

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2012-10-15

A special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Monday, 2012-10-15

Present: Commissioners Nick Milas, Chairman; Nazario Facchino, Vice-Chairman; Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Peter MacLaurin, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso and Robert Vallerand, Director General.

Also present were: Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioners Georges Benoit, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Tom Mouhteros, Albina Pace and Parent Commissioner Roberto Bomba; and Clifford Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:39 hours.

The Chairman called for a minute of silence to honour the memory of Commissioner Walter Fogel who passed away on 2012-10-11.

1.0 POLICY ON RECRUITMENT & HIRING OF A DG & AN ADG

1.1 Final Adoption of Policy:

On a "point of order" Commissioner Peter MacLaurin informed the Chairman that this meeting does not conform with policy #2000-CA-04: Rules of Order & Procedure for the Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, as the meeting information was not received in due time. He expressed his displeasure with this special meeting and the variables surrounding it and requested that the meeting be suspended to another date and time.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak suggested that the Council go "in camera" to continue the discussion but this suggestion was not entertained.

The Council entered into discussion and Commissioner Peter MacLaurin asked that the following be noted:

- the engagement of a Director General is one of the most important decisions that the Council makes and it is insulting as well as embarrassing to have received the information package for this evenings' meeting so late in the day and be expected to make a clear and informed decision;
- the Governance and Ethics Committee was mandated to develop the policy for the recruitment and hiring of a Director General and an Assistant Director General and it was not apprised the information contained in the meeting package and it should meet to review this information before any decisions are taken; and
- receipt of information in this manner should not happen again.

In response to a request from Commissioner Mario Di Domenico, the Secretary General indicated that, in her professional opinion the policy on the rules of order and procedure refer to regular meetings not special meetings. This position is reinforced by sections 4.5 through 4.7. She acknowledges that the information was received late in the afternoon as circumstances made it impossible.

In addition to the comments made by Commissioner MacLaurin, she further noted:

- that the process for the presentation of the policy is one that is commonly used by this school board;
- all Commissioners have a copy of the policy that was approved in principle on 2012-09-11;
- the committee level was bypassed and this was not a decision of the Administration; and
- more than 80 pages of the 116 in the meeting package are made up of mainly the quotes that were sought from professional Human Resources firms in case the Council made the decision to outsource the hiring process for the position of Director General; said quotes were sent out to members of the council on 2012-10-02.

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Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the meeting stand adjourned to a date and time set at the call of the Chairman.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell

TIME: 20:02 hours

Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

Nick Milas, Chairman



The Special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was **resumed** on 2012-10-24 in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC, at 19:15 hours.

Present: Commissioners Nick Milas, Chairman (via telephone); Nazario Facchino, Vice-Chairman; Steve Bletas, Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; Parent Commissioners Roberto Bomba and Angelo Grasso and Robert Vallerand, Director General.

Also present were: Clifford Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General; Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioners Georges Benoit, Mario Di Domenico and Tom Mouhteros.

The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:23 hours.

In response to comment from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Secretary General explained the process concerning the tabling of the decision items from the special meeting to the regular meeting of the Council.

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Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board table all orders of business to the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners on 2012-10-24.

Carried unanimously

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Commissioner Steve Bletas MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 19:26 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇔ REGULAR ⇔ 2012-10-24

Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

Nazario Facchino, Vice-Chairman