

Minutes of the EIGHTH (8<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the 2021-2022 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 7:15 p.m.  
 HYBRID – Joliette High School and ZOOM videoconferencing.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jonathan Korb	Arundel Elementary	Lisa Pietracupa	Rawdon Elementary
Dalia Ceron Gonzalez	Franklin Hill Elementary	Evan Goudis	Souvenir Elementary
Laura Orzea	Crestview Elementary	Tammy Lalonde	St. Paul Elementary
Marina Santos	Genesis Elementary	Linda-Marie Ferlisi	St. Vincent Elementary
Tania Creswell	Hillcrest Academy	Chloée Alary	Ste-Adele Elementary
Jennifer Subaihi	John F Kennedy Elementary	Elena Ferrato	Terry Fox Elementary
Vanessa Pietraroia	Joliette Elementary	Nathalie Codner	Twin Oaks Elementary
Steve Samanez	Jules Verne Elementary	Richard Alary	Joliette High
Tara Anderson	Laurentia Elementary	Adam Gordon	Lake of Two Mountains High
Karrine Morrison	Laurentian Elementary	Chloée Alary	Laurentian Regional High
Karl Trottier	McCaig Elementary	Polizoi Christodoulakis	Laval Junior Academy
Lannie Richard	Mountainview Elementary	Laura Wittebol	Laval Senior Academy
Tania Mitchell	Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary	Tony Beliotis	SEAC Representative
Patrick Belanger	Pinewood Elementary		

**ALSO PRESENT:** Fred Greschner, Assistant Director General; Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Robin Bennett, Director, Information Resources; Members of the Board of Directors of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation; the alternate delegates from, Laurentia Elementary, Lake of Two Mountains, SEAC

**ABSENT:** Grenville Elementary, Morin Heights Elementary, Our Lady of Peace Elementary, St. Jude Elementary, Rosemere High, Ste-Agathe Academy

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The chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm

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

The chairperson welcomed the members and guests present this evening.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

The treasurer read the acknowledgement of the land.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**PC20220407-01** Franklin Hill Elementary MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted. Seconded by Ste-Adele Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 10, 2022**

Kate Cayen was present at the last meeting as Chairperson of the Riverview PC, not an EPCA guest.

**PC20220407-02** Souvenir Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of March 10, 2022 be approved with the correction. Seconded by McCaig Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**6. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

**7. PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1 SWL Foundation**

- Members of the board of directors of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation were at the meeting to present themselves, their fundraising initiatives and what is coming up over the next year.
- Thank you to the PC for allowing them to present.
- The SWLF is always looking for new members for the board of directors.
- SEAC suggested getting business people from various backgrounds onto the foundation.
- The foundation is open to any business person who is interested in becoming a member.

## 8. BUSINESS ARISING

### 8.1 E-vote - April 7, 2022 – Meeting location

LSA can only accommodate 12 people for in person meetings. This would include guests and professionals. The current need/demand for in person greatly exceeds this capacity. After consulting with the Executive Committee, the recommendation would be to host the April 7 meeting from head office in Rosemere.

**PC20220403** in an e-vote held on April 3, 2022 it was MOVED THAT the April 7, 2022 in person meeting place for the PC will be at the Head Office, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere.

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

**For:** Arundel Elementary, Franklin Hill Elementary, Genesis Elementary, Hillcrest Academy, Joliette Elementary, Joliette High, Jules-Verne Elementary, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentia Elementary, Laval Senior Academy, McCaig Elementary, Our Lady of Peace Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, Rawdon Elementary, Rosemere High, Souvenir Elementary, St Paul Elementary, Ste-Adele Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary, SEAC

**Abstain:** Crestview Elementary, John F Kennedy, Laurentian Elementary, Laval Junior Academy, Morin-Heights Elementary, Pierre E Trudeau Elementary, St Jude Elementary, St Vincent Elementary, Terry Fox Elementary  
**(20-0-9)**

The chairperson acknowledged that there are some members who were looking forward to there being a PC meeting hosted in Laval and he will attempt to schedule a hybrid caucus hosted from LSA at a later date.

### 8.2 PC Caucus Feedback

- 3 successful caucus meetings were held.
- The chairperson will send out a poll to find out when it would be a good time for members to meet for caucus.
- A suggestion was made to co-host a caucus with SEAC members.
- Franklin Hill suggested that the topics for caucus be clearly defined.

### 8.3 Anti-bullying conference update

- A subcommittee meeting was held.
- The chairperson received a call from Alain Pelletier and has some potential dates to work with. Hopefully in the next few days the date can be chosen with the subcommittee and marketing the event can begin. The conference will be held in person and live streamed for those who cannot be there.

## 9. REPORTS

### 9.1 General Directorate Report

#### 9.1.1 General Directorate / SWLSB Chairperson CDC Lachute Student Recognition

“Imagine a Canada” is a program put forward by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation of the University of Manitoba. This program invites Kindergarten to CEGEP students from across the nation to envision a Canada Reconciled. They were asked to submit a piece of art, idea, essay or any other representation to express their vision of a reconciled Canada. Of all the projects submitted, 12 were retained.

CDC Lachute student Jade Touchette, is one of those twelve recipients. Jade won a 1,500\$ grant that will allow her to buy the material needed to complete her piece of artwork. The focal point of Jade’s work will be a large piece of art depicting one of the tragic outcomes of residential schools. Her piece, called Mother Nature, will be front and center at the entrance, receiving souls from the unmarked graves. Students and visitors will be able to admire Jade’s artwork and reflect on their own vision of a Canada reconciled.

**Autism Awareness month is April.**

#### **Proud moments**

SWLSB initiated a board wide fundraising campaign for Ukraine. The goal is to reach \$25,000. We have raised almost \$16,000 so far.

### Truth and Reconciliation

- We received funding from the MEQ Measure 15061 (*Sensibilisation du personnel scolaire aux réalités autochtones*).
- Our Pedagogical Services Department has been organizing interesting events and initiatives to help students and staff better understand the role we play in Truth and Reconciliation.
- On April 19, a screening of the movie, '[Beans](#)' will take place for Truth and Reconciliation teachers from each school as well as other guests. This movie is an internationally acclaimed "coming of age" tale of a young Mohawk girl living through the Oka crisis.
- A discussion with the movie Director Tracey Deer and other invited Indigenous guests will take place after the viewing.
- Location | Laval Junior Academy- Auditorium.

### Opportunities

QUALIFICATION has just launched its spring session programming to the public.

Details and conditions via the following links:

- Laval | English: <https://qualificationformation.ca/formulaire/Laval/2022/Anglais/printemps/>
- Laval | Various trainings: <https://qualificationformation.ca/formulaire/Laval/2022/Atelier/printemps/>
- Laurentides | Various trainings: <https://qualificationformation.ca/formulaire/Laurentides/2022/Atelier/Printemps/>
- Furthermore, through a new partnership with Laval économique, we will be offering two training programs this spring: "Business English: to gain confidence" and "Recruitment Marketing". Details: <https://lavaleconomique.com/fr/evenements>

### Vocational Training

- CDC Pont-Viau offers the Recognition of Acquired Competencies (RAC) in many of its programs. The Recognition of Acquired Competencies (RAC) is a process used to identify, document, assess and officially recognize your skills and competencies and determines any missing education or training components you need, thereby accelerating or giving you direct access to a diploma.
- CDC Pont-Viau will hold an in person Open House on May 18.

**SEAC** will hold its next meeting on April 19, via ZOOM. Everyone is welcome to join.

### School Climate Team in the PSD

Thank you to the team who in accordance with Bill 56 puts together programs and support for anti-bullying in our schools.

### Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation

Laurier Gala – Star Fest

- May 26, 2022 at the Château Royal.
- Students nominated received their invitations last week.
- In person auditions for Star Fest will be held in April.

Lobster Gala

- June 9, 2022 at the Château Royal.
- Tickets sold online or by emailing [info-foundation@swlauriersb.qc.ca](mailto:info-foundation@swlauriersb.qc.ca)
- Funds raised will be used to purchase Bimodal equipment for classrooms so that our students in all of our territories can attend summer school online.

- Thanks to the SWLSB for coming together to support Ukraine. The Council of Commissioners have made an appeal to the government to have these children able to attend school in English on humanitarian grounds. The SWLSB Chairperson will be speaking about it on CDC Daybreak.
- In response to a question from Franklin Hill, the Star Fest is not streamed online. Preliminary auditions were held by video and judges selected acts to come to an in-person audition.
- Souvenir asked that the SWLSB commits to hiring Alain Pelletier yearly to give his conference. The Assistant Director General responded that the SWLSB by law must commit with the school climate team to offer support and conferences yearly. They are given money from the government and it must be spent on anti-bullying initiatives.
- In response to a comment from SEAC all 9 English school boards are banning together to pressure the government into allowing the Ukrainian refugee children to attend English school on humanitarian grounds.

## 9.2 PC Chairperson

The chairperson of RCP-3L was supposed to join tonight but she has another important meeting to attend. Will look into joining us in May.

**9.3 Vice-Chairperson**

Nothing to report

**9.4 Secretary**

Nothing to report.

**9.5 Treasurer**

Nothing to report.

**9.6 Facebook Sub-committee**

Report in members' package.

Please like and share the FB page.

The PC Facebook committee would like to have the following website approved for use: <https://www.autismspeaks.ca/>

**PC20220407-03** Souvenir Elementary MOVED THAT the website <https://www.autismspeaks.ca/> be approved. Seconded by Franklin Hill Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**9.7 Parent Commissioners**

In members' package.

**9.8 EPCA (English Parents Committee Association)**

In members' packages.

EPCA is partnering with the FCPQ for a symposium on May 28 about the parent's role in education. It will be hybrid, either by ZOOM or in person in Victoriaville. EPCA is hosting two workshops, and will offer up to 5 tickets per PC to attend.

**9.9 RCP-3L**

Nothing to report.

**9.10 SEAC**

In members' package.

**9.11 Transportation Advisory**

In members' package.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**10.1 Bill 96 – Resolution from SWLSB PC**

A copy of a resolution from the Lester B Pearson School Board Parents' Committee is included in members' packages. This resolution is in reference to [Bill 96, An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec](#) trying to override the fundamental freedoms, equality, and legal rights of Québecers. These rights are safeguarded by the [Québec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms](#).

Whereas the SWLSB parent's committee is very concerned for the future of our children in Québec  
The restrictions being placed on all Québecers by Bill 96, violates the rights of our children.

Whereas Bill 96 restricts academic freedom by limiting your educational options  
Bill 96 caps how many French-speaking students can attend an English-language CEGEP. If you are French-speaking and want to attend an English CEGEP, you could be excluded.

Whereas Bill 96 empowers the government to seize your cell phone and computer  
Your work phone and computer would no longer be private. Bill 96 would give the provincial government the power, without a warrant, to seize your work phone and other equipment to verify that you are communicating properly in French.

Whereas Bill 96 reduces your ability to receive services in English

Bill 96 would give majority French-speaking municipalities the power to refuse to communicate with you in English, or to provide such services as tax bills and water-boil advisories in English.

Whereas Bill 96 overrides our human rights and freedoms

Because of the pre-emptive use of the notwithstanding clause, Québec citizens will not have recourse to the courts to enjoy their individual freedoms, and legal rights. Citizens will be powerless in defending themselves against the power of the state in the application of Bill 96.

**PC20220407-03** SEAC MOVED THAT the SWLSB parents' committee oppose Bill 96 on the grounds that it violates the Québec Charter of Rights and Freedoms and restricts minority rights, and that the committee send a letter to Premier Legault stating said opposition.

Be it further resolved that the SWLSB parents' committee send a copy of the above-mentioned letter to all mayors, MNAs and MPs in the SWLSB territory, and to all provincial and federal party leaders.

Be it further resolved that the SWLSB parents' committee ask EPCA to lobby the Québec government to remove all articles in Bill 96 that violate the Québec Charter of Rights and freedoms and restrict minority rights. Seconded by Arundel Elementary

In response to a question from Laval Senior Academy, the chairperson responded that he believes that everything in the Lester B Pearson resolution was fact checked.

**PC20220407-04** SEAC MOVED that an addition to the resolution be made stating that the SWLSB PC encourages the CAQ government to retain the Liberal government's request to remove the 3 mandatory French courses in CEGEP. Seconded by Joliette High.

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

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**Abstain:** McCaig Elementary  
**(26-0-1)**

- Arundel Elementary went onto say that he has not read anywhere that Bill 96 would give the provincial government the power, without a warrant, to seize your work phone and other equipment to. He believes that if all of the facts are not correct it takes away from the validity of the resolution. McCaig Elementary responded that there are some categories that this applies to, not everyone. Members felt strongly that this point should be fact checked prior to voting on this resolution.
- The SWLSB chairperson will discuss this with the other 8 chairs of school boards at the QESBA meeting.
- Twin Oaks mentioned that QCGN has an extensive website covering everything in regards to Bill 96.

**PC20220407-05** Lake of Two Mountains MOVED THAT the mayors and MPs be removed from the distribution list of. Seconded by McCaig Elementary.

**For:** Arundel Elementary, Crestview Elementary, Franklin Hill Elementary, Genesis Elementary, Hillcrest Academy, John F Kennedy, Joliette Elementary, Jules-Verne Elementary, Laurentia Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, McCaig Elementary, Mountainview Elementary, Pierre E Trudeau Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, Rawdon Elementary, Souvenir Elementary, St Paul Elementary, St Vincent Elementary, Ste-Adele Elementary, Terry Fox Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary, Joliette High, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentian Regional High, Laval Junior Academy, Laval Senior Academy

**Against:** SEAC  
**(26-1-0)**

The chairperson will remove the mayors and MPs and reword the resolution and send it out to members for approval.

**PC20220407-06** Laurentia Elementary MOVED THAT an e-vote will be used to approve resolution **PC20220407-03** when the chairperson has reviewed it and reworded it. Seconded by McCaig Elementary

**Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. VARIA**

**11.1 Subject time allocation committee**

A survey will go out to all parents to gage what their desire is so that the committee can have a discussion on what the community wants. It will go out soon. Thank you to the Alternate Delegate from Genesis for all the work she is doing on this.

**12. CORRESPONDANCE**

None

*Hillcrest Academy left the meeting at 8:46*

**13. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC**

In response to a question from Laurentia Elementary alternate, the chairperson received the answers from the first caucus and will send them out to the members.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Parents Committee Thursday May 5, 2022, at 7:15 pm (hybrid from Joliette High and ZOOM)

SEAC Tuesday April 19, 2022, at 7:00pm (Zoom)

**PC20220407-07** McCaig Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 8:58 p.m. Seconded by Laurentia Elementary.

**Carried UNANIMOUSLY**

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Chairperson

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Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary