

Minutes of the FIFTH (5th) meeting of the 2017-2018 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday March 1st, 2018 at 7:15 pm in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Franco Pellicciotti	Crestview Elementary	Frank D'Onofrio	Pinewood Elementary
Jessica Leduc	Franklin Hill Elementary	Amber Lawrence	Rawdon Elementary
Soha Morsi	Genesis Elementary	Carla Tosti	Rosemere High
Michael Arfanis	Hillcrest Academy	Effie Kontakos	Souvenir Elementary
Bob Pellerin	Joliette High	Christine Flynn	St Jude Elementary
Samuel Lhémy	Jules Verne Elementary	Patricia Sasso	St Paul Elementary
Tara Anderson	Laurentia Elementary	Christine Gauthier	St Vincent Elementary
Douglas Howarth	Laval Junior Academy	Thomas McCuiston	Ste-Adele Elementary
Lannie Richard	Mountainview Elementary	Chiara Parisi	Terry Fox Elementary
Andrew Viera	Our Lady of Peace Elementary	Laura Wittebol	Twin Oaks Elementary

ALSO PRESENT: Fred Greschner, Assistant Director General; Anne McMullon, Commissioner;

ABSENT: Arundel Elementary, Grenville Elementary, John F. Kennedy Elementary, Joliette Elementary, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentian Elementary, Laurentian Regional High, Laval Senior Academy, McCaig Elementary, Morin Heights Elementary, Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary, Ste-Agathe Academy, SEAC Representative

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PC20180301-01 Rawdon Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted. Seconded by St. Jude.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 1, 2018

PC20180301-02 Laval Junior Academy MOVED THAT the minutes of February 1, 2018 are accepted as presented. Seconded by Pinewood Elementary.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Hillcrest Acad, Joliette High, Jules Verne Elem, Laurentia Elem, Laval Junior Acad, Pinewood Elem, Rawdon Elem, Rosemere High, Souvenir Elem, St. Paul Elem, St. Vincent Elem, Terry Fox Elem,

Abstain: Crestview Elem, Franklin Hill Elem, Mountainview Elem, Our Lady of Peace Elem, Ste-Adele Elem, St. Jude Elem, Twin Oaks Elem

3. QUESTION PERIOD

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Consultation – Amendment to Field Trip Policy

The following comments were made by the parents committee and should be taken into consideration.

- Should include a reference to a background check for volunteers for all trips, not just trips outside of Canada.
- All volunteers must fill out the judicial declaration form. The vocabulary in the policy should be the same as on the website. Ensure that schools ask that parents who volunteer have been vetted and that the office is keeping track of the parents who have been vetted before they are allowed to present themselves on field trips.
- Can there be more flexibility on the 30 days delay to present the field trip form.

PC20180301-03 Souvenir Elementary MOVED THAT the consultation document "Amendment to Field Trip Policy" is approved with the above mentioned comments to be taken into consideration. Seconded by Twin Oaks Elementary.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Crestview Elem, Franklin Hill Elem, Genesis Elem, Joliette High, Jules Verne Elem, Laurentia Elem, Laval Junior Acad, Mountainview Elem, Our Lady of Peace Elem, Pinewood Elem, Rawdon Elem, Rosemere High, Souvenir Elem, St. Jude Elem, St. Paul Elem, St. Vincent Elem, Ste-Adele Elem, Terry Fox Elem, Twin Oaks Elem

Abstain: Hillcrest Acad

Genesis Elementary entered the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

- In response to a statement from LJA, permission slips for parents are not included in the policy but will be given to parents before trips. These are at the school level to manage these.
- Section 4.1 states that GB is responsible to approve trips for students, does this include outings that are outside of school hours. Mr. Greschner commented that any educational outing must be approved by the governing boards whether there are fees or not, even if they are on weekends or outside of school hours.
- In response to a question from Twin Oaks Elementary, Mr. Greschner responded that it is not under the GB responsibility to be approving ECA's during the day with teachers. She feels that GB should be informed of all ECA's even though they are not obliged to vote on them
- In response to a question from Mountainview Elementary, in school activities that are part of the curriculum that have fees charged to parents should be approved by governing boards.

4.2 Consultation – Amendments to Use of Information & Communications Technology Resources Policy

The following comments were made by the parents committee and should be taken into consideration.

- Annex A – Elementary student user and parent consent – typo in the word “appropriate” (used twice)
- In 7.52 the word “annoyance” should be struck from the policy
- Annex D – internet filtering list – the category tasteless - feels that it is vague. The procedure for password security – how many passwords are remembered – should not re-use passwords already used.
- The word “foolproof” should be one word, not two separate words. Rather than including the full hyperlink in 6.8 – just use the title of the document, in case the link ever changes.
- Elementary student user agreement form – where it says *shall not give out the name and address of my school* add “without permission from a staff member or a teacher”.
- Where the student signs it should read, I have read and I “have” understood.
- In the under 18 student user agreement – perhaps a summary of the most pertinent and key points for elementary could be given to students so that they are not expected to read the entire policy.
- Elementary student user agreement – at what age is an elementary school child expected to sign the agreement.

PC20180301-04 Laval Junior Academy MOVED THAT Amendments to Use of Information & Communications Technology Resources Policy is approved with above noted comments taken into consideration. Seconded by Pinewood Elementary.

This motion was **CARRIED** on the following division:
 For: Crestview Elem, Franklin Hill Elem, Genesis Elem, Joliette High, Jules Verne Elem, Laurentia Elem, Laval Junior Acad,
 Mountainview Elem, Our Lady of Peace Elem, Pinewood Elem, Rawdon Elem, Rosemere High, Souvenir Elem,
 St. Jude Elem, St. Paul Elem, St. Vincent Elem, Ste-Adele Elem, Terry Fox Elem, Twin Oaks Elem
 Abstain: Hillcrest Acad

Parents are expected to read the policy and sign that they have read it, and even if they don't, should it be breached, they are still liable.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Commitment to Success Plan: Information & Timetable

Mr. Greschner gave a description of the commitment to success plan. He will send the complete PowerPoint presentation to the chairperson to send to the members.

- Two town halls will be held on March 26 and 27 to consult and get feedback from all of our stakeholders in order to put together a complete Success Plan.
- In response to a question from Rawdon Elementary, governing Boards will not start working on their educational projects until next school year. (2019-2020) Once the success plans have been accepted by the minister, they will work on their educational project for the following year. There will be guidance from the Pedagogical Department to help governing boards put together their projects.
- In response to a question from Laval Junior Academy, it is the practice to make the strategic plans 5 years. It gives them a chance to grow.

- The minister is targeting 5 areas. Mr. Greschner will send the PowerPoint to members that describes these areas.

In response to a question from LJA, the money being injected into education is coming from the government.

In a follow-up question from LJA, the gap between boys and girls is an equal percentage in the French sector.

6. REPORTS

6.1 School Board's Report

Covered in commitment to success plan.

6.2 Treasurers Report

6.2.1 PC Student Awards

Please get the plaque from your school and bring them to the next meeting so that it can be refurbished.

PC20180301-05 St. Jude Elementary MOVED THAT the parents committee will spend \$897 on refurbishing the balance of the 13 outstanding effort plaques. Seconded by Rawdon Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Parent Commissioner Report

Meeting was last night – a report will be prepared and sent to the chair to send to members.

6.4 RCP-3L

There is a training on March 17 on Bill 105. The link was sent to members to register if they would like to attend.

6.5 SEAC

Last meeting was a mini workshop on Anxiety and stress. This workshop was also online and was attended by many viewers.

6.6 EPCA

No report

7. VARIA

8. QUESTION PERIOD

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting April 5, 2018 – Happy Easter to all!

PC20180301-06 Rawdon Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting is closed at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by St. Jude Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved _____, 2018

Chairperson

Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary