

Minutes of the second (2nd) meeting of the 2012-2013 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday November 1st, 2012 at 7:15 pm in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Renée Beauséjour	ARUNDEL ELEMENTARY	Elio Lattanzio	MOTHER TERESA JR HIGH
Paul Leal	CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY	Kyle Snell	MOUNTAINVIEW ELEMENTARY
Diana Cugliandro	GENESIS ELEMENTARY	Lisa Chartier	OUR LADY OF PEACE ELEM
Kellie Drouin	GRENVILLE ELEMENTARY	David Mollot	PIERRE E. TRUDEAU ELEM
Patricia Saputo	HILLCREST ACADEMY	Victoria Stamper	PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY
Jennifer Maccarone	JOHN F KENNEDY ELEMENTARY	Sonia Massicotte	RAWDON ELEMENTARY
Dean Dugas	JOLIETTE ELEMENTARY	Ann Gill	ROSEMERE HIGH
Debbie Dann	JOLIETTE HIGH	Rino Vetrone	SOUVENIR ELEMENTARY
Joseph Sabo	JULES VERNE ELEMENTARY	Tommy Lapierre	ST JUDE ELEMENTARY
Vicki Gormley	LAKE OF TWO MOUNTAINS HIGH	Roberto Bomba	ST PAUL ELEMENTARY
Julie Anne Chacra	LAURENTIA ELEMENTARY	Anna Lomma	ST. VINCENT ELEMENTARY
Derek Braney	LAURENTIAN ELEMENTARY	Julie Laroche	STE-ADELE ELEMENTARY
Andy Simon	LAURENTIAN REGIONAL HIGH	Ronald Cole	STE-AGATHE ACADEMY
Angelo Grasso	LAURIER SR. HIGH	Antoinette Noviello	TERRY FOX ELEMENTARY
Rosalind Hoenig	LAVAL JR HIGH	Loukas Nitsos	TWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY
Carla Tosti	MCCAIG ELEMENTARY	Adelina Lepanto	SEAC
Magalie Sephton	MORIN HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY		

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Vallerand, Director General; Cliff Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General; Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Gaëlle, Absolonne, Director of School Organization and Transportation Department; Nick Milas, Chairman; Naz Facchnio, Vice-chairman; and guests.

ABSENT: FRANKLIN HILL ELEMENTARY, LAVAL LIBERTY HIGH, MOUNTAINVIEW ELEMENTARY, RAWDON ELEMENTARY, ST. JUDE ELEMENTARY, TWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6.7 SEAC Nominations / election procedures

PC20121101-01 Hillcrest Academy MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted with addition. Seconded by Laval Jr. High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 4th, 2012

PC20121101-02 Hillcrest Academy MOVED THAT the minutes of October 4th, 2012 are accepted with the change **3.9 Patricia Saputo is nominated as a Director** (not a delegate) **to the EPCA and David Mollot and Andrew Simon are delegates** (not alternate delegates) to the EPCA. Seconded by Laurier Sr. High.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Arundel elem, Crestview elem, Genesis elem, Grenville elem, Hillcrest acad, John F. Kennedy elem, Joliette elem, Joliette high, Jules Verne elem, Lake of Two Mountains high, Laurentian Regional high, Laurier Sr. high, McCaig elem, Morin Heights elem, Mother Teresa Jr. high, Our Lady of Peace elem, Pierre E Trudeau elem, Pinewood elem, St. Paul elem, St. Vincent elem, Ste-Adele elem, Ste-Agathe acad, Terry Fox elem.

Abstain: Laurentia elem, Laurentian elem, Laval Jr. High, Souvenir elem, SEAC

3. CHAIR'S Report

As presented in member's packages.

The committee welcomed all of the guests to the meeting.

4. QUESTION Period

In response to a comment from a Laval Jr. High parent, she is very concerned that the Laval Jr. High ATOMS program is not going to continue into Laval Liberty High school; Mr. Vallerand responded that there has been no discussion that has taken place on not continuing with the program into the senior high, on the contrary as far as he knows, it is expected to continue. The school board is presently consulting with the science specialists. Mr. Vallerand went on to say that he is unclear where this rumour began.

Nick Milas congratulated the new executive of the Parents Committee and wishes them well for the year. The Council of Commissioners will still be contributing to our PC Christmas party. Mr. Milas mentioned the death of Mr. Walter Fogel, a long time SWLSB Commissioner and informed the committee of the plans to have a plaque made in his memory at Hillcrest Academy. He concluded by saying that if we have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to ask.

5. PRESENTATION, LAW 19

Marie-Claude Drouin was here to present Law 19. (Previously Bill 56, the Act to prevent and stop bullying in schools) Members were given copies of the power point in their packages and Marie-Claude explained it. Schools should have their plans approved by December 31st, however it is not expected that this will be done. We are looking at a timeframe for about the beginning of February 2013. Templates will be sent to schools to try to keep the plans as uniform as possible throughout the schools in the school board. The schools should have these templates by their December governing board meeting.

Laval Liberty High entered the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Marie-Claude suggested that this could be one of the governing board sessions that she could offer.

6. BUSINESS Arising

6.1 PC Internal rules of procedure 2012-2013

PC20121101-03 Crestview MOVED THAT in point 14.0 COMMUNICATIONS it will read 14.1 E-Mail Any Member wishing to share information with other Committee Members should forward the said information to the Chairperson. The information should be shared by e-mail in bcc format to the Parent Committee and approved by the Chairperson. The distribution of non-Parent Committee related information must be authorized by the Chairperson or the Executive Committee. Seconded by Hillcrest academy

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 PC Internal Financial policy 2012-2013

As there were no recommended changes, the policy remains the same and will be carried forward as is.

6.3 French instruction in our schools

Tabled to next meeting

6.4 2012-2013 Parents Committee project

There were no suggestions received by the chairperson. This item will be tabled to next meeting, please send any suggestions to the secretary to compile for the next meeting. She will send out a reminder to members.

6.5 EPCA Nominations

We are looking to replace a delegate at the EPCA Annual general assembly on November 17th, 2012 as one delegate is not able to attend.

PC20121101-04 Laurier Sr. High MOVED THAT Elio Lattanzio is selected as an EPCA delegate. Seconded by Our Lady of Peace Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Transportation Contract Renewal - Gaëlle Absolonne

In reference to the renewal of the STL contract that will be renewed June 30th, 2013, an e-mail was sent to the Laval high school principals asking what their needs were for their schools. Gaëlle Absolonne met with the STL to ask several pertinent questions for our schools and share facts. They are in data collecting stage right now getting ready to enter into negotiations with the bus company. As the process goes on, the schools will be kept informed.

6.7 SEAC Nominations / election procedures

PC20121101-05 Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT the Parents Committee approve Bessie Athanasopoulos as a delegate and Radica Telemann, Marianne Sassen, Giovanni Petrangelo, Sheila Rennie, Jodi Roy and Nicole Rodier as alternate delegates to the SEAC. Seconded by Our Lady of Peace Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

Laurentian Regional High School explained that he has learned that the process to accept members on the SEAC is as follows: it sends recommendations and the Parents Committee approves it. They do not elect members. The members do not represent any one school; they are representing the entire school board. The Parents Committee should approve rather than elect because they do not know the members.

The SEAC delegate to the Parents Committee explained the process to the members; that the delegates are selected on a first come first serve basis. Those who are renewing their mandate will have priority as delegates.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2012-2013 Enrollment Criteria - Gaëlle Absolonne

A 45-day enrollment criteria consultation document was received in member's packages. They would like the first week of February 2013 to be the re-registration period for our board. The registration period for new students will be from the second week of February to the end of March 2013. Members are asked to get input for this consultation from their Governing Boards and bring back to parents committee so that they can submit their suggestions and comments.

A question was asked from Laurier Sr. high: During the re-registration period if a parent wants their child to register in another school what are their options? Gaëlle Absolonne responded that for out of zone requests and inter-board agreements; the renewals are on a yearly basis. As much as possible, they try to maintain stability for the children.

In response to a question from Our Lady of Peace elementary, the school secretary makes many calls home to parents to remind them to bring back their re-registration forms.

7.2 Use of Schools in Laval - Gaëlle Absolonne

A consultation document was received on the use of schools for Terry Fox and St. Paul Elementary schools. Gaëlle Absolonne reported that she will be meeting several times with the Laval schools involved while this consultation is taking place. She presented a document showing the island of Laval and its numbers of students in each school and their capacities.

8. REPORTS

8.1 School Board's Report

- October 5th, board wide Ped day was an outstanding day for teachers and administrators on educational use of technology. A beautiful framed memento of the UPLOAD day hangs in the boardroom.
- We received our financial statements and are pleased that we finished with a surplus of 1.1 million dollars. This money comes from not spending money on things that we had predicted we would spend on such as staff sick leave.
- Our projections on the number of students for this school year came within 30 students. In terms of complementary services, our projections came within 4 students.

- Laval Families Magazine was launched Tuesday evening at the Cosmodome. In partnership with the magazine, our young students will have their literacy works published in the magazine and they will give us a bursary to be given out at the Laurier Gala.
- Christian Fr chet, is the new President of the SWL Foundation and he would like to attend the next meeting to share with us the aim of the Foundation and how it can help our students.
- In response to a question from Joliette Elementary, since there is a surplus, will services that were taken away before the recovery plan be given back to schools, like library clerks?. Mr. Vallerand responded that although we are in a surplus, further compressions are expected from the MELS so he would not want to promise something that may not happen.
- The inauguration of the new elementary school in Joliette will be held on November 29th.

8.2 Treasurer’s Report

- There is a tentative number of students but the board will only have the final number around the middle of November.
- Please give your expense reports to Patricia Saputo.

8.3 Parents Commissioners’ Report

A report was Included in the packages.

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

There has been no meeting yet. He will send it to the Chairman for the next meeting.

8.5 SEAC Report (Special Education Advisory Committee)

A report was Included in the packages. The representative spoke of the positive things and improvement that the SEAC has accomplished. She will send a revised report to the Chairperson to send out to members by e-mail. Pamela Kimpton will replace Adelina Lepanto as the SEAC alternate delegate if she is not present at the meeting.

8.6 EPCA Report (English Parents Committee Association)

A report was included in the packages.

9. VARIA

9.1 School Nutrition Policy

Tabled to next meeting

10. QUESTION Period

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC20121101-06 St. Paul Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting close at 10:14 pm. Seconded by Genesis Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O’Keeffe, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved _____, 2012

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____