

Minutes of the FOURTH (4th) meeting of the 2017-2018 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday February 1st, 2018 at 7:15 pm in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Arfanis	Hillcrest Academy	Frank D'Onofrio	Pinewood Elementary
Bob Pellerin	Joliette High	Amber Lawrence	Rawdon Elementary
Samuel Lhémy	Jules Verne Elementary	Carla Tosti	Rosemere High
Xavier Pouchain	Lake of Two Mountains High	Effie Kontakos	Souvenir Elementary
Tara Anderson	Laurentia Elementary	Patricia Sasso	St Paul Elementary
Don Beverly	Laurentian Regional High	Christine Gauthier	St Vincent Elementary
Douglas Howarth	Laval Junior Academy	Chiara Parisi	Terry Fox Elementary
Lisa Marie Cipriani	McCaig Elementary	Anna Mondelli	Twin Oaks Elementary
Luca Arnaldi	Our Lady of Peace Elementary		

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Maccarone, Chairperson; Anne McMullon, Commissioner; Sergio Di Marco, Elementary Parent Commissioner

ABSENT: Arundel Elementary, Crestview Elementary, Franklin Hill Elementary, Grenville Elementary, John F. Kennedy Elementary, Joliette Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, Laval Senior Academy, Morin Heights Elementary, Mountainview Elementary, Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary, St Jude Elementary, Ste-Adele Elementary, Ste-Agathe Academy, SEAC Representative

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Happy New Year to everyone

PC20180201-01 Souvenir Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted. Seconded by Pinewood Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 7, 2017

PC20180201-02 Laval Junior Academy MOVED THAT the minutes of December 7, 2017 are accepted as presented. Seconded by Pinewood Elementary.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:
For: Hillcrest Acad, Joliette High, Jules Verne Elem, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentia Elem, Laval Junior Elem, McCaig Elem, Pinewood Elem, Rawdon Elem, Rosemere High, Souvenir Elem
Abstain: Laurentian Regional High, Our Lady of Peace Elem, St. Paul Elem, St Vincent Elem, Terry Fox Elem, Twin Oaks

3. QUESTION PERIOD

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Consultation – School Calendars 2018-2019

PC20180201-03 Laval Junior Academy MOVED THAT the 2018-2019 school calendars are approved as presented. Seconded by Joliette High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Consultation – Amendment to Field Trip Policy

Please read the consultation document in your packages. Take it back to your school and discuss it with your governing boards and come back next meeting ready to vote. Please send comments to the chairperson and she will compile them and bring them back next month.

In response to a question from Rosemere High, Mrs. Maccarone responded that most of the tour operators do offer the service of collecting tips and they will make sure that those who are supposed to will receive them. Schools should make arrangements with the tour operator to have this in the contract.

In response to a question from Laval Junior Academy, Mrs. Maccarone responded that if students go on field trips via public transport, they are insured if something happens.

In response to a question from Laurentian Regional High School, Mrs. Maccarone responded that the field trip policy is a guideline and it is internal policy in schools to plan and execute their field trips as long as due diligence is followed. The 30 day requirement applies mainly to out of country/province trips.

5.2 School Consultation – Amendments to Use of Information & Communications Technology Resources

Please read the consultation document in your packages. Take it back to your school and discuss it with your governing boards and come back next meeting ready to vote. Please send comments to the chairperson and she will compile them and bring them back next month.

In response to a question from Rosemere High on the terms in 7.2 specifically the word “annoyance”, Mrs. Maccarone responded that in updating this policy, the Information Technology department did research and looked at other boards to make sure we were compliant and they may have picked up on dialogue to be sure everything was covered. If members are not comfortable with the word they can ask for it to be removed in their comments.

6. REPORTS

6.1 School Board’s Report

- The CRC Robotics competition is being hosted at Laval Senior Academy February 1-3. More than 600 students from across the province from high school and CEGEP are competing. Lake of Two Mountains and Laval Senior Academy are participating from our board this year.
- SWLSB will receive 10.5 million dollars from the ministry for infrastructure funding. All of the projects that were submitted have been accepted. Each of the 3L territories are covered in this. Mrs. Maccarone highlighted all of the projects.
- Council is working on the strategic plan that will take us through the next 5 to 7 years. Information will go out to all stakeholders for community events to ask for everyone’s opinion. Early intervention, success rates, will be looked at. By 2020 they would like a 90% success rate. The targets set by the ministry are graduation and qualification, equity, (strategies to bridge gaps in order for everyone to be successful), special needs success, educational path and infrastructure. In addition to these our board will add to them. We will be going out to the public to see what it is that parents and students want to focus on for the strategic plan. It will be a fast consultation as it needs to be deposited by June. We are looking at having 3 different town halls and online surveys to make it easy to give feedback.
- Working on the budget parameters for 2018-2019 school year.
- Parents will see the tax rate change on the next school tax bill. The rate will be the lowest rate in that region.
- Sergio Di Marco praised the SWL Foundation on a successful gala last week. The Foundation works hard to raise funds for students in our school. At this gala, over \$39,000 was raised for the students. The next event is the Lobster Gala on June 14. 100% of all money raised goes back into the schools. Congratulations to all members of the foundation.

6.2 Chair Report

In members packages

6.3 Treasurers Report

No report tonight.

6.4 Parent Commissioner Report

In members packages

6.5 RCP-3L

In members packages. Very interesting to attend these meetings as Anglophones.

In addition to the speaker that the members would like to bring to a PC meeting, Mrs. Maccarone suggested inviting Geoff Hipps, Director of Pedagogical Services to come and share information on the educational project.

6.6 SEAC

No meeting held. There will be a mini-conference on the topic of anxiety at the next meeting. It will also be live streamed.

6.7 EPCA

In members packages

Discussion on a survey that EPCA will be preparing for parents of children with special needs on how it will be disseminated.

They will be putting it on their Facebook page.

7. VARIA**7.1 Student influx from Laval Junior and Senior towards Lake of Two Mountains High**

There are many students from Laval wanting to go to Lake of Two Mountains. The big issue is transportation. Mrs. Maccarone responded that there is an STL bus that goes to Deux-Montagnes but there is only one stop. Parents would need to get their child to the bus stop in Laval and they would be transported to Deux-Montagnes.

7.2 Info session and / or training on educational project needed at school level

Covered under RCP-3L

8. QUESTION PERIOD

A parent is upset they were forced to pay a ped day daycare fee on the snow day even though it is their practice not to send their child to the daycare on ped days. Our Lady of Peace went on to say that on ped days parents do pay an extra charge but there is usually an activity planned and on snow days there is no activity. Mrs. Maccarone replied that on ped days we have to pay the extra hours for staff therefore there is an extra charge, but it is not for activities it is for extra staffing. When parents register for daycare, they are obliged to pay for every day that they are registered, even when their child does not attend. Therefore a snow day is considered a regular daycare day and if you do not bring your child you are still obliged to pay the fee for the day. In response to a question from Our Lady of Peace Elementary, the school daycare fee structure is not the same as the government funded daycares for preschool children. Mrs. Maccarone went on to say that she will look into getting a communication prepared on how daycares work so that parents understand what they are being charged for.

Souvenir Elementary praised the SWLSB APP and went on to say that many parents still do not know it exists.

9. ADJOURNMENT

PC20180201-04 Pinewood Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting is closed at 8:17 p.m. Seconded by Souvenir Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

Minutes approved _____, 2018

Chairperson

Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary