

Minutes of the EIGHTH (8th) 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:

Laura Orzea	Crestview Elementary	Kate Gross	St. Jude Elementary
Dalia Ceron Gonzalez	Franklin Hill Elementary	Tammy Lalonde	St. Paul Elementary
Marina Santos	Genesis Elementary	Chloée Alary	Ste-Adele Elementary
Vanessa Pietraroia	Joliette Elementary	Barbara Barrasso	Terry Fox Elementary
Steve Samanez	Jules Verne Elementary	Nathalie Codner	Twin Oaks Elementary
Tara Anderson	Laurentia Elementary	Richard Alary	Joliette High
Karrine Morrison	Laurentian Elementary	Adam Gordon	Lake of Two Mountains High
Karl Trottier	McCaig Elementary	Chloée Alary	Laurentian Regional High
Luca Arnaldi	Our Lady of Peace Elementary	Polizoi Christodoulakis	Laval Junior Academy
Tania Mitchell	Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary	Laura Wittebol	Laval Senior Academy
Patrick Belanger	Pinewood Elementary	Kristin Crowdis	Rosemere High
Lisa Pietracupa	Rawdon Elementary	Tony Beliotis	SEAC Representative
Evan Goudis	Souvenir Elementary		

ALSO PRESENT: Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General; Fred Greschner, Assistant Director General; Robin Bennett, Director, Information Resources; Chao Ling Pan, Director, Financial Resources; Bob Pellerin, Commissioner; the alternate delegates from, Joliette Elementary, Laurentia Elementary, Terry Fox Elementary, Laval Junior Academy, SEAC

ABSENT: Arundel Elementary, Grenville Elementary, Hillcrest Academy, John F Kennedy Elementary, Morin Heights Elementary, Mountainview Elementary, St. Vincent Elementary, Ste-Agathe Academy

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

Joliette High School read the acknowledgement of the land.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bill 96 is listed as a discussion item on the agenda, it will be a decision item.

PC20220505-01 Joliette High MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted. Seconded by Laurentia Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 7, 2022

PC20220505-02 Laval Senior Academy MOVED THAT the minutes of April 7, 2022 be approved. Seconded by Laurentian Elementary.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Crestview Elementary, Franklin Hill Elementary, Genesis Elementary, Hillcrest Academy, Joliette Elementary, Joliette High, Jules-Verne Elementary, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laurentia Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, Laval Junior Academy, Laval Senior Academy, Our Lady of Peace Elementary, Pierre E Trudeau Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, Rawdon Elementary, St Jude Elementary, St Paul Elementary, Ste-Adele Elementary, Terry Fox Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary, SEAC

Against: Souvenir Elementary
(22-1-0)

6. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Financial Resources

Welcome to Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources who will present the results of the Budget Building Survey.

The budget building consultation is done on an annual basis and several stakeholders are consulted to answer the survey. 100% of those surveyed participated. The Director presented the global results of the survey to the members and spoke about the next steps.

Impact of budget consultation:

- Collect information from the community
- Engage discussion on school board's priorities
- Align priorities with available resources

Annual update to the Allocation to Resource document. Commonly used criteria to allocate resources (not in particular order):

- Weighted enrolment (Student with Code)
- Per capita (head count)
- Buildings per school
- Socio-economic index (IMSE)

Plan of action – Improve budget comprehension in schools and centres

- Yearly workshops for administrators/sharing good practices
- Development of planning tool for decentralized measures
- Monthly financial reports
- Resource allocation committee meetings

Plan of action – Improve budget comprehension on governing boards

- Continuation of the training in the fall and spring
- Present financial reports 3 times annually
- Annual budget consultation
- Provide feedback to GB about results of the consultation and impact on budget planning.
- Improve budget comprehension on where GBs can actually spend their money.

Helping at risk students

- Creation of a focus group composed of PSD, principals and school org.
- Analyze the current situation
- Define needs
- Provide recommendations

- Laurentian Elementary – if a student arrives in the middle of the year with special needs, are they funded? The budget is revised 3 times during the year in order to meet the needs of the schools. The Financial Resources team is in communication with administrators in case there is something that needs to be revisited.
- SEAC is hoping that a member of that group can join this focus group.
- The Terry Fox alternate would like to know if she can join this focus group. The chairperson will follow up with the member.

Thank you to the Director for his presentation;

McCaig entered the meeting at 7:37

8. BUSINESS ARISING

8.1 Anti-bullying conference

- Alain Pelletier will give an anti-bullying conference in person at Rosemere High on May 30, 2022
- A zoom link will be used for anyone who cannot attend in person.
- The subcommittee will meet to finalize the details and get to work on the marketing of the evening.
- The PC will pay up to \$1000 for this conference. Some of the cost will be shared by the SEAC and the head office.

PC20220505-03 Joliette High MOVED THAT the PC chairperson or in his absence the vice-chairperson be authorized to sign the contract to engage Alain Pelletier for May 30, 2022. And further that the PC treasurer be authorized to sign the invoice allowing a cheque to be issued for the cost. Seconded by Laurentian Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 PC Caucus

There was no caucus this evening. A quick survey was sent to the committee and a caucus will be held next Tuesday or Thursday.

8.3 Bill 96 Resolution

Was updated to reflect our PC and the changes that were brought up at the last meeting.

[Bill 96, An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec](#) is trying to override the fundamental freedoms, equality, and legal rights of Québécois. 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 Québécois 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.

GB20220505-04 Sainte Adele Elementary 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 MNAs on 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 Pinewood Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

In response to a question from Laval Senior Academy, the items in the resolution were verified.

9. REPORTS

9.1 General Directorate Report

9.1.1 General Directorate / SWLSB Chairperson SWLSB coming together for Ukraine

- The \$25,000 objective has been surpassed!
- \$ 17,600 was raised through the world vision website link
- The amount raised by schools/centres will be unveiled on May 18 during the press conference at Grenville Elementary

Sanitary measures - updates

Removal of masks as of May 14, 2022. We have not yet received how this will affect the education sector. A guide will be received soon that will be sent to all of our stakeholders.

OSEntreprendre Challenge

Local Winners

Franklin Hill Elementary School

- Project: FHES: A Sustainable School in Action

McCaig Elementary School

- Project: Let's Grow

Mountainview High School

- Two projects: Upcycle Therapy & Chicken Coop Haven

Laurentian Regional High School

- Project: The Café

Regional Winners

Twin Oaks Elementary School

- Project: Seeds of Love

Laval Senior Academy:

- Project: LSA Work-Study Marketplace

- School Daycare Week - May 9 to 13
- Open House CDC Pont Viau – May 18
- Laurier Gala – Star Fest - May 26, 2022
- Lobster Gala - June 9, 2022

In response to a question from SEAC about the removal of masks, we are specifically waiting for the rules for transportation. It has been confirmed that the masks will be removed in schools except for those who have had covid and are returning. They will need to stay masked for the first 5 days back. There are some things that need clarification. Sometimes what applies to the general public is tweaked for the education sector but will be sent to parents as soon as clarification is received from the government.

Bob Pellerin, Commissioner is present to represent the Council. There is a council on May 25 for anyone who would like to attend. It is livestreamed and the link is on the website.

9.2 PC Chairperson

- Congratulations to the Lake of Two Mountains High School Robotics team, The Titans, who did very well in the competition.
- Our Lady of Peace Elementary students were excited that for the first time in two years they had a field trip.
- Franklin Hill Elementary congratulated all of the OSEntrepreneurs winners. In addition, the Défi Pierre Lavoie challenge is taking place in the school

Rosemere High entered the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

9.3 Vice-Chairperson

9.3.1 PC2 Report

Nothing to report

9.4 Secretary

Nothing to report.

9.5 Treasurer

In members' package.

9.6 Facebook subcommittee

In members' package.

PC20220505-05 Joliette High School MOVED THAT the websites www.earthday.ca www.earthday.org www.history.com www.tomorrowstoday.com and www.twtshow.com be approved as information pages for the Facebook page. Seconded by Joliette Elementary School.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 Parent Commissioners

In members' package.

9.8 EPCA (English Parents Committee Association)

In members' packages.

9.9 RCP-3L

Nothing to report.

- The chairperson would like some feedback from RCP-3L brought back to the PC.
- Still waiting to have the meeting with the chair of the RCP-3L. Hopefully she will be available in June.

9.10 SEAC

In members' package.

9.11 Transportation Advisory

Nothing to report.

10. NEW BUSINESS**10.1 Lobster Gala**

- The in-person gala will be held on June 9 at the Chateau Royal. Previously tickets were purchased and names were drawn for members to attend.
- A discussion was held and questions were asked about GB versus PC purchasing tickets. The budget for the GB is strictly for the operation of the committee – ex: mileage, babysitting, secretarial costs. The Director General will get clarification on this.
- The DG has asked the Director of Finance to call the auditors for their opinion. She will share this answer with members once she has it.
- The chairperson suggested purchasing 16 tickets to the lobster gala. The number may change once clarification is received from the Director General. Delegates names will be honoured before the alternates for the draw of tickets.

PC20220505-06 Souvenir Elementary MOVED THAT the PC will purchase 16 tickets for the Foundation Lobster gala at \$200 per ticket. Seconded by St. Jude Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

PC20220505-07 Laval Senior Academy MOVED THAT any modifications to the 16 tickets will be done by e-vote. Seconded by Laurentia Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Once final clarity on the number of tickets is held, a quick survey will be sent out to members to find out who is interested in attending. All names will be put in a digital wheel with the chairperson and one or two members in attendance for the draw.

In response to a question from Souvenir Elementary, 16 individual tickets will be purchased.

10.2 Bill 96 Rally

There will be a Bill 96 demonstration on May 14 at 10:30 am at Dawson CEGEP. English community groups will be putting on this rally. If the team shows interest the chairperson suggests meeting up.

10.3 PC Quick Surveys

Does the committee find these beneficial? No feedback was given.

10.4 Laurier Gala invoice approval

The committee approved giving a \$100 per category bursary at the Laurier Gala.

PC20220505-06 Laurentia Elementary MOVED THAT the Laurier Gala invoice for \$500 be approved. Seconded by SEAC.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 2022-2023 PC meeting recommendations

- October's PC meeting is generally longer so last year the committee voted to split it into two meetings. The first meeting was an explanation of the subcommittees and election of executive and the second meeting was election of members to the different subcommittees. Do we as a team recommend going back to: one meeting; one plus a caucus; or leave it at two?

- The committee entered into discussion on how the explanation of the PC can be made available prior to the AGAs in order for members who might like to join to have an understanding about what they are committing to. Different methods of publicity were discussed: Video snippets, YouTube, a PowerPoint presentation sent to schools to disseminate to the community, a one-page explanation document.
- Last year PC members made quote cards for FB explaining their roles. Could we pull them out and send them to the new members to prepare prior to the May 30th conference? Laurentia will take care of this.
- Is it possible to send out a visual to parents on GB explaining what PC is?
- PC will use the upcoming anti-bullying conference publicize GB and PC.
- Get board level support to promote governance.

11. VARIA

12. CORRESPONDANCE

12.1 Council date, time, location of meetings 2022-2023

September 28, October 26, November 23, December 14, 2022, February 22, March 29, April 26, May 31 and June 21, 2023.

13. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE PUBLIC

14. ADJOURNMENT

Parents Committee Thursday June 2, 2022, at 7:15 pm (hybrid from the Head Office and ZOOM)

SEAC Tuesday May 17, 2022, at 7:00pm (Zoom)

PC20220505-08 Laval Senior Academy MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Laurentia Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved _____, 2022

Chairperson

Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary