



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
 FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
 AT THE LESTER B. PEARSON SCHOOL BOARD

Member Organization	Name	
A.A.E.S.Q	Sam Bruzzese	Present
	Ralph Mason	Regrets
A.C.E.S	Cindy Finn	Present
	Gail Somerville	Present
CEGEPS	Normand Bernier	Regrets
ADGESBQ	Sylvain Racette	Present
SCHOOL BOARD EDUCATIONAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES	Marie Wahba	Present
	Sandra Furfaro	Present
	Brenda Smylie	Present
	Geoffrey Hipps	Present
	Kandy Mackey	Present
	Marian Lothian	Regrets
	Lisa Mosher	Regrets
	Lisa Rae-Nutter	Present
I.S.A.T.	Mark Sutherland	Present
	Holly Hampson	Regrets
P.R.O.C.E.D.E	Corinne Levy Sommer	Regrets
	Mario Argiropoulos	Present
PROFESSIONALS' ASSOCIATIONS	Bonnie Mitchell	Present
	Tino Bordonaro	Present
Q.P.A.T.	Arlene Scott	Present
	Andrew Adams	Present
	J.P. Fossey	Present
	Sébastien Joly	Present
SPECIAL STATUS BOARD EDUCATIONAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES	Paul Pompa	Present
	CREE-Serge Beliveau	Regrets
MEESR/DSCA	LITTORAL-Deborah Foltin	Present
	Lise Langlois	Present
UNIVERSITIES	Christie Brown	Present
	Bishops-Avril Aitken	Present
	McGill-Fiona Benson	Regrets
ADM – English Sector	Dominic Martini	Present
LEARN	Chantal Beaulieu	Regrets
Coordinator	Christine Truesdale	Present
Recording Secretary	John Ryan	Present
GUESTS	Angela Rosa	Present



1. WORDS OF WELCOME

1.1. Cindy Finn extended to everyone a welcome to the first meeting of the school year and in particular to the new members. A round table of introductions followed.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2015 MEETING

Resolution #14-2015-09-17

2.1. It was moved by Mark Sutherland and seconded by Marie Wahba and unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the committee held on June 3, 2015 be approved following a correction on page 6 Item 6.8:

September 18, 2015 should read September 17, 2015

3. MEETING WITH MME. BARCELO, DEPUTY MINISTER

3.1. Cindy Finn reported that following the departure of sous-ministre Marie-Claude Champoux, LCEEQ received an invitation to meet with the newly named sous-ministre Sylvie Barcelo. The members of the LCEEQ steering committee met with her on September 9, 2015. The Steering Committee explained who LCEEQ was and shared some of its perspectives. With regards to some of the issues – the following were highlighted: budget; declining enrollment; student success; access to materials; services for students primarily at all the stages of transition.

3.2. Comments and questions from members were addressed.

4. UPDATE ON ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER

4.1. Chantal C. Beaulieu has accepted a job at CMEC, Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), as the Director General of the CMEC Secretariat which is located in Toronto. Cindy reported that Chantal could not be here today but asked Cindy to relay her best regards to all the members. Chantal reiterate her message that LCEEQ is an important committee and participating at the meetings has been a very satisfying experience for her. As CMEC Ministers work through a wide variety of activities, projects, and initiatives, it was felt that Chantal would also act as a strong representative for Quebec.

5. OVERVIEW OF LCEEQ AND THE MANDATE, EXPECTATIONS, AND INTRODUCTIONS

5.1. A copy of the *Member Brochure September 2015* was deposited to all members.

5.2. Cindy Finn reported on the priorities that were identified during the Annual Seminar held last April 2015. The Steering Committee felt it would be worthwhile to go over them and also give members an opportunity to identify any new issues. In this time of ever-changing personnel and structure at the Ministry, LCEEQ felt it important that the committee have a common direction in understanding the impact on both youth and adult education.



5.3. 2015-2016 Priorities

- Legal and constitutional issues
 - ✓ Anglophones as a minority group
 - ✓ Governance
- Availability of materials
 - ✓ Linguistic policy
 - ✓ Resource development
- Declining enrollment, budget
 - ✓ Parental choice
- Financial constraints

5.4. Members were divided into five groups and were asked to discuss the priorities and add additional ones if necessary. The comments were recorded on paper and will be submitted to the Steering Committee for further analysis. Representatives from each of the five groups were also asked to give a summary report back to the larger group. See Appendix I.

5.5. A brief discussion was had on the fact that Bill 101 had no restriction on vocational training and adult education. Members discussed the pros and cons of bringing this forward in order to increase enrollment.

6. **LCEEQ BUSINESS ITEMS**

6.1. **Annual Report presentation**

- The annual report was circulated to all members by email on September 11, 2015 and it will be published on the website once adopted by the members.

Resolution #15-2015-09-17

- It was moved by Sandra Furfaro and seconded by Deborah Foltin and unanimously resolved to adopt the Annual Report as deposited.

6.2. **Summer Institutes**

- John Ryan reported on the two summer institutes. The reports, which included the complete compilation of feedback and recommendations for future planning, were emailed to all members on September 11, 2015.
 - ✓ Writing Workshop with Linda Rief August 2015
 - ✓ Leadership for School Improvement April 2015 - August 2015
- The LCEEQ PDSC endorsed the continuation of both projects. Kandy Mackey also offered positive feedback and support on behalf of the Eastern Townships School Board. Seeing no objections were received from the members of the table, the two programs will continue for the next school year.



6.3. DSCA Report

- Christie Brown:
 - ✓ Christie reported that the Elementary Math Summer Institute was a great success. There were 121 teachers and consultants from eight school boards and the two private school associations in attendance. A 100% of attendees would either highly recommend or recommend the sessions to a colleague. As a result, LCEEQ in collaboration with MAST is finalising a three-year elementary plan for two cohorts: New and Graduate. A session for administrators is also being planned for this fall.
 - ✓ Members were reminded that the monthly update from DSCA would have been circulated. Detailed information on all the dossiers is made available in the report.

- Lise Langlois:
 - ✓ Lise reported on the changes of personnel at the Ministry – most notably that Christian Rousseau is the interim ADM for the Anglophone sector, until a permanent replaced for Chantal Beaulieu is determined.
 - ✓ History program updates
 - ✓ New name for the sector is SSAADC –Secteur des services aux Anglophones, aux Autochtones et à la diversité culturelle.

6.4. Report of Expenses 2014-2015

- A summary document with expenses listed by category for the year 2014-2015 was deposited. John Ryan reminded the members that since the incorporation – there is no longer a fiduciary school board involved and the sum shown will be deposited in a bank account in the name of LCEEQ.

Resolution # 16-2015-09-17

- It was moved by Tino Bordonaro and seconded by Arlene Scott and unanimously resolved to adopt the Report of LCEEQ Budgeted – Report of Expenses 2014-2015 as deposited.

6.5. Annual Conference

- **Conference 2016 Update:** John Ryan report the program is complete and that the website will be up and running shortly. The school boards will soon be receiving the allocation numbers for registration purposes. The allocations are based on approximately 700 participants, although this number may be raised if need be. It was noted that current negotiations might have an impact on registrations.
- **Conference 2017 Update:** Some preliminary brainstorming has been done, and the recommendation was to have the theme combine the two notions of *diversity* and of *technology*. Feedback from the members was invited. Comments were positive.



6.6. Varia

- John Ryan reported on the following additional topics:
 - ✓ John Killingbeck Projects – all boards have sent in a submission(s)
 - ✓ Resource Development Projects – Seven applications were received – three were retained. A thank was extended to the selection committees of both projects.
 - ✓ LCEEQ Newsletter – Issue No.8 was released last week. If any member did not receive you are kindly requested to follow up to determine the reason. The new issue will have a feature on each of the constituent groups.

6.7. Agenda Items for October 29, 2015

- Reminder of the date change for the next meeting – It will be held on October 29, 2015 at the English Montreal School Board. Members were asked to forward any items to the attention of John Ryan, Cindy Finn, and Deborah Foltin.
- Items suggested at the meeting were:
 - ✓ Update/news on school board governance
 - ✓ Updates/follow-ups on all the pilot projects

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Group: J.P. Fossey, Lise Langlois, Bonnie Mitchell, Lisa Rae, Christine Truesdale

Legal – Constitutional Issues

- Work on the transition efforts to the “new” governance model
- To know what the model looks like and how we will work within the structure
 - A thorough understanding of the inner workings of how decisions will be made at the school/centre level
- LCEEQ to request a presentation on the “new” model
- Anglophones need to be sure we are represented and considered
- We need to examine the Linguistic Policy to see where it can help us

Resource Development

- Simultaneous release of curriculum tool/documents in both languages
- Should have a variety of choices for materials (i.e. more than one publisher)
- LCEEQ to lobby for resource development

Group: Avril Aitken, Christie Brown, Kandy Mackey, Paul Pompa, Marie Wahba

Potential Guests:

- Marie Josée Berger (Bishops) – experience with francophone – minority language rights
- QUESCREN ([Quebec English-Speaking Communities Research Network](#))
- Other minority groups across Canada
- Maitre Michael Bergman (who presented to ABEE)

Group: Sam Bruzzese, Sébastien Joly, Arlene Scott, Brenda Smylie, Mark Sutherland

Legal – Constitutional Issues

- LCEEQ should take a position on governance: expectations, representation etc...

Budget

- Financial constraints are increasing – fewer people to do the same workload

Resource Development

- Materials in English should be made available from outside the province for new Ministry programs (e.g. sex education)
- Concern about numerous changes: Deputy Minister, ADM.....lack of stability. Will the replacements have the same investment in English education?



Group: Andrew Adams, Mario Argiropoulos, Cindy Finn, Dominic Martini, Sylvain Racette

Governance

- School boards (commissioners)
- Decentralization to schools
- Changing culture towards decentralizing pedagogical issues
- Representation (parents)
- Pedagogical considerations
- Where English network is in regard to French Boards

Group: Tino Bordonaro, Deb Foltin, Sandra Furfaro, Geoff Hipps, Gail Somerville

Legal – Constitutional Issues

Declining enrolment

- Bill 101 and Bill 3 - access to English education
- Minority rights for Anglophones
 - Links to minorities outside of the province
 - Change in mindset
- French programmes in English schools
 - Wishes of franco parents re English education (advantages)
 - Marketing and self-promotion
 - Home schooling impact
- Financial - triple impact on anglos particularly in small regions.