



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020  
ZOOM METING**

Member Organization	Name		
A.A.E.S.Q	Mason Ralph		
	Nickoletopoulos Pela		
A.C.E.S	Falascioni Lisa		
	Marie-Eve Claude		
CEGEPS	McMahon John		
ADGESBQ	Finn Cindy		
SCHOOL BOARDS	Aitken Stewart		
	Sanalitro Anna		
	Hipps Geoff		
	Lagacé Stéphane		
	Lettner Eva		
	Mosher Lisa		
	Wahba Marie		
	Walker James		
I.S.A.T.	Hampson Holly	Regrets	
	Benudiz Sidney	Regrets	
P.R.O.C.E.D.E	Argiropoulos Mario		
	Roy Lucie		
PROFESSIONALS' ASSOCIATIONS	Kettner Paul		
	Le Blanc John		
Q.P.A.T.	Adams, Andrew		
	Di Raddo Mike		
	Machado, Pasquale		
	Rheubottom Anne-Marie		
SPECIAL STATUS BOARD EDUCATIONAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES	CREE – TBA		
	KATIVIK-Erik Olsthoorn		
	LITTORAL-Deborah Foltin		
MEES/DSREA	Lavallée Boyd		
	Andrew Locatelli	Regrets	
UNIVERSITIES	Medwid Roma (Concordia)		
	Breuleux Alain (McGill)		
	Wiseman Dawn (Bishops)		
ADM – English Sector	Colpitts Steven		
LEARN	Truesdale Christine		
Coordinator	Ryan John		
Recording Secretary	Rosa Angela		



## **1. WORDS OF WELCOME**

- 1.1. Chairperson Geoff Hipps welcomed everyone to the zoom meeting and acknowledged how challenging a zoom meeting can be with all the other demands on members. It is unfortunate that the last meeting had to be at a distance.
- 1.2. Geoff welcomed the following members:
  - Anna Sanalidro from the English Montreal School board, who is replacing Sandra Furfaro.
  - A welcome back to Cindy Finn who is replacing Evelyne Alfonsi.

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

### **2.1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2020 MEETING**

#### **Resolution # 68-2020-06-04**

It was moved by Roma Medwid and seconded by Alain Breuleux and unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Committee held on January 16, 2020 be accepted following the following corrections:

- Page 4 – the spelling of Alain Breuleux
- Page 4 – the amount for the bursary for students in year 4 should be \$3,600.00 instead of \$3,900.

## **3. RATIFICATION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1. The retirement of Sandra Furfaro created a vacancy on the LCEEQ Steering Committee until the end of the current two-year cycle (June 2021). Having completed the process by email - by which members could be nominated LCEEQ received the nomination of Cindy Finn.

#### **Resolution # 69-2020-06-04**

It was moved by Roma Medwid and seconded by Erik Olsthoorn and unanimously resolved that the nomination of Cindy Finn to the Steering Committee be adopted.

### **3.2. New retirement announcements**

- Marie-Eve Claude from the Lester B. Pearson School Board (ACES representative)
  - ✓ It was confirmed that the new ACES representative replacing Marie-Eve will be Caroline Erdos from the New Frontiers School Board.
- Marie Wahba from the Lester B. Pearson School Board (School Board representative)
  - ✓ This will leave another vacancy on the Steering Committee. An email will be circulated as a reminder to request nominations to fill the vacancy

### **3.3. Other changes to the membership**

- Jessica Saada from the Riverside School Board will replace Mary Williams as the school board representative.

## 4. INSTITUTE OF EXCELLENCE

### 4.1. Report from the Focus Group

- The complete written report on the session held on January 30-31, 2020 was shared by email as part of the meeting package. Geoff Hipps shared the report on the screen and scrolled through the pages. Geoff and Alain Breuleux spoke to the highlights and addressed member questions.

### 4.2. LCEEQ Proposal Document

- The complete written proposal was shared by email as part of the meeting package and was shared on the screen. Geoff spoke to the highlights which covered the rationale, the goals, the proposed governance model and the implementation plan.
- Geoff Hipps reported on the steps the document went through:
  - ✓ It was inspired by designed sprint
  - ✓ It was presented to and received feedback from the focus group
  - ✓ It was presented to and received feedback from the Steering Committee
  - ✓ Presented to the larger table at today's meeting.
- The following is a brief summary of the areas that were discussed – members were also invited to email in their suggested changes.
  - ✓ Are LCEEQ members ready to take this new direction / on proposed governance and the impact on membership / clarification on the structure / current role vs new role of members / requests for increased representation / suggested wording / clarification of funding / name / would this be under the umbrella of a provincial institute or would it be a separate parallel group.
  - ✓ It was reported that the name does not have to be the *Institute for Excellence in Education*. Members were invited to send in any suggestions they might have.

### 4.3. A Pilot Study Proposal

- The complete written pilot study proposal was shared by email as part of the meeting package and was shared on the screen. Geoff spoke to the highlights.
- The pilot study would serve as a litmus test of the proposed structure and governance model.
- The following are highlight of the general discussion/questions/comments that followed:
  - ✓ The members are looking to ensure the transferability of the goals – and requested an opportunity to discuss the document at their respective tables – Geoff reminded members that this is exactly what the needs analysis was designed to do and this exercise is welcomed.
  - ✓ At one point, clear indicators will need to be identified based on exactly what will be piloted.
  - ✓ Question on what is the time frame (Will most likely be a year)



- ✓ Beginning with a focus on just one area (mentoring) might be a good idea and allow the time to define the needs as the project establishes itself.
  - ✓ What is the role of Human Resources? (This should come out in the needs analysis exercise)
  - ✓ One of the objectives is to avoid duplication and the pilot would identify and establish some form of collaboration with what is already being done in the English educational community.
- An email will be sent to members requesting any additional feedback. Please be aware and adhere to tight turnaround time that will indicated in the email.

### **Resolution # 70-2020-06-04**

It was moved by Roma Medwid and seconded by Dawn Wiseman and unanimously resolved that the notion of the Institute of Excellence as outlined in the LCEEQ proposal be moved forward.

## **5. REPORT BY THE ADM**

5.1. The ADM referred to the impact the pandemic has had on the working conditions and decision-making process at the Ministry and on the whole education network.

5.2. MEES/DSREA's current focus is on:

- Return to school in September
- Working with LEARN in developing ways to support teachers and students
- New AEP (*Aide de service*) starting on June 15, 2020
- New decrees on respite to parents and educational camps
- The ADM shared the process of making legislative changes and why it takes a long time.

5.3. Question period

- Member questions were addressed.
- Christine Truesdale shared information for the online teacher P.D. and what is offered by LEARN as opposed to Teluq. Discussed some of the available resources and how LEARN is available to adapt them to the English sector.

## **6. LCEEQ BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **6.1. DSREA Report**

- Boyd Lavallée reported on the following items:
  - ✓ An update on the A.M.I. Project update. Some of the work is proceeding however the pandemic has slowed it down.
  - ✓ Entente Canada-Quebec:
    - The Agreement between Quebec and Heritage Canada for 2019-2020 was signed at the end of March.

- The bilateral agreement is being worked on presently and it is hoped that negotiations will move ahead rapidly.
- Canadian Heritage has put forth a call for projects for “educational community infrastructure” projects for 2020-2021 (this is earlier than usual) with a deadline of June 23, 2020
- 2020-2021 – application for infrastructure projects is open (earlier than usual)

## **6.2. Annual Conference**

- Update – Conference 2020
  - ✓ The complete report was shared by email
  - ✓ Claims for travel subsidy have to be submitted as soon as possible – John will follow up with individual Boards.
- Update – Conference 2021
  - ✓ The document with information on the theme, keynote speaker and featured speakers was emailed as part of the meeting package. It was projected on the screen and John Ryan spoke to the highlights.
  - ✓ The question: Should a 2021 conference take place? Members are hopeful as to yes – however – everyone is conscious that plans might have to be either changed or cancelled. We have to be ready to consider a different design.

## **6.3. Meeting Schedule 2020-2021**

- A copy of the proposed schedule was deposited. Members had no objections and the dates were accepted.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:15.