



Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI
Parent Council Meeting #01 Minutes
Oct 3rd, 2016 7pm, School Library

Attendance: Marios Tenentes (Principal), Pat Tan-Sew (2016/2017 Chair), Christiana Shinohoritis (2016/2017 Vice-Chair), Fariha Sasmit (SAC Vice President), Angela Bernard (2015/2016 Chair), Susan Kohler (guest from *Sr Arts Consultant, City of Toronto*), Nadia Heyd, Ms Denise Bratincevic (teacher), Ameera Rushdi, John Sew, Melanie Smith, Sayad Ullah, Silke Miller, Tina Shaw, Gabrielle Sew, Colleen West, Nancy Benzie, Audrey Rastin, Geraldine Hently, Fathima, Ammeer, Tammy Macklin, Rowena Garcia.

	<i>Items</i>	<i>Minute Notes</i>
1.	Call to Order, Welcome; Motion to pass May 30th 2016 Minutes - Angela Bernard	Minutes of last meeting approved.
2.	Garden Club & Breakfast Program Special Education - Ms Denise Bratincevic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club: Ms Vieth found enough teacher volunteers and therefore did not come to the meeting to solicit parents. • Ms Gravenhurst was absent to speak about the Garden Club, and • Ms Bratincevic was given the floor to educate us about Special Education at Laurier. There has been an increase from 80 IP students to 300 IP students • Accommodations to reduce stress level, provide smaller environment, help students relax thus less anxiety • read and write program via computer reading to them
3.	Arts Facility at Guild Park & Gardens - Ms Susan Kohler, Sr Arts Consultant, City of Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Councillor Paul Ainslie: suggested schools in the area should be briefed on the new facilities at the Guild • This branch organizes cultural outreach; operates Cedaridge, The Cultural Loop Guide • On site at Guild Park & Gardens, Building 191 is turning into an Arts Centre. Architect is hired; Public meeting to come; Surveys sent out; (to continue from page 1 notes..)
4.	Election: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary (Pat Tan-Sew and Christiana Shinohoritis have submitted their name for a position. We will accept other names up until the election begins.) - Pat Tan-Sew, Angela Bernard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair : Pat Tan-Sew • Vice-Chair : Christiana Shinohoritis • Secretary : Ammeer • Co-Secretary : Rowena • (Please note that both secretary and co-secretary positions will need to wait for motions to be seconded and pass on Nov 21st 2016) • Reminder : Please do sign the attendance list when you come in. TQ.
5.	Student Report - SAC Vice President Fariha Sasmit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Sports : Girls (Basketball, Field Hockey, Rugby), Boys (Golf, Volleyball, Rugby), All (Cross country) • Terry Fox Walk on Oct 3rd 2016 • Character Education Camp relating to TDSB Character Traits (Sep 16th to Sep 18th 2016) • SWLCI Volunteer Now : CIBC Run for the cure, Scotiabank Aids Walk, Shoreline Cleanup, • Upcoming : Race For Dignity (Oct 28th), Frosh week for Grade 9s, Flash Mob, Grade 9 Day, Halloween Fashion Show, WE Day for students and Parents(Oct 19th), WE Scare Hunger (Collecting Can foods for food bank : Oct 24th to Nov1st)



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6.	Principal's Report - Marios Tenentes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to all, new Chair, new Vice-Chair • Thank you, our outgoing Chair Angela Bernard for all the dedication and commitment to SWLCI Parent Council esp the yummy dinners cooked for Principal Tenentes. • SWLCI Calendar Date Events Magnets (available on SWLCI website) • Emphasizing on eco friendly, paper print usage minimizing (paperless), use email instead • Sir Robert Borden BTI closure and transitioning to various schools, in particular to SWLCI is doing great. • Thank you to Pat Tan-Sew and Gabrielle Sew for being part of the PARC Team. • More students from Borden decided to come to SWLCI due to good support • Special Education dept provided very good support for students transitioning • Got permission to hire more youth counselors, 3 additional new teachers • Missed Terry Fox Run for the first time due to interviews • Enrolment is overprojected with 1420 students • 100% Football tickets sold proceeds go to Athletics programs • TDSB Reorganisation (Learning Centres & Learning Networks) : Director Dr John Malloy is subdividing into 4 learning board centres. ➤ We are Learning Centre 3, Learning Network 16. Each learning centre is under supervision of one executive superintendent with 7 family of schools ➤ Each Learning Centre has resource access to Literacy, Numeracy staff coordinators who can be deployed upon principal's request ➤ Within Learning Centre, there are learning networks. (total of 20 learning networks) ➤ Interim Director Dr John Malloy is going to be permanent TDSB Director in 2017. (5yr contract, terms of contract on TDSB website), believes in transparency and positive ➤ Vision for learning document : ➤ (http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/DirectorofEducation/VisionforLearning.aspx) ➤ Schools and Parents Working Together for Our Students : 10min video to be shown for next Parent Council Meeting in Nov ➤ School Improvement Plans based on 3 pillars : Achievement, Wellbeing, Equity ➤ Each school is to choose 1 goal for each of the 3 pillars • A few years ago, SWLCI chose Literacy as a school goal and the school teachers and students did very well (OSSLT started with 72% pass rate, goal was 77% and the school did 81% in one year, which is an increase of 9%). But due to last year's teachers strike, OSSLT pass rate dropped to 70%. Will be working this year to improve OSSLT results. • Leadership conference for all ACLs (Assistant Curriculum Leaders) • Numeracy scores are good except for Literacy • Math specialists need to be hired • Ministry is implementing "Renewed Math Strategy". Details to follow • Applied students Numeracy is lacking
7.	Other Business: Parent's Email for School Communication, magnet, yearbook - Pat Tan-Sew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Tan-Sew's email : ptansew@rogers.com • If changes to email address, please let Pat know or notify her via email for email distribution list to be updated. • SWLCI yearbook contains very good looking photos, esp teachers and students' events/ activities, symbols in the book to work together with interactive app to play videos. • SWLCI magnet is indispensable for critical school dates happenings



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8. Other Business: parent concerns and comments - Principal Tenentes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EQAO is moving to online version. Same goes for OSSLT in Mar 2017• Motions currently in place :<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Graduation gift Portfolios : \$1000 reserved, emails sent will be BCC➢ fridge magnets from Parents Reaching out grant needs to re-apply yearly➢ Essential items Initiative (everyday items use donations submitted to Guidance Counselor Office) for some students who are in need discreetly➢ SSON : School Statement of Needs is to be completed and filled in next meeting submitted by date ??, TDSB terminology usage. Pat to summarise and present in Parent Council meeting #02➢ Chair gets invited to Grade 12 Commencement Event. Angie will be attending Nov 4th's commencement event.➢ Laurier's school pool funding ends Dec 2016. what is next ? Contact Jerry Chadwick ? Need tenants like swim club ? See if possible to petition ?• Ammeer volunteered to be secretary, Rowena also volunteered at the end of the meeting : need to pass motion in next meeting• School traffic safety : Principal Tenentes to inquire from Safety monitor• 43 Div traffic police assessment : As school interior is private property, school put in request to TDSB to put in some signs last spring. Facility team leader has moved on, so need to get parents' suggestions for new Facility team leader• Principal's request for 3 huge potholes did get patched up• Parent Teacher Interview is arranged via online registration• SWLCI University and College Fair : Suggestion to include Grade 10s and Grade 11s in the educated process. Principal mentioned logistic issue, but will speak to Dr Rawlins to see feasibility. Students are welcome to attend OUF• Caring Safe Schools (SWLCI School Climate Committee)• Professional Learning Communities (PLC) for school wide initiatives. Parents, please do submit your names to Pat if there is interest to join this team.• Professional Learning Teams (PLT) for dept based initiatives• For Graduates, our new school photographer came last yr to take pic during commencement (free of charge but this yr might be some fee). Clear and beautiful pictures taken. Parents can come and pick the photos taken at last year's commencement from the office.
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Thank you, Angela for being our faithful and AWESOME Chair and Vice-Chair for the past few years.

Thank you, Angela, Nadia and Rowena for providing the minutes from our Oct 3rd 2016 Parent Council meeting #01.

Meeting **adjourned** at 8:45 pm.

Next meetings Nov 21st, 2016; Feb 6th, 2017; April 10th, 2017; May 29th. 2017