



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



Highlights of the
Public Consultation Meeting on the
Reorganization of Laval High Schools 2015-2016
Meeting 1 | Sector 1 | April 14, 2014
Held at Souvenir Elementary School

A Public Meeting on the Consultation on the Reorganization of Laval High Schools 2015-2016 was held by the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in the gymnasium of Souvenir Elementary School, 4885, boul. Souvenir Ouest, Laval, QC on Thursday, April 10, 2014.

During this meeting there was a presentation to explain the overview, framework and solutions regarding the Laval high schools. The same presentation will be repeated at the next two meetings; April 15 (Terry Fox Elementary School) and April 24 (LSHS).

Public Speaker Presentations

PUBLIC SPEAKER 1) Tracey Friedman, Chair of the Laval Junior High School Governing Board asked the following question "I would like to ask what the expectations are from all the Governing Boards with reference to submitting our brief or documentation concerning the reorganization of the Laval High Schools beginning in the 2015-2016 school year?" noting that it would be beneficial for those considering a response to the consultation to know what information is the school board looking for.

The Director General noted that the parameters of the consultation can be found on page 10 of the consultation document, under "Elements Considered".

As a parent, Ms. Freidman addressed the public asking that the school board actively listen to the community and take what is being proposed to heart as in the past the community has spoken and their recommendations have not been retained. If an error is made in this reorganization the school board will have to account to its students, employees and parents.

PUBLIC SPEAKER 2) Stacey Theofilopoulos, a parent from Laval Junior High School, indicated that she was present to advocate for her son, who is in a wheelchair, and others who need access to ramps and an elevator in order to have full access to a school with multiple levels. She asked what arrangements have been made for special needs students who require an elevator to reach the various levels within the new school building.

The Director General indicated that this has been a priority for the School Board, noting that the location at the Daniel-Johnson building where the elevator will be installed has been prepared. Should the installation not be completed by the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, plans are in place to put in a temporary lift.

Open Question Period for the Public

PUBLIC QUESTION 1) Paul Leal, a parent from Laval Junior High School, asked if the School Board would be increasing the budget for supervision at the high schools with these changes due to the fact that students may be reacquainted with past students, and for some this may not be a positive experience.

The Director General indicated that supervision time is equally distributed to the schools. This point will be brought to the Principals of the four high schools for further discussion, given that, there are no plans to increase this budget at this time.

She also noted that it is now the law that violence and bullying will not be tolerated within the education system. The four high school Student Councils are also meeting to discuss ways to bring students together. She also reminded those present that if they hear anything from their child, another student or parent, related to violence or bullying to please advise the school as it is up to all of us to keep our students safe and secure.

In response to a final question from Mr. Leal, the Assistant Director General noted that it is a board wide process that students in secondary I and II are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day.

Next public meetings

- April 15, 2014 - Terry Fox Elementary School gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. and
- April 24, 2014 - Laurier Senior High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.