

## SWLSB PARENTS' COMMITTEE

Meeting: October 7<sup>th</sup> 2016

### Highlights – report to GB

**New Organization Chart** should be issued soon and will reflect declining enrolments across the Board.

**Enrolment** will be a priority, encouraging those who have eligibility – need to make them more aware of the quality of SWLSB schools.

**International Programs** currently doing well. Majority of international students are from China, currently group from Thailand is spending 2 weeks at Laval Sr Academy. Lots of sharing of best practice at board level with China, India and Thailand.

**Bill 105:** Jennifer Maccarone shared an overview of the defeat of Bill 86, and outlined how Bill 105 is not much of an improvement; the Minister of Education is still giving himself far too much power. It was noted during the process of defeating Bill 86 that 100% of GB's voted to reject it, and that many letters had been received with the same message. GBs are again encouraged – as a matter of urgency - to vote against Bill 105, communicate their vote to the SB, to their MNA, and send to the media. **The Parents Committee passed a resolution to reject Bill 105, and encourage all GBs to do the same without delay as the reviews are taking place this month.**

**Taxes:** Jennifer Maccarone also updated PC on the efforts to equalize English and French School Taxes. There is a petition which we must urge everyone to sign. Is everyone aware that if you don't submit a new form every two years you will be switched back to French school tax? (*not sure of this fact*). GBs are urged to communicate with parents and encourage them to check and support us. Forms must be submitted well before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SWLSB Special Needs Bracelet Program** – Medicalert. Any child aged 4 – 14 with medical conditions OR special needs can sign up and an 'Action Plan' will be recorded with the school board.

**IEPs:** By law, all IEPs MUST be signed. The board is being audited on this now, so please make sure all IEPs are signed. The IEP Toolkit should be promoted.