

Minutes of the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the 2020-2021 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. via ZOOM videoconferencing.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sean Palardy	Arundel Elementary	Lisa Cipriani	McCaig Elementary
Laura Orzea	Crestview Elementary	Jason Stewart	Morin Heights Elementary
Dalia Gonzalez	Franklin Hill Elementary	Lannie Richard	Mountainview Elementary
Theresa Andrusko	Genesis Elementary	Emma Haralambous	Our Lady of Peace Elementary
Kelly Kennedy	Grenville Elementary	Tania Mitchell	Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary
Jenny Georgiopoulos	Hillcrest Academy	Jennifer St-Roch	Pinewood Elementary
Jennifer Subaihi	John F Kennedy Elementary	Jossie Tortorici	Rosemere High
Vanessa Pietraroia	Joliette Elementary	Christos Strifas	Souvenir Elementary
Richard Alary	Joliette High	John Critchley	St. Jude Elementary
Sheila Lindsay	Jules Verne Elementary	Mike Panichella	St. Paul Elementary
Adam Gordon	Lake of Two Mountains High	Robert De Luca	St. Vincent Elementary
Tara Anderson	Laurentia Elementary	Chloée Alary	Ste-Adele Elementary
Donald Beverly	Laurentian Regional High	Barbara Barrasso	Terry Fox Elementary
Evan Goudis	Laval Junior Academy	Natalie Codner	Twin Oaks Elementary
Ailsa Pehi	Laval Senior Academy	Tony Beliotis	SEAC Representative

**ALSO PRESENT:** Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General; Fred Greschner, Assistant Director General; Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; The alternate delegates from Laval Junior Academy, Mountainview Elementary, Terry Fox Elementary, SEAC

**ABSENT:** Laurentian Elementary, Rawdon Elementary, Ste-Agathe Academy

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm

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

- The chairperson welcomed everyone.
- The members observed a minute of silence to recognize the national day of remembrance of COVID-19.
- The team sends well wishes to Adam Garonce, an PC alumni and parent in Jules-Verne Elementary. Adam was an active member of this PC for many years.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

McCaig Elementary read the acknowledgement of the land.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- 6.1 Consultation to EPCA for 2021
- 10.2 Sub-par report on CO2 level in schools

**PC20210311-01** Laurentia Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted. Seconded by Hillcrest Academy.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 4, 2021**

**PC20210311-02** Joliette High MOVED THAT the minutes of February 4, 2021 be accepted. Seconded by Joliette Elementary.

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

**For:** Arundel Elem, Crestview Elem, Franklin Hill Elem, Genesis Elem, Grenville Elem, Hillcrest Acad, John F. Kennedy Elem, Joliette Elem, Joliette High, Jules Verne Elem, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentia Elementary, Laurentian Regional High, Laval Junior High, Laval Senior Academy, McCaig Elem, Mountainview Elem, Morin Heights Elem, Our Lady of Peace Elem, Pierre E. Trudeau Elem, Rosemere High, St. Jude Elem, St. Vincent Elem, St. Paul Elem, Ste-Adele Elem, Souvenir Elem, Terry Fox Elem, Twin Oaks Elem SEAC

**Abstain:** Pinewood Elem

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**6. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions.

## 6.1 Consultation to EPCA for 2021

EPCA has been invited to a consultation on the 2021-2022 school that will take place March 31. The topics that will be discussed are:

- Educational success and catch up
- School org and pedagogical framework
- Wellness and mental health

Three specific questions per topic are being asked and they are looking for feedback from PCs. The EPCA delegate would like to hold a quick meeting in the next few days. She will take notes and bring them back to EPCA. The deadline to submit to EPCA is March 22. The date chosen for the open forum discussion is Thursday March 18 at 7 p.m. The chair will send out a zoom link to the members.

*Laval Senior Academy left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.*

## 7. REPORTS

### 7.1 PC Chairperson

- Visited 2 governing boards this month – Laval Senior Academy and Rosemere High.
- Scheduled to attend more GBs this month in addition to trainings.

### 7.2 School Board

#### 7.2.1 General Directorate

The SWLSB chairperson welcomed members back from spring break.

March 11 - National day of remembrance for victims of COVID-19.

- A ceremony took place, between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m., in the forecourt of the Parliament.
- At 1:00 p.m., the entire population of Québec was asked to observe a minute of silence.
- Flags in our schools and centres were at half-mast.

#### Air quality tests

- Governing Board (GB) presentation of results started at the end of February.
- PowerPoint will be tailor made to your specific school when the results are in.
- Thanks to feedback received from the school who already received theirs the report will be more detailed.
- Presentations will continue in March and April (May, if required).
- Acceptable level of CO2 level must be under 1 000 ppm, otherwise, corrective measures will need to be implemented.

#### Air purifiers

- Special Council meeting was held for the engagement of the supplier who will be installing air purifiers in naturally ventilated classrooms.
- 400 units with HEPA filters have been ordered (2 per class) Expecting to receive the first batch next week.

#### Wearing of masks – Elementary schools

##### As of March 8

- In all elementary schools in the CMM region (17 schools).
- Outside CMM region: face covering until the following week.

##### Week of March 15

- In all elementary schools (9 more elementary schools)

##### In all schools / centres

- Sufficient procedural masks for all students and staff. Although it is 2 masks a day, please rest assured that if they need a third mask it will be given to them.
- ECAs can start resuming as of March 15 as long as they are within the classroom bubble.
- Masks can be taken off outside as long as students remain in the class bubbles. If they cannot maintain 2 metres from other class bubbles they must wear their mask.
- Students must wear their masks in Phys Ed class. The only exception is when they are 2 metres from each other.
- Teachers are creating a mask *time-out* zone in the classrooms for students if they need to take it off. It is important to maintain mask wearing because of the variant. It has been demonstrated that it is an extra level of protection and those who have not been wearing the mask tend to get a more aggressive version of the virus.
- Public health will try to send a letter to parents to better understand where these measures are coming from.
- There is a link in the DG presentation that will be sent to members that parents can look at that gives detailed information on mask wearing in schools.
- Parents can provide their own masks to their children if it can be demonstrated that it is an approved pediatric procedural mask. Please advise your principal if you intend on using your own masks so that they can be verified.

**Recycling masks - schools – pilot project:**

- Go Zero - An environmentally friendly Quebec company has been engaged for these schools. There is a cost to recycle them. They ship the boxes to the school, they are filled and shipped back to the company.
  - Laurentia
  - RHS
  - Phoenix Alternative

**Other initiative (s):**

- LRHS, with community partner (Maison des jeunes Lachute). They pick up the masks for environmentally friendly disposal.

**Pre-K groups 2021-2022**

- The Ministry of Education has authorized 40 groups of 4-year old Kindergarten for 2021-2022. 23 out of our 26 schools will house 4-year-old Kindergarten.
- This year we have 34 groups

**Proud moments**

- CDC Vimont, in partnership with The Learning Exchange, will present a virtual Family Literacy Celebration “Bedtime with Bears / L’heure du dodo avec ta doudou” on March 23, 2021. Following the event, the books that were read will be given to the adult students to take home. We anticipate a second celebration in late spring. This initiative is funded through a measure.
- SWLSB is proud to be partners with the Centres de services scolaires des Affluents and des Samares for a new vocational training centre in Terrebonne. This new centre will provide our students with more program options and new opportunities. The SWLSB Chairperson was present for the COVID ribbon cutting event.
  - Stationary Engine Mechanics (DVS/1800 hours)
  - Machining Technics (DVS/1800 hours)

**Upcoming events**

- Private Security Guarding course starting at CDC Pont-Viau on March 17.
- Hopefest/Laurier Gala – a FB live event in partnership with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation will take place on Friday, May 28 at 7:30.
- Souvenir Elementary has had a C02 presentation done at his school. There are 4 classes that need intervention immediately and they want to know why not intervene school wide rather than just 4 classrooms? The Director General responded that depending on the analysis more classrooms will be done in certain schools. This is a case by case. In response to a question from the Souvenir delegate it was continuous testing done from the time the students came in until they went home. The Director General understood that the Souvenir GB wanted more information and a more detailed report will be sent to their GB. The delegate feels that this should be taken care of swiftly.
- The SWLSB Chairperson acknowledged how lucky Laval was to be chosen for the saliva tests for students. These tests have worked well for contact tracing and it is hopeful that this will moving onto many other schools.

**7.3 PC Vice-Chairperson**

- PC2 committee held a meeting and the PC document was finalized. It has been sent to the board level for review and then will be sent to communications for graphics.
- PC exec held a meeting to look at ways to improve PC meetings.
- The quote cards campaign will begin next week. There is still time to send in your cards.

**7.4 Secretary****7.4.1 Facebook sub-committee**

Looking to have websites approved for the FB page.

**7.5 Treasurer**

In members’ packages and explained by the treasurer.

At the end of the year there will be a large surplus. Looking to the team for suggestions on how to spend the money. Some suggestions made were:

- Give out more for the awards making sure that the virtual school is looked at.
- Donate to the SWL Foundation.
- Have an in-person or virtual meal together
- Donate to teacher support – teachers are demonstrating colère.

- Gift cards to schools – divide equally the money regionally to each school to purchase gift cards for stuff they may need in their school.
- Underline the hard work that the teachers have been doing – teacher awards.
- Create a time capsule in each school for them to open up in future years.
- Plant a tree at the head office in memory of the graduating students.

Members are asked to think about this as it will be brought back on the agenda at a later date.

#### 7.6 Parent Commissioner

In members' packages.

#### 7.7 EPCA (English Parents Committee Association)

In members' packages.

#### 7.8 RCP-3L

In talks to share information between different centres des services and school boards on how much each centre/board got as a budget for tutoring.

#### 7.9 SEAC

No report.

#### 7.10 Transportation Advisory

No report.

### 8. BUSINESS ARISING

#### 8.1 School Calendars

Feedback from Parents Committee

- Morin Heights – Christmas break is close to Christmas and proposes shifting everything by one day. Start the vacation December 23 and return January 6.
- Laurentia – Family Day – perhaps move the PED day at the end of February it so that it aligns with other provinces for their family day.
- LTMHS – reinforces Morin Heights' point on having Christmas vacation moved a day earlier.
- Pinewood – Can March break be changed as when they all have them at the same time it makes things crowded doing activities. The ADG responded that in the teacher's collective agreement, it has to be the first full week of March.

The chairperson will prepare a letter with PC suggestions to send in.

#### 8.2 Budget Building Survey (e-vote)

**Are you satisfied with the current allocation of resources?**

- Yes

**Rank, from 1 to 7, the level of importance on the following criteria to be considered for the allocation of resources:**

- 1 Students at Risk
- 2 EHDAA Clientele (Coded)
- 3 Enrolment
- 4 Socio Economic Index (IMSE)
- 5 Regional Needs (Rural, Urban)
- 6 Geography (Distance)
- 7 Square meters of the school

**Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:**

**Orientation 1: Retain and support quality employees:**

- Professional development and growth (Ex: training on stress management, special needs, etc.)
- Training workshops for employees (Ex: skill based, excel, PowerPoint, etc.)
- Mentoring and coaching

**Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:**

**Orientation 2: Offer students a variety of choices through 21st century programs and curriculums:**

- Digital Resources
- Techno-pedagogical tools
- Special Education (EHDA)

**Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:**

**Orientation 3: Develop a learning and working environment that promotes health, safety and well-being:**

- Increase trainings (Ex: SEL, Restorative Practices, etc.)
- Building repairs and maintenance
- Encourage social/emotional/academic development

**Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:**

**Orientation 4: Increase the level of literacy competencies among the adult population on the school board's territory:**

- Night programs/flexible programs
- Technology
- Distance education

**Please choose 3 budgetary priorities for each Orientation in line with the Commitment to Success Plan:**

**Orientation 5: Engage students in physical activities 60 minutes a day**

- Playground equipment
- Sporting materials and equipment
- Upgrade sporting facilities (gymnasiums and sports fields)

**Should we consider any other topics to prioritize that were not mentioned above?**

- We really need to offer better full-time professional services for our students (health, speech, behavioral)
- Improve the organization of transportation. Students being bussed directly to their buildings.
- Music programs
- Building improvements - Library upgrade

**PC20210311-03** In an e-vote it was MOVED THAT the 2021-2022 budget building survey be approved as written.

**For:** Genesis Elementary, Hillcrest Academy, John F Kennedy, Joliette High, Jules-Verne Elementary, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentia Elementary, Laval Junior Academy, Laval Senior Academy, McCaig Elementary, Mountainview Elementary, Our Lady of Peace Elementary, Pierre E Trudeau Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, Rosemere High, St Jude Elementary, St Paul Elementary, St Vincent Elementary, Ste-Adele Elementary, Terry Fox Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary

**Abstain:** Arundel Elementary

**ABSENT from the vote:** Crestview Elementary, Franklin Hill Elementary, Grenville Elementary, Joliette Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, Morin Heights Elementary, Rawdon Elementary, Souvenir Elementary, Ste-Agathe Elementary, Laurentian Regional High School, SEAC

**PC20210311-04** Joliette High MOVED THAT the budget building e-vote is approved. Seconded by Laurentia Elementary.

**Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### 9.1 PC FB Page – Update to approved site list

4Korners <https://www.4korners.org>; EdCan Network [www.edcan.ca](http://www.edcan.ca); Parents Canada [www.parentscanada.com](http://www.parentscanada.com); Canadian Family [www.canadianfamily.ca](http://www.canadianfamily.ca); Parents Quebec; Any Canadian local, municipal or federal paper with an online presence; Centre Mosaïque de Québec Clinique d'Orthophonie <https://www.centremosaicque.ca/en>

*St Paul Elementary left the meeting at 8:54 p.m.*

**PC20210311-05** SEAC MOVED THAT the content from the above-named sites be approved for the PC FB page. Seconded by Terry Fox Elementary.

**Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9.2 PC FB Page – Internal rules

**PC20210311-06** Joliette High School MOVED THAT this subject be tabled to next months meeting. Seconded by Hillcrest Academy.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9.3 RCP-3L 2020-2021 Membership fees

**PC20210311-07** Laval Junior Academy MOVED THAT the RCP-3L annual fee of \$214.17 be approved. Seconded by Franklin Hill Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9.4 Graduation Awards

- Each year at graduation the PC gives an effort award plaque to graduating students in elementary, high and adult education and vocational training.
- The students enrolled at the virtual campus (VC) are still part of their home schools. The DG will have a conversation with the principal of the virtual campus to see what kind of award could be given.
- McCaig Elementary mentioned that the home schools of the students graduating in the VC have no idea of how they are doing so they would not be part of a discussion on who to choose for an award. Could we have one plaque each for the graduating students in the VC and in addition to offering cycle awards.
- The chairperson cautioned if we embark on holding two different awards at the VC will we open up other schools to ask why there are not these awards at their schools.
- Members feel it is important to include the students in the VC campus and recognize them in a comparable manner.

*Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary left the meeting at 9:06 p.m.*

**PC20210311-08** SEAC MOVED THAT the PC approves the graduation awards for elementary and high school and adult education and vocational training at a cost of up to \$900. Seconded by Pinewood Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

**PC20210311-09** Hillcrest Academy MOVED THAT the PC approve an equal expense for two plaques to be given out to a graduating student in the VC with the category to be determined. Seconded by Ste-Adele Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9.5 April PC meeting date

Postpone meeting until April 8, 2021

**PC20210311-10** Lake of Two Mountains High MOVED THAT the PC meeting scheduled for April 1 will be moved to April 8, 2021 upon verification of schools GB meetings. Seconded by Laval Junior Academy.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9.6 SEAC Application approval

**PC20210311-11** Terry Fox Elementary MOVED THAT Elena Ferrato, parent at Terry Fox Elementary be named as a delegate to the SEAC for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. Seconded by Pinewood

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. VARIA

### 10.1 Presentation at SEAC

On Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. there will be presentation on the resource allocation given to schools for special needs students. Anyone interested in attending this meeting can give the chairperson their name and he will send them the zoom link. No RSVP is necessary.

*Grenville Elementary left the meeting at 9:21  
Laval Senior Academy entered the meeting at 9:23*

### 10.2 Sub-par report on C02 level in schools

Souvenir Elementary sent a formal letter of complaint based on the presentation given at their GB by Mr. Dufour on the C02 testing.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

**12. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2021

**PC20210311-12** Ste-Adele Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 9:28 p.m. Seconded by Our Lady of Peace Elementary.

**Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Chairperson

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Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary