

Minutes of the sixth (6th) meeting of the 2012-2013 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday April 4th, 2013 at 7:15 pm in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Leal	Crestview Elementary	Carla Tosti	McCaig Elementary
Dianna Cugliandro	Genesis Elementary	Magalie Sephton	Morin Heights Elementary
Jennifer Maccarone	John F Kennedy Elementary	Angela Mortorana	Mother Teresa Jr. High
Dean Dugas	Joliette Elementary	David Mollott	Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary
Debbie Dann	Joliette High	Frank D'Onofrio	Pinewood Elementary
Joseph Sabo	Jules Verne Elementary	Ann Gill	Rosemere High
Vicki Gormley	Lake of Two Mountains High	Roberto Bomba	St Paul Elementary
Francisco Couto	Laval Liberty High	Rino Vetrone	Souvenir Elementary
Angelo Grasso	Laurier Sr. High	Ron Cole	Ste-Agathe Academy via teleconf
Rosalind Hoenig	Laval Jr. High	Pamala Cripton	SEAC

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Vucko, Director General; Nick Milas, Chairman of the Council of Commissioners; Suzanne Longpré and Michael Canuel, Learn Quebec; Naz Facchnio, Vice-Chairman of the Council of Commissioners

ABSENT: Arundel Elementary, Franklin Hill Elementary, Grenville Elementary, Hillcrest Academy, Laurentia Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, Laurentian Regional High, Mountainview Elementary, Our Lady of Peace Elementary, Rawdon Elementary, St Jude Elementary, St Vincent Elementary, Ste-Adele Elementary, Terry Fox Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PC20130404-01 Rosemere High School MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted with additions. Seconded by Laval Jr. High School.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 14th, 2013

7.2 FCPQ are willing to still let us "use" the literature that they offer in English.

PC20130404-02 Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of March 14th, 2013 are accepted with the noted correction. Seconded by Joliette High School.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:
For: Genesis elem, John F Kennedy elem, Joliette elem, Joliette high, Jules Verne Elem, Lake of Two Mountains high, Laurier Sr. high, Laval Jr. high, McCaig elem, Morin Heights elem, Mother Teresa Jr. high, Pierre E Trudeau elem, Rosemere high,
Abstain: Crestview elem, Laval Liberty high, Pinewood elem, Souvenir elem, Ste-Agathe acad, SEAC

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

4. PRESENTATION: Learn Quebec

The committee welcomed Michael Canuel and Suzanne Longpré from Learn Quebec who were here to give us a presentation on their services. Learn is a non profit educational organization who serves the English community of Quebec.

Learn has private and public access on its website. To access the private resources, students can get their user name and password from their school. Go through the SWLSB portal using this user name and students and parents can access everything they need to help them learn. Learn's website is www.learnquebec.ca.

SOS Learn is an on-line virtual classroom with real teachers that is available 4 nights a week for students who need help and tutoring.

In response to a question from Lake of Two Mountains, students finishing their high school through Adult Education will benefit from using Learn.

In response to a question from SEAC, Mr. Canuel responded that if there was a demand, they would definitely engage teachers who specialize in students with special needs or modified learning.

5. QUESTION PERIOD

6. BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 Update STL contract negotiation

The contracts have not been signed yet. More information will be available at next month's meeting.

6.2 Secondary IV Math, Science and History exams – Letter to MELS

Tabled to the next meeting

6.3 Nomination of RCP-3L Alternate

While we do have a representative at this table, we do need an alternate.

6.4 Deeds of Establishment & 3 Year Plan

PC20130404-03 St Paul Elementary MOVED THAT the Deeds of Establishment is accepted as presented.

Seconded by Laval Liberty High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

This committee will defer to each Governing Board to vote on their own three year plan.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. REPORTS

8.1 School Board's Report

- We have received confirmation from the MELS that we will have one pre K classroom with 18 students on our territory. It has not been decided at which school yet. The program is being written at the MELS right now. There will be 5 training sessions for whoever is teaching the program.
- The school board held their first round of Administrator recruiting. 10 potential candidates presented themselves and went through various scenarios. Letters will be sent to those who will be called in for a second round. We were very pleased with all of the candidates who were present that evening.
- The Virtual summer school is a go. A survey will be going out to see how many parents would be interested in their children using this service. Central Quebec has 100% virtual summer school and has a very good success rate. We will still be running face to face summer school. Certain grade 10 courses will be offered at virtual summer school so that all students of our school board have access to it.
- Ms. Vucko went over the process of how storm days are determined. Although we rely on the media to announce which schools are closed on storm days, they do not always report the information given to them correctly. Our school board website always has the accurate information posted on it as soon as the decision of which schools to close is made. We are looking into how we can better report these closures to our stakeholders; however in the meantime please remind your communities not to call the school board in anger because of the decisions or the reporting made on storm days.
- The 2013-2014 projected enrolment has our board as status quo. These numbers will probably change over the summer. Our board is still expected to grow over the next years.
- There is an Art Smarts contest where a student from SAA is sitting on the judging panel.
- We are in the process of reworking the strategic action plan in order for the MELS to accept it as they want it. The administrators are working hard to refine it so that it can be brought to their schools as this will eventually trickle down to their Governing Boards in order to align it to their success plans and MESA's.
- SWLSB hosted the Provincial DG meeting here last month. Most school boards through the province are dealing with the same issues. We will be writing a paper to submit to the MELS on behalf of the English sector for the regional high schools where the socio economy is 8 or 9 to be sure we are getting what is needed. This is a problem shared by

other school boards as well.

- Our school board is headed in the right direction.

8.2 Treasurer’s Report

PC20130404-04 Laval Jr. High MOVED THAT the Parents Committee will purchase 10 tickets to the June 12th, 2013 Lobster Fest. Seconded by Rosemere High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Members should be present at the meeting in order to win the ticket.

8.3 Council Highlights (Parent Commissioners Report)

In members packages.

In response to a question from Joliette Elementary, when decision items get to the Council of Commissioners meetings they have already been discussed at the sub-committee meetings before they are voted on. Sometimes if someone votes in abstention it is because they were not part of the discussion at these sub-committee meetings.

8.4 RCP-3L Report

No report this month.

8.5 SEAC Report

In packages

SEAC would like to emphasize May 2, 2013 Spring Conference from 6-9:30. The topic is Mental Health and Anxiety – everyone is welcome to attend. Hard copies will be available however electronic copies are sent to secretaries to send to parents. Unfortunately this is the same night as the next Parents Committee meeting.

In response to a question from the Chairperson Naz Facchino responded that it has just come to light that there is no Commissioner on the SEAC as it was Carolyn Curiale sitting on it before she left. They are discussing this and a Commissioner will be named shortly.

8.6 EPCA Report

In members packages.

8. VARIA

9. Question Period

10. Closure of Meeting

Please remind your principals to send the Chairman the name for their PC award. The deadline to submit the name is April 24th.

Next meeting May 2nd, 2013

PC20130404-05 Laurier Sr. High MOVED THAT the meeting closed at 8:42 pm. Seconded by Crestview Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O’Keeffe, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved _____, 2013

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____