

**Minutes of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) meeting of the 2012-2013 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 ELEM (via teleconfer)	Magalie Sephton	MORIN HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY
Paul Leal	CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY	Angela Martorano	MOTHER TERESA JR HIGH
Diana Cugliandro	GENESIS ELEMENTARY	Kyle Snell	MOUNTAINVIEW ELEMENTARY
Ivan Spilak	HILLCREST ACADEMY	Lisa Chartier	OUR LADY OF PEACE ELEM
Jennifer Maccarone	JOHN F KENNEDY ELEMENTARY	Frank D'Onofrio	PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY
Dean Dugas	JOLIETTE ELEMENTARY	Ann Gill	ROSEMERE HIGH
Debbie Dann	JOLIETTE HIGH	Rino Vetrone	SOUVENIR ELEMENTARY
Derek Braney	LAURENTIAN ELEMENTARY	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
Carla Tosti	MCCAIG ELEMENTARY	Pamala Cripton	SEAC

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robert Vallerand, Director General; Cliff Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General; Gaëlle, Absolonne, Director of School Organization and Transportation Department; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources Department; Nick Milas, Chairman of the Council of Commissioners; Naz Facchino, Vice-Chairman of the Council of Commissioners; Ed Turchyniak, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Steve Mitchell, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee; Elio Lattanzio, Commissioner and guests.

**ABSENT:** Franklin Hill Elementary, Grenville Elementary, Jules Verne Elementary, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentia Elementary, Laurentian Regional High, Laval Liberty High, Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary, Rawdon Elementary, St Jude Elementary, St Paul Elementary, Saint-Vincent Elementary, and Twin Oaks Elementary.

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The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Add 7.2: e-vote for commissioner of District 19

**PC20121206-01** Our Lady of Peace MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted with addition. Seconded by Joliette Elementary School.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

**PC20121206-02** Laurier Sr. High MOVED THAT the minutes of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 are accepted as presented. Seconded by Morin-Heights Elementary

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Arundel Elem, Genesis Elem, John F. Kennedy Elem, Joliette Elem, Laurentian Elem, Laurier Sr. High, Laval Jr. High, McCaig Elem, Morin-Heights Elem, Our Lady of Peace Elem, Pinewood Elem, Souvenir Elem, Ste-Adele Elem, Ste-Agathe Acad, Terry Fox Elem, Terry Fox Elem, SEAC

Abstain: Crestview Elem, Hillcrest Acad, Mother Teresa Jr. High, Mountainview Elem, Rosemere High

**3. CHAIR'S Report**

As presented in member's packages.

The Chairperson attended the LCEEQ meeting

After attending the GB training session on Law 19 the date for schools to submit their plans is the first week of March 2012.

**PC20121206-03** Laurier Sr. High MOVED THAT the parents committee purchase two tickets to the SWL Foundation Gala in January at \$225. each. Seconded by Our Lady of Peace Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

#### 4. QUESTION Period

#### 5. ELECTIONS

##### 5.1 Nomination – Election of Representative to RCP-3L

Julie Laroche, Ste-Adele is elected by acclamation

##### 5.2 Nomination – Election of EPCA Delegate

**PC20121206-04** John F. Kennedy MOVED THAT Antoinette Noviello, Terry Fox Elementary is nominated as a delegate to the EPCA. Seconded by Laurier Sr. High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

#### 6. BUSINESS Arising

##### 6.1 PC Objective for 2012-2013

Jennifer Maccarone attended a Health and Literacy project conference at her school with Dr. Savage as the guest speaker. It was on educating parents on early literacy. She has asked Dr. Savage to come to our February meeting to make a presentation. In order for members to come up with some preliminary ideas Jennifer will send out documentation prior to February for members to read.

##### 6.2 2013-2014 Enrollment Criteria

Gaëlle Absolonne, Director of School Organization and Transportation, was on hand to discuss and answer questions regarding the 2013-2014 Enrolment Criteria. She explained the criteria as stipulated in the Education Act. The re-registration period is the first week of February, and registration is from the second week of February until the end of March. There will be no first-come first serve during re-registration and registration. It will be based on the Education Act enrolment criteria.

Parents Committee members are concerned about the Note in the Enrolment Criteria that states once a school reaches its capacity, the students living closest to the requested school will be accepted before students living further from the school. The same elementary schools will be affected every year.

**WHEREAS** the Enrolment Criteria presented to the Parents Committee on December 6, 2012 was a revised version, not previously shared with this Committee;

**WHEREAS** a Task Force was created last year composed of Governing Board members, Commissioners and School Board directorate, and this group did not have the opportunity to complete its consultation regarding the use of the four Laval high schools;

**WHEREAS** the Parents Committee would like the School Board to consider reinstating the above mentioned Task Force in order to resolve the issue of overcrowding at one school and the lack of enrolment at the other, as well as consider the possibility of creating a school for the purposes of a specific project, as per Article 240 of the Education Act;

**WHEREAS** the Criteria as presented includes a clause that does not provide equitable access to secondary schools based on proximity;

**Be it resolved** that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, table the acceptance of the Enrolment Criteria until such time that a solution can be found to items cited above, or the School Organisation Committee put forth a plan for the aforementioned schools.

**PC20121206-04** Laurier Sr. High MOVED THAT the 2013-2014 Enrolment Criteria is rejected as presented until a further study may be completed and a contingency plan for the future of the aforementioned schools be put in place. Seconded by Our Lady of Peace Elementary.

This motion is carried on the following division:

For: Arundel elem, Crestview elem, Genesis elem, Hillcrest acad, Joliette high, Laurier Sr. high, Laval Jr. high, McCaig elem, Morin Heights elem, Mother Teresa Jr. high, Our Lady of Peace elem, Pinewood elem, Rosemere high, Souvenir elem, Ste-Adele elem, Ste-Agathe acad, Terry Fox elem, SEAC

Abstain: Joliette elem, Laurentian elem, Pinewood elem, Mountainview elem

### 6.3 French instruction in our schools

Tabled to next meeting

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 2013-2014 School Calendars – Linda Di Domenico

Mrs. Linda Di Domenico was here to present a draft of the 2013-2014 school calendar for all schools except those who share bussing with other school boards. The Parents Committee has 60 days to consult. The Parents Committee is asked to please submit suggestions prior to the end of consultation.

### 7.2 E-Vote for Commissioner of Ward 19

The Chairperson reported that of the votes received there were 17 in favor of Elio Lattanzio, 2 for Franca Celli and 14 (non responses) abstentions

Congratulations to Elio Lattanzio

Our Lady of Peace asked that if we are to make recommendations on candidates for commissioners that the Parents Committee should be able to speak to both candidates. The Chairperson suggested that perhaps the candidates would put forth as much information for themselves as they would do for a job interview. This would ensure a clear picture of their credentials.

## 8. REPORTS

### 8.1 School Board's Report

- The *Anti Bullying Anti Violence* plan has been submitted and a template has been developed for schools to prepare their projects. These plans need to be submitted by March break.
- The *Use of Schools* consultation for Terry Fox and St-Paul will be voted on next Wednesday at Council.
- The use of the Laval High schools report was submitted
- CDC St Eustache had their graduation from the carpentry cohort.
- Several people participated in Joliette Elementary inauguration of their new school. It was very well attended by past employees of the school.
- There was a bus accident where students of Laurentia elementary were rear ended by a bus of another school board. 6 students were taken to hospital but they are all ok.
- We have received news that there will be more budget compressions for the next school year.

### 8.2 Treasurer's Report

In the Treasurers absence, please give your reports to Susan O'Keeffe.  
The confirmation of the number of students is 13, 728 for this year.

### 8.3 Parents Commissioners' Report

Council highlights in members packages

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

This will be e-mailed to members by the Chairperson

**8.5 SEAC Report (Special Education Advisory Committee)**

Included in members packages.

**8.6 EPCA Report (English Parents Committee Association)**

Included in members packages

**9. VARIA**

**9.1 School Nutrition Policy**

There have been numerous complaints from parents are that some of the caterers do not follow the guidelines within our nutrition policy. They are questioning why there is a policy in place if outside caterers do not follow it. The Chairperson will send these documents to the ADG for his response.

Some governing boards get copies of the nutritionist report so that they can use it when it is time to hire a new caterer.

**10. QUESTION Period**

**11. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

Congratulations to Twin Oaks Elementary and SEAC, who were chosen to attend the Foundation gala in January. In the event they cannot attend, the runner ups are Grenville Elementary, Joliette Elementary and Mountainview Elementary

**PC20121206-05** Our Lady of Peace Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting close at 9:30 pm. Seconded by Joliette Elementary.

**Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan O’Keeffe, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_