

Hadley Junior High School & Philemon Wright High School Governing Boards
Joint Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
5:30PM to 7:00PM

Hadley Junior High School GB Members:

Melinda Vallillee, Chair (parent)
Marty Olson, Vice-Chair (parent)
Penny Colbourne, Secretary (parent)
Rachel Lemire (parent)
Isabelle Richard (parent)
Erin Millar (professional)
Abby Karos (professional)
Bess Forrestall (Teacher)
Sarah Acheson (teacher)

Non-voting Members:

Dodie Payne, Principal
Correne Giles, Administrator
Kate Smith, Vice-Principal (non-voting member)

Regrets:

Kim Carlton, Parent Committee (parent)
Andrew Leach (teacher)
James Price (teacher)
Jen Christie (teacher)

Absent without notice:

N/A

Guests:

Bronia Sussmann (newly-elected parent to the PW Board)
Letitia Taylor
Christine Skladany
Chris Schaler
Erica Tompkinson

Philemon Wright High School GB Members:

Erin Connell, Chair (Parent Committee Rep)
Sarah Cox, Vice-Chair (parent)
Siobhan Barr (parent)
Mike Avon (parent)
Nicholas Vincent (teacher)
Amanda Kemp (teacher)
Adam Leclair (teacher)
Steve Beketa (teacher)
Chastity Schiemann (Student Rep)
Ashley Smith (professional)
Emilie Giacomelli (support staff)
Anselme Nsoga (parent)
Amanda Barnes (professional)

Regrets:

Britta Nielsen (parent)
Erin Gowriluk, Secretary (parent)
Cameron Swann (teacher)

Absent without notice:

N/A

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ITEM	REF	PRESENTER	TIME	ACTION
HADLEY & PW BREAK-OUT ROOMS				
GB Parent Vacancies	<i>Verbal</i>	Melinda & Erin C.	30 min	Parents to elect one new parent to each GB. Three parents presented to be elected to the Philemon Wright Board: Bronia Sussmann Christine Skladany Letitia Taylor Bronia Sussman is elected as parent representative to the PW Board. No parents presented for the Hadley Board opening
JOINT GB MEETING: OPENING BUSINESS & OUTSTANDING BUSINESS				
Call to Order	<i>Verbal</i>	Melinda	2 min	Welcome & meeting guidelines
Roll Call	<i>Verbal</i>	Penny	2 min	Attendance
Agenda	<i>Emailed</i>	Melinda & Erin C.	2 min	HJHS/20-21 #29: THAT the May 12, 2021 agenda be approved as presented. Moved: Marty Olsen. Seconded: Isabelle Richard. All in favour. PWHS/20-21 #33: THAT the May 12, 2021 agenda be approved as presented. Moved: Emilie Giacomelli. Seconded: Mike Avon. All in favour.
GB Minutes	<i>Emailed</i>	Melinda & Erin C.	2 min	THAT the April 14, 2021 GB meeting minutes be approved as presented. HJHS/20-21 30: Moved: Erin Millar. Seconded: Bess Forestall. All in favour. Anselme Nsogo pointed out that the opening and closing times in the minutes are incorrect. To be changed. PWHS/20-21 #34: Moved: Emilie Giacomelli. Seconded: Sarah Cox. All in favour.
Electronic votes GB Minutes	<i>Emailed</i>	Melinda	2 min	THAT the March 17, 2021 GB meeting minutes be approved as presented. HJHS/20-21 #27: Moved: Penny Colbourne. Seconded: Kim Carlton. 8 in favour. Carried. Approve the Discipline Policy for 2021/22. HJHS/20-21 #28: Moved: Penny Colbourne. Seconded: Kim Carlton. 7 in favour. Carried.
VOICE OF THE PUBLIC				

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Voice of the Public	<i>Verbal</i>	N/A	10 min	No items
STANDING REPORTS				
Principal/School Council	<i>Verbal</i>	Dodie	5 min	Planning for the rest of the year. Concern raised about the temperature in the building if the weather warms.
Parents Committee	<i>Verbal</i>	Kim & Erin C.	5 min	No representation from Hadley or Philemon at the last meeting on April 19th. Erin C. presented a brief summary. Attached below. Next meeting is May 17th, 2021
SEAC	<i>Verbal</i>	L. Taylor (guest)	5 min	Summary from Letitia attached below
Students	<i>Verbal</i>	Chastity	5 min	No update from the students voice
NEW BUSINESS				
Vaping	<i>Verbal</i>	E. Tompkinson (guest)	15 min	Information presentation on vaping: Vaping is very new on the market and hasn't been around long enough to understand its impact and manage it. Three substances that students are inhaling: cannabis, nicotine, tobacco. There are also liquids called e-liquids. The popularity of vaping has increased. Tobacco companies created devices to market a "healthy way" to inhale nicotine. This misguided information leads students to believe that they are doing something healthy. It is impossible for school staff to know what is in the vape. There is no smell associated with it. Which makes it very difficult to know what the students are consuming. Modified pods were seized in the Peel district that had fentanyl in them. Vaping is incredibly popular among youth because they don't see any problem with it - it's cheap, easy to purchase, there is no smell. Which makes it a hard thing to regulate. Kids from grade 7 to 11 are vaping. Vaping and smoking cigarettes are very different. Vaping is much more accessible. Cigarettes still have a stigma attached. "Hitting" the vape packs a much bigger punch, it is concentrated and extremely addictive. Higher concentration of nicotine.

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COVID update	<i>Verbal</i>	Dodie	5 min	School is returning on Monday (hybrid). Students need to be in school. Staff is seeing the mental health impact on the students from being out for so long. Dodie has met with the staff who have submitted revised curriculum maps based on recommendations from the Ministry. It's important not to add any more stress. Next year, essential learning will once again be the focus. Yet to be finalized and officially announced.
Operational budget and grants	<i>Verbal</i>	Dodie	5 min	THAT the 2020-2021 School Budget be approved as presented. HJHS/20-21 #31: Moved: Marty Olsen. Seconded: Sarah Acheson. All in favour. PWHS/20-21 #34: Moved Adam Leclair. Seconded: Bronia Sussman. All in favour.
GB budget 2020-21	<i>Verbal</i>	Melinda & Erin	5 min	This year there is \$1122.00 allocated in the budget to the Governing Board. It doesn't carry over to the next year so it needs to be spent. Board agrees to give those funds to the awards at this year's graduation ceremony THAT the funds allocated to the Governing Board for the 2020-2021 year be allocated to awards at this year's graduation ceremony. HJHS/20-21 #32: Moved: Sarah Acheson. Seconded: Bronia Sussman. All in favour. PWHS/20-21 #35: Moved: Sarah Cox. Seconded: Emilie Giacomelli. All in favour.
Staffing needs	<i>Verbal</i>	Dodie	5 min	Enrolment is up at both Hadley Junior High and Philemon Wright that will require staffing actions. That the Staffing needs for the 2021-2022 school year be approved as presented. Six positions to fill at Hadley Junior High and ten positions to fill at Philemon Wright. HJHS/20-21 #33: Moved: Amanda Kemp. Seconded: Siobhan Barr. All in favour. PWHS/20-21 #36: Moved: Ashley Smith. Seconded: Emilie Giacomelli. All in favour.

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Scheduling	<i>Verbal</i>	Dodie	5 min	See under "COVID update".
CLOSING				
Next Meeting: June 9	<i>Verbal</i>		1 min	No forwarded agenda items
Adjournment	<i>Verbal</i>		1 min	THAT the May 12, 2021 GB meeting be adjourned... HJHS/20-21 #34: Moved: Sarah Acheson. Seconded: Abby Karos. All in favour. PWHS/20-21 #37: Moved: Emilie Giacomelli. Seconded: Nicholas Vincent. All in favour.

Summary of Parents Committee meeting from Erin C.

Parents Committee met on April 19, 2021.

A presentation was delivered on the WQSB Digital Action Plan.

EPCA provided a few updates: the new website continues to evolve (parents.quebec) and Learn Quebec has received more funding following EPCA advocacy efforts.

Parents Committee had previously approved the expenditure of \$9,000 which has now been used as follows: 1) Anti-Racism Committee (\$2,000 for books, \$1,000 for a cultural events calendar); 2) 55 ProActive Compact and Portable Stationary Pedal Exercisers (active break equipment); and 3) WQSB Outdoor Education Program (3 kayaks along with paddles, PFDs and other safety equipment).

Lastly, Parents Committee approved the designation of the WQSB Student Ombudsman for two years. This recommendation will go to the Governance and Ethics Committee of the Council of Commissioners for approval.

Next Parents Committee meeting will be May 17, 2021.

**NOTES ON THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 12, 2021**

At the April 25, 2021 meeting of SEAC, the two main topics were the SEAC Autism Awareness event on April 29 and the IEP process. The SEAC Event Planning Committee and Communications Team collaborated in order to bring off this event, which was a substantive success. The presentation of the Family Support Manager at Autism Canada, Dominique Chabot, was engaging and informative, and was followed by an excellent Q&A session. At that meeting four days before the event, plans were finalized

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and a report on the publicity efforts was given. We also reviewed plans to stand up a new SEAC website linked to the Resources tab on the WQSB website.

Those plans were revised a bit given the workload of the Communications Dept. of the Board; we decided to put resources directly onto the Board's SEAC webpage. That page went live right before the start of the event. Artwork from students in the Hadley Centre features

prominently on the page, along with a video of Ms. Chabot's presentation and a variety of other resources for parents and their students. We will be working over the summer on an independent SEAC site which will eventually link to the Board's SEAC page. Hopefully, that will be ready to launch in the Fall. In the meantime, schools are being asked to put a link to the newly launched SEAC Resources page on their websites, so that parents of students with special needs across the WQSB have easy access to pertinent and up to date information. Hadley/Philemon are among the first schools asked to put the link on the website, thanks to Mrs. Payne's openness to the idea; she also offered to alert parents to it in an email.

SEAC's Parent Committee Representative also gave a report on the PC meeting in which approval was given to extend another 2-year contract to the current Ombudsman. There was some concern about his reappointment felt by parents at the SEAC meeting. I will be following that issue up in the Governance and Ethics meeting tomorrow night in order to have clarity on whether this is the best choice in terms of services offered and value for public money.

Also, in SEAC's most recent meeting, the Director of Complementary Services gave a presentation on the subject of IEPs. SEAC members asked questions and made suggestions about how to make the process more accessible and understandable for parents, including by informing them of their right to contribute to their child's IEP, the legitimate expectation to receive fulsome communications about their child's progress related to the IEP goals, their right to review their child's confidential file, and about the existence of a complaint process. A subcommittee has been struck to work on an IEP infodoc that we trust will be distributed this Spring with the IEPs in keeping with the previous commitment made by the Director of Complementary Services. It will lay the groundwork for a full Toolkit to eventually be shared with parents directly and on SEAC's new webpage. Any suggestions that you may have about what should be included are welcome; just forward them to me or Melinda.

Respectfully submitted,

Letitia Taylor

EHDA Parent Commissioner WQSB