

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
 Monday, February 13, 2012
 FROM 4:15 PM to 5:45 PM
 AT THE SHERATON HOTEL, LAVAL

ATTENDANCE	
Beauchamp, Catherine	Bishops University
Benson, Fiona	McGill University
Buttars, Rob	New Frontiers School Board
Bruzzese, Sam	AAESQ
Chechile, Michael	Lester B. Pearson School Board
Dupuis, Margaret	LEARN
Finn, Cindy	ACES
Fossey, Jean-Paul	QPAT
Furfaro, Sandra	English Montreal School Board
Gendron-Brodeur, Lyse	Riverside School Board
Goldberg, Jill	SSCAAAPN
Gouett, Marsha	FPPE
Halman, Heather	PROCEDE
Joly, Sebastien	QPAT
La France, Leo	SSCAAAPN
Lafrance, Michel	QAIS
Le Bihan, Nicole	FPPE
Lothian, Marian	Western Quebec School Board
Mackey, Kandy	Eastern Townships School Board
Martini, Dominic	Concordia University

Pigeon, Stephen	Central Quebec School Board
Pompa, Paul	QPAT
Robertson, J. Kenneth	Colleges – Champlain Regional
Robillard, Gerry	Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board
Roy, Elaine	DSCA
Ryan, John	Coordinator
Stewart, Marielle	Central Quebec School Board
Urovitch, Joseph	AJDS
Zey, Karen	ACES
REGRETS	
Adams, Andrew	QPAT
Della Rocca, Cosmo	PROCEDE
Foltin, Deborah	Du Littoral School Board
MacLEAN, Randy	AAESQ
Miller, Howard	Eastern Shores School Board
Moukanas, Elias	Kativik School Board
GUESTS	

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1. WORDS OF WELCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandra Furfaro welcomed and thanked everyone for staying after the conference to attend this meeting, with such a strong attendance. 			
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve the agenda as presented was accepted. Motion to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2011 was accepted. 			

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3. REPORT BY LEO LA FRANCE	<p>Leo La France reported on the highlight of the press conference held on Sunday, February 12, 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Premier Jean Charest, along with the Minister of Education Line Beauchamp made public the new government strategy to combat bullying and violence in schools. • Other Ministers present at the press conference were: Minister of Public Security (Robert Dutil), Minister of Health and Social Services (Yves Bolduc), the MNA from Vieux-Québec (Emmanuel Dubourg), the MNA from Gatineau and parliamentary assistant to the Premier (Stephanie Vallée) • Two main organizations that have already committed to being partners are Quebecor and Télé-Québec. • There were performances by students. A song was composed and performed by student that encourages people to say no to bullying. • No details of the new legislation were discussed, as it was going to be deposited in the National Assembly probably this week. • The strategy will look at four areas of action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobilize - Communicate - Legislate - Act • The Premier mentioned that this campaign is not aimed solely at students, parents and school personnel – it is for all Quebecers. • A new media campaign has been established for the next three years for which a million dollars per year has been committed. • The new website was launched. The website is designed primarily for the students, but it has a section for parents and educators. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - http://www.moiiaqis.com - http://irightthewrong.com/ 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill Goldberg presented the website to the members. Several areas need to be improved in the English version – a few highlighted by Jill were: translation / section on resources / section on news. • Declaration of Support – is hosted on the website. Quebecers can sign the declaration online. • Also announced at the press conference were other activities to support the campaign: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A week in October of every year will be dedicated the theme of bullying and violence. - A course in manners will be offered in schools - Integrating the notion of digital citizenship - Continue to foster the partnerships between school boards and other organizations • It was confirmed that the existing Plan of Action on Violence remains unchanged and continues at the MELS. <p>Leo La France answered questions from members and several discussions occurred. The following are some of the comments/issues that were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Research – what research was done; will it be made available to the public; were studies done on child development (Neufeld); the concerns over some research being inconclusive and conflicting. ❖ Societal change - Discussed the notion that bullying is not only a school issue and the time needed to effect change. ❖ Uniqueness due to territories ❖ The day to day work of teachers and principals versus the politics ❖ Recent information on the subject is available from the Federal government – the Advisory board is the process of reviewing documentation. ❖ Support to the Anglophone sector, support to the teachers and principals who will be directly involved with this new strategy. ❖ Reference made to the teachers also being bullied (at various levels) 			

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<p>4. PRESENTATION OF KEY ISSUES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Furfaro summarized the points that were raised during the response to the announcement in order to identify what action can be taken by the Steering Committee. These included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A wait and see approach ✓ Relay message to the MELS that LCEEQ wants to be part of the discussion ✓ Request for support to help implement the new requirements ✓ Need for a resource person(s) for the Anglophone sector ✓ Request that the research might to made available in some digestible format to the school boards 			
<p>5. ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE MARCH 15TH MEETING</p>	<p>Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1) Budget parameter • 2) Next hot topic seems to be “Entrepreneurship” • 3) Northern Plan and its implications 			
<p>6. NEXT MEETING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2012 			
<p>7. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. 			

Respectfully submitted by Angela Rosa