

Minutes of the seventh (7th) meeting of the 2020-2021 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. via ZOOM videoconferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Orzea	Crestview Elementary	Jason Stewart	Morin Heights Elementary
Dalia Gonzalez	Franklin Hill Elementary	Lannie Richard	Mountainview Elementary
Jenny Georgiopoulos	Hillcrest Academy	Emma Haralambous	Our Lady of Peace Elementary
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
Lisa Cipriani	McCaig Elementary	Tony Beliotis	SEAC Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Fred Greschner, Assistant Director General; Paolo Galati, Chairperson; The alternate delegates from Laval Junior Academy, Mountainview Elementary, Terry Fox Elementary, SEAC

ABSENT: Arundel Elementary, Genesis Elementary, Grenville Elementary, John F Kennedy Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, Laval Senior Academy, Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, Rawdon Elementary, Rosemere High, Ste-Agathe Academy

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

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

Welcome to members and guests.

- Sadly Mr. Adam Garonce, a parent of three students at Jules Verne Elementary and former member of the PC, passed away this week. We celebrate him and thank him for his contribution to his children's school and to parents committee. The PC sends their condolences to the family. There will always be a seat at the table for him.
- The SWLSB Chairperson offered sincere condolences to his family on behalf of the council of commissioners.
- The members observed a moment of silence in his honor.

2. ROLL CALL

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

McCaig Elementary read the acknowledgement of the land.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PC20210408-01 Laurentia Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted. Seconded by St. Jude Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 11, 2021

PC20210408-02 Hillcrest Academy MOVED THAT the minutes of March 11, 2021 be accepted. Seconded by Jules Verne Elementary.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

6. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions.

7. REPORTS

7.1 PC Chairperson

Thank you to the MNA of Ste-Rose, Christopher Skeete, MNA for La Peltrie, Eric Caire and MNA for Deux Montagnes, Benoit Charette for their generous donation of \$11,000 to Twin Oaks Elementary for the purchase of chrome books.

7.2 School Board

7.2.1 General Directorate

- The education minister announced on March 31 that they will double the budget for the tutoring measure. This will give an additional 10 M\$ for SBs and SSCs - SWLSB: \$ 133,390.
- The Ministry of Education has authorized 42 groups of 4-year old Kindergarten for 2021-2022. This year, in 2020-2021, we have 34 groups.
- Presentations of results of the C02 testing at governing board meetings has begun. Analysis of results and corrective measures are taking place. Schools with more questions on this should submit their questions and will get responses from the head office soon.
- The new SWLSB website was launched on March 31.
- A new leadership program was launched in partnership with L'Institut de leadership and Services Québec Laval. Registrations are open – Starting date: May 11th
- The Hydro-Québec Montreal Regional Science & Technology Fair was done virtually this past weekend. There were many winners from LSA. One student will move onto the provincials. LSA will be hosting the fair in 2022.
- A billboard for AEVT was put upon Curé Labelle going towards 440 exit Cleroux in Laval. It was installed on Monday, March 8. The campaign is for 4 weeks.
- A week-long advertising campaign played on Virgin Radio to recruit students into the Institutional and Home Care Assistance program. A new 9-month program begins April 12.
- The Hopefest/Laurier Gala Facebook Live event will take place on Friday, May 28, 2021 7:30 p.m.
- CNESST has a new directive where all employees must wear a procedure masks at all times while in their workplace. These new directives are not meant for students, only for the staff.
- The SWLSB Chairperson wants to recognize all our stakeholders who come together every day to keep our schools safe.
- In response to a comment from Hillcrest Academy, the ADG replied that it is nice to hear positive observations from members. There are many wonderful things happening in our schools.
- Several media reports occurred during the month of March. SWLSB had some good recognition.

7.3 PC Vice-Chairperson

- A PC executive meeting to get a sense of what is happening in the community and for ideas for future meetings.
- The quote card campaign continues. Thank you to those who have participated. If anyone else would like to participate please send your information to the vice-chair.
- The PC brochure is being approved and will be sent for graphics.

7.4 Secretary

7.4.1 Facebook sub-committee

The quote cards continue to be popular on the page.

7.5 Treasurer

In members' packages.

7.6 Parent Commissioner

In members' packages.

7.7 EPCA (English Parents Committee Association)

A written report was received prior to the meeting and will be sent to members.

7.8 RCP-3L

Nothing to report this month.

7.9 SEAC

In members' packages.

There is a standing invitation to attend the SEAC meetings. When the link is available the chairperson will send it to the team.

7.10 Transportation Advisory

In members' packages.

8. BUSINESS ARISING

8.1 PC Facebook page internal rules

The revised internal rules are in members' packages. The green highlighted areas are the changes.

Whereas the Parents' Committee (PC) created a rules and regulations sub-committee to review and propose updates to all PC internal rules documents.

Whereas the Rules and Regulations sub-committee met in February 2021 and reviewed the PC and SEAC Facebook page internal rules.

Whereas numerous updates have been proposed to bring more clarity to the sub-committee structure, leadership, expectations, and ability to post/share content.

PC20210408-03 SEAC MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the PC Rules and Regulation sub-committee that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents' Committee approve the updated PC and SEAC FB page internal rules as presented in the PC package. Seconded by Joliette High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Graduation awards

Letters will go to the schools this week including the virtual campus.

8.3 PC Budget

This is an operational budget and has to be spent on the activities of the PC team. Suggestions to spend the money on:

- Virtual meal
- Marketing materials for PC. Example a PC cheat sheet to send to schools.
- Tree of Life – plant a tree at head office to honor anyone affected by COVID. The cost would be no more than \$500.
- Because of the exceptional year last year, the excess funds were given to the SWLSB adopt a family program. We must justify how the money is spent in order not to jeopardize the committee or the school board.
- Donate to the Hopefest.
- Arrange that all schools get free ice cream in memory of Adam Garonce.
- Give a bursary to one of the kids in the Hopefest/Laurier Gala.
- Create cards to send out to families about the PC.
- PC bumper stickers.
- Create a message on a plaque for the community to be put in each school. Highlight and honor those who have departed during the COVID time.

A zoom poll was held and it was decided that a tree would be planted. Souvenir Elementary will send information on an Adam tree (redwood tree) to the chairperson. The planting could perhaps be held in June.

If anyone has any other ideas, please email them to the chairperson.

Jules Verne left the meeting at 8:17

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Staff vaccination campaign

- Received a number of enquiries on this subject. Given the fact that essential workers (school staff) are now able to get their vaccine, there is no urgency for this anymore. Information is on the clic santé website.
- Thank you to the council who passed a resolution asking the government to prioritize the school workers as essential.

9.2 Transportation – STL bussing

Do we want a yearly bus pass sold to students, rather than a monthly one? It has never been requested so the STL has not made this option available. This would be similar to the pass where they have to get their photo taken. If they lose the card it can be replaced easily.

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11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

13. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: Thursday, May 6, 2021

PC20210408-04 Mountainview Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 8:38 p.m. Seconded by Franklin Hill.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved _____, 2021

Chairperson

Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary