

**Hadley Junior High School & Philemon Wright High School Governing Boards
Joint Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
5:00PM to 6:30PM**

Hadley Junior High School GB Members:

Melinda Vallillee, Chair (parent)
Marty Olson, Vice-Chair (parent)
Penny Colbourne, Secretary (parent)
Isabelle Richard (parent)
Kim Carlton, Parent Committee (parent)
Rachelle Lemire (parent)
Sarah Acheson (teacher)
Bess Forrestall (teacher)
James Price (teacher)
Jen Christie (teacher)
Erin Millar (professional)
Abbey Karos (professional)
Andrew Leach (parent)

Philemon Wright High School GB Members:

Erin Connell, Chair (Parent Committee Rep.)
Sarah Cox, Vice-Chair (parent)
Erin Gowriluk, Secretary (parent)
Anselme Nsoga (parent)
Siobhan Barr (parent)
Alice Birnbaum (parent)
Britta Nielsen (parent)
Mike Avon (parent)
Cameron Swann (teacher)
Nicholas Vincent (teacher)
Adam Leclair (teacher)
Amanda Kemp (teacher)
Steve Beketa (teacher)
Amanda Barnes (professional)
Ashley Smith (professional)

Non-voting Members:

Dodie Payne, Principal
Kate Smith, Vice-Principal
Correne Giles, Administrator

Regrets:

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Emilie Giacomelli (support staff)

Absent without notice:

N/A

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N/A

ITEM	REF	PRESENTER	TIME	ACTION
OPENING BUSINESS				
Roll Call	<i>Verbal</i>	Erin G.	2 min	Attendance recorded
Agenda	<i>Emailed</i>	Erin C. & Melinda	2 min	Motion to approve the November 18, 2020 agenda with one amendment, Letittia Taylor will be giving an update from the Oct. 26.20 SEAC meeting. PWHS/20-21 #13: Siobhan Barr, Britta Nielsen. All in favour. Carried. Motion HJHS/20-21 #10: Kim Carlton, Marty Wilson. All in favour. Carried
GB Minutes	<i>Emailed</i>	Erin C. & Melinda	2 min	Motion to approved the October 13, 2020 GB meeting minutes as amended.

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				<p>Attendance on the minutes, Erin Millar is a professional, not support staff.</p> <p>Motion PWHS/20-21 #14: Sarah Cox, Mike Avon. All in favour. Carried.</p> <p>Motion HJHS/20-21 #11: Penny Lee Colbourn, Isabelle Richard. All in favour. Carried</p>
VOICE OF THE PUBLIC				
Voice of the Public	<i>Verbal</i>	Erin C.	10 min	<p>Kevin Schaar (Vice Chair Appelle QC, and running for Commissioner of the School Board). Appelle Quebec is opposed to the elimination of school boards in QC.</p> <p>Dale Allen (parent) and Trina Lasch (parent) joined the meeting to voice concerns with changes to school structure and schedule in light of the pandemic and the implications on student mental and physical health.</p>
STANDING REPORTS				
Principal	<i>Verbal</i>	Dodie	5 min	School is organizing a fundraiser to provide groceries to families in need.
Parents Committee	<i>Verbal</i>	Kim & Erin C.	5 min	Verbal update provided; report sent under separate cover (attached).
SEAC	<i>Verbal</i>	Letitia Taylor (special guest)	5 min	Letitia Taylor is the WQSB Parent Commissioner for SEAC. Her update is provided in the attached report.
Students	<i>Verbal</i>	Chastity	5 min	Chastity Schiemann is the student rep for PWHS. She will be representing the students at PWHS at joint governing board meetings.
NEW BUSINESS				
School organization and COVID update	<i>Verbal</i>	Dodie	15 min	<p>There have been a few COVID-19 cases at HJHS and PWHS. Each case is unique and updates related to each case have been communicated to parents via email.</p> <p>Ms. Payne indicated that the school is doing very well by comparison to other schools. Teachers are being asked to oversee a great deal and their health and well-being is top of mind.</p>

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				No further information on an extended school break at this point but Premier Legault has recently indicated that a decision will be taken in the coming days.
Operational budget and grants	<i>Verbal</i>	Dodie	15 min	School fees are still coming in so some budget areas (like photocopying) remain in a deficit position. Unexpected textbook expenses due to missing textbooks puts that line item in a deficit position. Additional supervisors had to be hired, so this line item will be in a deficit position. Ms. Payne indicated that the budget is still likely to balance at the end of the year.
Anti-bullying and anti-violence plan	<i>Emailed</i>	Dodie	20 min	Ms. Payne presented the Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Prevention Plan for GB approval. The Plan includes a number of initiatives targeted at meeting two primary objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will feel safe and a sense of community within the school 2. Students will report incidences of bullying to the school. Motion to approve the Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Prevention Plan as presented: Motion HJHS/20-21 #12: Isabelle Richard, Erin Miller. All in favour. Carried. Motion PWHS/20-21 #15: Amanda Barnes, Ashley Smith. All in favour. Carried.
GB contact list for website	<i>Verbal</i>	Britta	5 min	An email will be sent to all members of the GB from Britta Nielsen. Members must respond indicating their preference to either have their contact information withheld or included on the website.
CLOSING				
Next Meeting: Dec 16	<i>Verbal</i>	Erin C.	1 min	No forward agenda items.
Adjournment	<i>Verbal</i>	Erin C. & Melinda	1 min	Motion that the November 18, 2020 GB meeting be adjourned.

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				<p>Motion PWHS/20-21 #16: Anselme Nsoga. Ashley Smith. All in favour. Carried</p> <p>Motion HJHS/20-21 #13: Penny Colbourne, Sarah Acheson. All in favour. Carried.</p>
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REPORT ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 26, 2020

This first meeting of SEAC was held virtually on TEAMS. The meeting was opened by the outgoing SEAC Chairperson, Shannon Lafonde Davis, who also held the position of EDHAA Parent Commissioner to the WQSB Council. Having served in these two positions for many years, Shannon stated her appreciation for those parents, teachers, administration and staff, past and present, with whom she has served in an effort to make education equitable and effective for all students. Shannon reviewed SEAC's position in the constellation of parent-led governance structures provided for in the Education Act, its mission and the Fundamental Principles established last year, which will continue to provide the basis for its recommendations to the Resource Allocation Committee each year.

Shannon went on to chair the meeting until all the new officers of SEAC had been elected; then the new Chair continued the meeting. The roster of the new leadership team includes:

- Melinda Vallillee, SEAC Chair
- Kim Kourtsidis, SEAC Vice-Chair
- Meaghan Dufour, Parent Committee Representative for SEAC
- Letitia Taylor, EDHAA Parent Representative to Council

The elections, being held in the virtual context by e-vote, took more time than anticipated, so the planned presentation on the WQSB C-17 policy and Special Needs by Lisa Falasconi, who is the Director of Complementary Services at the Board, was postponed until the next meeting. Time was taken, however, to set the schedule of meetings for the year. I am pleased to report that there was such enthusiasm among the members this year, that for the first time there will be a SEAC meeting held every month between October and April (with the exception of December); normally, there are only 3-4 meetings each year with set agendas stemming from the Education Act directives only. This year, there was a consensus that the group should pursue a more ambitious agenda and try to achieve some forward movement on long-standing concerns. On the agenda for the up-coming meetings in the new year are business items like reviewing SEAC's budget and internal rules of procedure, for which a sub-committee will be convened to present a draft in the new year, as well as improving communications with parents around IEPs among other things. The next meeting of SEAC will be held on next Monday, November 23rd.

At the first WQSB Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 10, the election of a Commissioner, in addition to myself, from Council to SEAC was tabled until the next Council meeting on Tuesday, December 1st.

Respectfully submitted,

Letitia Taylor, EDHAA Parent Representative

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PARENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Three meetings were held on October 19, 2020, November 3, 2020 and November 16, 2020 by Zoom.

By way of electronic vote, the following positions were established:

- Chair: Carl Coutlee
- Vice-Chair: Natasha Beardsley
- Treasurer: Greg Brennan
- Recording Secretary: Rachel Vincent
- WQSB Parent Commissioner – Elementary: Carl Coutlee
- WQSB Parent Commissioner – Secondary: Erin Connell

Parents Committee also approved the selection of SEAC Representatives. The Hadley Representative is Melinda Vallillee and the PWHS Representative is Letitia Taylor.

Parents Committee has a budget of \$11,681.50 for this school year. Members discussed a few preliminary ideas, such as promoting student eligibility in the WQSB (much like the postcard campaign done a few years ago) as well as procuring resources to promote diversity and inclusion in schools. Parents Committee will discuss this further at their next meeting on January 18, 2021.