



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019
AT THE ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD – LAURENCE PATTERSON ROOM
6000, Fielding Street, Montreal, Quebec, H3X-1T4**

Member Organization	Name	
A.A.E.S.Q	Mason Ralph	Regrets
	Nickoletopoulos Pela	
A.C.E.S	Falascioni Lisa	Zoom
CEGEPS	McMahon John	
ADGESBQ	Alfonsi Evelyne	Present 11:15
SCHOOL BOARDS	Aitken Stewart	Zoom
	Furfaro Sandra	Regrets
	Hipps Geoff	
	Lagacé Stéphane	Zoom
	Lettner Eva	
	Mosher Lisa	Regrets
	Wahba Marie	Regrets
	Walker James	Regrets
	Williams Mary	On Leave
I.S.A.T.	Hampson Holly	Regrets
	Benudiz Sidney	
P.R.O.C.E.D.E	Argiropoulos Mario	Regrets
	Roy Lucie	Regrets
PROFESSIONALS' ASSOCIATIONS	Kettner Paul	Present until 10:45
	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	Regrets
	KATIVIK-Erik Olsthoorn	Regrets
	LITTORAL-Deborah Foltin	
MEES/DSREA	Lavallée Boyd	
UNIVERSITIES	Medwid Roma (Concordia)	Regrets
	Breuleux Alain (McGill)	
	Wiseman Dawn (Bishops)	
ADM – English Sector	Colpitts Steven	Regrets
LEARN	Truesdale Christine	Regrets
Coordinator	Ryan John	
Recording Secretary	Rosa Angela	
Guests: Caroline Erdos, ALDI		



1. WORDS OF WELCOME

1.1. The Chairperson Geoff Hipps welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on the exceptional reasons why this meeting was scheduled for only half a day. Geoff and many of the school board representatives are attending a conference in Baltimore and travel has had an impact - Geoff will need to leave by noon. The Vice Chairperson Roma Medwid is recuperating from a medical intervention and was unable to replace Geoff. Geoff also reported that Roma is doing very well and wishes for a healthy recovery were sent to her on behalf of LCEEQ.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2019 MEETING

Resolution # 66-2019-11-07

It was moved by Sidney Benudiz and seconded by Alain Breuleux and unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Committee held on September 12, 2019 be accepted as deposited.

2.2. Business Arising - Institute of Excellence

- At the last meeting the table was given a heads up that this initiative may be followed through by the current government. In order to be better prepared LCEEQ took some time at the September meeting to review its initial brief and feedback was collected.
- Based on a recommendation made at the meeting, the Steering Committee decided to strike a focus group to investigate this matter further and recommendations to the larger table.
- Alain suggested using a Design Sprint method, and he spoke briefly to how this works – it is process where stakeholders align around a particular problem and rapidly prototype and test a potential solution.
- John Ryan will send out an email with more information on establishing a working group of approximately ten participants from both LCEEQ ranks and others in the educational community and scheduling two-day working session.

3. CONSULTATION WITH THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY

3.1. Geoff Hipps represented LCEEQ at the 3L session held on September 16, 2019. This would have been the fourth consultation session held by the the Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d'expression anglaise. Mr. William Floch presented some statistics and what the Secrétariat has done so far, however for the most part they listened to what the region had to share on the following three areas:

- The development and role of institutions and community networks
- Policies, programs and services of the Quebec government
- Orientations and priorities of the Secrétariat



Some of the issues that Geoff brought to the consultation were

- The availability of English services for students and families
- The need for more Vocational programs in the English sector
- The need for collaboration between the Secretariat and the educational community

He also pointed out the transportation difficulty of many students in rural areas, and the chair also made the suggestion that if research is showing that a possible barrier to employability is the level of French for English students, then perhaps the existing FSL program needs to be opened for discussion. There was much feedback given to Mr. Skeet regarding issues of the many community groups around the table.

Presentation

GUEST: Caroline Erdos – ALDI

Learning an additional language: Examining the research evidence pertaining to neurotypical and at-risk students

Geoff Higgs introduced Caroline Erdos, PhD, S-LP(C). She is the Project Coordinator of Advancing Learning in Differentiation and Inclusion (ALDI) project. She can be reached at cerdos@swlauriersb.qc.ca (450) 621-5600, extension/poste 1388

Outline of topics:

- Advantages of multilingualism
- Academic and language outcomes of students in French immersion programs
- Myth and realities pertaining to bilingualism
- Factors that affect the rate of acquisition of a new language
- Research finding pertaining to at-risk children learning an additional language
- Strategies and pedagogical approaches that enhance language learning for all students.

Survey

- Members were invited to respond simultaneously on a short survey of about 10 questions by visiting a website link provided by Caroline. Their responses appeared in chart as part of the presentation for all to see. Caroline then discussed the responses in relation to the topics above.

Article:

- A copy of an article by Henry Angulo-Jiminez was given to each member. Title: Bilingualism and Autism: Addressing Parents' Frequently Asked Questions

Discussion question for Educational Leaders

- Members were asked to work with the person next to them and answer the following questions:
 - o Within your educational institution, what factors act as facilitators to the attainment of bilingualism by all students and by students with special needs in particular?
 - o Within your educational institution what factors act as barriers to the attainment of bilingualism by all students and by students with special needs in particular?
- Feedback was subsequently share with the larger table.



4. REPORT BY THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER – STEVEN COLPITTS

4.1. Steven Colpitts sent his regrets as he is in Quebec City for the Parliamentary Hearings on Bill 40 and Boyd Lavallée updated LCEEQ on the following dossiers:

- ERC program: The MEES is looking at including the sexuality education content into the ERC Program. Consultations on revising the ERC program will be held.
- New Table: The Minister has approved the creation of a new table and letters have been sent out to several groups to become members. The table is called Table éducative du réseau Anglophone (Table ERA) and it will be chaired by ADM Steven Colpitts.
 - ✓ The mandate of the Table ERA consists in defining the priority issues of the English-speaking educational community and proposing concerted solutions, This is in keeping with its particularities as well as the directions of the Canada-Quebec Agreement and the Minister.
 - ✓ The following questions were asked and Boyd Lavallée will get back with a response:
 - The LCEEQ chairperson raised the question as to why LCEEQ is not invited as a member of this table
 - The Cegeps and Universities representatives asked if their organizations will be invited to be members.
- The LCEEQ Chairperson raised the question as to why LCEEQ, a committee that represents the span of English education in Quebec, is not invited as a member of this table, and requested an explanation for the committee from Mr. Colpitts
- MEES Update: The Government requires all the Ministries to revise their strategic plans and the Ministry of Education has completed the work and is the final stages of revision. The new strategic plan has been made more concise.

5. LCEEQ BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1. Translation Services – Response from the Minister

- Geoff Hipps reported that MEES did respond to LCEEQ letter on the lack of equity with regards to translated resources. The response recognized that there is a problem and that it will be looked into.
- VARIA:
 - ✓ ABEE has notified LCEEQ that the Minister has recently names four new members to the board for a three year term of office:
 - PROCEDE – Heather Halman, SWLSB
 - AQEFLS – Louise Outland Teacher, LBPSB
 - ADGESBQ – Sylvain Racette DG, RSB
 - FCPQ – Corinne Payne, DG, FCPQ



5.2. DSREA Report

- Boyd Lavallée reported on the following items:
 - ✓ Update on the Entente Canada-Quebec
 - ✓ Portrait of the English Education Sector
 - ✓ DSREA is working on establishing an updated portrait of the English educational network as a whole as well as the success and challenges of each individual school boards. This exercise is meant to help DSREA highlight the particularities of our system. DSREA has qualitative data on the school boards, numbers and statistics however want go beyond numbers and join this information with more qualitative data. They have asked the Directors General to name a representative to be the contact person for this interview. DSREA may also ask to speak to teachers or principals that the school board feels are acting as positive leaders in their respective communities-members were asked to suggest names.
 - ✓ Geoff suggested that in light of a lot of information already being available – if a base of information can be prepared in advance by DSREA.

5.3. Early Childhood Symposium

- As a result of the presentation and subsequent invitation by Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN) to collaborate in the planning of an *Early Childhood Symposium* the Organizing Committee has met several times and preparations of moving ahead. A save the date pamphlet has been sent out.
 - ✓ February 11-12, 2020 at the Palace Reception Hall in Laval
 - ✓ LCEEQ will help with registration and the website and also contribute toward the program in the area of play in early childhood.
 - ✓ The target audience will include community groups that CHSSN services and school board personnel
- More information as to the content will be forthcoming

5.4. Conference 2020

- 31 workshop proposals have been received and John Ryan thanked the members for the efforts in moving this forward.
- Messages will be going out to the coordinators in the next few days to confirm all the details. A small difference from past practice will be that participants who are spitting one allocation will be asked to register separately.

5.5. Agenda items for January 16, 2020

- Agenda items can be emailed to the attention of both the Chairperson and John Ryan.

6. ADJOURNMENT and LUNCH

- Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm