

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
   
 Thursday, May 17, 2012
   
 FROM 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM
   
 AT THE PIUS X ADULT EDUCATION CENTER

ATTENDANCE	
Adams, Andrew	QPAT
Beauchamp, Catherine	Bishops University
Benson, Fiona J.	McGill University
Buttars, Rob	New Frontiers School Board
Bruzzese, Sam	AAESQ
Finn, Cindy	ACES
Fossey, Jean-Paul	QPAT
Furfaro, Sandra	English Montreal School Board
Goldberg, Jill	SSCAAAPN
Gouett, Marsha	FPPE
Joly, Sebastien	QPAT
Lafrance, Michel (Left 11:00)	ISAT
Le Bihan, Nicole	FPPE
MacLEAN, Randy	AAESQ
Martini, Domenic(Left 11:00)	Concordia University
Pigeon, Stephen	Central Quebec School Board
Pompa, Paul	QPAT
Ryan, John	Coordinator
Zey, Karen	ACES

REGRETS	
Chechile, Michael	Lester B. Pearson School Board
Della Rocca, Cosmo	PROCEDE
Dupuis, Margaret	LEARN
Foltin, Deborah	Littoral
Gendron-Brodeur Lyse	Riverside School Board
Halman, Heather	PROCEDE
La France, Leo	SSCAAAPN
Levy, Charley	ISAT
Lothian, Marian	Western Quebec School Board
Mackey, Kandy	Eastern Townships School Board
Miller, Howard	Eastern Shores School Board
Robertson, J. Kenneth	Colleges – Champlain Regional
Robillard, Gerry	Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board
Roy, Elaine	DSCA
Stewart, Marielle	Central Quebec School Board
GUESTS	

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1. WORDS OF WELCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandra Furfaro welcomed everyone to the May meeting. Co-Chair Marian Lothian sent her regrets for today's meeting.</li> </ul>			
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to approve the agenda as presented was accepted.</li> <li>Motion to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2012 was accepted.</li> </ul>			

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<b>3. PRESENTATION OF KEY ISSUES:</b>	<p>Jill Goldberg gave Leo La France's report on the following topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Changes           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DSCA current loans of service for Carole Arsenault and Louise Marzinotto have been carried forward for one additional year. The other loans of services are in the process of being regularized.</li> <li>- The department is looking at how to handle the transfer of knowledge when faced with replacing key personnel.</li> <li>- SAST group, as it stands now, has been cut due to the budget compressions. The English sector will need explore how best to serve the milieu's needs in light of these cuts. Karen Zey clarified the situation with SAST/ALDI – although the two gestionnaires posts were cut for SAST, the ALDI post which is funded by Entente Canada-Quebec remains active for next year.</li> <li>- Centres of Excellence will remain operational. Jill Goldberg thanked Karen Zey for putting together the information that was instrumental in showing MELS how these centres serviced the English sector and how the services cannot be duplicated in other ways.</li> <li>- Jill distributed a copy of the new MELS organizational chart coming into force on June 4, 2012.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Professional Development: The challenge for PD is higher in light of the cutbacks, but SSCAAPN reiterates that this remains a priority for them. Efforts will have to be coordinated with the Anglophone milieu in order to maintain the support on the high needs dossiers.</li> </ol>			

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	<p>3) Tell Them From Me: The TTFM survey will continue for next year and will be funded by the Canada-Quebec Entente.</p> <p>4) LCEEQ Budget: The expectation is that the budget will go through for next year. SSCAAPN continues to see LCEEQ as a valuable committee that raises awareness of the educational needs and concerns of the English educational community in Quebec.</p> <p>5) Long Census: The information is available for this year but MELS is working of determining hour to get the needed statistics for future years.</p> <p><u>CONSIDERATIONS TO BE TAKEN BY LCEEQ – ACTION PLAN</u></p> <p>A round table discussion was had on the best approach for LCEEQ to take, with regards to an action plan. The following were some suggestions made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The respective decrease in both per capita funding and local taxation already translated to large cuts for the English sector.</li> <li>- The English sector is already extremely efficient when it comes to administrative spending (averages between 5-7 percent)</li> <li>- Look at the best way to make a systemic change</li> <li>- Need to determine if model is actually sustainable</li> <li>- Identify what is essential – reduce duplication</li> <li>- The role of the Council must be kept in mind</li> <li>- Bureaucracy is a problem – should LCEEQ lobby to reduce bureaucracy? - The Partnership Agreements in principle should be the medium for the boards' accountability on all spending thereby reducing bureaucracy and reporting to the MELS.</li> <li>- Suggested to create a focus group between LCEEQ and ADGESBQ representatives. The DG representative Marielle Stewart sent her regrets for today's meeting,</li> </ul>			

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	<p>therefore Rob Buttars said he would bring this suggestion to her attention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The implication and impact the cutbacks will have in the classroom should be highlighted.</li> </ul> <p><u>MEMBERS WERE DIVIDED INTO TWO (2) WORKING GROUPS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The groups were asked to look at the short-term and long-term impact of the budget cuts, prioritize the needs and offer solutions.</li> <li>- See <b>Appendix I</b> for the details of the reports.</li> <li>- Reports will be taken back to the Steering Committee</li> </ul>			
<p><b>4. MEETING THEMES FOR 2012-2013</b></p>	<p><u><b>4.0 Meeting themes</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The broad themes were identified at the annual seminar, but the topics have not yet been attached to any meeting dates. To be confirmed at the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><u><b>4.1 Meeting dates</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A proposed schedule with dates for 2012-2013 was tabled. Members were asked to review it and remit their feedback to John Ryan as soon as possible.</li> </ul>			

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<b>5. LCEEQ BUSINESS ITEMS</b>	<p><b><u>5.1 DSCA Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elaine Roy was not present</li> </ul> <p><b><u>5.2 Report of Expenses 2011-2012</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A report with the summary of expenses listed by category was tabled. A question and answer period followed.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>5.3 Budget 2012-2013 – Overview</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elaine Roy was not present</li> </ul> <p><b><u>5.4 Conference 2013</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John Ryan reported on the following points:</li> <li>- The conference will take place on February 11-12, 2013 at the Sheraton Laval Hotel</li> <li>- The theme is Safe Schools and Social Learning: Essentials for School Success.</li> <li>- Major speakers include Barbara Coloroso and Dr. Debra Pepler. Barbara Coloroso has offered to give a session to parents and the specifics remain to be worked out.</li> <li>- John will be emailing the members the document for submitting workshop proposals. This form must be completed and returned no later than September 14, 2012.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>5.5 Steering Committee</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John Ryan reported that Karen Zey informed the Steering Committee of her retirement at the end of this school year. This will create a vacancy in the Steering Committee, in the course of the term. The vacancy will need to be filled by a nomination at a future regularly scheduled meeting of the LCEEQ.</li> </ul>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John, on behalf of LCEEQ and the Steering Committee thanked Karen for all her work and contribution to this committee and wished her all the best for a happy retirement.</li> <li>- Gerry Robillard, who sent his regrets for today's meeting, also announced that he will be retiring this year. On behalf of LCEEQ, a thank you and best wishes were also extended to Gerry.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>VARIA</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fiona Benson table the question whether or not a facilitator needs to be hired for the LCEEQ annual seminar. The discussion will be had at a future date prior to the seminar.</li> </ul>			
<b>6. NEXT MEETING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting is proposed for September 27, 2012 (TBC)</li> </ul>			
<b>7. ADJOURNMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM</li> </ul>			

Respectfully submitted by Angela Rosa