

Minutes of the SECOND (2nd) meeting of the 2016-2017 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday November 3rd, 2016 at 7:15 pm in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dorina Popa Varsamis	Crestview Elementary	Andrew Vieira	Our Lady of Peace Elementary
Bertha Myrthil	Franklin Hill Elementary	Bilal Sirhan	Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary
Charbel Mourad	Hillcrest Academy	Frank D'Onofrio	Pinewood Elementary
Damiano Ferraro	John F Kennedy Elementary	Lorne Crawford	Rawdon Elementary
Bob Pellerin	Joliette High	Carla Tosti	Rosemere High
Jessica De Angelis	Jules Verne Elementary	Nekee Doshi	Souvenir Elementary
Christopher Tracton	Lake of Two Mountains High	Christine Flynn	St Jude Elementary
Daniel Ryan Stone	Laurentia Elementary	Patricia Sasso	St Paul Elementary
Don Beverly	Laurentian Regional High	Abbondio Castronovo	St Vincent Elementary
Tony Beliotis	Laval Junior Academy	Thomas McCuiston	Ste-Adele Elementary
Tracy Friedman	Laval Senior Academy	Jo Morrissey	Ste-Agathe Academy
Patick Leprohon	McCaig Elementary	Angela Lombardo	Terry Fox Elementary
Sarah Andrews	Morin Heights Elementary	Leonor Paixao	Twin Oaks Elementary
Michael Thorburn	Mountainview Elementary	Nadia Zuccaro	SEAC Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Lamoureux, Director General; Vicky Kaliotzakis, Commissioner; parent guests

ABSENT: Arundel Elementary, Genesis Elementary, Grenville Elementary, Joliette Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:15

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Welcome to the committee.

Add:

7.1 Update on Bill 105

7.2 Consultation draft on History curriculum

7.3 Best Practices

PC20161103-01 St Vincent Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted as presented. Seconded by Pierre E. Trudeau

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of October 6, 2016

Jules Verne presence in October was Jessica De Angelis

PC20161103-02 Laurentia Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of October 6, 2016 are accepted with correction. Seconded by Laval Junior Academy.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:
For: Crestview Elem, Franklin Hill Elem, Hillcrest Acad, John F Kennedy Elem, Joliette High, Jules Verne Elem, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentia Elem, Laurentian Regional High, Laval Junior Acad, Laval Senior Acad, McCaig Elem, Morin Heights Elem, Mountainview Elem, Our Lady of Peace Elem, Pierre E. Trudeau Elem, Pinewood Elem, Rawdon Elem, Rosemere High, Souvenir Elem, St Jude Elem, St Paul Elem, St Vincent Elem, Ste-Adele Elem, Ste-Agathe Acad, SEAC
Abstain: Terry Fox Elem, Twin Oaks Elem

3. QUESTION PERIOD

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Internal Rules & Procedures

Executive Committee includes the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and both Elementary/High School Parent Commissioners (~~delete Transportation Delegate and SEAC~~)

Every two (2) years, in accordance with sections 143 (2) and 145 of the Education Act, the Parents Committee will appoint or elect:

- An Elementary Parent Commissioner;
- A High School Parent Commissioner; and
- **A Parent Commissioner representing handicapped students or students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities (Special Needs Parent Commissioner) (TO REMOVE - VOTED AT SEAC)**

12. EPCA: (REVISE THIS SECTION)

12.1 In October, the Committee will elect a Representative as Director of EPCA. **(*Exceptionally for the 2016-2017 school year, every member Parent Committee elect one EPCA Director for a one-year mandate and the second EPCA Director for a two-year mandate.*)**

For the 2017-2018 school year and every year following that, one EPCA Director should be elected by member Parent Committees for a two-year mandate.

12.3 Besides the monthly meetings the Directors ~~and the two Delegates will attend both Annual and General assemblies.~~

12.6 The Directors ~~and Delegates will be governed by EPCA's General Rules and Regulations.~~

PC20161103-03 Laurentia Elementary MOVED THAT the internal rules and procedures are accepted with changes as noted above. Seconded by Pierre E Trudeau Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Internal Financial Policy

Section 1.0-Definitions, Executive Committee should read: **includes the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and both Elementary/High School Parent Commissioners.**

Section 5.0-Modalities: the following articles should read

5.6 All claims must be submitted to the Treasurer at the end of each meeting.

5.7 No reimbursement claim will be processed after said meeting as per article 5.6.

PC20161103-04 Lake of Two Mountains High MOVED THAT the Internal Financial Policy is approved with changes as noted above. Seconded by Rawdon Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 SEAC Members

PC20161103-05 Joliette High School MOVED THAT Melody Cayouette of Joliette Elementary is accepted as a SEAC Alternate Delegate. Seconded by Laval Senior Academy.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Consultation – Enrollment Criteria – Amendment (INFO)

Mr. Paul Lamoureux, Director General presented the amendments in the document.

- Amended to reflect the new Ministry title as MEES.
- 7.2 Inter-board agreement – amended to reflect that certain processes need to be followed to ensure that parents provide the motive and reason why they go from one board to another. Parents must fully complete the document otherwise the agreement could be refused.

If members have any comments or feedback please send to the Chairperson in writing as this will be voted on December 1, 2016.

5.3 Consultation – Deed & Three-Year Plan (INFO)

Mr. Lamoureux presented the Deed of Establishment and Three Year Plan.

- The deeds are only consulted if there is a change. Only change is at CDC Lachute. Building address is on Court street but the mailing address for CDC Lachute is on Harriet Street.
- Three-year plan – only PC is consulted, not the GB's. PC Members may bring info to their GB's for discussion and bring information back to PC from their individual schools. Members are asked to discuss with their Governing Boards and bring back comments or feedback to be voted on at the next meeting

In response to a question from LRHS, Mr. Lamoureux will get back to him on why the GB's have to vote on the Deeds of Establishment.

6. REPORTS

6.1 School Board's Report

- Mr. Lamoureux welcomes the parents to the committee, introduced himself and spoke about his vision for our Board.
- One of Mr. Lamoureux's first mandates is to look at the student declining enrolment. The trend is that we are losing them between elementary and high school, and some between Secondary 4 and 5. Will do a diagnostic to see how this can be fixed and understand why parents are sending their children to other schools when they are eligible to attend SWLSB. The committee entered into a lengthy discussion on how to retain our students in our Board.
- SWLSB is looking at partnering with the Laval soccer associations and the FTQ to develop a soccer complex to service our students and the community. It would be at no cost to the board as we would give them the land behind Laval Junior Academy. In very preliminary discussions right now so there are no numbers available.
- Majority of all schools have sent in their MESA reports on their educational project.
- In the process of producing the board's annual report. Just waiting for the data from the Ministry.
- Enrolment for 2016-2017 is 12,919 students.
- Just received allocations for schools. The Ministry is giving money to schools at a socio economic of 8-9-10 to help with student success. There is a new K-4 program at SAA and schools will receive money for early literacy funds. 8-9-10 High schools will receive funds for remediation of core courses. All schools will be receiving some additional funds for various projects. This money will go directly to the schools from the Ministry. The money schools receive is based on the enrolment of the schools. Schools must use the money as indicated by the MEES and they will be accountable to the Board for how it is spent.
- Developing partnerships with other school boards for Vocational Training to be able to offer extra programs. This will give our students more opportunities and more programs to choose from.
- Had a group of students from Thailand who participated in an exchange at Laval Senior and Laval Junior Academies. Would like to see our students take advantage of these exchange programs.

6.2 Chair Report

In member's packages.

6.3 Treasurer's Report

6.3.1 Approval of budget

The PC budget has been given by the Board. It is the same as last year. Half of the budget will probably be spent on mileage so we must be cautious with where balance of the money is spent. In previous years, suppers were provided for Christmas and end of year celebrations. Members suggested that rather than spend money on holiday suppers, they would rather have a potluck. Members would rather spend money on guest speakers and ensure awards are still available for students at graduation. As the year progresses and there are extra funds available, another discussion can take place.

If anyone has a suggestion for a speaker, please bring it to the next meeting with all of the details. Mr. Lamoureux has suggestions of free workshops that he can bring to PC – ie; finance, demographics, pedagogy etc.

PC20161103-06 Lake of Two Mountains High MOVED THAT the 2016-2017 PC Budget is approved as presented with changes. Seconded by Laurentia Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Parent Commissioner Report

In member's packages.

6.5 RCP-3L Report

In addition to membership fees we pay, the RCP-3L has asked for all of the PC's to fund their members' mileage for the RCP-3L meetings. Upon verification, our RCP-3L delegates mileage is covered for the meetings they attend. The treasurer asks that she submit the claims as timely as possible.

Training on November 12 – \$40 in St-Eustache. The Chairperson sent the link to the training in the member's package.

First meeting is December 16.

6.6 SEAC Report

In member's packages.

6.7 EPCA Report

In member's packages.

7. VARIA

7.1 Update on Bill 105

The Ministry is still reviewing the hearings from September so there is no definite update right now.

7.2 Consultation Draft on History Curriculum

The draft document was sent to members. EPCA is looking for feedback and comments from parents. Please have the discussion with your governing boards and be prepared to pass a resolution at the next meeting.

7.3 Best Practices

This is an item where schools share their best practices with members.

At Rosemere High there is an opt out \$1.00 extra charge on parent's student fees that goes to student services. This generates more than \$1000 for this service as the majority of parents pay it

John F Kennedy suggested that the best practices should be documented and put on the website for everyone's access. Schools should be sure that their best practices are verified. Members would like a contact person that they could get in touch with to see how their best practice was implemented.

8. QUESTION PERIOD

9. ADJOURNMENT

PC20161103-07 Terry Fox Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting is closed at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Laval Junior Academy.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary