ALSO PRESENT: Cliff Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General; Steve Bletas, Grace Nesi, Mike Pizzola, Commissioners

ABSENT: Arundel elem, Franklin Hill elem, Genesis elem, Grenville elem, John F. Kennedy elem, Jules Verne elem, Laurentia elem, Laurentian elem Mountainview elem, Pierre E. Trudeau elem, Rawdon elem, Souvenir elem, St. Paul elem, St. Vincent elem, Ste-Adele elem, Ste-Agathe acad, Terry Fox elem

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No revised package was received with SEAC report.

PC20120602-01 Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted as with additions. Seconded by Laurier Sr. High

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PC20120607-02 Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes are approved as presented. Seconded by Pinewood elementary.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Crestview elem, Hillcrest acad, Joliette high, Lake of Two Mountains elem, Laurentian Regional high, Laurier Sr. high, Laval Jr. high, Morin Heights elem, Pinewood elem, Rosemere high, Twin Oaks elem, SEAC

Abstain: McCaig elem, Mother Teresa Jr. High, Our Lady of Peace elem, St. Jude elem

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

The chairperson invites all members to stay after the meeting for goodies.

Morton Jaquays entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

PC20120607-03 An e-mail vote was carried unanimously to thank Mr. Steve Bletas for all of his years of service and commitment to our Parents Committee.

A framed letter of thanks was presented to Mr. Bletas during the meeting. Morton read the letter aloud and a copy is available for all those who want to take one.

A suggestion was made to use Doodle votes for future e-mail votes.

The Chairperson received an e-mail from Marie-Claude Drouin to come in and present something on Bill 56 on Bullying for the November 2012 meeting.

Parents Committee awards are available for delegates to bring back to their schools. Those who cannot bring them these awards they will be put into the internal courier to send to the schools. Next year the names will be asked for earlier. Angelo suggested that a committee be put together for this next year so that these awards can be sent out earlier.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Letter to RCP-3L re: position on government cuts to education

There has been no more communication with anyone since the first letter was received. E-mails were sent however they went unanswered.

4.3 Letter to MELS re: budget cuts

An acknowledgement letter was sent to the Parents Committee that the letter was received. There was no luck putting the letter into newspapers, however it was sent by e-mail and by letter.

4.4 Lobster-Fest

The secretary will send a notice to the winners and tell them to pick up the tickets to the lobster fest at the door.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Using SWLSB PC delegate/alternate's e-mail address for community events

An issue came up asking if we could use Parents committee e-mails to send out notices for community events. Some members felt that if you are not interested in receiving them, just ignore them. We would only send out e-mails concerning groups that benefit our community. Most members would rather not receive e-mails for anything other than Parents Committee meetings. Next year when reviewing our policies, this could be reviewed.

6. REPORTS

6.1 School Board's Report

- The Laurier Gala/Star-Fest was held on May 23rd. A really great evening of awards and stars.
- The Caregivers of Inspiration Award was given to three employees of Crestview Elementary for their work in the Early Intervention Class.
- The Canadian Association of Principals conference was held last week
- International Day of Homophobia held on May 17th 2012.
- Darlene Miller, Principal shaved her head at Mountainview Elementary for cancer
- A Teacher and three students at Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary School shaved their heads for cancer as well.
- A "Future of Laval High Schools" meeting was held and Mr. Buckland will be making recommendations to the various departments who will be involved to begin looking at the logistics.
- The Retirement dinner was held last night for all employees who retired this year.
- Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology has resigned and gone to another school board.

Hillcrest Academy's community had some questions and remarks about the Homophobia Day that were brought forward to Mr. Buckland. Mr. Buckland would like her to write down the concerns and feedback and send it to him. It was an initial year for this project but feedback and comments are good in order to develop this program in the future.

Some schools had not heard of this program. Mr. Buckland responded that a presentation was made at a Principal's meeting and they should have mentioned it at their Teacher Council first and no matter what decision was made, it should have been brought to the Governing Board. Members felt it is an important subject and should have qualified educators on this subject.

6.2 Parents Commissioners' Report

Angelo did not send out a report but distributed the Council Highlights to members with all the pertinent information in it.

In response to a question from Rosemere High School, the school board cannot refuse granting students to go to other boards for 2012-2013, however starting next year they will not allow students. On a yearly basis we have about 300

students applying out of board. If a student applies to a program outside of our board that we do not offer, they will not have their inter board agreement refused.

6.3 Treasurer’s Report

No expense reports have been submitted to date. The Chairperson has sent e-mails asking where they are and has not received an answer. She will continue to try to get in touch with him.

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

No report

6.5 SEAC Report (Special Education Advisory Committee)

Adelina discussed her report and will send it via e-mail.

6.6 EPCA Report (English Parents Committee Association)

The EPCA hired an interim director General to help with the administrative duties.

There is a General assembly on June 16th. Morton encourages members to come and see what it is all about. There is an invitation for four members to attend this assembly. An e-mail will be sent to all members to see if anyone is available to attend.

7. VARIA

7.1 International Day against Homophobia – May 17th, 2012

Covered under School Board report.

8. QUESTION Period

Rosemere would like to ask everyone’s opinion about the student strikes and where he thinks the money will come from. Members had a discussion. We need to be proactive and make sure that they will not take money out of public education to fund this. Angelo commented that there are approximately 32 school boards depositing budgets for next year with deficit budgets.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Dean Dugas thanks Patricia Saputo for her commitment over the past two years. She would like to thank all the delegates and alternates for their time this year. A yearly report will be written.

PC20120607-04 Crestview Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting is closed at 9:15 pm. Seconded by Laurier Sr. High School.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O’Keeffe, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved _____, 2012

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____