

Minutes of the EIGHTH (8th) meeting of the 2016-2017 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents Committee held on Thursday June 1, 2017 at 7:15 pm in the Boardroom of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Charbel Mourad | Hillcrest Academy | Andrew Vieira | Our Lady of Peace Elementary |
| Bob Pellerin | Joliette High | Carla Tosti | Rosemere High |
| Christopher Tracton | Lake of Two Mountains High | Effie Kontakos | Souvenir Elementary |
| Daniel Ryan Stone | Laurentia Elementary | Christine Flynn | St. Jude Elementary |
| Tracy Friedman | Laval Senior Academy | Patricia Sasso | St Paul Elementary |
| Tony Beliotis | Laval Junior Academy | Leonor Paixao | Twin Oaks Elementary |
| Kyle Snell | Mountainview Elementary | Nadia Zuccaro | SEAC |

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Lamoureux, Director General; Vicky Kaliozakis, Commissioner

ABSENT: Arundel Elementary, Crestview Elementary, Franklin Hill Elementary, Genesis Elementary, Grenville Elementary, John F Kennedy Elementary, Joliette Elementary, Jules Verne Elementary, Laurentian Elementary, Laurentian Regional High, McCaig Elementary, Morin Heights Elementary, Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary, Pinewood Elementary, Rawdon Elementary, St Vincent Elementary, Ste-Adele Elementary, Ste-Agathe Academy, Terry Fox Elementary

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:43

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The members enjoyed a meal prior to the start of the meeting.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Lamoureux, Ms. Maccarone and all of the Council and Management team for their support.

The Chairperson thanked the PC team for their commitment.

PC20170601-01 Our Lady of Peace MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted as presented. Seconded by Laurentia Elementary

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 4, 2017

PC20170601-02 Souvenir Elementary MOVED THAT the minutes of May 4, 2017 are accepted as presented. Seconded by Laurentia Elementary.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: Hillcrest Adad, Joliette High, Laval Senior Acad, Our Lady of Peace Elem, Rosemere High, Souvenir Elem, St. Jude Elem, St Paul Elem, Twin Oaks Elem

Abstain: Laurentia Elem, Lake of Two Mountains High, Laval Senior Academy, Mountainview Elem, SEAC

3. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Travelling to USA:

Can a student be reimbursed according to contract if refused at border and/or security check.

Will be discussed further in the fall when the new administration is in place in each school.

Mr. Lamoureux received specific directives for travelling to the US – with the awareness that with the new USA administration that there may be issues for some students and staff. He has advised the principals that it is important that students/staff have a backup plan if for one reason or another they are not permitted entry that someone is available to pick them up and bring them home. He has also advised schools that they should provide the borders a list of students and staff members who will be participating in events ahead of time. He has spoken to the 8 other English school boards and so far there has not been any situation where students or staff members have been denied entry.

LSA was more worried about the student who was travelling by air who had to pass through the USA. With the cost of these international trips, would the parents be reimbursed? Mr. Lamoureux suggested that the contract the school makes with the travel agency or organization should be revised to include this. He went on to say that when students are travelling by air and a stop is made in the US, they clear customs in Canada before entry. The Chair asked Mr. Lamoureux if it was possible to advise the schools and he suggested that September would be a good time to send out this information.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Update on Budget (presentation by Mr. Paul Lamoureux, Director General)

Mr. Lamoureux presented an update on the budget for 2017-2018. He will send this presentation to the Chair to send to members.

5.2 Best Practices

None this month

6. REPORTS

6.1 School Board's Report

- Several of our schools all through our 3 territories are receiving money for building maintenance and refurbishing.
- Outstanding evening at Laurier Gala last evening. Students recognized for Arts, Academic, Sports, Community Involvement, School Perseverance and were treated to a show by their peers. Congratulations to the organizing committee.
- Many activities in the month of June – thank you to the parent community for your trust in us.
- Mr. Lamoureux squashed the rumor that the schools are changing grades to meet ministry results. He went on to say that if a student ends up with a 59% that this mark is often boosted to 60% once their record of the year has been looked at.
- Hillcrest Academy reported that some boards started looking at allowing parents to make the decision on where to send their students regardless of where they live. Mr. Lamoureux responded that we will be looking at enrolment criteria and our boundaries. Will be looking at doing a better job at filling our schools. Will be consulting with the community before anything is decided. This is in the beginning phase.
- LTMHS – new expectations on the GB because of Bill 105. Will the school board send a new template to schools to be sure that the GBs are working and respecting the changes. Mr. Lamoureux responded that there would be amendments to the template to provide the GB with its new role. The school board will continue to offer training to GB members. JHS asked and Mr. Lamoureux responded that some of this training could be done by streaming on line.

6.2 Chair Report

Attended the Laurier Gala and was quite impressed.

6.3 Treasurer's Report

PC Award plaques need to be replaced by 2018. Need over \$2000 to replace them. A suggestion was made to investigate if an add on could be done rather than purchasing the entire plaque. Carla will look into it and send the information to the members.

PC members should be handing these Effort Awards out at their schools graduations.

PC20170601-03 Christopher Tracton MOVED THAT the parents committee will buy 3 tickets to the Lobster Gala and reserve \$1400 to purchase graduation plaque replacements. Seconded by Souvenir Elementary.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Parent Commissioner Report

In member's packages.

6.5 RCP-3L Report

No report this month

6.6 SEAC Report

No report this month

6.7 EPCA Report

No report this month

7. VARIA

8. QUESTION PERIOD

9. ADJOURNMENT

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

PC20160504-04 Terry Fox Elementary MOVED THAT the meeting is closed at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Joliette High.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved _____, 2017

Chairperson _____ Secretary _____

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary