

Minutes of the SEVENTH (7th) meeting of the 2013-2014 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday April 3, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Taylor	Crestview Elementary	Dorinda Raymond	Mother Teresa Jr. High
Lina Aristeo	Genesis Elementary	Lisa Chartier	Our Lady of Peace Elementary
Charbel Mourad	Hillcrest Academy	David Mollot	Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary
Jennifer Maccarone	John F Kennedy Elementary	Victoria Stamper	Pinewood Elementary
Dean Dugas	Joliette Elementary	Rino Vetrone	Souvenir Elementary
Debbie Dann	Joliette High	Shaun McMahon	St. Jude Elementary
Christopher Tracton	Lake of Two Mountains High	Roberto Bomba	St. Paul Elementary
Mylène Melançon	Laurentian Elementary	Ross Blandino	St. Vincent Elementary
Andy Simon	Laurentian Regional High	Sandra Morselli	Ste-Agathe Academy (via teleconf.)
Angela Martorano	Laurier Sr. High	Sergio Di Marco	Terry Fox Elementary
Kevin Yanicki	Laval Jr. High	Pamela Crompton	SEAC
Helen Xiarchos	Laval Liberty High		

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Vucko, Director General; Eileen Kelly, Assistant Director General, Nick Milas, Chairman of the Council of Commissioners; Elio Lattanzio, Naz Facchino, Steve Kmec, Commissioner; Fred Greschner, Director of Complementary Services, Robin Bennett, Director of Informational Technology, parent guests

ABSENT: Arundel Elementary, Grenville Elementary, Jules Verne Elementary, Laurentia Elementary, McCaig Elementary Morin Heights Elementary, Mountainview Elementary Rawdon Elementary, Rosemere High, Ste-Adele Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PC20140403-01 Terry Fox Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted as with additions. Seconded by Joliette High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 13th, 2014

In an e-mail from SAA, Under **Item 2.** for the February 27th meeting, Ste. Agathe Academy should be abstaining as I did not attend the meeting and Under **Item 5.3** "May 9th and 13th" should read "February 9th & 13th" also Ste. Agathe Academy is marked down as **for** and **against** the 2014-2015 school calendar, I guess the confusion comes from us wanting the February PED dates to remain but us going against the 2014-2015 school calendar due to the fact that Ste. Agathe Academy does not have a PED Day for our teachers to attend the Annual Teachers Conference in November.

Genesis was present at the meeting, arrived late

PC20140313-02 Joliette Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of March 13th, 2014 are accepted with corrections. Seconded by John F Kennedy.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:
For: Crestview Elementary, Genesis Elementary, Hillcrest Academy, John F. Kennedy Elementary, Joliette Elementary, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentian Elementary, Laurentian Regional High, Laurier Sr. High, Laval Liberty High, Mother Teresa Jr. High, Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary, St Paul Elementary, Ste-Agathe Academy, Terry Fox Elementary, SEAC
Abstain: Joliette High, Laval Jr. High, Our Lady of Peace Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, Souvenir Elementary, St. Jude Elementary, St. Vincent Elementary

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Included in packages.

4. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions

5. BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Budget Building Process 2014-2015

PC20140313-03 St Paul Elementary MOVED THAT the Parents Committee approves the following pertaining to question 1 of the 2014-2015 Budget Building process.

1. Human Resources, which includes: support to students, assessment of students, Behaviour Technicians, Caretakers, Attendants, more educational materials.
2. Material Resources, Health and Safety, consistent and continual maintenance of the buildings.
3. IT – Replace computers with new and not refurbished ones. More support and maintenance for this technology. Integrating teachers into learning and training for technology.

Seconded by our Lady of Peace Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

The Parents Committee chooses to forgo the question 2 as it does not relate to them.

5.2 Consultation: Use of Laval High Schools / Phase 2

- Entering into the public consultation period in the month of April. The consultation document went up on the website and out to schools last week and outlines the consultation process.
- No questions will be accepted on Phase 1 at the consultation meetings.
- An e-push will go out to parents on where we are in terms of Phase 1 next week. Everyone is welcome at any one of the consultations. Not necessarily by sector.
- Consultation period ends June 3rd. All letters and briefs will then be put up onto the website once the consultation period ends.
- A decision will be taken at the last Council meeting.
- The consultation is on TWO models.

Ms. Vucko went on to say, in response to a statement from Laval Junior High, that in pre-discussions there were several options spoken about. These were not consultations, they were discussions. There are two models in the official consultation.

5.3 Workshop GB Chairperson

Reminder to members that a workshop will be held on April 22nd on Governing Board Chairperson.

At the last training there were only about 15 people there. If there is not an interest please let the Secretary General know. Location is unknown right now. Details to come soon. Please encourage your chairperson to attend.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Criteria for the Selection of a Principal

Thank you to the members for giving feedback. A reminder to all members that their GB has to respond by April 18th.

Laurentian Regional High enquired that when the schools take the time to put in their criteria, is that criteria is used when there is a hiring of a principal at their school.

Ms. Vucko responded that when the criteria are received it is put into a binder. The principal who is leaving the school is also asked what their thoughts are on criteria for hiring.

During the consultation for the selection of a principal, the schools are given a generic form to fill out and asked to consult on it. Every year the previous year's criteria is nul and void as the circumstances and Governing Boards change yearly in schools, hence a schools needs may not be the same from year to year.

Some schools when they are answering the consultation document will note "in addition to last year's criteria" and then add the current years suggestions.

7. REPORTS

7.1 School Board's Report

Stephanie's PowerPoint report was presented and explained.

- E-pushes through Communication Services:
SWLSB Impact Soccer game on April 5.

Digital photography 8 week course offer. Défi Laurier Challenge promo piece
 Encouraging parents to vote for the McCaig and St-Paul choir in the “Sainte-Justine sing with Céline Dion” contest.
 « Commissioner Recruitment Class 2014 » link to webcast session that was held on February 22

- Success – JFK targeting math
- Star Fest auditions are over, students chosen, May 29th for the Laurier Gala.
- Partners for Life at Laurier Sr.
- Playground Leaders in Training at OLOP.
- The Olympics allowed for wonderful teachable moments at Terry Fox.
- Digital Storytelling at JFK.
- The 2014 Olympics integrated in the classroom at JFK
- A new initiative that is brand new this year, “Dropout prevention report” was presented to parents. This is a report that is able to have a live data base because of an added Ed Tech who is able to make these reports. It is done through data extracted through the software already in place. When there are Red flags, intervention teams are put into the schools. Guidance people, teachers, principals, this program is internal to our servers, very private. Ready to implement this across the board next year. Generates reports so it can be tracked from year to year. In discussions to bring to elementary schools in a couple of years.
- Operetta “The Golden Touch” in partnership with Laval, Laurentides, Lanaudiere magazines. This is a Board wide initiative and tremendous opportunity for children to work with an operetta. It is through an audition process from Grade’s 3 to 9. It is in the early stages of development right now. Ms. Vucko encourages parents to please discuss this within their community’s and support this board wide initiative. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for children to be involved in a professional operetta. She would like all of the schools in our Board involved please. Want it to be just a SWLSB initiative only. Video link will be sent to administrators. Information has already been given to schools

7.2 Treasurer’s Report

Included in packages.

7.3 Parents Commissioners’ Report

Included in packages.

Laurentian Regional High School enquired why a motion was made through a parent’s commissioner at a Council of Commissioners meeting. The Chairperson responded that in council meetings members are asked to make motions and it does not necessarily mean it is their vote. This is matter of meeting format.

7.4 RCP-3L Report (Regroupement des comités des parents de Laval, Laurentides et Lanaudière).

There was no meeting prior to PC.

7.5 EPCA Report (English Parents Committee Association)

Included in packages.

The one committee that the EPCA was hoping to join, they have now been accepted to participate – ABBEE (Advisory Board on English Education). This group has the ear of the Education Minister directly.

In response to a question from Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary – EMSB has not come back into the EPCA.

The Chairperson thanked the Director General for her comments last month during the EPCA report. Her comments sparked some discussion at the EPCA table with regard to the alignment of EPCA objectives with QESBA initiatives.

7.6 SEAC Report (Special Education Advisory Committee)

Included in packages. Meetings open to the public.

8. VARIA

9. QUESTION Period

Crestview Elementary has formed a team for the “Walk now for Autism Speaks for Canada” May 25th. If there are any other schools who would like to support or join, please visit the Autism Speaks Canada website – Team Crestview.

Defi Laurier Challenge will be held on May 25th. www.laurierchallenge.com . There is a 2 & 5 km walk or run, three distances for the cycling. A spaghetti dinner will be offered in addition to games, prizes, music. It will be held at the Centre de la Nature. This is an event that will

target health and well-being. Half of the funds raised through pledge forms from your school, will be given back to that school. The Director General challenges all parents and schools to her "Team Director General"

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC20140403-07 St. Paul Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting is closed at 8:15 pm. Seconded by Genesis Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved _____, 2014

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____.