

Minutes of the FIRST (1ST) meeting of the 2011-2012 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday October 4th, 2012 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	Carla Tosti	MCCAIG ELEMENTARY
Paul Leal	CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY	Magalie Sephton	MORIN HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY
Diana Cugliandro	GENESIS ELEMENTARY	Elio Lattanzio	MOTHER TERESA JR HIGH
Kellie Drouin	GRENVILLE ELEMENTARY	Kyle Snell	MOUNTAINVIEW ELEMENTARY
Patricia Saputo	HILLCREST ACADEMY	Lisa Chartier	OUR LADY OF PEACE ELEM
Jennifer Maccarone	JOHN F KENNEDY ELEMENTARY	David Mollot	PIERRE E. TRUDEAU ELEM
Dean Dugas	JOLIETTE ELEMENTARY	Victoria Stamper	PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY
Debbie Dann	JOLIETTE HIGH	Tommy Lapierre	ST JUDE ELEMENTARY
Joseph Sabo	JULES VERNE ELEMENTARY	Roberto Bomba	ST PAUL ELEMENTARY
Vicki Gormley	LAKE OF TWO MOUNTAINS HIGH	Anna Lomma	ST. VINCENT ELEMENTARY
Andy Simon	LAURENTIAN REGIONAL HIGH	Julie Laroche	STE-ADELE ELEMENTARY
Angelo Grasso	LAURIER SR. HIGH	Ronald Cole	STE-AGATHE ACADEMY
Helen Xiarchos	LAVAL JR HIGH	Antoinette Noviello	TERRY FOX ELEMENTARY
Francisco Couto	LAVAL LIBERTY HIGH	Loukas Nitsos	TWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY

ALSO PRESENT: Cliff Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General; Nazario Facchino, Vice-Chairperson, Council of Commissioners; Grace Nesi, Guy Gagnon, Commissioner

ABSENT: FRANKLIN HILL ELEMENTARY, LAURENTIA ELEMENTARY, LAURENTIAN ELEMENTARY, RAWDON ELEMENTARY, ROSEMERE HIGH, SOUVENIR ELEMENTARY, SEAC

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PC20121004-01 Hillcrest Academy MOVED THAT we invite the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners to sit at the Parents Committee table. Seconded by Laurier Sr. High.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

Add: 10.1 Bus transportation and safety and 10.2 Disclosure forms

PC20121004-02 St Paul Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted as with additions. Seconded by Joliette Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

2. INTRODUCTIONS around the Table

Members around the table introduced themselves.

3. ELECTIONS

3.1 Procedures of Election

3.2 Nomination of Chairperson of Elections and Scrutineers

Mr. Buckland and Mr. Facchnio will act as scrutineer of elections.

3.3 Nomination – Election of Chairperson

Jennifer Maccarone, JFK nominated Lisa Chartier, OLOP - declined

Angelo Grasso, LSHS nominated Jennifer Maccarone, JFK – accepted – Congratulations

3.4 Nomination – Election of Vice-Chairperson

Paul Leal, Crestview nominated Lisa Chartier, OLOP – accepted – Congratulations

3.5 Nomination – Election of Secretary

Roberto Bomba, St Paul nominated Antoinette Noviella, Terry Fox – accepted – congratulations

3.6 Nomination – Election of Treasurer

Lisa Chartier, OLOP nominated Patricia Saputo, Hillcrest – accepted – congratulations

3.7 Nomination – Election of Parent Commissioner: Elementary

Dean Dugas, Joliette elem nominated Roberto Bomba, St. Paul – accepted – Congratulations

3.8 Nomination – Election of Parent Commissioner: High School

Elio Lattanzio, MTJH nominates Angelo Grasso, LSHS – accepted - congratulations

3.9 Nomination – Election of Representative and Delegates to EPCA

PC20121004-03 John F Kennedy Elementary MOVED THAT Patricia Saputo, Hillcrest Academy is named as the SWLSB delegate to EPCA. Seconded by Our Lady of Peace Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

PC20121004-04 Hillcrest Academy MOVED THAT David Mollot, Pierre E Trudeau Elementary is named as an alternate delegate to the EPCA. Seconded by Mother Teresa Jr. High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

PC20121004-05 Laurier Sr. High MOVED THAT Andrew Simon, Laurentian Regional High is named as an alternate delegate to the EPCA. Seconded by Morin Heights Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

3.10 Nomination – Election of Representatives to RCP-3L

Francisco Couto, LLHS nominated Elio Lattanzio,, MTJH – accepted – congratulations

3.11 Nomination to Advisory Committee on Transportation

Angelo Grasso, LSHS nominated Elio Lattanzio, MTJH - declined

Elio Lattanzio, MTJH nominated Francisco Couto, LLHS – accepted – congratulations

3.12 Nomination to Advisory Committee on SEAC

PC20121004-06 Laurier Sr.High MOVED THAT Adelina Lepanto, Mother Teresa Jr. High and Adele Leeming, Mountainview Elementary are accepted as delegates to the SEAC for a two year mandate. Seconded by Hillcrest Academy.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Arundel elem, Genesis elem, Grenville elem, Hillcrest acad, John F. Kennedy elem, Joliette elem, Joliette high, Jules Verne elem, Lake of Two Mountains high, Laurier St. high, Laval Jr. high, Laval Liberty high, McCaig elem, Mother Teresa Jr. high, Mountainview elem, Our Lady of Peace elem, Pierre E. Trudeau elem, Pinewood elem, St. Jude elem, St. Paul elem, St. Vincent elem, Ste-Adele elem, Sainte-Agathe acad
Against: Morin-Heights elem, Laurentian Regional high
Abstain: Crestview elem, Twin-Oaks elem

PC20121004-07 Hillcrest Academy MOVED THAT Bessie Athanasopoulos, Laurentian Regional High and Marianne Sassen are accepted as alternate delegates to the SEAC. Seconded by Laurier Sr. High.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

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

3.13 Election of Recording Secretary and Remuneration

PC20121004-08 St. Paul Elementary MOVED THAT Susan O’Keeffe is engaged as the Recording Secretary for the 2011-2012 Parents Committee. Seconded by Our Lady of Peace Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

PC20121004-09 St. Paul Elementary MOVED THAT the rate of the recording secretary is \$80.00 per meeting plus \$10.00 for every half hour after 10:00 p.m. Seconded by Laurier Sr. High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 7th, 2012

PC20121004-10 Hillcrest Academy MOVED THAT the minutes of June 7th, 2012 are accepted as presented. Seconded by Laurier Sr. High.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:
 For: Joliette elem, Laurier Sr. Hillcrest acad, Laurentian Regional high, Mountainview elem,
 Morin-Heights elem
 Abstain: Arundel elem, Crestview elem, Genesis elem, Grenville elem, Hillcrest acad,
 John F. Kennedy elem, Joliette high, Jules Verne elem, Lake of Two Mountains high,
 Laval Jr. high, Laval Liberty high, McCaig elem, Mother Teresa Jr. high, Our Lady of Peace elem,
 Pierre E. Trudeau elem, Pinewood elem, St. Jude elem, St. Paul elem, St. Vincent elem,
 Ste-Adele elem, Sainte-Agathe acad Twin-Oaks elem

5. CHAIR’S Report

Hillcrest Academy presented her annual report that is in members packages.

6. QUESTION Period

Sainte-Adele Elementary parent delegate would like to know why they are obliged to go to Laurentian Regional High and not Sainte Agathe-Academy. The parents there would like a change of zone so that they do not have to request out of zone status. Mr. Buckland responded that in order to re-zone this has to go to the Council of Commissioners. Pinewood Elementary is also interested in how to request a zone change. Mr. Buckland went on to say the zoning is done keeping in mind that there is even distribution in all schools. The Governing Board can put forward a resolution requesting a review of the zoning in their schools.

7. BUSINESS Arising

7.1 Use of SWLSB PC delegate and alternate’s e-mail addresses

Do Parents Committee members object to receiving e-mails that may not pertain to them or are community information? Anything that needs to be forwarded to members should be sent to the Chairperson for distribution. A suggestion was made to send e-mails to the committee as a BCC so that no one can “reply to all”. Members welcome e-mails concerning school issues, but limit them to things that pertain to parents committee only.

PC20121004-11 Crestview Elementary MOVED THAT all e-mails sent to the Committee delegates should be forwarded through the Chairperson, related to the Parents committee only and be sent in a BCC format. Seconded by Jules Verne Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEW Business

8.1 Date, time and place of meetings

PC20101007-12 St. Jude Elementary MOVED THAT High MOVED THAT the meetings for 2012-2013 will be October 4, November 1, December 6, 2012 no meeting in January, February 7, March 14, April 4, May 2 and June 6, 2013 at the Administrative Center at 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Quebec. Seconded by Jules Verne Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

PC20101007-13 Our Lady of Peace Elementary MOVED THAT the time of the meetings will be at 7:15. Seconded by Jules Verne Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

8.2 PC Internal rules of procedure 2012-2013

Please read these rules and procedures. Any proposed changes and suggestions should be e-mailed to the Chairperson. Please be prepared to discuss this at the November meeting and any changes and suggestions will be voted on.

A clarification to the internal rules is that question periods should be for the public only. If you have an item to bring to the table, please add it to the agenda under Varia.

8.3 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. REPORTS

9.1 School Board's Report

- This morning there was a bus accident in Rawdon. There were 18 students on the bus; 11 from Rawdon Elementary and 7 from Joliette High. Two senior students taken to hospital with minor injuries.
- Tomorrow there will be about 800 teachers coming to the UPLOAD conference for the board wide ped day. This is an educational day in technology learning. There will be a Keynote speaker and presenters will be there at this all day event to be held at Rosemere High School.
- Members were given the new brochure for the Strategic Plan 2012-2017.
- Carolyn Curiale will be given the Award of Merit from the QESBA. She recently retired from her post as Commissioner.
- The anti-bullying Bill 56 – Stakeholders will be meeting over the next couple of months to have a plan by the end of December in all schools. Each Governing Board must adopt a plan within their schools. The school board will be distributing templates to be sure that anything that needs to be reported is not forgotten. All incidents must be recorded in the school board so that it can be tracked and followed up. This has to be reported to the MELS every year.
- In response to a question from Morin-Heights, when you purchase a home you are automatically taxed through the French School board. You must make a request before April 1st of the tax year to be eligible to pay English school taxes.
- In response to a question from St Jude, there is a timeframe for the purchase and installation of smart boards in our schools – all will be placed throughout this year beginning with Grade 6 and Secondary 1.

9.2 Treasurer's Report

As distributed in packages and explained by Hillcrest Academy.

PC20101007-14 Mother Teresa Jr. High MOVED THAT we adopt budget as forecasted and we can revisit it during the year. Seconded by St. Paul Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

In your packages, you will receive an expense form that should be filled out and given to the treasurer at the end of each meeting. You have 3 months to send them in

9.3 Parents Commissioners' Report

Angelo forwarded the Council highlights to the Chairperson and she will forward them to members.

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

No report this month.

9.5 SEAC Report (Special Education Advisory Committee)

No report this month.

9.6 EPCA Report (English Parents Committee Association)

The Annual General Meeting is November 17th at the Hilton Garden in Dorval.

10. VARIA

10.1 Bus transportation and safety

In response to a question from St. Vincent Elementary, not every bus has a video camera but if there is an issue on a bus and a school wishes to have one they will request one. Mr. Buckland will get information in terms of cost and the number of buses that have cameras and the policy on how they are used.

A suggestion was made to have bus monitors on the buses. Mr. Buckland will enquire about this as well.

10.2 Disclosure forms (Conflict of interest forms)

Point of information from Crestview Elementary: They distribute these forms to their PPO in addition to their Governing Board in the interest of clarity.

10.3 Sub-committee for Graduation Awards

As discussed last year, it was suggested to have a small sub-committee to work on this as it is a lot of work for just one person to do. Please think about it and if you are interested in it give your name next month.

11. QUESTION Period

Members are asked to think about an initiative or a project that could be done this year as a committee that will benefit all of our schools and come back with suggestions at next month’s meeting. Perhaps a bullying awareness campaign could be looked at.

In response to a question from Mother Teresa Jr. High, there are ongoing meetings concerning the Laval High Schools and the various scenarios for perhaps reorganizing.

Thoughts for next meeting: St. Jude would like better French programs in our schools and would like time at next months meeting to discuss this issue.

Grace Nesi advised the members that if you choose to pay your school taxes to another school board you will not be eligible to vote for a candidate in the school board election.

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC20121004-15 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 _____, 2012

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____