

Minutes of the eleventh (11th) meeting of the 2020-2021 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM videoconferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jenny Georgiopoulos	Hillcrest Academy	Cynthia Ronci	Mountainview Elementary
Vanessa Pietraroia	Joliette Elementary	Tania Mitchell	Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary
Richard Alary	Joliette High	Jossie Tortorici	Rosemere High
Adam Gordon	Lake of Two Mountains High	John Critchley	St. Jude Elementary
Tara Anderson	Laurentia Elementary	Marcelo Iaconvella	St. Vincent Elementary
Evan Goudis	Laval Junior Academy	Chloée Alary	Ste-Adele Elementary
Lisa Cipriani	McCaig Elementary	Barbara Barrasso	Terry Fox Elementary
Jason Stewart	Morin Heights Elementary	Tony Beliotis	SEAC Representative

ALSO PRESENT: The alternate delegates from Hillcrest Academy, Terry Fox Elementary and SEAC

ABSENT: Arundel Elementary, Crestview Elementary, Franklin Hill Elementary, Genesis Elementary, Grenville Elementary, John F Kennedy Elementary, Jules Verne Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, Laurentian Regional High, Laval Senior Academy, Our Lady of Peace Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, Rawdon Elementary, Rosemere High, Souvenir Elementary, St. Paul Elementary, Ste-Agathe Academy, Twin Oaks Elementary

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

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

Welcome to our guests.

2. ROLL CALL

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

McCaig Elementary read the acknowledgement of the land.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PC20210617-01 Pinewood Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted. Seconded by Mountainview Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

5. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Election of EPCA director

Due to the resignation of the Rawdon Elementary delegate, this position is open. It is quiet at EPCA but is important to keep someone at the table.

The chairperson explained the role to the members present.

- Hillcrest Academy nominated Ste-Adele Elementary. Regretfully declines.
- Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary nominated herself. The delegate withdrew and will put her name forward in October.
- Laval Junior Academy nominated Lake of Two Mountains High. Accepts.

The chairperson excused himself and the vice-chairperson took over the meeting.

The nominees spoke to the members.

PC20210617-02 Laval Junior Academy MOVED THAT Adam Gordon, Lake of Two Mountains High be named as an EPCA director. Seconded by SEAC.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Election of PC/SEAC FB page committee member

The position was left vacant by the delegate of Rawdon Elementary. McCaig Elementary explained the role to the members.

- Ste-Adele Elementary nominated herself.
- The alternate delegate from Terry Fox nominated herself.

The nominees spoke to the members.

Joliette High entered the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Congratulations to Chloée Alarie from Ste-Adele Elementary

6.3 EPCA climate change consultation

Climate change education aims to address and develop effective responses to climate change. It helps students understand the causes and consequences of climate change, prepares them to live with the impacts of climate change, and empowers them to take appropriate actions to adopt more sustainable lifestyles. (Wikipedia, 2021)

Climate change education is important because the students and the LBPSB community need to understand the challenges in our future if climate change is insufficiently addressed.

As said in Teaching and Fostering an Active Environmental Awareness Design, Validation and Planning for Action-Oriented Environmental Education (Thor & Karlsudd, n.d., 2)

The purpose of environmental awareness is for people,

- To become environmentally aware and also understand that they have their own role in relation to the environment in order to manage and protect it;
- To foster clear awareness of and concern about, economic, social, political and ecological interdependence in urban and rural areas;
- To provide every person with opportunities to acquire the knowledge, values, attitudes, commitment and skills needed to protect and improve the environment;
- To create new patterns of behaviour of individuals, groups and society as a whole towards the environment.

WHEREAS in November 2020, the Quebec government released its 2030 plan for a Green Economy;

WHEREAS the 2030 plan for a Green Economy focuses on the “acceleration of development of knowledge” (Government of Quebec, 2021);

WHEREAS in June 2019, the Canadian government declared a national climate emergency;

WHEREAS in November 2020, the Canadian government tabled the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act (Government of Canada, 2020);

WHEREAS in December 2020, the Canadian government introduced a strengthened climate plan, *A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy*, to enable Canada to meet its 2030 emission reduction targets (Government of Canada, 2020);

WHEREAS climate change is an existential threat that will require skills and a lifelong commitment from our children to resolve;

PC20210617-04 McCaig Elementary MOVED THAT the SWLSB Parents' Committee request that EPCA lobby the Quebec government and other educational partners to formalize climate change education in the curriculum, from kindergarten to Secondary 5 (similar to what was done for sexuality education), in support of Quebec's 2030 Plan for a Green Economy. Seconded by Joliette High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

- St. Vincent elementary said that the teachers he has spoken to have said that should this pass through the government, that it should not be dumped onto them, that it should be done properly through a science-based curriculum.
- Members who have any more thoughts on this should send them to the chairperson and he will advocate for it at EPCA.
- SEAC mentioned that this subject needs to be truly science-based.

PC20210617-03 SEAC MOVED THAT the words *science-based* be added prior to *climate change education in the curriculum* in resolution PC20210617-04. Seconded by Laval Junior Academy

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Comedy night approval

Have not been able to secure a comedian for this. The chairperson proposes that PC cancel their intention to host a comedy night.

PC20210617-03 Lake of Two Mountains MOVED THAT the PC discontinue organizing a PC sponsored comedy night. Seconded by Mountainview Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

7. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: Thursday, August 26, 2021

PC20210617-06 Mountainview Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 7:47 p.m. Seconded by Laurentia Elementary

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved _____, 2021

Chairperson

Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary