

**Minutes of the FIRST (1<sup>st</sup>) meeting of the 2020-2021 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7:15 pm via ZOOM videoconferencing.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sean Palardy	Arundel Elementary	Lisa Cipriani	McCaig Elementary
Laura Orzea	Crestview Elementary	Jason Stewart	Morin Heights Elementary (non-voting)
Dalia Ceron Gonzalez	Franklin Hill Elementary	Lannie Richard	Mountainview Elementary
Theresa Andrusko	Genesis Elementary	Spiros Mitzinis	Our Lady of Peace Elementary
Michelle Deslauriers	Grenville Elementary	Tania Mitchell	Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary
Jenny Georgiopoulos	Hillcrest Academy	Jennifer St-Roch	Pinewood Elementary
Jennifer Subaihi	John F Kennedy Elementary	Stephannie Hamel	Rawdon Elementary
Vanessa Pietraroia	Joliette Elementary	Jossie Tortorici	Rosemere High
Richard Alary	Joliette High	Christos Strifas	Souvenir Elementary
Sheila Lindsay	Jules Verne Elementary	John Critchley	St. Jude Elementary
Adam Gordon	Lake of Two Mountains High (in person)	Michelina Capozzi	St. Paul Elementary
Tara Anderson	Laurentia Elementary	Marcelo Iaconvella	St. Vincent Elementary
Karrine Morrison	Laurentian Elementary	Chloée Alary	Ste-Adele Elementary
Donald Beverly	Laurentian Regional High	Barbara Barrasso	Terry Fox Elementary
Evan Goudis	Laval Junior Academy (non-voting tonight)	Nathalie Codner	Twin Oaks Elementary
Ailsa Pehi	Laval Senior Academy (in person)	Stéphane Henley	SEAC Representative

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gaëlle Absolonne Director General; Fred Greschner, Assistant Director General; Florence Delorme, Director, School Organization and School Affairs; Robin Bennett, Director, Information Technology; Vicky Kaliotzakis, Vice-Chairperson; PC Alternates from: Franklin Hill Elementary, Hillcrest Academy, John F. Kennedy Elementary, Laval Junior Academy, Mountainview Elementary, Rosemere High, Terry Fox Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary; Tony Beliotis, Outgoing Secondary Parent Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Ste-Agathe Academy

The outgoing chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm

**1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, AND OPENING OF MEETING**

The outgoing chairperson welcomed the members and guests.

**2. ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS**

Members introduced themselves.

Tony Beliotis is representing LJA tonight as he is the outgoing secondary parent commissioner. At the next meeting the delegate from LJA will resume voting

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

McCaig Elementary read the acknowledgement of the land.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Add: 11.2 upcoming special PC meeting

Add: 11.3 Zoom accounts

**PC20201001-01** Crestview Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted with additions. Seconded by Arundel Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS**

Done in point 2

## 6. ELECTIONS

### 6.1 Procedures of Elections

- All PC delegates are eligible to run for positions.
- If any position is contested, there will be a vote.
- Everyone will be given a phone number and votes will be cast by text message.
- Anyone can nominate you or you can nominate yourself.
- Include your school name, your name and the person you are voting for.

**PC20201001-02** Lake of Two Mountains High MOVED THAT the voting be done by text message to a phone number that will be projected on screen. Seconded by Laval Senior Academy.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**PC20201001-03** Lake of Two Mountains High MOVED THAT the text messages be erased after each vote. Seconded by Joliette High School.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

### 6.2 Nomination/Election of Chairperson of Elections and Scrutineers

**PC20201001-04** Lake of Two Mountains High MOVED THAT Vicky Kaliozakis be named as chairperson of elections. Seconded by Franklin Hill Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**PC20201001-05** Lake of Two Mountains High MOVED THAT Gaëlle Absolonne and Robin Bennett be nominated as scrutineers. Seconded by Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**PC20201001-06** Lake of Two Mountains High MOVED THAT Fred Greschner replace Gaëlle Absolonne as scrutineer. Seconded by Franklin Hill Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

### 6.3 Nomination/Election of Chairperson

- McCaig Elementary nominates Adam Gordon, Lake of Two Mountains High - accepts - Congratulations

### 6.4 Nomination/Election of Vice-Chairperson

- Laurentia Elementary nominates Lisa Cipriani, McCaig Elementary - accepts - Congratulations

### 6.5 Nomination/Election of Secretary

- Jennifer Subaihi, John F. Kennedy nominates herself – accepts
- McCaig Elementary nominates Tara Anderson, Laurentia Elementary – respectfully declines
- Jenny Georgiopoulos Hillcrest Academy nominates herself – accepts

The candidates introduced themselves.

All of the members except the outgoing secondary parent commissioner used the text number to vote. He sent an e-mail to the recording secretary.

Congratulations to Jenny Georgiopoulos of Hillcrest Academy

### 6.6 Nomination/Election of Treasurer

- The outgoing secondary parent commissioner nominated Dalia Ceron Gonzalez, Franklin Hill Elementary– respectfully declines
- McCaig Elementary nominates Barbara Barrasso, Terry Fox Elementary – accepts – congratulations

**6.7 Nomination/Election of 2-year term Elementary Parent Commissioner**

- McCaig Elementary nominates Tara Anderson, Laurentia Elementary – accepts - Congratulations

**6.8 Nomination/Election of 2-year term High School Parent Commissioner**

- Rosemere High School nominates Ailsa Pehi, Laval Senior Academy - accepts
- Laval Junior Academy nominates Adam Gordon, Lake of Two Mountains High – accepts

The candidates introduced themselves.

All of the members except the outgoing secondary parent commissioner used the text number to vote. He sent an e-mail to the recording secretary.

Congratulations to Adam Gordon

**6.9 Nomination to Advisory Committee on Transportation**

- McCaig Elementary nominates Jennifer Subaihi, John F. Kennedy Elementary – respectfully declines
- Laurentia nominates Nathalie Codner, Twin Oaks Elementary – accepts - Congratulations

**PC20201001-07** Laurentia Elementary MOVED THAT Nathalie Codner, Twin Oaks Elementary be nominated to the Advisory Committee on Transportation for the 2020-2021 school year. Seconded by McCaig Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**6.10 Nomination/Election of EPCA (English Parents Committee Association) Director (1)**

The representative in her second year of a 2-year term, Ailsa Pehi, described the role.

The next annual general assembly is October 22.

- Franklin Hill Elementary nominates Tara Anderson, Laurentia Elementary – respectfully declines
- Laval Senior Academy nominates Stephannie Hamel, Rawdon Elementary - accepts
- McCaig Elementary nominates Jossie Tortorici, Rosemere High – accepts

The candidates introduced themselves.

All of the members except the outgoing secondary parent commissioner used the text number to vote. He sent an e-mail to the recording secretary.

Congratulations to Stephannie Hamel from Rawdon Elementary.

**PC20201001-08** Pinewood Elementary MOVED THAT Stephannie Hamel, Rawdon Elementary be named as an EPCA Director for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. Seconded by Hillcrest Academy.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**6.11 Nomination/Election of RCP-3L Representative and Alternate (1)**

Second year of a 2-year term Ailsa Pehi

Second year of a 2-year term Lisa Cipriani

Franklin Hill Elementary nominates herself – Congratulations

**PC20201001-09** McCaig Elementary MOVED THAT Dalia Ceron Gonzalez, Franklin-Hill Elementary be nominated as an Alternate Director to the RCP-3L for the school year 2020-2021 school years. Seconded by Rawdon Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

## 6.12 Election of Recording Secretary and Remuneration

**PC20201001-10** Laval Senior Academy MOVED THAT Susan O’Keeffe be engaged as the PC recording secretary for the 2020-2021 year at a cost of \$90 per meeting and \$10 for every half hour after 9:45 p.m. Seconded by McCaig Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6.13 Election of Facebook Committee

McCaig Elementary explained the FB committee to members. As the PC secretary, Jenny Georgiopoulos is automatically on.

- Laurentia Elementary nominates herself
- McCaig Elementary nominates herself
- Rawdon Elementary nominates herself
- The outgoing secondary parent commissioner nominates Laval Junior Academy – respectfully declines

**PC20201001-11** Lake of Two Mountains MOVED THAT the delegates from Laurentia Elementary, Rawdon Elementary and McCaig Elementary be selected onto the 2020-2021 Facebook Committee. Seconded by the outgoing secondary parent committee.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6.14 Election of a PC<sup>2</sup> Publicity Committee sub-committee

This a 4-person committee.

- Laurentia Elementary nominates herself
- McCaig Elementary nominates herself
- John F. Kennedy nominates himself

**PC20201001-12** Lake of Two Mountains MOVED THAT the delegates from Laurentia Elementary, John F. Kennedy Elementary and McCaig Elementary be selected onto the 2020-2021 PC<sup>2</sup> Publicity Committee. Seconded by the outgoing secondary parent commissioner.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of August 20, 2020

**PC20201001-13** Laurentia Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of August 20, 2020 be accepted. Seconded by Joliette High School.

**This motion was CARRIED on the following division:**

**For:** Crestview Elem, Joliette High, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentia Elementary, Outgoing Secondary Parent Commissioner, Laval Senior Academy, McCaig Elem, Mountainview Elem, Our Lady of Peace Elem, Pinewood Elem, St. Paul Elem, Souvenir Elem, Twin Oaks Elem

**Abstain:** Arundel Elem, Franklin Hill Elem, Genesis Elem, Grenville Elem, Hillcrest Acad, John F. Kennedy Elem, Joliette Elem, Laurentian Elem, Laurentian Regional High, Pierre E. Trudeau Elem, Rawdon Elem, Rosemere High, St. Jude Elem, St. Vincent Elem, Ste-Adele Elem, Terry Fox Elem, SEAC  
(13-0-17)

*Pierre Elliott Trudeau left the meeting at 9:24*

## 8. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### 9.1 Consultation Deeds of Establishment and 3-Year Plan

Florence Delorme, Director of School Organization and School Affairs explained this consultation

Please discuss this with your governing boards and bring recommendations or changes to your individual schools to the next meeting to be voted on.

## 9.2 Consultation Enrolment Criteria

Florence Delorme gave a presentation on the enrolment criteria. The only change is that the re-registration and registration periods will both be at the last week of January 2021. In the past, the registration period started February 1. With the influx of PreK students the schools need extra time for registration. Please discuss this with your governing boards and come back with recommendations or changes to next month's meeting to be voted on.

If you have any questions you can direct them to your school principal.

## 9.3 SEAC Membership

**PC20201001-14** McCaig Elementary MOVED THAT Nadia Zuccaro, St. Vincent Elementary; Stéphane Henley, Laval Junior Academy; Anthony Beliotis, Laval Senior Academy; Jane Hillenbrand, Rosemere High be accepted as members on the SEAC for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. Seconded by Terry Fox Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

## 9.4 Date, Time, Place of Meetings 2020-2021

**PC20201001-15** St. Jude Elementary MOVED THAT the meetings for 2020-2021 will be the first Thursday of each month with the exception of March. The meetings will be held on: October 1, November 5, December 3, 2019, January 7, February 4, March 11, April 1, May 6 and June 3, 2020. Meeting start time will be at 7:15 p.m. and will be held hybrid style, via Zoom with an option to attend in person at Head Office. (235 rue Montée Lesage, Rosemere, Québec). Municipal, provincial, and federal Covid-19 health and safety protocols will be used to determine meeting formats. Seconded by Rawdon Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

## 9.5 Internal Rules of Procedure

In members' package.

## 9.6 Internal Financial Policy

In members' package.

## 9.7 Internal Rules of Procedure Parents' Committee Facebook Page

In members' package.

## 9.8 Internal Rules of Procedure PC<sup>2</sup>

In members' package.

# 10. REPORTS

## 10.1 General Directorate

Congratulations to all those who were elected tonight and thank you for your presence and implication in your child's education.

### Highlights:

- A summary of the summer work renovation projects at schools. Thank you to the MR team who ensured these renovations were done on time.
- Thank you to the IT team on making sure that all students have devices in case we need to go back into confinement.
- Please regularly visit the school board website for up to date news.
- Please check your e-mails regularly for communications from head office. The communications department uses a method called Communicate. Please be sure that your e-mail address is up to date in your child's file. Should you wish to receive SMS messages, text Y to 978338.
- Please remind your children about the importance of wearing their masks on the bus.
- Right now, there are 7 active Covid-19 cases in our schools. If you have any questions please consult our website as this is the most accurate information. Public Health has indicated to us that very rarely does the transmission happen within the school. The measures that are put into place by SWLSB have demonstrated that we are reducing the spread of the virus. The CNESST visited

3 of the schools and the head office and the inspector was very impressed with the application of the measures we have implemented.

- Emergency protocols are in place and working well. We work with the 3 CISSS on our territory and meet weekly with public health to be sure everyone is on the same page. We can only communicate a positive case once it is confirmed by the CISSS of the region. Public health provides us with the letters that are sent to parents when there is a confirmed case. If you have any questions please contact your school administration for clarification.
- Please be mindful when listening to others, that some information that is repeated is not always accurate.

#### **Virtual Campus**

- 225 students exempted by a physician are grouped in the virtual campus. 38 of the exempted teachers are teaching at this campus. There is an administrator and they are supported by the Pedagogical Services Department (PSD). The schedules of learning are according to the MEES guide of minimum service to students.

#### **School elections**

- School board elections are on November 1. All information is on our website.
- 9 wards have been filled by acclamation. There are 5 returning and 4 new commissioners. Elections will be held for the Chairperson position.
- Please make sure you are on the electoral list. Visit the website to verify your status.
- Currently recruiting staff for the elections. Please pass it along.

#### **Proud moments**

- Mozaïk portal parent training was held September 29-30. The session was recorded and will be sent to all parents. The Mozaïk Portal is the place to go for information concerning your child in school.
- Orange shirt day is September 30 – observed annually, it is a day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools.
- SWLSB is growing. Our enrolment has increased over the past 4 years. This is due mainly to the inception of the PreK's. 20 of our 26 schools are offering PreK.
- A new school will be built in Joliette. We also requested one for the Mirabel area and a new one to service the special needs students at Crestview. These were refused but we will try again. The council of commissioners passed a resolution to mandate the chairperson to write a letter to the minister to re-emphasize our needs for these two schools.
- The SWLSB graduation and qualification rate is at 87.7%. Congratulations to our SWLSB community. Our target for 2022 is 88%. We are in the top 5 of 72 school boards/service centres in Quebec. We are higher than the provincial rate and the public schools.
- We are offering the Industrial Drafting program in our Vocational Training centre. Please tell everyone you know who might be looking for a new career.
- Embracing Diversity conference will be held January 10 for parents. It is free! Well known and highly recognized speakers will be giving workshops.
- The SWLSB report will be sent to the chairperson to send to parents.

*Pinewood Elementary left the meeting at 10:19*

*Our Lady of Peace Elementary left the meeting at 10:21*

In response to a question from Laurentia Elementary there is no precise reason that there is an outbreak at Hillcrest. The majority of the cases taking place in schools have come in from the outside. The team is meeting with the CISSS next week to discuss when a school should be closed completely.

In response to a question from Hillcrest Academy, in an effort not to confuse parents, only the active cases in schools are being reported to give a complete and more accurate up to date picture. The DG will reflect upon publicizing active cases versus all cases. She went on to say that it is not because we are not being transparent.

**PC20201001-16** Laurentia Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting is extended until 11 p.m. Seconded by Lake of Two Mountains High.

Carried Unanimously

## 10.2 PC Chairperson

In members' package.

Please send the chairperson your upcoming GB dates as he would like to attend your meetings.

The chairperson remains accessible to the PC team, via e-mail, text messages and phone. Feel free to get in touch with him with any topics or ideas you might have.

Thank you to Vicky Kaliozakis, Vice-Chairperson for her implication over the past 7 years and best of luck in her new adventures.

*Franklin Hill Elementary left the meeting at 10:30*

*Jules Verne Elementary left the meeting at 10:31*

## 10.3 Parent Commissioners

In members' package.

## 10.4 Secretary

### 10.4.1 Facebook sub-committee

In members' packages.

## 10.5 EPCA (English Parents Committee Association)

No report available.

## 10.6 RCP-3L

No report available.

## 10.7 SEAC

In members' packages.

## 11. VARIA

### 11.1 The year ahead

**PC20201001-17** Joliette High School MOVED THAT this topic be tabled to the next PC meeting. Seconded by Terry Fox Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

### 11.2 Special Parents Committee meeting

The chairperson will call a special meeting on either October 22 or 29 in order to vote for the SEAC Parent Commissioner. The SEAC meeting is October 20 and they will have nominations for the position at that meeting.

### 11.3 ZOOM Accounts

Souvenir Elementary GB has not been able to invite public to meetings because the principal won't let them use the zoom link due to privacy issues. In order to be able to allow public to their meetings, the GB chairperson purchased a license and is asking to be repaid for it. A resolution was passed at their GB meeting to this effect. The request for a refund has been refused and the PC delegate would like to know why.

Please send the GB resolution to the Director General in order for her to look at it as she is not familiar with the details. She went on to say that based on the ministry directives there are two ways to hold meetings – opening up the zoom link to the public or to have the meetings with just members and publicize the minutes shortly after the meeting.

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

In response to a question from the public link, The DG does not know the specific case of why a child is attending school if their sibling is isolating. Public Health are the specialists who make the decisions and if parents have concerns about their directives please contact the 1-877 number or the administration of your school.

In response to a question from the alternate delegate of Rosemere High, the information received from the ministry is that ECAs and sports may occur in yellow green and orange zones. They can have two extra stable groups in addition to the baseline stable groups they are in during the day. This information has evolved and changed over the past weeks. As of now, the directive for ECAs and sports if you are in the red zone is if they attend ECAs or sports they must be students from the stable groups they are in during the day.

In response to a question from the alternate delegate of John F. Kennedy Elementary, the directions and recommendations the SWLSB is following are based on the directives from the CISSS and public health. They are the medical specialists.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Thank you for attending the meeting. Congratulations to everyone who was elected.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2020

If you cannot make a meeting please ask your alternate to attend.

**PC20201001-18** St Jude Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 10:45 p.m. Seconded by the outgoing secondary parent commissioner.

**Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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Chairperson

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Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary