

Minutes of the seventh (7th) meeting of the 2018-2019 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents' Committee held on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dalia Ceron Gonzalez	Franklin Hill Elementary	Frank D'Onofrio	Pinewood Elementary
Charbel Mourad	Hillcrest Academy	Amber Lawrence	Rawdon Elementary
Richard Alary	Joliette High	Carla Tosti	Rosemere High
Adam Garonce	Jules Verne Elementary	Effie Kontakos	Souvenir Elementary
Adam Gordon	Lake of Two Mountains High	Mike Panichella	St. Paul Elementary,
Tara Anderson	Laurentia Elementary	Christine Flynn	St. Jude Elementary
Don Beverly	Laurentian Regional High	Billie Chasiotis	Terry Fox Elementary
Lannie Richard	Mountainview Elementary	Nathalie Codner	Twin Oaks Elementary
Aniarys Torralba Parra	Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary	Laura Orzea	SEAC Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Krenn, Interim Director of Corporate Affairs/Secretary General; Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator, Communication Services; Robin Bennett, Director, Information Technology; Bob Pellerin, Commissioner

ABSENT: Arundel Elementary, Crestview Elementary, Genesis Elementary, Grenville Elementary, John F Kennedy Elementary, Joliette Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, Laval Junior Academy, Laval Senior Academy, McCaig Elementary, Morin Heights Elementary, Our Lady of Peace Elementary, St. Vincent Elementary, Ste-Adele Elementary, Ste-Agathe Academy,

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add: 5.3 Educational Project

PC20190502-01 Rawdon Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted with addition. Seconded by Mountainview Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of April 4, 2019

PC20190502-02 St. Jude Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of April 4, 2019 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Souvenir Elementary.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Hillcrest Acad, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentian Regional High, Pinewood Elem, Rawdon Elem, Souvenir Elem, St Jude Elem, St. Paul Elem, Twin Oaks Elem

Abstain: SEAC, Joliette High, Laurentia Elem, Rosemere High, Mountainview Elem

3. QUESTION PERIOD

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Follow-up on Council of Commissioners' minutes

A letter was read from McCaig Elementary by the Chairperson.

4.2 PC Minutes on website

The minutes have been put back onto the website.

*Terry Fox Elementary entered the meeting at 7:20
Franklin Hill Elementary entered the meeting at 7:25*

4.3 Addendum – E-vote

As e-mailed to members. The following points were added.

- Please do not “reply to all” unless you have a question on the resolution. For transparency purposes, the recording secretary will list the votes when the resolution is ratified in the minutes.
- Discussion about the non-response and abstention. They are two distinctions. A non-response does not mean that you abstain.
- There must be 10 votes on the e-vote in order for it to count.
- An e-vote can only be used if the topic has been introduced at a meeting.
- The e-vote does not nullify any PC internal rules and procedures that are currently in place.

Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary entered the meeting at 7:30

The vote will be tabled to the next meeting once the Chairperson has added these changes to the document.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Jules Verne Elementary entered the meeting at 7:36

5.1 E-mails and the new mass notification system - Presentation by Robin Bennett and Maxeen Jolin

- Robin Bennett and Maxeen Jolin were in attendance to present the new mass notification system for employees and parents, called Communicate. This new system will allow the school board to send out mass notifications as needed.
- There is the option to send notifications to those concerned rather than having to send it to all parents or employees.
- In response to a question from Lake of Two Mountains, this system will not replace the SWLSB APP.
- In a follow up question, there will be no cost to parents if they have unlimited texting.
- This system will be piloted at Rosemere High school first.
- Once the system has started there will be information and a FAQ document on the website.
- The messaging system has no option to reply. Rawdon Elementary suggested that there could be an automatic message that bounces back to parents telling them not to reply to messages.
- The only means of communication that will be phased out is the old one.
- All information used for the messaging system comes from GPI and it is updated daily from Mosaic. As soon as a parent makes changes to their profile the following morning it will be updated in the communicate system.

5.2 June 6 – potluck dinner

PC20190502-03 St. Jude Elementary MOVED THAT there will be a potluck supper at the last PC meeting in June. Seconded by Souvenir Elementary.

Carried UANANIMOUSLY

5.3 Educational Project

The school Educational Projects should have been discussed at governing boards. The first draft should have been sent for review by April 30 to Pedagogical services. The Chairperson did a round table to see if all of the schools had discussed it. All of the schools have discussed it and some have adopted it.

6. REPORTS

6.1 School Board's Report

- The draft budgetary rules have been received from the MEES. There will be about 2 million more in funds coming through dedicated and protected measures for next year. Some have been regrouped to give more flexibility to schools for their needs. Once the final rules are received, the Director General will present to PC.
- May 1-3 – Play at LSA – Mamma Mia
- May 3-4 – Play at LJA – Beauty and the Beast
- Getting one extra Pre-K. All of the 15 that were announced last month are going ahead and we have been given one more.
- Held a meeting with the elementary schools who will get Pre-Ks to be sure they are prepared when the school year starts.

St Jude Elementary governing board approved one Pre-K for next year, and now they have been given two. Are they allowed to vote on the number of the Pre-K classes they have in their school as they are now concerned where they will put the extra class. There is certain space in the school that they do not want to lose. The Secretary General responded that nothing has been decided without the collaboration of the principal. In a follow-up question – after the first year could they reduce to one class if they see that there is not enough space. The Secretary General responded that there is a cost to these classes so the schools could probably not back track.

In response to a question from Hillcrest, the Pre-Ks were allotted through the eligible postal codes that were approved from the MEES. The schools who were given Pre-Ks are the ones who had the most eligible postal codes.

Laurentian Regional High asked what happens to the schools who have existing private daycares vis a vis the staff – the staff for the Pre-K must follow the ministry's directives – There will be two employees in each Pre-K class - a qualified teacher and a qualified Special Education Technician and/or Daycare Technician.

Laurentian Regional High enquired if the extra 2 million dollars is being given to replace the loss in the taxation revenues since the tax rate has decreased. The Secretary General will get an answer to the question.

6.2 Chair's Report

No report this month

6.3 Treasurer's Report

In members package.

- The awards and plaques amount will be updated now that the invoice has been received.
- The Chairperson sent the letters to the principals to let them know to send a name for the PC award. For next year members would like to be told when the letters go so that they can follow up with the principal.
- The SWLF Lobster Gala will be held on Thursday, June 13 – the PC is able to purchase 8 tickets

PC20190502-04 St. Lake of Two Mountains High MOVED THAT Parents committee will purchase 8 tickets to the Lobster Gala at \$175 each. Seconded by Mountainview Elementary.

Carried UANANIMOUSLY

6.4 Parent Commissioner's Report

In members package.

In response to the question about what the consequences would be if a complaint was filed against a PC member, the Secretary General answered that the Education Act does not have any provisions for this, so these complaints would be sent to the chairperson of the Parents' Committee. The School Board has no jurisdiction over the members of PC. It would be up to the internal rules of PC.

In response to a question from Hillcrest Academy, The Secretary General replied that it is not uncommon to have administrator vacant positions after the assignment sessions. When there are vacancies the Director General can fill the vacancy by interim where she will send out a call for interest to employees. Alternatively, there can be a selection committee, whereby posting the positions, forming a selection committee and naming someone to these vacant positions. The vacant positions currently will be filled with a posting. This will be done by the end of June.

6.5 RCP-3L Report

In members package

The Chairperson noted that the PC is allowed three representatives on this committee. She suggested that it would be good for PC to nominate the members a for a two year mandate to keep the continuity. She will incorporate this in the Internal Rules of Procedures and bring this to the next meeting and a vote will be held so that in October the PC can start right away.

6.6 SEAC Report (Special Education Advisory Committee)

In members package.

6.7 EPCA (English Parents Committee Association)

In members package.

As part of the effort to maintain school boards in Québec, APPELE-Québec is a broad-based, Québec wide alliance to promote the continued existence of English school boards governed by school board commissioners democratically elected by the English-speaking community at large.

<https://appelequebec.org/>

At EPCA's last meeting, they voted to have observer status as part of this Group. What EPCA would like to know now is should they remain as observers or should we move to supporters?

What is expected of supporting status:

- Adhere to the mission and mandate of APPELE
- Participate in APPELE meetings
- Respect the confidentiality of APPELE meetings when required
- Confer the operational functions of APPELE to the Steering Committee
- Agree to making their participation public
- Participate in public events or activities of APPELE including media events

What is expected of observer status:

- Be sympathetic to the mission of APPELE
- Participate in APPELE meetings
- Respect the confidentiality of APPELE meetings when required
- Contribute, in a way appropriate to their organization, to fulfilling the mandate of APPELE.

The Chairperson will send members links on this subject to read so that they are better informed. The Chairperson will hold an e-vote and it will be sent to the EPCA director by May 10. The e-vote will be ask members if they approve the EPCA becoming supporters.

E-vote – May 10, 2019 | PC20190510-01 Carla Tosti move that Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee support EPCA to change its status of Observer to Supporter as part of the group APPELE.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Franklin Hill Elem., Joliette High, Laurentia Elem, Laval Senior Acad, Pinewood Elem, Rawdon Elem, Rosemere High, Ste-Agathe Acad., Terry Fox Elem, Twin Oaks Elem, SEAC.

Against: Jules Verne Elem.

6.8 Facebook Page

Going well. Please like the page and invite people.

7. VARIA

8. QUESTION PERIOD

9. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – June 6, 2019

Congratulations to Laurentia Elementary, Hillcrest Academy, Franklin Hill Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, St Jude Elementary, Lake of Two Mountains High, SEAC and Rosemere High who will attend the Lobster Gala on June 13.

In the event that one of these members cannot attend, the alternates are Souvenir Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary, Mountainview Elementary and Pierre E Trudeau Elementary.

PC20190502-05 Souvenir Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Pinewood Elementary

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved _____, 2019

Chairperson

Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary