



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE SIR-WILFRID-LAURIER  
SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD

**HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING**  
**LAVAL HIGH SCHOOLS AD HOC COMMITTEE**  
**June 5, 2013**

In attendance:

Absolonne, Gaëlle – Director, School Organization and Transportation  
Bletas, Steve – Commissioner  
Buckland, Cliff, Interim Assistant Director General  
Chartier, Lisa – Governing Board Member, LLHS  
Couto, Francisco – Governing Board Member, LLHS  
Di Domenico, Mario - Commissioner  
Facchino, Nazario – Vice-Chairman, Council of Commissioners  
Hoening, Rosalind – Governing Board Member, LJHS  
Joly, Sebastien – Director of Pedagogical Affairs, LTU  
Kmec, Steve – Commissioner  
Korb, Tina – Director, Educational Services  
Lattanzio, Elio – Commissioner  
Maccarone, Jennifer – Chair, Parents Committee  
Martorana, Angela – Parent Commissioner, Secondary  
Migliozi, Emilio – Commissioner  
Milas, Nick – Chairman, Council of Commissioners  
Mitchell, Steve - Commissioner  
Nesi, Grace – Commissioner  
Pizzola, Mike – Commissioner  
Raymond, Dori – Governing Board Member, MTJHS  
Vucko, Stephanie – Director General

**1. Opening remarks**

Ms.Vucko welcomed everyone and explained that the reason this committee is smaller than the previous *Future of the Laval High School Committee* is to extract more information and feedback. This committee is one part of the communication prism and other stakeholders will be consulted at different times.

There is a new icon on the website for the Laval Ad Hoc Committees which will remain for the duration of the consultation. Documents and highlights of meetings will be posted on the website to ensure transparency and have information easily accessible for all.

**Educational Policies Committee (EPC) Presentation**

Ms. Absolonne welcomed everyone and introduced Ms. Korb and Mr. Joly, members of EPC. Ms. Korb & Mr. Joly presented a PowerPoint entitled “Research on School Compositional Effects” which focuses on studies on the impact of school size from the 1970’s until today conducted in North America and Europe.

**2. Current Situation**

Ms. Absolonne presented the documents in the package that were distributed. Firstly she presented a PowerPoint on the “*Use of Laval High Schools*”. Demographics shown include MELS numbers as well as Ameresco, an outside company that conducted an analysis of enrollment for SWLSB schools. The notion of “long term” was explained as being 3 to 5 years rather than 6 to 10 years.

The three models discussed by the Future of the Laval High School Committee were looked at with projected enrollments:

1. Status quo with attendance zones (4 schools)
2. Sec. 1 to 5 with attendance zones (2 schools)
3. 1 junior & 1 senior

A map showing the location of the SWLSB 11 Laval elementary schools and 4 Laval High Schools was also presented.

### **3. Enrollment Criteria 2014-15**

A draft of the 2014-15 enrollment criteria was presented for feedback. It is not a public document as it has not been adopted by Council. It will be sent to the Parents Committee for the consultation period once it has been adopted. For the 2014-15 school year, the objective is to have the enrollment criteria ready as early as possible to inform all stakeholders before the registration period begins.

Comments from the committee were collected and will be taken under consideration.

### **4. Discussion/Activity**

Members were divided into three groups. Each group looked at one of the three models being proposed. They had to list the pros and cons of the model and then reach a consensus on the question “would you recommend this model?”

A representative from each group presented summaries of their discussions:

1. [Status quo with attendance zones \(4 schools\) \(link\)](#)
2. [Sec. 1 to 5 with attendance zones \(2 schools\)](#)
3. [1 junior & 1 senior](#)

### **5. Timeline & Next Steps**

Ms. Vucko summarized by saying that regardless of what choice is made; a more stable solution is needed for a few years.

At this time, there is no date set for this committee before the end of this school year. A second meeting date will be sent to the committee for the fall.