

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Thursday, March 15, 2012
St. Pius X Culinary Institute

| ATTENDANCE | |
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| Adams, Andrew | QPAT |
| Buttars, Rob | New Frontiers School Board |
| Bruzzese, Sam | AAESQ |
| Chechile, Michael | Lester B. Pearson School Board |
| Finn, Cindy | ACES |
| Foltin, Deborah | Littoral |
| Fossey, Jean-Paul | QPAT |
| Gendron-Brodeur, Lyse (a.m. only) | Riverside School Board |
| Goldberg, Jill | SSCAAAPN |
| Gouett, Marsha | FPPE |
| Joly, Sebastien | QPAT |
| La France, Leo | SSCAAAPN |
| Lafrance, Michel (a.m. only) | ISAT |
| Le Bihan, Nicole | FPPE |
| Lothian, Marian | Western Quebec School Board |
| Mackey, Kandy | Eastern Townships School Board |
| Pigeon, Stephen | Central Quebec School Board |
| Pompa, Paul | QPAT |
| Robertson, J. Kenneth (a.m. only) | Colleges – Champlain Regional |

| Ryan, John | Coordinator |
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| Stewart, Marielle | Central Quebec School Board |
| Urovitch, Joseph | ISAT |
| Zey, Karen | ACES |
| REGRETS | |
| Beauchamp, Catherine | Bishops University |
| Benson, Fiona J. | McGill University |
| Della Rocca, Cosmo | PROCEDE |
| Dupuis, Margaret | LEARN |
| Furfaro, Sandra | English Montreal School Board |
| Halman, Heather | PROCEDE |
| MacLEAN, Randy | AAESQ |
| Martini, Domenic | Concordia University |
| Miller, Howard | Eastern Shores School Board |
| Pigeon, Stephen | Central Quebec School Board |
| Robillard, Gerry | Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board |
| GUESTS | |
| Sullivan, Jim | |

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| 1. WORDS OF WELCOME | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marian Lothian welcomed everyone to the March meeting. Co-Chair Sandra Furfaro sent her regrets for today's meeting. | | | |
| 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 February 13, 2012 was accepted. | | | |
| 3. PRESENTATION OF FIRST KEY ISSUE | <p><u>Overview of MELS Projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jill Goldberg shared a document with a glossary of the most common terms used when discussing budgets and funding. It was designed to help clarify and differentiate between such words as strategy; policy and action plans and what are the funding implications for each. <p><u>Budget Implications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The budget will be announced on March 20, 2012. Leo La France explained the framework and the process the various sectors go through within the budgetary exercise. Historically QESBA, FCSQ and the Unions are invited to the budget lock-up and are given an opportunity to review the documents before the announcement. It is important to note that the budget rules always come out after the announcement. The expectation for this year is that they will be out sooner than they have been in the past years. A consultation period does take place before the final adoption of the budget. <p><u>Position of Directors General:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marielle Stewart, as the representative of the Table of Directors General, shared a powerpoint presentation that summarized the position taken by ADGESBQ on various areas related to budget compressions. Extensive work was done by ADGESBQ following a meeting had at the request of sous-ministre Louise Pagé. <p><u>Small Group work on the various projects in light of implications for action by LCEEQ:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCEEQ broke out into three small working groups. The exercise was to help determine how best to express LCEEQ's position on the possible budget compression by | | | |

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| | <p>analyzing the existing projects and ensuring the list of project is complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marian Lothian reminded the groups that the analysis should be done through the lense of LCEEQ, keeping in mind the English community`s position in terms of geography; socio-economic status; integration models for students with special needs; minority status; and student success. • A summary report will be prepared by Jim Sullivan and will be forwarded to Leo La France, with the understanding that the position might be further enhanced at the LCEEQ Annual Seminar in April. • Group One: Leader Marian Lothian • Group Two: Leader Karen Zey • Group Three: Leader Michael Chechile <p>Large Group Sharing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports by the working groups were shared. • See Appendix I for further details | | | |
| <p>4. Presentation of Second Key Issue</p> | <p><u>BILL 56 – Parliamentary Hearings</u></p> <p>Leo La France reported on the following areas regarding the proposed legislation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Funding</u> – the only new funding to this dossier will be for a publicity campaign - <u>Communication</u> – there are ongoing debates due to linguistic policy - concerns were raised about the incorrect perception that school boards and schools are not already combating acts of violence and bullying in school through various programs. - <u>Aboriginal sector</u>: Does not directly apply to them since they do fall under the Education Act – SSCAAAPN is nonetheless discussing how this can be addressed in their sector - <u>Legislation itself</u> – the following concerns were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed section 125 and what implications this can have on school boards. • Definition • Cyber-bullying | | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation • Support to parents • Reverse bullying (teachers, administrators) • Obligations related to the Health and Social Sector • Obligations related to public security and the roles of the police (Public service role and legal role) • Application of the law to the Centre (where there is no Governing Board) <p>- <u>Process for parliamentary hearings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill shared the following information and copies of documents printed from the National Assembly website. This seems to be a special consultation which is limited to individuals and organizations chosen by the committee for their knowledge of the matter being studied. The individuals and groups chosen may submit a brief or present their opinion before the committee or both. Participation in special consultations is by invitation only. However, there are ways in which members of the general public may make their opinion on the subject of the consultation known. • Written briefs can be sent in until March 29, 2012 • Hearings will take place between March 22 and March 30, 2012. The groups that have received an invitation to the hearings were listed. It was noted that some key groups were missing from the list. <p>LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A round table discussion was had on what the members wanted to see added to or amended in the proposed legislation. Jim Sullivan collected the feedback which will be used to prepare a brief. - The following questions were offered to guide the discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What is missing in the definition? 2) Where is the emphasis on pro-social efforts other than the required civics lesson? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are strategies already in place in many schools – why does it appear that nothing has been done to date? | | | |

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| | 3) What are the implications of some of the specifics of the legislation (e.g. 48 hour response period)? 4) Who has the responsibility for cyber bullying particularly after hours? 5) What is the expanded role of the ombudsman – does it bypass normal channels of communication? 6) How effective are the English resource materials (e.g. website)? Who determines what should be made available in this regard? 7) Why do we not have English speaking Violence Prevention resource personnel? | | | |
| 5. LCEEQ Business Items | 5.1. <u>Conference 2012 – Evaluations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Ryan reported that the evaluation report is on the verge of being finalized. He will forward everyone a copy and members are asked to share it with their school board personnel – particularly with those involved as workshop presenters. The comments are overall positive. • Conference 2013 will be discussed at the April annual seminar. The suggested theme is “Pro-Social Behaviour Programs”. Members were asked to forward the names of any experts in this field who could be asked to be part of a coordinating committee. LCEEQ will honour the commitment made for a conference in 2013 – a discussion for any future conference will be had at the annual seminar. 5.2. <u>Cost Sharing Policy – Revised</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost sharing policy will be amended and a copy will be sent to all members. It presently states that LCEEQ subsidizes the cost of travel and accommodation at a rate of 200\$ per day for the durations of a given activity for participants whose board is located between 250 and 499 KM (round trip) from the location of the activity – OR – 500\$ per day for those located 500 or more KM (round trip). • It will be amended to indicate that the first day will be either \$200 or \$500 | | | |

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| | <p>(depending on distance) and for any and all additional days \$140.00 per day will be the amount subsidized.</p> <p>5.3. <u>Annual Seminar – April 12-13, 2012</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marian Lothian confirmed that Susan Stone will be back as facilitator for this year. Along with further discussions on budget compressions, members will be asked to analyze implications to LCEEQ funding. • The Steering Committee’s priority is to ensure inclusion of all members at the seminar and discussed changing the 1.5-day format to a condensed one day format. The main exercise will be done on April 12th and the April 13th will be optional to anyone who would like to attend the Steering Committee meeting. There was general consensus to this suggested change. • A supper will be planned for the evening of April 12th and John Ryan will follow this up to confirm attendance. | | | |
| 6. NEXT MEETING | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting (Annual Seminar) is scheduled for April 12 and (13), 2012 at the Sheraton Laval. | | | |
| 7. ADJOURNMENT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. | | | |

Respectfully submitted by Angela Rosa