

## **Region 3 Parents Committee Annual Report 2010-2011**

<b><u>School Name</u></b>	<b><u>Parent Representative</u></b>	<b><u>Parent Alternate</u></b>
Allion	Darren Bicknell	Robert Lalli
Children's World	Eric L. Dunn	Zita Banasinski
Clearpoint Elementary	Marie-Claude Simard	Laura Hammond
Dorval	Elaine Fraser	Lorraine da Costa
Maple Grove	Sandra Deschamps	Monica Warren
Orchard	Jennifer Jones	Agnese Fulginiti
Riverview	Pascale Matte	Alberta Bosch
St-John Fisher Jr/Sr	Ken Johnston	Leslie Batten
St-Lawrence Jr/Sr	Silvana Mangano	Roland Schubert
Verdun	Tracy Somerville	Mylene Allard
Westpark	Elizabeth Brown	Tanya Poletti
Beurling	Raymond Taylor	Jim Bytheway (replaced by: Brian Johnston)
Lakeside Academy	Lorraine da Costa	Holly Prolas (resigned following 3 meetings)
LCCHS	Real Bouchard	Sam Gullotti
Lindsay Place	Craig Buchanan	Mike Nalecz

**Sector Director** David Meloche

**Commissioners**  
(delegated to attend Region 2) Doug Flook

**Recording Secretary** Elizabeth Brown (Westpark)

**Chairperson** Marie-Claude Simard (Clearpoint)

**Vice-Chairperson** Real Bouchard (LCCHS)

**Treasurer** Craig Buchanan (Lindsay Place)

**CPC Representatives**  
Ken Johnston (St. John Fisher)  
Elizabeth Brown (Westpark)  
Lorraine da Costa (Lakeside Academy)  
Craig Buchanan (Lindsay Place HS)

**Intercultural Advisory Committee**  
Sylvana Mangano (St-Lawrence Jr/Sr)  
Rachel Naverette

**Facilities & Securities Committee** Craig Buchanan (Lindsay Place HS)

**EPCA** Eric Dunn (Children's World)

## **Consultations**

Region 3 responded to several consultations presented to them by the school board such as:  
Enrollment Criteria for 2011-2012  
Intercultural Policy Review  
Budget  
Appropriate Use of Digital Communications and Technologies Policies.

## **Presentations and Events**

The Region 3 Parents' Committee decided to use part of its budget for personal and professional development of its members. In that vein, several conferences, workshops etc, were made available to its members.

Concordia's University workshop: Dilemma of dilemmas: Oct 21 or 22, 2010  
West Island Amcal family services: 4 conference series: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Families (March to April 2011).  
Barbara Coloroso : Kids are worth it. Feb 24<sup>th</sup>  
CPC Day workshop: The Parent's Role: April 2, 2011  
The new report card presentation May 19, 2011.

## **Committee's Activities**

As a group, Region 3 Parents' Committee, wanted to better understand the different issues that we parents face and so guest speakers from the school board were invited to present some of these issues that were discussed during the meetings. Together with other Regional Parent Committees, we had the pleasure of having the following presenters:

Mario Barrette from the transportation department,

Lise Charlesbois for the Daycare Advisory Committee,

Mario Massarelli with New Report Cards.

## **Meetings Dates/Times:**

October 21, 20

November 18, 2010

December 16, 2010

January 20, 2011

February 17, 2011

March 17, 2011

April 21, 2011, changed to April 28, 2011

May 19, 2011

June 16, 2011

## **Recommendations for 2011-2012**

This year was a year of change as the parent structure moved from sector (defined by being only elementary schools in different sectors and high schools in another) to regions (where both elementary and high school in a given region were together). As much as we enjoy working together and trying to help each other out, it was evident that time and interests were difficult to align.

- So we recommend that the parent structure returns to High Schools becoming one region and the rest of the elementary schools be distributed within 2 other regions.
- The benefits of learning and sharing from each other has not gone unnoticed and we would recommend having joint meetings of some sort to be able to touch base about twice a year.

In the interest of increasing the meetings efficiency and having more time to discuss school issues, some recommendations were also put forth;

- If possible, have a secretary available for the meetings that is not a member of the Region Parents' Committee: could be vocation students in administration, a hired person etc.
- Agree upon the internal rules as quickly as possible and make them simple.
- Training for the parent representatives and alternates should be done every year
- A guideline booklet for what to do and who to contact, when becoming Chair and Vice-chair would be necessary (LBPSB human resources, commissioners, schools etc).
- School reports could be sent by email prior to meetings, so discussion of school issues could take more time during the meeting.
- Region chairs with one or two delegates from CPC should meet every month or two to discuss common points and better prepare the following meetings to ensure communications throughout the structure.
- Joint presentations by CPC took precious time out of our Region 3 Parents' Committee meetings and we often felt the time ticking when drafting consultations or discussing important issues therefore, it might be necessary to have presentations on a different date and we could invite the parents at large.

## **Chair's Message**

As a first time chair and second year in the school regions, taking this responsibility was, at first, more than I bargained for. It is with pleasure that I was able to meet parents with great love for the kids and the will to ensure the best possible place for them. They were also ready to give me time and advice to help me understand and learn about our parent structure and school board.

Sometimes with our hectic lives, we forget that taking an interest in our child's endeavors' and environment means taking a few moments to see what is happening at the school and within the school board. Being part of the Regional Parents Committee is really a great opportunity to see what is being done and also become inspired by our peers in different schools. So I say, why not use this wonderful tool and become a representative of your school at the Region Parents' Committee.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marie-Claude Simard  
Chair: Region 3