



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SEMINAR - April 2023

Lester B. Pearson School Board

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Member Organization	Name	April 27	April 28
School Board Representatives	Stewart Aitken – WQSB	ZOOM	ZOOM
	Mat Canavan– LBPSB		
	Lynda da Silveira – SWLSB	Regrets	
Complementary services:	Deborah Foltin – ESSB	ZOOM	ZOOM
	Stéphane Lagacé- CQSB		ZOOM -partial
	Eva Lettner - ETSB		
	Jessica Saada – RSB		
	Anna Sanalidro – EMSB		
	James Walker – NFSB		
Adult Education and Vocational Training	Lisa Falasconi - WQSB	ZOOM	ZOOM
	Marylène Perron - CQSB		ZOOM -partial
ADGESBQ - School Board Directors General	Fred Greschner - SWLSB	Regrets	Regrets
	Lucie Roy – RSB		ZOOM
CEGEPS	Cindy Finn		
A.A.E.S.Q.	John McMahon	Regrets	Regrets
I.S.A.T.	Christie Brown		
QPAT	Anna Villalta	ZOOM -partial	ZOOM
PROFESSIONALS' ASSOCIATIONS	Holly Hampson		
Special-status Boards Educational Services Representatives	Sydney Benudiz	Regrets	Regrets
English-sector Universities	Andrew Adams	Regrets	Regrets
	Jennifer Baltuonis		
	Mike Di Raddo		
	Anne-Marie Rheubottom		a.m.
	Caroline Erdos	Regrets	Regrets
	Lise Lecompte	Regrets	Regrets
	Cree S.B. – Kimberly Quinn	Regrets	Regrets
	Kativik S.B. – Erik Olsthoorn	Regrets	Regrets
	Littoral S.B. – Katia Tardif		
	Bishops - Dawn Wiseman	Regrets	Regrets
	Concordia - Roma Medwid		
	Joseph Levitan – McGill		ZOOM

Non-voting members			
Assistant Deputy Ministers	Marie-Josée Blais	Regrets	
DSREA	Boyd Lavallée Cheryl Cantin		
LEARN	Christine Truesdale		
LCEEQ Coordinator	John Ryan		
GUESTS Mario Argiropoulos – PROCEDE Brian Benoit – QPAT Tino Bordonaro – ABEE Hannah Chestnutt - McGill Geoff Hipps – PDSC Terry Linn – MEQ Mark Sutherland – Youth CEGEP Lynn Travers - ABEE		Regrets	Regrets ZOOM -partial

WORDS OF WELCOME

Cindy Finn welcomed those in person and those on ZOOM to the Annual Seminar. She particularly welcomed our invited guests. She offered a land acknowledgement. After initiating a series of round-table introductions, she introduced Avril Aitken, the animator for the Seminar.

The various activities during the first day and a half focused on the Strategic Plan 2020-2023 with the expectation of building toward the 2023-2026 version. The second morning focused on the recommendations of the Accompaniment Project and how these can be built into the new Strategic Plan.

Current LCEEQ Strategic Plan Review

Avril incorporated a number of activities using Jamboards to have a running record of deliberations so that the Steering Committee can stake the next steps in developing the next Strategic Plan.

As a warm-up activity, participants were invited to use key words or phrases, to indicate what came to mind when they thought about the LCEEQ purpose or mission. Following this was the opportunity to indicate of the three Strategic Goals which one was most significant to their work and to make suggestions as to strengths and possible changes. This provided information about the success of the current plan and areas for development for the future.

LCEEQ Strategic Plan 2023-2026 Looking Ahead

The balance of the first day was spent considering the recently released Ministry of Education Strategic Plan and that of LCEEQ and how the two can be aligned. Much of the time was spent in small group deliberations with regular reporting to the whole group and written recording for moving forward.

Day Two

Cindy Finn welcomed and thanked participants for their engagement on the first day and looked forward to continued success as we focused on incorporating the recommendations of the Accompaniment Project.

Accompaniment Project Recommendations

The opening activity included a rich discussion on distinguishing *Professional Learning* from *Professional Development*.

Activities and discussions encompassed *Actions* and *Targets* for the new Strategic Plan based on the recommendations. The Accompaniment report and two documents prepared to support the final report were used throughout the deliberations.

LCEEQ BUSINESS ITEMS

PDSC Update

Geoff Hipps, newly named Chair of the Professional Development Committee, provided a review of year to date. He stated that the Committee was developing a “mandate” which will be presented to the Steering Committee for ratification. He reported on a number of webinars including those in Math, the Moderation Process, and Mental Health.

DSREA Report

Boyd Lavallée reported that there were positive developments in the Canada-Quebec Entente with signing have taken place in late March. The Federal Government has assigned additional funds and there are now ongoing discussions with the recipient groups as to how these monies should be distributed.

ADM Report

Marie-Josée Blais returned to the meeting having been called away for a telephone call to inform the group to look for an “interesting announcement” in the week to come. Unfortunately, she was not in a position to share the news at this time.

She reported that there are elements of Bill 14 that will take effect on June 1st. Documentation is still in progress; a preliminary version is expected. There were a number of questions related to consultation with the English Sector. She listed a number of groups that were included in such.

There was concern expressed about the visit of inspectors from the Office québécoise de la langue française (OLF) yet the schools have not been given clear information about expectations of the Law. In particular, the private schools do not receive the same communiqués that the School Boards receive. She will follow-up on this matter.

She also reported that the indicators of the New Ministerial Strategic Plan were distributed to the School Boards and that the regulations related to the religious practices in educational institutions were available on the government website.

ABEE Update

Tino Bordonaro, ABEE Chair, provided a report stating it was a pleasure to be back at LCEEQ, having been a member of both the Regular Committee and Steering. The mandate of the Advisory Board is to advise the Minister of Education on all matters affecting the educational services offered in English elementary and secondary schools as well as adult and vocational education centres..

In the last year or so, the Board has advised the Minister of Education on several important matters, including:

- Bill 96
- the CCQ program,

Letters, reports, briefs, etc. are available on the Advisory Board's website and on demand.

Website Update

John Ryan reported that although the April Seminar was the target date for the launch of the redesigned LCEEQ website, that there have been delays and that the launch will be at the beginning of the new academic year.

Membership 2023-2025

John Ryan reviewed nominations of members for the next two-year cycle. He noted that most of the positions have been assigned with the exception of the Professionals (FPPE) and the Special Status School Boards (Cree and Kativik).

Steering Committee 2023-2025

John Ryan reported that there were two positions still available for the Steering Committee for the next two-year cycle. We continue to receive nominations.

Adjournment

On a motion by Holly Hampson the meeting was adjourned at 1:30.