

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2012-12-12**

A regular 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 Wednesday, 2012-12-12.

Present: Commissioners Nick Milas, Chairman; Nazario Facchino, Vice-Chairman; Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Guy Gagnon, Elio Lattanzio, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, 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; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director of School Organization; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Johanne Brabant, Strategic Plan Advisor; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources; Frédéric Greschner, Director of Complementary Services; Heather Halman, Director of Adult Education & Vocational Training; Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Tina Korb, Director of Educational Services; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioners Robert Dixon, Steve Kmec and Peter Mac Laurin.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:32 hours.

The Chairman proposed that, given the number of persons in attendance this evening, the meeting be moved to Rosemere High School

**CC-121212-CA-0075**

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the meeting stand adjourned to the auditorium at Rosemere High School at 19:55 hours on 2012-12-12.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 19:35 hours**



The Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was **reconvened** on 2012-12-12 in the auditorium of Rosemere High School, 530 Northcote, Rosemere, QC, at 19:56 hours.

Present: Commissioners Nick Milas, Chairman; Nazario Facchino, Vice-Chairman; Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Guy Gagnon, Elio Lattanzio, Peter MacLaurin, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, 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; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director of School Organization; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Johanne Brabant, Strategic Plan Advisor; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources; Frédéric Greschner, Director of Complementary Services; Heather Halman, Director of Adult Education & Vocational Training; Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Tina Korb, Director of Educational Services; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioners Robert Dixon, Steve Kmec and Peter Mac Laurin.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

**TIME:19:56 hours**

The Chairman apologized for the inconvenience of having to change venues for the meeting. He advised that there are many questions this evening and that the Council will answer the questions as thoroughly as possible.

#### **1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

Parent Commissioner Roberto Bomba asked that agenda item 3, Question Period, be moved until after agenda item 5, Business Arising, as many of the questions for item 3 may be answered during the discussion in item 5. Commissioner Edward Turchyniak accepted the change or order to the agenda.

#### **CC-121212-CA-0076**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended in document #SWLSB-2012/12/12-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **CC-121212-CA-0077**

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2012-11-28 having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:**

##### **4.1 *Chairman's Report:***

The Chairman advised that the inauguration of the new Joliette Elementary School took place on 2012-11-30 with the school community, the Mayor of St-Charles-de-Boromée Commissioners and Administrators in attendance. The Chairman of the Joliette Elementary School Governing Board, Dean Dugas, gave the Commissioners and the Mayor an informative private tour of the school.

He also noted that last evening, 2012-12-11, a private gathering was held to unveil a plaque In Memory of Walter Fogel for his 35 years of service to education, at Hillcrest Academy. The family of Walter Fogel, Commissioners and members of the Directorate were present.

##### **4.2 *Director General's Report:***

The Director General advised the Council that, yesterday, the representative from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport briefed the Directors General on the proposed budget compressions concerning the taxation envelope which will translate approximately into a 3 500 000\$ budget reduction for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for 2013-2014. These compressions will be further discussed by the Directors of Financial Resources via conference call on 2012-12-14.

#### **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:**

##### **5.1 *Use of St-Paul & Terry Fox Elementary Schools:***

The Secretary General presented the topic and provided background information.

Proposals were received from St-Paul and Terry Fox Elementary School Governing Boards and their respective communities, as well as the Laurier Teachers Union (LTU), which provided twenty-four (24) different options for consideration. There were varying degrees of support for grandfathering, transfer of certain age groups to St-Paul, transfer of students without siblings in the school to St-Paul, enlargement of Terry Fox, construction of a new building for Terry Fox, to name a few.

She went on to note that the Executive committee proposed that the community be offered three (3) options and that they recommend which option would best suit its needs. The following are the three (3) options proposed by the Executive Committee:

- Option #1: Transfer kindergarten students from Terry Fox and house them at St-Paul Elementary School;
- Option #2: Transfer kindergarten students from Terry Fox without siblings attending that school and house them at St-Paul Elementary School; or
- Option #3: Define a transition zone for the redistribution of new students to St-Paul Elementary School.

*WHEREAS Terry Fox Elementary School was rezoned in 2009-2010 for the 2010-2011 school year;*

*WHEREAS the functional capacity of the school is defined by the norms of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and as indicated in the deeds of establishment and composed of twenty-two (22) groups;*

*WHEREAS Terry Fox Elementary School continues to exceed its functional capacity;*

*WHEREAS the School Organization Committee recommended to undertake a consultation to address the overcrowding at Terry Fox Elementary School;*

*WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved resolution CC-121024-TS-0045 mandating the Director of School Organization to consult the communities of St-Paul and Terry Fox Elementary Schools for their input on how their schools could be used to resolve overcrowding at Terry Fox Elementary School and increase enrolment at St-Paul Elementary School;*

*WHEREAS the consultation period began on October 25 and ended on December 10, 2012;*

*WHEREAS meetings with the Terry Fox Elementary School Governing Board and/or community occurred on October 30, November 6 & 14, December 4 & 5, 2012;*

*WHEREAS meetings with the St-Paul Elementary School Governing Board and/or community occurred on October 30, November 12 & December 4, 2012;*

*WHEREAS proposals were received from both Governing Boards;*

*WHEREAS feedback on the consultation from members of the communities was also received;*

*WHEREAS the proposals and feedback received were reviewed and taken into consideration by the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee;*

*WHEREAS after consideration, the Council of Commissioners retained the three (3) following options:*

- 1. Transfer kindergarten students from Terry Fox Elementary School and house them at St-Paul Elementary School; or*
- 2. Transfer kindergarten students from Terry Fox Elementary School without siblings attending that school and house them at St-Paul Elementary School; and/or*
- 3. Define a transition zone for redistribution of students to St-Paul Elementary School.*

*WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to receive feedback from the Terry Fox & St-Paul Elementary Schools Governing Boards on these options*

*Commissioner Steve Bletas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request from the St-Paul & Terry Fox Elementary Schools Governing Boards feedback on those three (3) options by 2013-01-15.*

1. *Transfer kindergarten students from Terry Fox Elementary School and house them at St-Paul Elementary School; or*
2. *Transfer kindergarten students from Terry Fox Elementary School without siblings attending that school and house them at St-Paul Elementary School; and/or*
3. *Define a transition zone for the redistribution of students to St-Paul Elementary School.*

*AND THAT at the January 23, 2013 meeting of the Council of Commissioners, an ad hoc committee composed of Governing Board members, commissioners, and employees of the school board be established with a specific mandate to be determined.*

Commissioner Mike Pizzola commented that at the 2012-12-10 meeting of the School Organization & Transportation Committee the 3<sup>rd</sup> recommendation was discussed and, he suggested that it be amended to read "...new registrations only..." for the transition zone. Commissioner Steve Bletas accepted the amendment.

The Council entered into discussion.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros called for the vote.

#### **CC-121212-TS-0078**

WHEREAS Terry Fox Elementary School was rezoned in 2009-2010 for the 2010-2011 school year;

WHEREAS the functional capacity of the school is defined by the norms of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and as indicated in the deeds of establishment and composed of twenty-two (22) groups;

WHEREAS Terry Fox Elementary School continues to exceed its functional capacity;

WHEREAS the School Organization Committee recommended to undertake a consultation to address the overcrowding at Terry Fox Elementary School;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved resolution CC-121024-TS-0045 mandating the Director of School Organization to consult the communities of St-Paul and Terry Fox Elementary Schools for their input on how their schools could be used to resolve overcrowding at Terry Fox Elementary School and increase enrolment at St-Paul Elementary School;

WHEREAS the consultation period began on October 25 and ended on December 10, 2012;

WHEREAS meetings with the Terry Fox Elementary School Governing Board and/or community occurred on October 30, November 6 & 14, December 4 & 5, 2012;

WHEREAS meetings with the St-Paul Elementary School Governing Board and/or community occurred on October 30, November 12 & December 4, 2012;

WHEREAS proposals were received from both Governing Boards;

WHEREAS feedback on the consultation from members of the communities was also received;

WHEREAS the proposals and feedback received were reviewed and taken into consideration by the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee;

WHEREAS after consideration, the Council of Commissioners retained the three (3) following options:

1. *Transfer kindergarten students from Terry Fox Elementary School and house them at St-Paul Elementary School; or*
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3. Define a transition zone for redistribution of new students to St-Paul Elementary School.

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to receive feedback from the Terry Fox & St-Paul Elementary Schools Governing Boards on these options

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AND THAT at the January 23, 2013 meeting of the Council of Commissioners, an ad hoc committee composed of Governing Board members, commissioners, and employees of the school board be established with a specific mandate to be determined.

<b>THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:</b>	
<b>Commissioners voting YEA:</b>	<b>Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Nazario Facchino, Guy Gagnon, Elio Lattanzio, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak</b>
<b>Commissioners voting NAY:</b>	<b>Merle Parkinson</b>

**5.2 Use of Laval High Schools:**

The Secretary General presented the topic and provided background information noting that there needs to be a long term solution. Given that, a long term proposal for the use of the Laval high schools needs to be established and approved in principle by 2013-07-01 as consultation needs to be conducted in accordance with policy #2007-TS-02: Policy Concerning the Continued Operation or Closure of Schools and Any Modifications Pertaining to Educational Services should there be a wish to reorganize our Laval high schools.

*WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved resolution # CC-120627-CA-0197, mandating the Director General to look at the registration imbalance between all of the Laval high schools;*

*WHEREAS the Director General deposited his report on the Laval high schools at the 2012-11-28 meeting of the Council of Commissioners;*

*WHEREAS following the consultation on the 2013-2014 Enrollment Criteria, the Parents Committee asked to reconsider reinstating a Task Force with Governing Board members, Commissioners and the school board Directorate ;*

*WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners believes it needs to see the results of the 2013-2014 registration before deciding on short term solutions;*

*WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners also believes that a Task Force involving members of the community should be established;*

*WHEREAS concern has been expressed with respect to specialized projects and programs;*

*WHEREAS short term solutions, if necessary, need to be decided prior to 2013-03-01;*

*Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish a Committee on the Future of Laval High Schools composed of the following:*

- *Laval High School Governing Board Chairs & Vice-Chairs;*
- *Elementary & Secondary Parent Commissioners;*
- *Chairman of the School Board;*
- *2 Commissioners from the Laval area;*
- *4 Laval High School Principals;*
- *Assistant Director General; and*
- *Director of School Organization.*

*AND THAT the report deposited by the Director General to the Council of Commissioners on 2012-11-28 be a starting point for the discussions.*

*AND THAT the mandate of the Committee on the Future of Laval High Schools be to:*

- *study the options listed in the report;*
- *take into consideration the special project and programs in the Laval high schools;*
- *Provide a recommendation on the most viable solution taking into consideration the optimization of the success of students ensuring that the resources of the school board namely the human, material and financial resources are used in the most effective manner.*

*AND THAT the committee provide a preliminary report, more specifically for short term solutions, to the School Organization & Transportation Committee for its 2013-02-13 meeting and a final report by 2013-02-25.*

*FURTHER THAT the committee provide a report on long term solutions addressing the registration imbalance in the Laval high schools to the School Organization & Transportation Committee for its March meeting.*

Commissioner Steve Bletas proposed that the resolution be amended by replacing the bullet reading “2 Commissioners from the Laval area” with “All Commissioners who wish to participate”. Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso accepted the amendment.

In response to a comment from Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the Chairman indicated that the Assistant Director General is listed as a member of the committee so there is no need to add the Director General.

#### **CC-121212-TS-0079**

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WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners believes it needs to see the results of the 2013-2014 registration before deciding on short term solutions;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners also believes that a Task Force involving members of the community should be established;

WHEREAS concern has been expressed with respect to specialized projects and programs;

WHEREAS short term solutions, if necessary, need to be decided prior to 2013-03-01;

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish a Committee on the Future of Laval High Schools composed of the following:

- Laval High School Governing Board Chairs & Vice-Chairs;
- Elementary & Secondary Parent Commissioners;
- Chairman of the School Board;
- All Commissioners who wish to participate;
- 4 Laval High School Principals;
- Assistant Director General; and
- Director of School Organization.

AND THAT the report deposited by the Director General to the Council of Commissioners on 2012-11-28 be a starting point for the discussions.

AND THAT the mandate of the Committee on the Future of Laval High Schools be to:

- study the options listed in the report;
- take into consideration the special project and programs in the Laval high schools;
- Provide a recommendation on the most viable solution taking into consideration the optimization of the success of students ensuring that the resources of the school board namely the human, material and financial resources are used in the most effective manner.

AND THAT the committee provide a preliminary report, more specifically for short term solutions, to the School Organization & Transportation Committee for its 2013-02-13 meeting and a final report by 2013-02-25.

FURTHER THAT the committee provide a report on long term solutions addressing the registration imbalance in the Laval high schools to the School Organization & Transportation Committee for its March meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso extended appreciation, on behalf of the Parents Committee, to the Council for taking into account some of its suggests with respect to the use of schools.

He also noted that at this time and in order to clarify any rumours or misconceptions the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) or any other specialized programs within the Laval high schools are not being moved. No decisions have been taken concerning the future of the Laval high schools so it is status quo until discussions, research, consultation and recommendations are brought to Council for a decision.

The Director General reminded those present that the Council only speaks via resolution and the decision taken this evening concerning the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools will now permit the process of discussions towards a viable solution to begin.

### **5.3 2013-2014 Enrollment Criteria:**

The Secretary General provided background information of the consultation on the 2013-2014 enrolment criteria advising that the Parents Committee has requested an extension to the consultation period in order to examine the criteria more thoroughly and to obtain more information on the situation with the Laval high schools.

She reminded everyone present that there is a timeline within the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) that must be respected concerning the distribution of the enrolment criteria to the Governing Boards 15 days prior to the opening of the registration period or, in this case, prior to 2013-01-18. A special meeting of Council will be held before this date.

**CC-121212-TS-0080**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution # CC-121024-TS-0044, approving in principle policy #2012-TS-04: 2013-2014 Enrollment Criteria;

WHEREAS the section 193 (6) of the Education Act requires that the Parents' Committee be consulted on the enrolment criteria;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents Committee has been consulted on policy #2012-TS-04: 2013-2014 Enrollment Criteria and its feedback received with a request for additional information and time to reflect;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board postpone the adoption of policy #2012-TS-04: 2013-2014 Enrollment Criteria to a Special meeting of the Council of Commissioners to be determined prior to 2013-01-18.

**Carried unanimously**

The Secretary General provided an update on the interviews for the position of Ethics Commissioner noting that the process has not yet been completed.

**3.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

In response to the 32 questions received from parents, teachers and students from Terry Fox Elementary School and Mother Teresa Junior High School for this evening's first question period, the Director General, with the assistance of the Chairman and the Directors, noted the following:

***Terry Fox:***

- the 3 options for the use of St-Paul & Terry Fox Elementary Schools will be sent to the respective Governing Boards as part of the extended consultation;
- if the school is overcrowded that is when the steps laid out in section 6.2 of the enrolment criteria are applied;
- there is adequate space to house the students at Terry Fox Elementary School at next closest school;
- the school board can only request an enlargement of a school or a new school when there is absolutely no student spaces available and that is currently not the case;
- the results of the extended consultation on the use of St-Paul & Terry Fox Elementary Schools will be entertained at either the regular Council meeting or a special Council meeting in January 2013; and
- until a decision is taken on the use of St-Paul & Terry Fox Elementary Schools the use of Human Resources for the two schools cannot be determined.

On a "point of order", Commissioner Steve Mitchell stated that the Council always has the best interests of the students in mind when making decisions that may affect them and to say otherwise is disrespectful.

***Mother Teresa Junior High School:***

- the relocation of the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) is a rumour;
- no decision has been taken concerning anything to do with the use of the Laval high schools;
- a Commissioners brainstorming session may have seen ideas concerning the special programs in Laval high schools discussed informally;
- the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools has been mandated to look at short and long term solutions for the organization of the high schools;
- as a school board the functional capacity of a school is always taken into consideration as it can affect aspects of the education of students;

- the idea of one junior and one senior high school is an idea that has been suggested and will be explored;
- agrees that teachers need to be included on the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools and their omission was an oversight; and
- the Committee on the Future of the Laval high schools will meet and begin the process of making recommendations to the Council and the Council will be transparent in the steps to be taken to decide on a final solution for the use of the Laval high schools.

On “points of order”, from Commissioners Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Tom Mouhteros and Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso, it was stated earlier this evening that there has been no proposal or decision taken concerning the use of the Laval high schools. These Commissioners requested that the school board investigate as to who is the source of these malicious rumours.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their questions and assured them that their points of view would be passed on to the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools. He also invited everyone to stay for the rest of the meeting.

The Chairman called for a 10 minute break.

**TIME: 21:52 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 22:02 hours**

## **6.0 DECISION ITEMS:**

### **6.1 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

#### **6.1.1 2012-2013 Revised Budget:**

The Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the 2012-2013 revised budget noting that it is balanced. She provided an overview of the variances, special needs, teacher posts, and the need to continue monitoring expenses at all levels.

#### **CC-121212-FR-0081**

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the **revised budget for 2012-2013**.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.2 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

#### **6.2.1 Nomination of Replacement – Agence de la santé:**

The Secretary General advised that with the passing of Commissioner Walter Fogel a replacement is required for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board seat on the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Laval for the balance of the mandate.

#### **CC-121212-CA-0082**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-120125-CA-0074, nominating Commissioner Walter Fogel to a four (4) year mandate on the Regional Committee on the Access Program to English Health and Social Services;

WHEREAS Commissioner Fogel passed away in October 2012;

WHEREAS the school board received a letter dated 2012-11-20 concerning requesting that a replacement be named;

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board nominate **Elio Lattanzio** as the replacement for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Laval for the balance of the four (4) year mandate.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.2.2 Agreement with CRÉ de Laval – Saines habitudes de vie :**

The Director General provided background information on this agreement noting that it has expired and needs to be renewed.

#### **CC-121212-CA-0083**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-081126-CA-0066, entering into an agreement with the CRÉ de Laval (Conférence régionale des élus de Laval) for the *“Amélioration de la Santé globale par la promotion et la prévention, par l’adoption et le développement de saines habitudes de vie et par l’accessibilité aux services”*;

WHEREAS this agreement has expired and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to continue being a part of this agreement with the CRÉ de Laval (Conférence régionale des élus de Laval);

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board renew the agreement with the CRÉ de Laval (Conférence régionale des élus de Laval) for the *“Amélioration de la Santé globale par la promotion et la prévention, par l’adoption et le développement de saines habitudes de vie et par l’accessibilité aux services”*.

AND THAT **Johanne Brabant**, Strategic Plan Advisor, be named to the working committee.

FURTHER THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this agreement.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.2.3 Posting of Expenses - Mandate:**

The Secretary General presented the proposed mandate to the Governance & Ethics Committee concerning posting Commissioner’s expense accounts on the Web.

#### **CC-121212-CA-0084**

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #EC-121120-CA-0031, requesting that the Council of Commissioners consider a mandate to the Governance & Ethics Committee;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Governance & Ethics Committee to review and make a recommendation concerning the posting of Commissioner’s expense reports on the Corporate Web Site by the 2013-02-27 meeting of Council.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **6.2.4 Posting of Conflict of interest – Mandate:**

The Secretary General presented the proposed mandate to the Governance & Ethics Committee concerning posting Commissioner's Conflict of Interest forms on the Web.

#### **CC-121212-CA-0085**

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #EC-121120-CA-0032, requesting that the Council of Commissioners consider a mandate to the Governance & Ethics Committee;

Parent Commissioner Roberto Bomba MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Governance & Ethics Committee to review and make a recommendation concerning the posting of Commissioner's Conflict of Interest declarations on the Corporate Web Site by the 2013-02-27 meeting of Council.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **6.2.5 2011-2012 Partnership Agreement Report:**

The Strategic Plan Advisor presented and reviewed the Partnership Agreement Report 2011-2012 noting that the recent request for an extension for the deposit of the report was denied. She highlighted the encouraging increase in the graduation rate by 6%, with the male graduates increasing by 7%, and a decrease in the drop out rate to 13% from 19% in 2010-2011.

#### **CC-121212-CA-0086**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has adopted resolution #CC-120924-CA-0027 requesting authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to submit the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's Partnership Agreement Annual Reports for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 on 2013-12-20, in order to allow for the implementation of the modifications requested and the monitoring of the new goals and strategies contained in the Partnership Agreement;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) authorized this request;

WHEREAS the data on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's 2011-2012 Partnership Agreement has been compiled and analyzed;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the 2011-2012 Partnership Agreement Annual Report.

AND THAT this report be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

<b>THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:</b>	
<b>Commissioners voting YEA:</b>	<b>Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Guy Gagnon, Elio Lattanzio, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak</b>
<b>Commissioners voting NAY:</b>	<b>Mario Di Domenico</b>

<b>6.3</b>	<b>MATERIAL RESOURCES</b>
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**6.3.1 Engagement of Contractor – Install Dust Collectors – CDC St-Eustache:**

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the tender results for the installation of dust collectors noting that the lowest bidder is conformable.

**CC-121212-MR-0087**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-120627-MR-0188, as modified by resolution #CC-120924-MR-0026, approving the 2012-2013 capital priorities for its schools and centres which included the supply and installation of air make-up units and dust collector at the CDC St-Eustache;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) annually allocates funds under AMT (Building upgrading and transformation);

WHEREAS portion of these funds will be used for the supply and installation of air make-up units and dust collector at the CDC St-Eustache;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2012-12-11;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified by the Engineer of the project;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the supply and installation of air make-up units and dust collector at the CDC St-Eustache to **Belroy Construction Inc.**, for a total cost of 224 180,00\$, before taxes, (257 752,00\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project

**Carried unanimously**

**6.3.2 Engagement of Contractor – Replacement of Generator – RHS:**

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the tender results for the replacement of the generator and that the lowest bidder is conformable.

**CC-121212-MR-0088**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-120627-MR-0188, as modified by resolution #CC-120924-MR-0026, approving the 2012-2013 capital priorities for its schools and centres which included the replacement of the generator at Rosemere High School;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has adopted Measure 50690 to assist school boards with the repair and maintenance of its buildings;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2012-11-26;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified by the Engineer of the project;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the replacement of the generator at Rosemere High School to **Les Installations électriques Auger Inc.**, for a total cost of 213 770\$, before taxes, (245 782,06\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project

**Carried unanimously**

## **6.4 ADULT EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

### **6.4.1 Revised Request to MELS - Additional Vocational Training Programs:**

The Director of Adult Education & Vocational Training advised the Council that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has requested that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles revise some of the current program authorizations that will eventually be part of the Multi Service Centre.

#### **CC-121212-AE-0089**

WHEREAS regional partnerships are encouraged by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to facilitate the organization of vocational training services;

WHEREAS the Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier School Board is very disadvantaged in its vocational training program options;

WHEREAS English and French school boards are willing to work hand in hand to improve the vocational training offer and to maximize investments;

WHEREAS the Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier School Board and the Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles have been in discussion about a common Center for Vocational Training in the Laurentians;

WHEREAS both institutions have expressed the interest in ensuring that bilingual options be offered;

WHEREAS the objective #5 in the partnership agreement between the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and the Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier School Board requires "*an increase in the number of students under 20 years in vocational training*";

WHEREAS vocational training is a priority dossier for Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier School Board to support more accessibility to programs for students in our territory;

WHEREAS the Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier School Board had to enter into ententes with other school boards to improve the variety of vocational training options due to the lack of options granted to the school board by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS);

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has adjusted its program offers as a result of consultations with the Commission de la construction du Québec (CCQ);

WHEREAS the resolution # CC110427-AE-0081 relative to the request for vocational training programs is no longer valid;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Millelles did not request these new options as part of the Plan d'aménagement;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier School Board request authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for the following programs:

- DVS 5616 Commercial and Residential Painting
- DVS 5617 Preparing and Finishing Concrete
- DVS 5833 Plumbing and Heating
- DVS 5695 Welding and Fitting

**Carried unanimously**

#### **6.4.2 Request for Additional Financing:**

The Director of Adult Education & Vocational Training advised the Council that there is a shortfall in the floor space for the Multi Service Centre in order to accommodate equipment. Steps are being taken to request additional funding from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) through the Québec-Canada Entente.

The Director General noted that with the pending budget compressions this project needs the MELS to intercede with the Canadian government in order to obtain additional funding.

In response to a question from Commissioner George Benoit, the Director General indicated that should the negotiations not provide a positive result the school board may have to rethink its options.

#### **CC-121212-AE-0090**

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) allocated the to Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board 2 700 000\$ through its Québec-Canada Entente for Muntli Service Centre;

WHEREAS the allocation granted is insufficient;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request additional funding for a maximum of 2 000 000\$ from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) through the Québec-Canada Entente for the Multi Service Centre.

**Carried unanimously**

On a "point of order", Commissioner Steve Mitchell brought to the Council's attention the fact that no teachers have been included on the Committee on the Future of Laval High Schools and proposed a resolution to that effect.

The Director General also proposed that Directors of Services directly affected by the reorganization of the Laval high schools also be included on the Committee on the Future of Laval High Schools.

The Council entered into discussion and it was proposed by Commissioner Mario Di Domenico that perhaps it should be one teacher per Governing Board and Commissioner Steve Mitchell accepted this proposal. In the case of the Directors of Services they will be included as required.

#### **CC-121212-TS-0091**

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT resolution #CC-121212-TS-0079, Use of the Laval High Schools, be amended by changing the composition of the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools by adding one (1) teacher per Governing Board of each Laval High School.

**Carried unanimously**

The Assistant Director General left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:28 hours**

### **7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **7.1 Reports of Committee Chairs:**

There were no reports.

#### **7.2 SWL Foundation:**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak reminded everyone that the next Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Gala is 2013-01-17 and that tickets are available for 225\$ per person. He noted that if the tickets are purchased through a school 75\$ per ticket is donated to the school.

He also noted that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation recently met and examined all the requests received from the schools for the funding of projects. The Foundation received 300 000\$ worth of project requests for the 40 000\$ available for distribution.

Funds raised at Foundation events help to support the schools in their respective projects.

#### **7.3 Parent Commissioners Report**

The report of the Parent Commissioners commented on its meeting of 2012-12-06 noting the purchase of two tickets to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Gala on 2013-01-16, the nomination of a replacement delegate to the RCP-3L, the nomination of a replacement delegate to the EPCA, the Parents Committee objectives for 2012-2013, the rejection of the enrolment criteria until further study can be conducted and a plan developed for the use of the Laval high schools, consultation on the 2013-2014 school calendar, the consultation and recommendation of a replacement Commissioner for Electoral Division 19 and concerns expressed about the school nutrition policy not being followed by some caterers.

#### **7.4 Report of the QESBA:**

The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Board of Directors is 2012-12-14.

**TIME: 22:30 hours**

#### **CC-121212-CA-0092**

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until the completion of the agenda.

**Carried unanimously**

**8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:**

In response to comments from a parent of Laval Liberty High School Governing Board, the Chairman advised that the school board always tries to promote its schools equally and that her comments concerning the use of the Laval high schools would be taken into consideration.

In response to several comments from parents in the audience, the Chairman agreed that the high schools in Laval need to work together in order to find a viable solution and that one school is not better than the other, just different.

In response to a question from a Terry Fox Elementary School parent, the Director of School Organization explained the 3<sup>rd</sup> option concerning the use of St-Paul & Terry Fox Elementary Schools noting that it would define a transition zone for the redistribution of students to St-Paul Elementary school.

Commissioner Steve Bletas recommended that the original resolution concerning the use of St-Paul and Terry Fox Elementary Schools be revisited and amend it so that it will apply to people who do not have children in the school.

**CC-121212-TS-0093**

Commissioner Steve Bletas MOVED THAT resolution CC-121212-TS-0078, Use of St-Paul & Terry Fox Elementary Schools, be amended by replacing Option 3 with a rewritten version as follows:

3. Define a transition zone for the redistribution of students to St-Paul Elementary School for new registrations only, excluding registrations of sibling of students attending Terry Fox Elementary School

<b>THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:</b>	
<b>Commissioners voting YEA:</b>	<b>Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Nazario Facchino, Guy Gagnon, Elio Lattanzio, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak</b>
<b>Commissioners voting NAY:</b>	<b>Merle Parkinson</b>

In response to a question from a parent from Terry Fox Elementary School, the Chairman indicated that any opinions the school community may have should be addressed to their Governing Board as it is the body that is responding to the consultation.

In response to comments from a parent of Mother Teresa Junior High School Governing Board, the Chairman stated that the rumour concerning the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) was not initiated from the Council but that it will be looked into.

In response to a question from a stakeholder, the Director of Material Resources advised that the school board is aware of the request to the Ville de Mascouche from a landowner to construct a gas station near Pinewood Elementary School. If the request meets the by-laws of the Ville, so it is up to the town council as to whether or not the project is approved.

**6.2.6 Report of the Appeals Review Committee:**

The Secretary General advised that the Appeals Review Committee has a report on a recent request for the revision of a decision concerning a student.

The Chairman MOVED THAT the Council go "in camera". **TIME: 22:57 hours**

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 23:08 hours**

**CC-121212-CA-0094**

WHEREAS Student "AD" attends Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary School and partakes in the transportation provided;

WHEREAS the parents of Student "AD" have advised the school board on several occasions since the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year of their concerns with respect to the transportation pick-up and drop-off point for their child, as they feel that it is not safe;

WHEREAS the school board looked into these concerns and deemed that at that point in time there was no need to alter the transportation pick-up and drop-off point;

WHEREAS the parents of Student "AD" were informed by the Director of School Organization & Transportation that this decision could be reviewed should existing conditions change ;

WHEREAS the parents of Student "AD" were not satisfied with this response and have completed the necessary documentation under policy #2000-CA-03: Reconsideration of a decision affecting a student, as they wish to have the transportation pick-up and drop-off point for their child changed permanently;

WHEREAS the case of Student "AD" has been reviewed by the Director General and the Secretary General and the parents of Student "A" were informed on 2012-11-20 that the decision was maintained;

WHEREAS notwithstanding the process for requesting a revision of a decision, as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 the drop of fpt was moved until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 because of winter conditions;

WHEREAS notwithstanding the process for requesting a revision of a decision, as of December 13, 2012 following the frist winter storm, the pick up point was also moved until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013;

WHEREAS the Appeals Review Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board met on 2012-12-12 to examine the administrative decision concerning the request of the family of Student "AD" to have the transportation pick-up and drop-off point for their child changed permanently;

WHEREAS both parents presented their positions vis-à-vis their request for a permanent change to the transportation pick-up and drop-off point;

WHEREAS the school board presented its position vis-à-vis the decision;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Appeals Review Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board **maintain** the statu quo regarding the transportation pick-up and drop-off point for Student "AD" until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approach the Ville de Blainville to add a crosswalk and a stop sign on boulevard Céloron at the corner of rue de l'Ardennais.

FURTHER THAT this dossier be brought back to the Appeals Review Committee in March 2013 to assess the situation with Ville de Blainville.

**Carried unanimously**

**CC-121212-CA-0095**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has a school at 1455, boul. Jean-Paul-Riopelle in Ville de Blainville;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board transports students from the Ville de Blainville and surrounding area to this school

WHEREAS there is a student pick-up and drop-off point on boulevard Céloron at the corner of rue de l'Ardennais;

WHEREAS there is also a bus stop and shelter on that same corner;

WHEREAS there are no crosswalks or stop signs at this location;

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request from the Ville de Blainville that a crosswalk and stop signs be installed on boulevard Céloron at the corner of rue de l'Ardennais.

**Carried unanimously**

In response to a concern expressed by Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso, the Secretary General advised that once a Governing Board parent resigns from a Governing Board, the decision is final and it is up to the remaining parent members on the Governing Board to select a replacement for the balance of the term of the vacated seat. If the parents wished to rename the parent who resigned they, after reconsideration, can do so.

#### **9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the correspondence in the meeting package.

#### **10.0 VARIA:**

There was no varia.

#### **11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 23:18 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ 2013-01-23**