

Sir Wilfrid Laurier C I Parent Council Minutes

Feb 6th, 2015, in the Library

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

Attendance: Marios Tenentes (*Principal*), Angela Bernard (*Chair*), Anjani Bhattarai (*Pool Rep*), Carol Anne Riethmacher, Dawn Zanutel, Marie-Hélène Frion, Melanie Smith, Pat & John Tan-Sew, Pallavi Gotla (*Secretary*), Sayad Ullah, Sheeba Hashmi, Silke Miller, Tina Anastakis, Tracy Petrou, Reg & Kathleen Wolfe; Jerry Chadwick (*Trustee*), Jane Whitney.

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Motion to pass Nov 24th, 2014: Start 7:00 PM; Nov 24th, 2014 Minutes passed.

2. Student Report: *No student report.*

3. Principal's Report: *Mr Tenentes*

1. 2nd semester just started
2. Swim team going to Regionals
3. Basket Ball in semi-finals
4. Quebec French Trip was a success
5. Laurier 50th Anniversary May 8th and 9th: Pub Night, Brunch, Open-house. See Laurier website for link to Alumni website.
6. Course selection for next year will begin soon ending March 1st. TDSB depends on course selection to staff schools accordingly. IF students choose later, it is difficult to accommodate. The computer will not allow registration above the class limit. Very critical for students to choose the right courses to gain acceptance in the future studies they will pursue. (Helpful websites: Ontariocolleges.ca and OUAC.ca)
7. Graduation: A discussion with teachers and staff has already been started, and now parents are asked to think about the feasibility of moving the Graduation date from end of November to (a) end of June or (b) end of October/ beginning of November. We discussed the pros and cons of all the dates (Less graduates attend Fall than Spring ceremonies; Sept too busy; Thanksgiving weekend teachers go away; June does not have final marks, so who graduates? What about those who will take a summer course to graduate? Other schools who choose June call it "Class of 2015"...) Final decision will include Trustee, Superintendent, teachers, students, parents, collective agreements...

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

1. Laurier was thanked for contributing two articles to the Winter issue of **News & Views**: one from a Laurier student, the other about the 50th anniversary.
2. Laurier is encouraged to submit more articles on events that are of interest to the community. Next deadline is March 27.
3. *Annual General Meeting*: March 24, 7:00 p.m. at *Church of the Holy Trinity*. Guest speaker: Mayor John Tory (confirmation pending). Updates will be posted around the plaza and on website.
4. Community Clean-up day is on April 18
5. Annual membership drive will be during April and May
6. *Guildwood Day*: Saturday, June 6. Mr Hirji will coordinate the student volunteers; GVCA looks forward to Laurier's participation.

5. Other Business:

1. *PROGrant*: It was voted to apply for funding towards the fridge magnets. Angie will submit the application.
2. *Laurier 50th Anniversary* May 8th and 9th. Posters were distributed so that parents can post them around the community; sponsor's letter was picked up by those who were interested (go to <http://lauriercollegiatereunion.ca/> for the letter); the secondary goal of reunion is to raise money for the Alumni Scholarships given to one, two or three graduating Laurier students. The original intentions of the scholarships were to pay 1st year tuition; Angie is solicitation Non Alumni Parents to volunteer for Pub Night so that the Alumni can enjoy the event. Contact Angie if you want to help with the tickets at the door or selling merchandise, etc; Students will volunteer for the Open House on Saturday. They should see Donna McClelland in the girl's gym.
3. Check out the teaching resources for parents at Ontariodirectors.ca/parent_engagement.html.
4. Angie asked if anyone wanted to attend the PIAC Appreciation Dinner on Feb 26th. No one expressed an interest.
5. *Mr Tenentes* announced that the school pool will be closing from May 15th to Sept 15th for repair work on the air exchange system.

6. Trustee Report:

Trustee Chadwick explained the process of the Margaret Wilson Report, the directives and what needs to be done by the deadline on Friday. As for the school closure list, certain schools in our cluster DO have 65% capacity or less, and **IF** they close, that will impact the schools that remain open, including Laurier which is at 101%. THAT is why Laurier is on the list. It will not close. Laurier future predictions from 2020 – 2034= 91% capacity. Any review of schools will require two community consultations to be complete in 7 months instead of the previous 3 consultations in 2 years.

8. Adjournment: 8:31 PM. Next 2015 meetings: April 27th, June 1st