

Minutes of the FIRST (1ST) meeting of the 2013-2014 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday October 3rd, 2013 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	Patrick Leprohon	McCaig Elementary
Sarah Taylor	Crestview Elementary	Andrea Sisto	Morin Heights Elementary
Christina Liburdi	Franklin Hill Elementary	Dori Raymond	Mother Teresa Jr High
Mario Lisio	Genesis Elementary	Heidi Patekar	Mountainview Elementary
Charbel Mourad	Hillcrest Academy	Lisa Chartier	Our Lady of Peace Elementary
☺	John F Kennedy Elementary	David Mollot	Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary
Dean Dugas	Joliette Elementary	Frank D'Onofrio	Pinewood Elementary
Debbie Dann	Joliette High	Carla Tosti	Rosemere High
Joseph Sabo	Jules Verne Elementary	Rino Vetrone	Souvenir Elementary
Christopher Tracton	Lake of Two Mountains High	Shaun McMahon	St Jude Elementary
François Bordeleau	Laurentia Elementary	Roberto Bomba	St Paul Elementary
Andy Simon	Laurentian Regional High	Nadia Marsillo	St Vincent Elementary
Angela Martorano	Laurier Sr. High	Sergio Di Marco	Terry Fox Elementary
Kevin Yanicki	Laval Jr High	Deni Guerrera	Twin Oaks Elementary

ALSO PRESENT: Johanne Brabant, Interim Secretary General; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director of School Organization and Transportation; Steve Bletas, Emilio Migliozi, Commissioners

ABSENT: Grenville Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, Laval Liberty High, Rawdon Elementary, Ste-Adele Elementary, Ste-Agathe Academy, SEAC

The outgoing Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The committee welcomed Johanne Brabant, Interim Secretary General, who opened the meeting.

Add 10.1 Wifi at schools

Add 10.2 Caretaker Cutbacks

PC20131003-01 Our Lady of Peace Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted as with additions. Seconded by John F. Kennedy Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. INTRODUCTIONS (members)

A round table introduction of members was done.

3. ELECTIONS

3.1 Procedures of Election

As in packages

3.2 Nomination of Chairperson of Elections and Scrutineers

Our Lady of Peace Elementary nominates Johanne Brabant and Gaëlle Absolonne as chairperson and scrutineer of elections

3.3 Nomination – Election of Chairperson

Our Lady of Peace nominates Jennifer Maccarone, John F. Kennedy Elementary – Congratulations

3.4 Nomination – Election of Vice-Chairperson

St. Paul nominates Lisa Chartier, Our Lady of Peace Elementary – Congratulations

3.5 Nomination – Election of Secretary

Patrick Leprohon, McCaig Elementary nominates himself – Congratulations

3.6 Nomination – Election of Treasurer

Christopher Tracton, Lake of Two Mountains High nominates himself - Congratulations

3.7 Nomination – Election of Parent Commissioner: Elementary

Souvenir Elementary nominates Roberto Bomba, St Paul Elementary – Congratulations

3.8 Nomination – Election of Parent Commissioner: High School

Mother Teresa Jr. High nominates Angela Martorana, Laurier Sr. High - Congratulations

3.9 Nomination – Election of Representative and Delegates to EPCA

Andy Simon, Laurentian Regional High nominates himself for Director of EPCA – Congratulations

PC20131003-02 Laurentian Regional High MOVED THAT Patricia Saputo, Alternate Delegate for Hillcrest Academy is nominated as a delegate to the EPCA. Seconded by

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

PC20131003-03 Mother Teresa Jr. High MOVED THAT Carol Mastroanni, Laurier Sr High is nominated as a delegate to the EPCA. Seconded by Laurier Sr. High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

3.10 Nomination – Election of Representatives to RCP-3L

Kevin Yanicki nominates himself as a representative to sit on this committee - Congratulations

3.11 Nomination to Advisory Committee on Transportation

Rino Vetrone nominates himself - Congratulations

3.12 Nomination to Advisory Committee on SEAC

Tabled to next meeting.

3.13 Election of Recording Secretary and Remuneration

PC20131003-04 John F. Kennedy Elementary MOVED THAT Susan O’Keeffe is engaged as the Recording Secretary for the 2013-2014 Parents Committee. Seconded by Our Lady of Peace Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

PC20131003-05 St. Paul Elementary MOVED THAT the rate of the recording secretary is \$90.00 per meeting, plus \$10.00 for every half hour after 21:45. Seconded by Joliette High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 6th, 2013

PC20131003-06 Our Lady of Peace Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of June 6th, 2013 are accepted as presented. Seconded by Laurier Sr. High.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: John F Kennedy elem, Joliette elem, Jules Verne elem, Laurentian Regional high,
Laurier Sr. high, Our Lady of Peace elem, Pierre E. Trudeau elem, Pinewood elem,
Rosemere high, Souvenir elem,

Abstain: Arundel elem, Cresvtiew elem, Franklin Hill elem, Genesis elem, Hillcrest acad,
Joliette high, Lake of Two Mountains high, Laurentia elem, Laval Jr. high, McCaig elem,
Morin Heights elem, Mother Teresa Jr. high, Mountainview elem, St Jude elem, St Paul elem,
St Vincent elem, Terry Fox elem, Twin Oaks elem.

5. CHAIR’S Report/ANNUAL Report

Report in members packages.

6. QUESTION Period**7. BUSINESS Arising**

8. NEW Business

8.1 Date, time and place of meetings

PC20131003-07 Our Lady of Peace Elementary MOVED THAT the meetings for 2013-2014 will be October 3, November 7, December 5, 2013 no meeting in January, February 6, March 13, April 3, May 1 and June 5, 2014 at 7:15 pm at the Administrative Center at 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Quebec. Seconded by St. Paul Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 PC Internal rules of procedure 2011-2012

Please read these rules and procedures that are in your packages and be prepared to discuss this and any changes and suggestions at next months meeting.

8.3 PC Internal Financial policy

Please read the document that the Chairperson will send to members via e-mail and if there are any suggestions or recommendations, bring them back to the next meeting.

PC20131003-08 St. Paul Elementary MOVED THAT the kilometre reimbursement will be the same as the school boards' at 48 cents per kilometre. Seconded by Arundel Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 2013-2014 Enrolment Criteria

Ms. Gaëlle Absolonne presented the 45 day consultation on the Enrolment criteria to members. Please go back to your governing boards to discuss and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

8.5 Laval Elementary School Ad Hoc Committee for Sector 1

You can refer to the AD Hoc button on the website for information. The meeting will be Tuesday October 8th, at the Board office. In response to a question from Our Lady of Peace, the high school Ad Hoc committee will meet again after November

8.6 Invite an MNA

Laurentian Regional High suggests that all Governing Boards in our territory invite their MNA (Minister in the National Assembly) to their meetings to ask why they are continuing to cut funds to the schools. St. Paul went on to say that you should invite the MNA that is in power. The Chairperson asked that if members do invite, to share it with the members.

9. REPORTS

9.1 School Board's Report

Apologies from Mrs. Stephanie Vucko and Mrs. Eileen Kelly as they cannot be here tonight.

9.2 Treasurer's Report

As in members packages. The chairperson asks that members consider what they would like to do with the surplus money.

9.3 Parents Commissioners' Report

As in members packages.

QESBA had a meeting with the government with regards to taxation. Because there have been so many cuts over the past few years, the tax bill was increased. The tax rate difference in the different communities continues to be problematic but hopefully it will be resolved in the next few years. Because the government insisted that the school boards were to find somewhere else to make these cuts and not to charge the tax payers, our commissioners have decided that there cannot be any more cuts to our school board and they maintain their position.

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)

As in members packages.

10. VARIA

10.1 Wi-Fi at Schools

Several schools in our board are experiencing difficulty with the Wi-Fi in the schools. Members are concerned that all of the new technology coming into the schools will not be able to be used because there are not enough access points. Mrs. Brabant will bring these concerns back to the Director of I.T. In the meantime, your Principal's should speak to Robin Bennett, Director of I.T. Many schools are willing to pay for these access points themselves.

The Chairperson will invite the Director of I.T. to the next meeting.

10.2 Caretaker cutbacks

Arundel Elementary schools' caretaker hours have been cut to 30 hours per week and this is problematic to them. A letter was sent in April to the Director General, copied to several Directors in the school board and have not had an answer.

11. QUESTION Period

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING

PC20131003-09 St. Paul Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting is closed at 8:58 pm. Seconded by Genesis Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved _____, 2013

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____