

Sir Wilfrid Laurier C I Parent Council Minutes

April 27th, 2015, in the Library

<http://www.sirwilfridlaurierci.ca/>

Attendance: Marios Tenentes (*Principal*), Angela Bernard (*Chair*), Carol Anne Riethmacher, Dana Thompson, Ezera (*student rep*), Ferdie Umali, Judy Baribeau, Marie-Hélène Frion, Pallavi Gotla (*Secretary*), Sayad Ullah, Silke Miller, Tina Anastakis.

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Motion to pass Feb 9th, 2015 minutes: Start 7:05 PM; Minutes passed with the following 2 amendments: 1) date in header should be Feb 9th, 2015 and NOT Feb 6th; 2) add Ferdie Umali's name to the attendance.

2. Student Report: *Ezera*

1. *Semi-Formal:* Feb 13th; 119 students, 20 teachers plus VP and principal.
2. Student Council *Talent Show:* March 13th in the Auditorium; 600-700 attendance
3. *School EasterGrams:* 50 cents to send chocolate eggs; *L'Egg L'Hunt:* students found a hidden egg, took a selfie with it, sent it to the organizers, and returned it to its hiding place
4. First ever *Smoothie Day* in April: 50 cents/smoothie to raise \$ for Pathway Program in school
5. *School Carnival* June 3rd; during 2 hour lunch; food, stalls, inflatables, events, dunk tank, hammer, henna booth, photo booth...
6. Me2We Basketball game April 30th; Sr students vs teachers and police; \$ raised will go toward the school in India
7. School Dance Showcase: May 7th
8. School Sound Showcase: May 14th
9. Prom: June 12th at Atlantis; \$80/student, \$85/non-student

4. Community Update (GVCA): *Judy Baribeau* <http://www.guildwood.on.ca/>

1. *News and Views* Copies are ready and available
2. Clean-Up Day was April 18th
3. *Guildwood Day* June 6th; student volunteers coordinated by Mr. Hirji
4. GVCA members discount night at Sheridan Nurseries on May 13th
5. Community Garage Sale Day May 30th
6. Guildwood Garden Tour July 12th; \$5/ participant
7. Parent: *Home and Garden Tour* with BluffsGatesOpen.com on June 20th; \$25 (til May 20th)

3. Principal's Report: *Mr Tenentes*

1. Now have a LTO in Physics
2. Laurier's "PLAY ON WORDS" won awards for best student-written script, best play and best actor (Ezera) down at Heart House
3. Laurier's Dance Group will be in the TDSB Finals on May 5th at the North York Centre for the Performing Arts
4. Sports: rugby, lacrosse, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls hockey
5. IB exams will start in May
6. Improving and beautifying the school for Laurier's 50th ANNIVERSARY May 8th and 9th: water damage at main entrance has been fixed; exterior of doors being painted; extra cleaning (Laurier has been granted the opportunity 'to train caretakers'); New 50th Anniversary sign hanging at the front of the school; lawn sign to the right of the main entrance will have two new panels painted by the ART club
7. COMMENCEMENT: Laurier's Commencement typically happened around the same time as University Exams, causing poor attendance and much stress to the graduates; it will be scheduled earlier this year, **probably** Nov 6th, 2015 (same date as Mowat and West Hill); graduates who attend will be asked to give feedback re the earlier date; PARENT asked if Oct 19th could be considered, since it is during the Fall Reading Week at most Universities.
8. PUPIL ACCOMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (PARC): Student population is decreasing. Laurier is NOT closing, but will be impacted if another school in the area does close due to new regulations. Borden will not have grade 9 classes next year. All students must be accommodated in the schools that remain open. Will new programs be implemented to accommodate the new students? Pat Tan-Sew has volunteered to be a Laurier REP. Three more names can be submitted, and Mr Tenentes is asking us all to consider volunteering. The committee will also include 2 students and a community member. There are 4 public meetings open for any parent or community member. Contact Angie if interested.

5. Other Business:

1. Laurier 50th ANNIVERSARY Pub Night Friday May 8th: 8 parents have volunteered; there is room for 2 more volunteers to help with registration, selling beer mugs, t-shirts, etc.; Angie will be playing the music through the PA system during Saturday's Open House
2. Parent Council dates for next year: 4 meetings minimum. Discussion indicated that dates as close to this year's dates would be preferred.
3. Do we need the June 1st meeting? Parents indicated that it is worth meeting. We will add an "Hors D'Oeuvres Pot Luck" to the evening: bring finger foods or appetizers for the social after the brief meeting. Angie will bring plates and napkins.
4. There will definitely be the need of a new secretary next year, as Pallavi will be articling.

8. Adjournment: 7:58 PM. Next 2015 meeting: June 1st