



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
English Montreal School Board**

Member Organization	Name	
A.A.E.S.Q	Bruzzese Sam	
	Mason Ralph	
A.C.E.S	Farnell Gina V.C.	
	Finn Cindy	Regrets
CEGEPS	McMahon John - Early departure	
ADGESBQ	Racette Sylvain	
SCHOOL BOARDS	Aitken Stewart	
	Furfaro Sandra	Regrets
	Hipps Geoff	
	Mackey Kandy	Regrets
	Mosher Lisa V.C.	
	Saada Jessica	Regrets
	Smylie Brenda	
	Sutherland Mark	
	Wahba Marie	
	I.S.A.T.	Hampson Holly
Benudiz Sidney		
P.R.O.C.E.D.E	Jalbert Richard	Regrets
	Pedroso Paula	Regrets
PROFESSIONALS' ASSOCIATIONS	Bordonaro Tino	
	Scott Arlene	
Q.P.A.T.	Adams, Andrew	Regrets
	Fossey, J.P.	
	Machado, Pasquale	
	TBA	
SPECIAL STATUS BOARD	CREE – TBA	
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	LITTORAL- Nadia Landry	Regrets
REPRESENTATIVES		
MEES/DSCA	Langlois Lise	
UNIVERSITIES	Lin, Terry Wan Jung	
	Haigh Corinne (Bishop's)	Regrets
	Medwid Roma (Concordia)	Regrets
	Schaefer Lee Dr.(McGill)	Regrets
ADM – English Sector	Rousseau, Christian	Regrets
LEARN	Truesdale Christine	
Coordinator	Ryan John	
Recording Secretary	Rosa Angela	
Guests:		
Dr. Nancy Heath – McGill University		
Anne Robitaille, MEES		



## **1. WORDS OF WELCOME**

- 1.1. Geoff Hipps welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members received a copy of the strategic plan timeline which Geoff referred to as a tool to be used at the annual seminar to measure the progress made for each of the actions proposed.

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

### 2.1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2018 MEETING

#### **Resolution # 48-2018-03-21**

It was moved by Brenda Smylie and seconded by Arlene Scott and unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Committee held on January 18, 2018 be accepted as deposited.

## **3. Presentation – Mental Health In Our Institutions (Continued)**

- 3.1. Geoff Hipps reminded the Table that Dr. Nancy Heath was unable to attend the last meeting and graciously agreed to come back today. Geoff introduced Dr. Heath - Professor at the Department of Education and Counselling Psychology at McGill University which highlighted her extensive on topics related to mental health and resilience in educational settings.
- 3.2. Dr. Heath gave a Powerpoint presentation on McGill's "National Initiative: Enhancing Teachers' Mental Health and Well-Being" and shared information on:
  - Background information
  - The scope of initiatives
  - Early results
  - Future plans
- 3.3. Dr. Heath posed a question to the Table and asked for feedback as to what extent members believe this is a priority within the groups they represent. A roundtable discussion was held. Some of the feedback shared included:
  - Boards need guidance in this area and would appreciate access to any resources McGill could offer
  - Important to build resilience in staff – through training
    - √ Knowing how to find the source of the difficulties
    - √ Need for expertise and support from the Health Services
    - √ Understanding that increasing expectations, various demands, challenges with technology, being connected all the time, the demands put on school principals are all examples of concerns.
    - √ The importance of a systemic approach
    - √ Dr. Heath talked about the value of a general and positive statement to the staff indicating that as employers understanding and support is available.

#### **4. Governmental Strategy for children from birth to age 8**

4.1. The two guests from the Ministry were introduced by Lise Langlois.

- Anne Robitaille, Directrice générale of the Direction générale des politiques et de la performance ministérielle
- Marie-Hélène Soucy, Consultant from the Directions des politiques, MEES

4.2. The presentation focused on the five key objectives, and on the various concrete measures and actions it proposes. It also identified the amount of funding for each objective.

1. FOSTER EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CHILDREN
2. MAKE SURE THAT CHILDREN UP TO AGE 8 TRANSITION SMOOTHLY FROM ONE EDUCATIONAL SETTING TO THE NEXT
3. SUPPORT QUALITY EDUCATIONAL AND PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICES
4. ENABLE ALL CHILDREN TO ACQUIRE ESSENTIAL READING, WRITING AND MATHEMATICS SKILLS BY THE END OF ELEMENTARY
5. SUPPORT PARENTS AND FOSTER THE MOBILIZATION AND COOPERATION OF STAKEHOLDERS THE MOBILIZATION AND COOPERATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

4.3. Question and answer period

- Members pointed out the particularity of the English sector and made the MEES representatives aware of certain needs the sector has.

#### **5. Report by the ADM**

5.1. Lise Langlois reported that although Christian Rousseau was unable to attend today due to other obligations, he will be attending the April seminar.

#### **6. LCEEQ Business Items**

##### **6.1. DSCA Report – Lise Langlois**

- **Personnel updates:** Lisa Storozuk has accepted a new position with the new Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d'expression anglaise. Her position has this opened up at DSCA and Lise shared some of the job requirements. LCEEQ asked Lise Langlois to extend Ms. Storozuk congratulations on its behalf.
- **Translation:** A large number of requests have caused some delays – however the translation department is working diligently to meet all deadlines.



- **Grandes Rencontres:** Lise was pleased that the request/needs of the Anglophone sector were listened to and with the support of DSCA a Grandes Rencontres for the English Education Community is planned for March 22nd, 2018 at Centre de Congrès Palace, in Laval. The theme of the event is ‘Creating a Positive, Safe and Caring School Climate’.
- **Course on Sexuality:** Nothing new to report at this point in time.

## 6.2. **Annual Conference**

- Reminder that the theme for the 2019 conference on Wellness and Well-being. (Feb 11-12, 2019)
- John Ryan emailed a copy of the final report for the 2018 conference. In general the feedback is positive and all speakers have received feedback reports on their individual workshops.
- **Request:** John reminded the boards entitled to a travel subsidy to process them as soon as possible – this will help LCEEQ complete the final accountability for the MEES.
- Geoff Hipps talked about how the content of the workshops has been the the key to a successful conference however when the call for workshop presenters goes out – the planning committee faces uncertainty and concern on whether there will enough response. Geoff asked if any LCEEQ members would like to work on supporting the process and identify ways to increase participation. Interested members were asked to get back to Geoff Hipps.

## 6.3. **Project Funding 2018-2019**

- Members received by email copies of the LCEEQ Project Funding Document for 2018-2019. This document has information about two major projects: Professional Development and Innovation Grants (PDIG) and the John Killingbeck Teacher/Administrator Scholarship Program.
- Documents are also available on the LCEEQ website as are the application forms.
- Members were asked to circulate the document to those within your organization who would like to consider applying for these funds. Please encourage them to read the guidelines carefully and to respect the established deadlines.

## 6.4. **April 2018 Seminar**

- John Ryan reminded the members that based on feedback received, the Seminar will be held on one day – on April 12, 2018 at the Sheraton Laval.

## 6.5. **Order of Excellence in Education**

- The Québec Order of Excellence in Education is the government’s desire to officially recognize the merits of those who have distinguished themselves by their contribution to the improvement of education in the province. The nomination period for 2018 runs from March 1, 2018, to May 14, 2018.
  - For more details on the nomination process and how to submit a nomination follow the link: <http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/references/contests-and-awards/order-of-excellence-in-education/>



- Geoff opened up a discussion on whether LCEEQ would like to bring forth a nomination. Members discussed the broadness of this process and the difficulty of making a choice when it comes to the teachers. However some names were brought forward of people who had a larger impact on the network.

#### 6.6. **Agenda Items for June 13, 2018**

- Members can forward any items by email.

#### 7. **Adjournment**

7.1. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm