



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
AT THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD
235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec J7A-4Y6**

Member Organization	Name	
A.A.E.S.Q	Mason Ralph	
	Nickoletopoulos Pela	
A.C.E.S	Falascioni Lisa	Regrets-medical leave
	TBC	
CEGEPS ADGESBQ SCHOOL BOARDS	McMahon John	
	Alfonsi Evelyne	
	Aitken Stewart	Regrets
	Furfaro Sandra	
	Hipps Geoff	
	Lagacé Stéphane	
	Lettner Eva	
	Mosher Lisa	VCN did not connect
	Wahba Marie	
	Walker James	
	Williams Mary	Regrets-medical leave
	I.S.A.T.	Hampson Holly
Benudiz Sidney		
Argiropoulos Mario		
P.R.O.C.E.D.E	Roy Lucie	
	Kettner Paul	
PROFESSIONALS' ASSOCIATIONS	Le Blanc John	
	Adams, Andrew	
	Di Raddo Mike	
	Machado, Pasquale	
Q.P.A.T.	Rheubottom Anne-Marie	
	CREE – TBA	No Rep appointed
	KATIVIK-Erik Olsthoorn	VCN
SPECIAL STATUS BOARD EDUCATIONAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES	LITTORAL-Deborah Foltin	
	Lavallée Boyd	
MEES/DSREA		
UNIVERSITIES	Medwid Roma (Concordia)	
	Breuleux Alain (McGill)	
	Wiseman Dawn (Bishops)	Regrets
	Colpitts Steven	
ADM – English Sector LEARN Coordinator	Truesdale Christine	
	Ryan John	
	Rosa Angela	
Recording Secretary		
Guests:		
ABEE : Kate Le Maistre and Lynn Travers		



1. WORDS OF WELCOME

- 1.1. Geoff Hipps welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the school year and at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. He started the meeting with a mindfulness exercise and read a poem entitled the “Guest House” by the 13th century poet/scholar Rumi. The message Geoff get from this poem is that the attitude and commitment we have to deal with what life sends our way is important and make us wiser, kind and more compassionate
- 1.2. Geoff welcomed and thanked the ADM Steven Colpitts for his participation at LCEEQ and invited him to introduce the new Director of DSREA (replacing Lise Langlois). Steven shared some of his thoughts on his role as ADM and how he can support both the Ministry and the Anglophone educational community. He too appreciates the opportunity to attend LCEEQ.
- 1.3. Mr. Boyd Lavallée introduced himself and shared his background and his career history and experience.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Resolution # 61-2019-09-12

It was moved by Sandra Furfaro and seconded by Roma Medwid and unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Committee held on June 13, 2019 be accepted as deposited.

3. MEMBERSHIP REVIEW – MEETING DATES

- 3.1. A copy of the final meeting schedule was included in the meeting package and is always available in in File Manager on the website.

4. RATIFICATION OF STEERING COMMITTEE VACANCIES

- 4.1. Nominations were received and seconded for the two available positions on the steering committee and remained to be ratified at today’s meeting.

Resolution # 62-2019-09-12

It was moved by Sandra Furfaro and seconded by Pasquale Machado and unanimously resolved that the nomination of Roma Medwid as Vice-President be adopted for the current two-year term.

Resolution # 63-2019-09-12

It was moved by Marie Wahba and seconded by Sandra Furfaro and unanimously resolved that the nomination of Mario Argiropoulos as a member of the Steering Committee be adopted for the current two-year term.

4.2. Member Brochure 2019- 2020

- Every member received a copy of the Member Brochure and Geoff Hipps invited members to read and become familiar with this important information.



PRESENTATION – “Considering our Minority Status”

Kate Le Maistre, Chairperson of ABEE spoke to a PowerPoint presentation that identified a few key comments and questions. A roundtable discussion was held and ABEE recorded the feedback on the questions below from the members.

PowerPoint highlights:

- Past and current realities and perception
- What words identify being an Anglophone in Quebec? (Some of the words that were brought forward by members: resilient, humble, proud, quiet, trying to fit in, assimilate, apologetic, belief in self.)
- What makes us different?
- What do our schools do well?
- Success stories (examples)
- Lobbying and what is the role of LCEEQ
- Who speaks for us?

PRESENTATION - Mentoring, PD and Research

- Institute of Excellence
 - o This initiative may be followed through by the current government and for this reason Steven felt it a good idea to review the brief that LCEEQ had written. The exercise will be divided into three activities, but the objective today is simply to plant a seed and recommend further work be done on this initiative.
 - o Today’s Activity #1 – Members were divided into six groups and members were asked to record the ideas that are worth keeping in the initial brief and add any new suggestions.
 - o Feedback will be taken to the Steering Committee to determine the best way to move forward.

5. REPORT BY THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER – STEVEN COLPITTS

5.1. Steven Colpitts updated LCEEQ on the following dossiers:

- New Sous-Ministre was named to replace Madame Sylvie Barcelo. The new appointment is Mr. Eric Blackburn, a former Director General of the Commission scolaire des Hautes Rivieres.
- 4-year old Kindergarten: All the available classes have been distributed for this year however demand remains high and classes will continue to be added incrementally every year until the objective is met.
- The teacher induction initiative is in the process of being finalized. The new sous-ministre intends to extend this approach of valorization to include other professions.
- Proposed legislation on governance: The National Assembly begins its session on September 17 and the projet de loi is expected to be deposited in the fall session.
- ERC and the sexuality education content are two dossiers that will be looked at with some degree of priority
- Entente Canada-Quebec: The entente was signed last week however Quebec has abstained as it did in the last entente on the grounds that the federal government seems to be infringing on provincial jurisdiction. The MEES did advance the funding for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 in the interim while the entente was not signed.
- Q&A Period



6. LCEEQ BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1. Audited financial statements

- Mr. Steve Joyal of Carrier Joyal CPA Inc. deposited a copy of the Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statement as of June 30, 2019 and went over it verbally.
- **Resolution # 64-2019-09-12**

It was moved by Roma Medwid and seconded by Ralph Mason and carried unanimously that the Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements as of June 30, 2019 be adopted as deposited.

- John Ryan reported that an impact review/accountability report on the Math Focus Program and on the Leadership Project have been completed as part of the requirement from the MEES. Members will receive a copy of both reports and once they are on the website then can be freely distributed.

6.2. DSREA Report

- Boyd Lavallée reminded members that the monthly distribution letter remains an excellent source of information and update for his department.
- The report is normally shared with the network after it is deposited at the meeting of ADGEBSQ.

6.3. Joint project with CHSSN

- Following the presentation by representatives of the CHSSN to LCEEQ in the month of March 2019, the intent from LCEEQ to increase collaboration and partnerships with other groups has taken shape. CHSSN and LCEEQ participated in the planning an early childhood symposium. In the next few weeks further information along with a save the date message will be forwarded to members. John Ryan offered some highlights:
 - ✓ The plan is for a one-day symposium
 - ✓ LCEEQ will help with registration and logistics
 - ✓ Date will most likely piggyback the LCEEQ conference (Tuesday evening and Wednesday. February 11-12, 2020)
 - ✓ John welcomed members to send to his attention any suggestions and feedback.

6.4. Conference 2020 Local Program

- John Ryan stated that as in the past the local workshops are the strength of the annual conference. At this point in time there are very few submissions. Each member was asked to go back to the group they represent and encourage submissions before the deadline of September 30th (this deadline can be extended if need be).



6.5. Annual Report

- A copy of the report was emailed on September 9, 2019.

Resolution 65-2019-09-12

It was moved by Roma Medwid and seconded by Deborah Foltin and carried unanimously that the 2018-2019 Annual Report be adopted as deposited as of September 2019.

6.6. Agenda items for November 7, 2019

- The LCEEQ Strategic Plan ends in 2020 – Some planning sessions will be scheduled for this.
- Agenda items can be emailed to the attention of both the Chairperson and John Ryan.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1. The meeting adjourned at 13:50