

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Thursday, November 17, 2011
FROM 8:45 am TO 3:30 pm
AT THE ST.PIUS X ADULT CENTRE

ATTENDANCE	
Adams, Andrew	QPAT
Bruzzese, Sam	AAESQ
Chechile, Michael	Lester B. Pearson School Board
Dupuis, Margaret	LEARN
Finn, Cindy	ACES
Fossey, Jean-Paul	QPAT
Gendron-Brodeur, Lyse	Riverside School Board
Goldberg, Jill	SSCAAAPN
Gouett, Marsha	FPPE
Joly, Sebastien	QPAT
La France, Leo	SSCAAAPN
Le Bihan, Nicole	FPPE
Lothian, Marian	Western Quebec School Board
MacLEAN, Randy	AAESQ
Martini, Domenic	Concordia University
Pompa, Paul	QPAT
Robillard, Gerry	Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board
Urovitch, Joseph	ISAT
Ryan, John	Coordinator
REGRETS	

Beauchamp, Catherine	Bishops University
Benson, Fiona	McGill University
Buttars, Rob	New Frontiers School Board
Della Rocca, Cosmo	PROCEDE
Foltin, Deborah	Du Littoral School Board
Furfaro, Sandra	English Montreal School Board
Halman, Heather	PROCEDE
Lafrance, Michel	ISAT
Mackey, Kandy	Eastern Townships School Board
Miller, Howard	Eastern Shores School Board
Moukanas, Elias	Kativik School Board
Pigeon, Stephan	Central Quebec School Board
Robertson, J. Kenneth	Colleges – Champlain Regional
Roy, Elaine	DSCA
Stewart, Marielle	ADGESBQ
Zey, Karen	ACES
GUESTS	

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1. WORDS OF WELCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marian Lothian welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced two new members: Domenic Martini from Concordia University and Joseph Urovitch from the Jewish Day Schools. 			
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve the revised agenda as presented was accepted. Motion to approve the Minutes of September 29, 2011 was accepted. 			

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<p>3. REPORT BY LEO LA FRANCE</p>	<p><u>Report given by Leo La France</u></p> <p>Leo reported on the following topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Intensive English program in the French schools</u>: A meeting of the comité de suivi is scheduled for December 5. In addition a committee has also been struck to study how this will impact the English sector, and to look at how partnerships can be created. • <u>Report Cards</u>: Leo confirmed having received feedback from individual school boards on the technical aspects and availability of the report card, which he appreciates as it allows him to keep MELS updated with current concerns. A round table discussion was had and members shared their concerns. Marian Lothian asked if LCEEQ should prepare a position paper and the consensus was positive. Members agreed to forward their written comments for a paper to be drafted prior to the holidays. • <u>Meeting in Quebec City</u>: At the ADIGECS congress on November 16 the MELS met with all the Directors General of the youth sector for a work session that focused on the economic pressures facing Quebec, and thus, all government-funded services over the short-term horizon. The projections with respect to the next budget indicate substantial challenges ahead for public education. • <u>Publishers</u>: DSCA will continue working on getting some online materials for the English sector. At the moment the French sector has a website allowing teacher access to online materials. • <u>Community Learning Centers</u>: Fourteen new CLCs have been approved. The CLCs are funded by the Canada-Quebec entente and by the school boards on a declining basis over a seven year period. 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Special Needs</u>: A survey has been sent to all school Principals on collecting information for “les projets pédagogiques particuliers” and identifying how many students with special needs are integrated into these programs. In order to facilitate the participation of English speakers, DSCA provided a courtesy translation in the form of a PDF document. • <u>Aboriginal Panel</u>: A panel has been set up to identify needs of the aboriginal people and it will be making recommendations to Prime Minister Harper. The decisions could have some impact on some of our English school boards. • <u>Rencontre Nationale</u>: Jill reported that the next rencontre will be held on December 13 and 14, 2011. Members were asked to forward their feedback via their Directors General to the question of what kind of participation would the English sector like to have given the theme will be on the intensive English program. • <u>Entente Canada-Quebec</u>: Negotiations have already begun for the next Entente. The current one ends on June 2013. • <u>Plan Nord-meeting with Jean Charest</u>: At the last meeting Premier Charest was present. The two main topics were how to best manage the funding from both the government and the various companies involved; and managing the mining industry where enormous advancements are expected. 			

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<p>4. PRESENTATION OF KEY ISSUES</p>	<p><u>Actualization of Partnership Agreements and MESAs – The Journey of Three Boards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lester B. Pearson School Board – presented by Michael Chechile • Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board – presented by Johanne Brabant • Western Quebec School Board – presented by Marian Lothian <p><u>Members were then divided into two working groups to discuss the implications for LCEEQ. The members of the Partnership Agreement Support Group were present to offer support and answer questions. The questions to be answered were:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the challenges in creating a learning culture that will drive student success? • What do you need to develop highly effective teaching practices to reach this goal? • What do you see as the role of LCEEQ in supporting this work? <p><u>Large group sharing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Appendix I for a summary of the comment from each of the two groups 			
<p>5. DISCUSSION OF THE FIRST TERM REPORTING EXPERIENCE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed during DSCA report 			
<p>6. LCEEQ BUSINESS ITEMS</p>	<p>6.1. <u>DSCA Report – Elaine Roy</u> - Elaine Roy sent her regrets</p>			

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	<p>6.2. Funding Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Ryan referred back to the list of research and development projects and reported on the updates. From the five projects that were asked to be re-submitted , three were accepted. The total amount allocated was \$121,811.00 <p>6.3. Conference 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Ryan reported that the conference program is now complete. Marta Mohr is working closely with the school board representatives to ensure a smooth process. Members were asked to encourage their colleagues to registers at their earliest convenience. 			
7. THEME MEETINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The themes that were identified at the annual seminar subsequently resulted in a schedule for the year. January 26, 2012 had scheduled the topic of the bain linguistique which the Steering Committee thought might be premature at this point in time. The Chair asked the members for suggestions on other topics. One suggestion was to focus on the economic pressures facing Quebec, and thus, the substantial challenges ahead for public education. A short survey will be forwarded for further feedback. 			
6. NEXT MEETING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be held at the English Montreal School Board, instead of at St.Pius X in order to offer the possibility of joining via video-conferencing. • Thursday, January 26, 2012 			
7. ADJOURNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM 			

Respectfully submitted by Angela Rosa