

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2013-04-24

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, 2013-04-24.

Present: Commissioners Nick Milas, Chairman; Nazario Facchino, Vice-Chairman; Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, 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 Stephanie Vucko, 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; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

TIME: 19:37 hours

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded to state:

"You will notice a change in this evening's seating arrangement. Tonight's seating arrangement reflects change for all of us at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, the message I want to make clear this evening is that at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board we are ONE group working together for the good of our students, staff and community. By bringing us together around this table in such a way it allows for Commissioners and Directors to collaborate as needed during Council meetings. This gesture this evening is the next step for us all in continuing with changing and bettering our communication processes and for Council to fulfill its role of governance, in the best informed way possible. Change is not easy, and I thank you all for your cooperation in this next positive move forward."

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

CC-130424-CA-0132

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2013/04/24-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC-130424-CA-0133

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2013-03-21 having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Albina Pace, Mike Pizzola |

CC-130424-CA-0134

Commissioner Elio Lattanzio MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2013-03-27 having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Georges Benoit, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Steve Bletas, Mike Pizzola |

CC-130424-CA-0135

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2013-04-10 having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

Carried unanimously

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:**4.1 Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman advised the Council that on 2013-04-09 he, the Vice-Chairman and the Director General spent the day at the Riverside School Board attending a seminar on alternate schools.

The Vice-Chairman provided an overview of the alternative school seminar noting that school boards need to lobby the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) as students in these schools require more services than they are currently receiving as they are at risk. It was also apparent during the seminar that the goal for all alternative schools is to assist the students to the point where they are comfortable reintegrating into their home school.

Information on the alternative school seminar was circulated to the table.

The Chairman advised the Council of the following:

- a caucus meeting will be called for 2013-05-09;
- the by-election in Electoral Division 18 with the advanced poll **having being held** on 2013-04-21 and regular polling **being held** on 2013-04-28, both at Crestview Elementary School;
- information on the winner of the by-election will be sent to all Commissioners once the results are known; and
- a thank you card from Livia Nassivera, former Director of Financial Resources.

Commissioner Elio Lattanzio advised the Council of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board that he had attended the finals of the Québec Science Fair in Chicoutimi and provided some results noting that everyone should be proud of the fact that out of the 101 projects the only bilingual presentations came from this school board and that among the prize winners Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was the only public school. He further noted that Luca Iacono and Wilfrid Mason, students at Mother Teresa Junior High School, would be attending the Canadian Science Fair finals in Lethbridge, Alberta; with their project "L'énergie bleue" and that Eunice You, a Laval Liberty High School student, would be going to the International Science Fair in Phoenix, Arizona with her project that designed stem cell treatments for patients with Parkinson's Disease. He also advised that Anika Govindaraja and Amanda Lattanzio, students at Laurier Senior High School, had received an Honourable Mention at the Montréal Science Fair. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has a bright future.

In response to a suggestion from Commissioner Albina Pace, the Chairman agreed that the participants in the Hydro-Québec Science Fair should be invited to a Council meeting to be honoured.

The Chairman went on to comment on the recent Citizenship Ceremony at Lake of Two Mountains High School noting how moving it was to see 29 people become Canadian citizens. The event was well organized and very emotional especially when the Judge overseeing the ceremony invited everyone present to also take the oath of citizenship as a reaffirmation.

He went on to advise the Council that he had some sad news in that Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso has advised him that tonight will be his last meeting as he is resigning his position as Secondary Parent Commissioner. The reason behind this resignation is that Mr. Grasso has been named the Director General of the English Parents Committee Association (EPCA), effective 2013-05-01. He followed-up with these words:

"Tonight is the last Council meeting for a long-time colleague, Angelo Grasso. Ever since his children started school at St-Vincent Elementary, Angelo has been an active parent in his community.

From Governing Board, to Parents Committee to Parent Commissioner, Angelo is now moving towards another challenge: Director General of the EPCA- English Parents Committee Association.

I don't think they could have picked a better person to represent the parents of students of the English public school system.

Angelo, we are sorry to see you leave and will miss your input, insight and your spontaneity.

Congratulations and good luck in your new endeavors."

On a "point of privilege", Commissioner Steve Kmec thanked Mr. Grasso for all of his hard work for the school board and congratulated him on being named Director General of the EPCA.

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso thanked everyone for their kind words noting that it has been an honour and a pleasure to have worked with the Council of Commissioners. He also extended his appreciation to the Parents Committee for all of the hours the delegates devote to representing the issues of the schools and the students. He asked that everyone always remember that the students come first.

4.2 *Director General's Report:*

The Director General presented her monthly report noting the following:

- the revision work being done on the Strategic Plan to bring it in line with the recommendations received from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS);
- the multi-cultural symposium at Lake of Two Mountains High School;
- organization of a Focus Session for Commissioners on 2013-05-11 at the Administration Centre;
- an update on the 4 Year Old Kindergarten Program noting that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has allocated one group (18 students) per school board that must include special needs students, be a school that is either a 9 or 10 on the socio-economic scale and that the school have the space to accommodate this class without any alterations to the school. At this time the school that meets all the criteria is Rawdon Elementary School. The deadline for applying to have the program is 2013-04-30.
- an update on SOS Learn which after the e-push and postings on Facebook and the Corporate Web, registration has increased by 125 students for a total of 301 registrations;
- using data to identify students with marks between 45% and 70% to see how the school board can better support them in their education;
- discussions on safety and security at CDC Vimont with the installation of cameras at the front door and a photo ID swipe card system for controlled entrance beginning in fall 2013;
- provided an update on the search for a new Director of Financial Resources noting that some of the candidates from the 1st interview have been invited for a 2nd interview and to participate in some testing; and
- assignments and transfers of in-school and centre Administrators with the goal being to maintain as much stability within the schools as possible and to respect the wishes of some of the Administrators.

She also highlighted various school activities:

- Souvenir Elementary School's Nutrition Newspaper which was produced by one of its grad 3 classes;
- Rosemere High School's pink t-shirt campaign on anti-bullying;
- the Laval Junior & Laval Liberty High Schools Robotics Fair;

In response to questions, the Director General noted:

- that the Parents Committee has also addressed the issue of SOS Learn being made available to the adult sector and that she will bring it to the Directors General table, who in turn will present the idea to LEARN, if it is applicable; and
- SOS Learn is a virtual (on-line) service.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 *Report of the Ethics Commissioner:*

The Secretary General advised the Council that a response from the Ethics Commissioner has been received on a complaint lodged on 2012-08-12 against Commissioner Steve Mitchell.

The Chairman read the decision noting that a breach of section 6.3 of the Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct had occurred and that the following sanctions were rendered:

“The sanction, based on the jurisprudence relating to disciplinary rights, does not have as a goal to punish the professional, but to protect the public by discouraging recurrence and by discouraging other members from committing the same offence.

Therefore, as in this case, the focus is on the respondent’s action. The nature, the severity and the circumstances of the infraction are the essential factors.

The respondent, by declaring himself guilty “but with explanations” and by detailing that he had consulted with Mr. Luc Samson “a recent former parent commissioner, a current representative of Rosemère High School Governing Board”, in order to guarantee that the profile of candidate “X” corresponded to the required demands of the vacant position and to the high expectations of the instances of the School Board.

Consequently, nothing in the evidence presented shows us that this transgression was committed to favour a particular candidate or to provide any particular confidential information.

Nothing in the proof that was presented indicates that this infringement was made to favour one candidate in particular or to provide him with any confidential information.

The fact that he admitted his mistake in front of his peers appears to us as an extenuating factor in the analysis of the sanction.

We consider his offense more as an “ethical blunder”.

The sanction which we deem most appropriate is a call to order, with no apology since his email addressed to all the Commissioners dated June 19th, 2012 serves as such.”

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.1 HUMAN RESOURCES

6.1.1 2013-2014 Assignment & Transfer of In-School & Centre Administrators:

This was reviewed under item 4.2.

CC-130424-HR-0136

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Director General to recommend to the Council of Commissioners the assignment of the Principals, Vice-Principals and Centre Directors prior to May 15 annually in accordance with Policy n° 2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators’ Association;

WHEREAS Principals, Vice-Principals and Centre Directors have submitted their career plans for 2013-2014 to the Director General as requested;

WHEREAS the career plans of all the Principals, Vice-Principals and Centre Directors have been reviewed by the Director General;

WHEREAS meetings were held with the Principals, Vice-Principals and Centre Directors;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association was presented with the criteria for assignment and transfer of Principals, Vice-Principals and Centre Directors;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the assignment of the Principals, Vice-Principals and Centre Directors, effective 2013-07-01, as follows:

| ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS | PRINCIPALS | VICE-PRINCIPALS |
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| Arundel (40% teaching) | France Célestino | |
| Crestview | Mary-Helen Goyetche | |
| Franklin Hill | Dena Chronopoulos | |
| Genesis | Irene Agosto | |
| Grenville (40% teaching) | Nancy Bennett | |
| Hillcrest | Nathalie Rollin | Lynn Neveu |
| John F. Kennedy | Florence Delorme | |
| Joliette | Dan Tremblay | |
| Jules Verne | Aimee Parsons | |
| Laurentia | Karen Moore | |
| Laurentian | Darlene Reeves | |
| McCaig | Serge-Edouard Jeanniton | Sonia Busnardo |
| Morin Heights | Christian St-Pierre | |
| Mountainview | Darlene Miller | |
| Our Lady of Peace | Marisa Goffredo (Maternity Leave) Replaced by Connie Larosa | |
| Pierre Elliott Trudeau | Karen Lorenz | |
| Pinewood | Andre Gionet | |
| Rawdon (40% teaching) | Tammie Marlin | |
| Souvenir | Carmela Sacco | Connie Larosa (Replacing at OLP – VACANT) |
| Ste-Adèle (40% teaching) | Carolynn Roberts | |
| Ste-Agathe Academy (ES) | Bessie Tsatoumas | |
| St-Jude | Christyne Legault | |
| St-Paul | Stephanie Krenn | |
| St-Vincent | Grace Courey | |
| Terry Fox | Lisa Verrall | Jennifer Vaughan |
| Twin Oaks | Mary Lazaris | |
| HIGH SCHOOLS | PRINCIPALS | VICE-PRINCIPALS |
| Joliette High School | Nadia Anwar | |
| Lake of Two Mountains | Alan Simoneau | |
| Laurentian Regional | Christina Shousha | Claude Picard (medical leave) |
| Laurier Senior | Eric Ruggi | Gail Latter |
| | | Charles Chagnon |
| Laval Junior | Richard Mason | |
| Laval Liberty | Josée Côté | Helen Kalipolidis |
| Mother Teresa Junior | Anna Villalta | Robertina Janzic |
| Phoenix/Choices/Cartier | Christina Cichon | |
| Rosemere | Scott Traylen | Tina Miscio |
| | | Sarman Jakalian |
| Mountainview (40% teaching) | Sollie Gliksman | |
| Ste-Agathe Academy (HS) | Bessie Tsatoumas | |
| CENTRE DIRECTORS | | |
| Vocational Training | Jules Goulet | |
| Adult Education | Gina Persechino | |

| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
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| Commissioners voting YEA: | Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners voting NAY: | Guy Gagnon |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Mike Pizzola |

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| 6.2 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS |
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6.2.1 By-Law – Date, Time & Place of Council Meetings for 2013-2014:

The Secretary General reviewed the by-laws on the date, time and place for Council and Executive Committee for 2013-2014. The only major exception is for the Executive Committee in May 2014 as Human Resources has requested that it be moved ahead so as to accommodate the various union deadlines for staffing.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Secretary General indicated that she would look into whether or not the 2013-09-25 Council meeting would interfere with any religious holiday and report back to him.

CC-130424-CA-0137

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #000126-CA-0130, adopting by-law #BL2000-CA-05: Date, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS it has become necessary to amend this by-law to bring it in line with the 2013-2014 meeting dates for the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the amendments to by-law #BL2000-CA-05: Date, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT this proposed by-law be subject to the consultation process for by-laws, as per section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

FURTHER THAT this by-law be presented for adoption at the 2013-06-26 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

Carried unanimously

6.2.2 By-Law – Date, Time & Place of Executive Meetings for 2013-2014:**CC-130424-CA-0138**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution # CC-080625-CA-0232, adopting by-law #BL2008-CA-15: Date, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS it has become necessary to amend this by-law to bring it in line with the 2013-2014 meeting dates for the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the amendments to by-law #BL2008-CA-15: Date, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT this proposed by-law be subject to the consultation process for by-laws, as per section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

FURTHER THAT this by-law be presented for adoption at the 2013-06-26 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Merle Parkinson |

6.2.3 Rescinding of Policy – Evaluation of Director General:

The Chairman advised that recent discussions on the policy concerning the evaluation of the Director General have indicated that the current version is outdated.

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that the Governance & Ethics Committee would be tasked with developing a new policy for the evaluation of the Director General.

CC-130424-CA-0139

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #000322-HR-0189, approving policy #2000-HR-03: Annual Evaluation of the Director General

WHEREAS the content of this policy no longer meets the needs of the evaluation process;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind policy #2000-HR-03: Annual Evaluation of the Director General.

AND THAT the Director General be evaluated for the period 2013-01-14 to 2013-06-30, following a process established by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Council of Commissioners and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee in accordance with criteria determined in collaboration with the Director General.

AND THAT the Governance & Ethics Committee be mandated to develop a new policy for this purpose.

FURTHER THAT the Governance & Ethics Committee have a draft policy available for approval in principle for the regular meeting of the Council in October 2013

Carried unanimously

6.2.4 Report of the Student Ombudsman:

The Secretary General advised that the following resolutions concerns requests received from parents of individual students and that if the Council wished to have additional information it would be prudent for them to go "in camera".

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT the Council go in camera. **TIME: 20:31 hours**

Commissioner Merle Parkinson excused herself for the evening. **TIME: 21:31 hours**

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 21:50 hours**

CC-130424-CA-0140

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted by-law #BL2009-CA-19: By-Law Establishing Procedures for the Examination of Complaints from Students or their Parents;

WHEREAS this by-law establishes the procedure for the intervention of the Student Ombudsman when all other avenues have been exhausted;

WHEREAS the parent of "Student SF" was dissatisfied with the outcome of a school board decision of a general scope that had an impact on "Student SF";

WHEREAS the parent of "Student SF" complained to the Student Ombudsman, such complaint being received in writing on 2013-02-28 and documents sent via e-mail on 2013-02-28;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman provided the Council of Commissioners with his opinion on the merit of the complaint;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman concludes that the process used to resolve the overcrowding at Mother Teresa Junior High School is fair and impartial;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman is not recommending any changes to the school board decision of a general scope and, more precisely, to "Student SF";

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board receive and accept the report of the Student Ombudsman regarding the complaint of parent of "Student SF".

AND THAT, after having reviewed this opinion, determines that the registration for 2013-2014 be maintained.

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Georges Benoit, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners voting NAY: | Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Guy Gagnon, Steve Mitchell, Mike Pizzola |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Grace Nesi, Albina Pace |

CC-130424-CA-0141

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted by-law #BL2009-CA-19: By-Law Establishing Procedures for the Examination of Complaints from Students or their Parents;

WHEREAS this by-law establishes the procedure for the intervention of the Student Ombudsman when all other avenues have been exhausted;

WHEREAS the parent of "Student EC" was dissatisfied with the outcome of a school board decision of a general scope that had an impact on "Student EC";

WHEREAS the parent of "Student EC" complained to the Student Ombudsman, such complaint being received in writing on 2013-02-23 and documents sent via e-mail on 2013-03-11;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman provided the Council of Commissioners with his opinion on the merit of the complaint;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman concludes that the process used to resolve the overcrowding at Mother Teresa Junior High School is fair and impartial;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman is not recommending any changes to the school board decision of a general scope and, more precisely, to "Student EC";

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board receive and accept the report of the Student Ombudsman regarding the complaint of parent of "Student EC".

AND THAT, after having reviewed this opinion, determines that the registration for 2013-2014 be maintained.

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| THIS MOTION WAS TIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners voting NAY: | Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Guy Gagnon, Elio Lattanzio, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Mike Pizzola |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Georges Benoit |

The Secretary General explained that in accordance with section 7.4 of Rules of Order & Procedure for the Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, the Chair can vote on all issues at Council meetings and has the casting vote in the event of a tie.

CASTING VOTE

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| THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners voting NAY: | Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Guy Gagnon, Elio Lattanzio, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Mike Pizzola |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Georges Benoit |

In response to a request for clarification from Commissioner Mario Di Domenico, the Chairman confirmed that **as this resolution was defeated**, this family will be advised that their child may attend Mother Teresa Junior High School for the 2013-2014 school year.

CC-130424-CA-0142

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted by-law #BL2009-CA-19: By-Law Establishing Procedures for the Examination of Complaints from Students or their Parents;

WHEREAS this by-law establishes the procedure for the intervention of the Student Ombudsman when all other avenues have been exhausted;

WHEREAS the parents of "Student AM" was dissatisfied with the outcome of a school board decision of a general scope that had an impact on "Student AM";

WHEREAS the parents of "Student AM" complained to the Student Ombudsman, such complaint being received in writing , with supporting documents, on 2013-03-07;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman provided the Council of Commissioners with his opinion on the merit of the complaint;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman concludes that the process used to resolve the overcrowding at Mother Teresa Junior High School is fair and impartial;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman is not recommending any changes to the school board decision of a general scope and, more precisely, to "Student AM";

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board receive and accept the report of the Student Ombudsman regarding the complaint of parent of "Student AM".

AND THAT, after having reviewed this opinion, determines that the registration for 2013-2014 be maintained.

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Georges Benoit, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners voting NAY: | Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Guy Gagnon, Steve Mitchell, Mike Pizzola |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Grace Nesi, Albina Pace |

6.3 MATERIAL RESOURCES

6.3.1 Engagement of Contractor – Roofing Project – Laurentia ES:

The Director of Material Resources reviewed the roofing project for Laurentia Elementary School in St-Jérôme.

CC-130424-MR-0143

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 roof at Laurentia Elementary School;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has adopted Measure 50710 to assist school boards with the renovation of its buildings;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2013-04-08;

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

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

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin 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 roof at Laurentia Elementary School to **Bellemare Couverture Ltée**, for a total cost of 154 995\$, before taxes, (178 205,50\$, 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 her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Steve Mitchell |

6.3.2 Engagement of Contractor – Auditorium & Washroom Project – MTJHS & LSHS:

The Director of Material Resources reviewed the auditorium and washroom project for Mother Teresa Junior and Laurier Senior High Schools.

CC-130424-MR-0144

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 auditorium and washroom renovation at 2323 Daniel-Johnson;

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 2013-04-23;

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

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

Commissioner Steve Kmec 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 renovation of the auditorium and washrooms at 2323 Daniel-Johnson to **Construction Genfor Ltée**, for a total cost of 1 182 000,00\$, before taxes, (1 359 004,50\$, 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 her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Carried unanimously

6.3.3 Mandate – Shared Cost Project for RHS Synthetic Field:

The Director of Material Resources explained to the Council that the following resolution is being presented at the request of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) in order to move the project forward.

CC-130424-MR-0145

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolutions # CC-091216-MR-0074 and CC-111026-MR-0028 mandating the Director of Material Resources to submit to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport a shared cost project for the construction of a synthetic field at Rosemere High School;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport is requesting a resolution from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in order to present a project under the *Programme de soutien aux installations sportives et récréatives – phase II*;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School board authorize the Director of Material Resources to submit a shared cost project for the synthetic field at Rosemere High School to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) under the *Programme de soutien aux installations sportives et récréatives – phase II*.

AND THAT the commitment of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to pay its share of the eligible costs for this project as well as the ongoing operating costs be confirmed.

FURTHER THAT Nick Milas, Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge Nazario Facchino, Vice-Chairman, as well as Stephanie Vucko, Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge Clifford Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Carried unanimously

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| 6.4 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION |
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6.4.1 Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools:

The Director of School Organization advised the Council that at last evening's meeting the School Organization Committee recommended that the resolution adopted to establish the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools be rescinded.

CC-130424-TS-0146

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolutions #CC-121212-TS-0079 and #CC-121212-TS-0091, establishing the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools and its composition;

WHEREAS the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools has met twice since January 2013;

WHEREAS the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools has not completed its mandate in the required timeline;

WHEREAS the School Organization Committee recommends that a Laval High School Ad Hoc Committee with a specific composition should be created

WHEREAS the School Organization Committee is recommending that the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools be dissolved;

Commissioner Steve Bletas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind resolutions #CC-121212-TS-0079 and #CC-121212-TS-0091, to formally dissolve the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools.

Carried unanimously

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-130424-TS-0146, dissolving the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools;

WHEREAS the School Organization Committee is recommending that an Ad Hoc Committee be established under the name of "Laval High Schools Ad Hoc Committee";

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish a "Laval High Schools Ad Hoc Committee".

AND THAT the composition of this committee be as follows:

- *Director General and Assistant Director General as Alternate;*
- *Chairman of the Council of Commissioners and an Alternate;*
- *Chairman of the School Organization Committee and an Alternate;*
- *Chairman of the Parents Committee and an Alternate;*
- *Secondary Parent Commissioner and an Alternate;*
- *Director of School Organization;*
- *Governing Board Parent Delegate to the Parents Committee from each of the high schools (4 people) and Alternates; and*
- *Laval Commissioners.*

AND THAT the first meeting of this Ad Hoc Committee will take place on June 5, 2013;

FURTHER THAT the Laval High Schools Ad Hoc Committee be consulted on the use and organization of the Laval high schools.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell proposed that the following resolution be amended by removing the word "Laval" from the 8th bullet in the resolution.

The Director General proposed that there also be an alternate for the Director of School Organization.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola accepted both amendments.

CC-130424-TS-0147

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-130424-TS-146, dissolving the Committee on the Future of the Laval High Schools;

WHEREAS the School Organization Committee is recommending that an Ad Hoc Committee be established under the name of "Laval High Schools Ad Hoc Committee";

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish a "Laval High Schools Ad Hoc Committee".

AND THAT the composition of this committee be as follows:

- Director General and Assistant Director General as Alternate;
- Chairman of the Council of Commissioners and an Alternate;
- Chairman of the School Organization Committee and an Alternate;
- Chairman of the Parents Committee and an Alternate;
- Secondary Parent Commissioner and an Alternate;
- Director of School Organization and an Alternate;
- Governing Board Parent Delegate to the Parents Committee from each of the high schools (4 people) and Alternates; and
- Commissioners.

AND THAT the first meeting of this Ad Hoc Committee will take place on June 5, 2013;

FURTHER THAT the Laval High Schools Ad Hoc Committee be consulted on the use and organization of the Laval high schools.

Carried unanimously

6.4.2 Laval E.S. Ad Hoc Committee – Formation of Committee:

The Director of School Organization presented and reviewed the proposed resolution on the Laval Elementary Schools Ad Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell proposed that in the **third** "AND THAT" the word "sector" be replaced with "schools".

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolutions #CC-121212-TS-0078, which provided for the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee for elementary schools at its meeting of 2013-01-23;

WHEREAS at the 2013-01-23 meeting the Council of Commissioners asked that the composition be reviewed by the School Organization Committee;

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name said Ad Hoc Committee the "Laval Elementary Schools Ad Hoc Committee".

AND THAT the composition of this committee be as follows:

- *Director General and Assistant Director General as Alternate;*
- *Chairman of the Council of Commissioners and an Alternate;*
- *Chairman of the School Organization Committee and an Alternate;*
- *Chairman of the Parents Committee and an Alternate;*

- *Elementary Parent Commissioner and an Alternate;*
- *Director of School Organization;*
- *Governing Board Parent Delegate to the Parents Committee from each of the 3 elementary sectors in Laval, as designated by the Parents Committee, and Alternates; and*
- *Laval Commissioners.*

AND THAT the first meetings of this Ad Hoc Committee will take place on May 27, 2013 for Sector 2 and May 28, 2013 for Sector 3;

AND THAT a Governing Board member from the concerned sector be invited, as an addition to the Ad Hoc Committee, for meetings pertaining to that sector.

FURTHER THAT the mandate of the Laval Elementary Schools Ad Hoc Committee be to examine the use of the Laval elementary schools with a specific focus on schools experiencing overcrowding or potential overcrowding, in particular Terry Fox Elementary School.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola accepted the amendment.

CC-130424-TS-0148

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolutions #CC-121212-TS-0078, which provided for the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee for elementary schools at its meeting of 2013-01-23;

WHEREAS at the 2013-01-23 meeting the Council of Commissioners asked that the composition be reviewed by the School Organization Committee;

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name said Ad Hoc Committee the "Laval Elementary Schools Ad Hoc Committee".

AND THAT the composition of this committee be as follows:

- Director General and Assistant Director General as Alternate;
- Chairman of the Council of Commissioners and an Alternate;
- Chairman of the School Organization Committee and an Alternate;
- Chairman of the Parents Committee and an Alternate;
- Elementary Parent Commissioner and an Alternate;
- Director of School Organization and an Alternate;
- Governing Board Parent Delegate to the Parents Committee from each of the 3 elementary sectors in Laval, as designated by the Parents Committee, and Alternates; and
- Commissioners.

AND THAT the first meetings of this Ad Hoc Committee will take place on May 27, 2013 for Sector 2 and May 28, 2013 for Sector 3;

AND THAT a Governing Board member from the concerned schools be invited, as an addition to the Ad Hoc Committee, for meetings pertaining to schools in that sector.

FURTHER THAT the mandate of the Laval Elementary Schools Ad Hoc Committee be to examine the use of the Laval elementary schools with a specific focus on schools experiencing overcrowding or potential overcrowding, in particular Terry Fox Elementary School.

Carried unanimously

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 *Reports of Committee Chairs:*

7.1.1 *Adult Education & Vocational Training*

The report of the Adult Education & Vocational Training Committee Chairman focused on its 2013-04-17 meeting highlighting the CSST report on CDC St-Eustache, the “Hats Off to You/Chapeau, les filles” contest, the Strategic Plan initiation, advertising, on-line daycare courses, a vision for Adult Education & Vocational Training and Adult Learner’s Week activities.

7.1.2 *Governance & Ethics*

The report of the Chairman of the Governance & Ethics Committee’s 2013-04-09 meeting noted discussions on the restructuring of committees and better use by Administrators of the tools provided to them for reporting complaints.

7.2 *SWL Foundation:*

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak advised the Council that “Lobster Madness” would be held on 2013-06-12 at the Chateau Royal and that ticket are 150\$ each. He also noted the upcoming Starfest at the Laurier Gala at the end of May.

Parent Commissioner Roberto Bomba excused himself for the evening. **TIME: 22:16 hours**

7.3 *Parent Commissioners Report*

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso noted that being a part of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been a memorable experience and asked that Commissioners continue to have the best interests of the students at heart.

The report of the Parent Commissioners highlighted a presentation at the 2013-04-04 Parents Committee meeting on SOS Learn which provides online tutoring for high school students. The report also noted negotiations with the Société de transport de Laval (STL), the letter to the Ministère de l’Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) concerning the June 2012 Math, History and Science exams, and the deeds of establishment and three-year plan.

7.4 *Report of the QESBA:*

The Chairman advised that he will have more information on various issues at the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) after its next meeting.

7.5 *Update on Strategic Plan:*

The Director General advised that at a recent caucus meeting, the Council took the decision to form an Ad Hoc Committee on the Strategic Plan so as to provide input from the Commissioners perspective. This Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Council.

7.6 *Budget Building Process – Consultation Results:*

The Assistant Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the feedback received on the budget building consultation noting that 35 responses were received, 3 more than for 2012-2013. She highlighted the top three requests: 1) technology, 2) behaviour technicians, and 3) attendant time. She also noted that professional development for special needs personnel and teachers also was mentioned frequently for the first time.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:20 hours

7.7 2013-2014 Budget Parameters:

The Assistant Director of Financial Resources advised that the 2013-2014 preliminary budget parameters have been received for consultation. She went on to highlight various aspects of the parameters such as aligning budgets with strategic goals, adjustment in class ratios for EDHAA and the overall impact of the changes. She also noted that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) is being less stringent about budgets being balanced for this year as it has become apparent that many school boards will not be able to achieve this.

TIME: 22: 30 hours

CC-130424-CA-0148

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until the completion of the agenda.

Carried unanimously

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

In response to a question from a parent, the Director of School Organization advised that the meetings of the Laval Elementary Schools Ad Hoc Committee would be held here at the Administration Centre on May 27, 2013 for sector 2 and May 28, 2013 for sector 3 at 19:30 hours.

The parent of the student who was granted permission to go to Mother Teresa Junior High School for the 2013-2014 school year expressed heartfelt thanks to the Council for this positive decision.

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:

The Chairman reminded those present that Sunday, 2013-04-28 is polling day for the by-election in Electoral Division 18.

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:36 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2013-05-22