

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2013-06-19

A special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2013-06-19.

Present: Commissioners Nick Milas, Chairman; Nazario Facchino, Vice-Chairman; Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Peter MacLaurin, Emilio Migliozi, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; Parent Commissioner Angela Martorana and Stephanie Vucko, Director General.

Also present were: Cliff Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General; Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Gaele Absolonne, Director of School Organization; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources; Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioners Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Albina Pace, and Parent Commissioner Roberto Bomba.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 20:00 hours.

Commissioner Steve Bletas MOVED acceptance of the agenda.

Carried unanimously

1.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

1.1 2013-2014 Organizational Chart:

The Director General presented and reviewed the final version of the 2013-2014 Organizational Chart for Management noting that additional changes have been made based on feedback received from the consultation with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) and the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec (ACSQ).

CC-130619-HR-0164

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution # CC-130522-HR-0162: approving in principle the proposed 2013-2014 Organizational Chart for Management;

WHEREAS the consultation process took place;

WHEREAS feedback was received from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) and the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec (ACSQ) and taken into consideration;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2013-2014 Organizational Chart for Management, as per document #SWLSB-2013/06/19-HR-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

2.1 *Reports of the Student Ombudsman:*

The Secretary General advised the Council that due to end of year school events this evening the families involved with these reports have requested that, if possible, the reports of the Student Ombudsman be tabled to the Council meeting of 2013-06-26, so that they may be in attendance.

CC-130619-CA-0165

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Reports of the Student Ombudsman be tabled to the 2013-06-26 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

Carried unanimously

2.2 *Report of the Ethics Commissioner:*

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the resolution concerning the report of the Ethics Commissioner.

CC-130619-CA-0166

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was disclosed a report of the Ethics Commissioner dated 2013-05-17 at its 2013-06-19 Caucus Meeting;

WHEREAS complainants and respondents all received a copy of the report on or around 2013-05-17;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners were informed on 2013-06-19 that a respondent will contest the report of the Ethics Commissioner dated 2013-05-17;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request from respondents that they take the necessary step to contest within the next 15 days.

AND THAT failure to do so will result in the reading of the decision of the Ethics Commissioner, as requested in the 2013-05-17 report, at its next meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

Carried unanimously

2.3 *Committees:*

Advisory Committee on Transportation:

The Secretary General provided background information on the Advisory Committee on Transportation.

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik proposed that the mandate be extended due to the fact that there is only one year remaining in the current Commissioner mandate before school elections.

CC-130619-CA-0167

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **George Benoit and Peter MacLaurin** to the Advisory Committee on Transportation for the 2013-2014 school year; AND THAT **Robert Dixon and Merle Parkinson** be named as Alternates.

Carried unanimously

Appeals Review Committee:

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik proposed that the mandate be extended due to the fact that there is only one year remaining in the current Commissioner mandate before school elections.

The Council was advised that Commissioner Albina Pace is no longer able to be a member of the Appeals Review Committee.

Commissioner Merle Parkinson nominated Commissioner Elio Lattanzio. Commissioner Lattanzio accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

CC-130619-CA-0168

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the following Commissioners be named to the Appeals Review Committee for the 2013-2014 school year:

Nazario Facchino
Elio Lattanzio
Nick Milas

Steve Mitchell
Nancy Rupnik
Ed Turchyniak

Parent Commissioner Elementary OR Parent Commissioner Secondary

Carried unanimously

In response to a proposal from the Secretary General, Commissioner Nancy Rupnik, in her capacity as Chairman of the Governance & Ethics Committee, asked that the new standing committee structure be presented at the 2013-06-26 Council meeting so that additional explanatory information can be provided.

2.4 Division of Territory:

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the final version of the division of territory for the 2014-11-02 school elections.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin indicated that until all Commissioners are in favour of the division of territory it should not be approved.

CC-130619-CA-0169

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-130522-CA-0163, approving the draft distribution of electoral divisions for the 2014-11-02 school elections;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 9 of the Act respecting school elections, the division of territory was posted on the Corporate Web site and published in the Montreal Gazette on 2013-06-01 for consultation by the electors;

WHEREAS there were no responses received by the deadline of 2013-06-17;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the electoral divisions for the 2014-11-02 school elections, as per document #SWLSB-2013/06/19-CA-001.

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

2.5 *By-Laws – Date, Time & Place of Council & Executive Meetings:*

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the final version of the by-laws for the day, time and place of Council and Executive Committee meetings.

The Council entered into discussion and it was agreed that the by-laws should be tabled until a decision is taken on the committee structure.

CC-130619-CA-0170

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the by-laws on the date, time and place of Council and Executive Committee be tabled to the 2013-06-26.

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

3.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

3.1 *Laval Aquatic Centre:*

The Chairman advised the Council that although the school board would have liked to have continued as a partner in the Laval Aquatic Centre project as it is no longer feasible due to the withdrawal of integral funding it has now become necessary to dissolve the partnership.

CC-130619-MR-0171

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was approached to participate in the Laval Aquatic Centre Project;

WHEREAS, as per resolutions #CC-070425-MR-0155 and #CC-090128-MR-0089, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engaged into discussions with the Ville de Laval for the construction and management of the Laval Aquatic Centre;

WHEREAS, as per resolution #CC-090128-MR-0089, the financing of this project was completed through monetary contributions from Provincial and Federal Governments among others;

WHEREAS this financing is no longer available;

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board withdraw its participation from the Laval Aquatic Centre project due to the changes in the modalities of the financing.

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners extends its appreciation to the Ville de Laval for its support and offer of partnership in this project.

Carried unanimously

On a "point of privilege", Commissioner Steve Kmec noted that it is a shame that the school board had to withdraw from this project and extended appreciation to all those who had worked on this project.

4.0 QESBA**4.1 QESBA Preliminary Fees 2013-2014:**

The Chairman provided background information on the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) membership fees.

The Council entered into discussion and several Commissioners indicated that they would not support the proposed resolution.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chairman in order to speak to this topic and respond to some comments.

Commissioner Nick Milas noted that the QESBA has done a lot of work over the past year on many dossiers but with respect to the issue of the taxation rates it could not move ahead with the dossier due to the lack of information available from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

Discussion continued and it was noted that while although QESBA may not be able to achieve immediate results it does work hard at many levels to ensure that the English community is heard.

CC-130619-CA-0172

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA);

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has issued a provisional membership fee statement for the 2013-2014 school year;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the amount of 89 942,51\$ be paid to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

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

The Chairman resumed the chair.

4.2 Nominations to QESBA Board of Directors:

The Secretary General reviewed the resolution and asked for nominations. There were no nominations as Commissioners Nazario Facchino and Nick Milas, when asked, agreed to continue as the delegates of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Board of Directors.

CC-130619-CA-0173

WHEREAS the Chair of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Nominations Committee has requested member boards to advise the Association of their delegates to the Board of Directors of the QESBA;

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Nazario Facchino and Nick Milas to the Board of Directors of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for 2013-2015.

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

4.3 Nominations to QESBA Executive:

CC-130619-CA-0174

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board nominate Nick Milas for the position of Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for 2013 – 2015.

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

5.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:52 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2013-06-26