

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2013-09-25

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, 2013-09-25.

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 (via Skype), Emilio Migliozi, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, and Edward Turchyniak; Parent Commissioners Roberto Bomba and Angela Martorana; and Stephanie Vucko, Director General.

Also present were: Eileen Kelly, Assistant Director General; Johanne Brabant, Secretary General; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director of School Organization; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; France D'Aoust, Director of Financial Resources; Linda Di Domenico, Senior Advisor to Director General; Frédéric Greschner, Director of Complementary Services; Richard Greschner, Director of Human Resources 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.

Absent: Commissioner Albina Pace

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

TIME: 19:33 hours

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

CC-130925-CA-0013

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2013/09/25-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC-130925-CA-0014

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2013-08-26 having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

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

CC-130925-CA-0015

Parent Commissioner Roberto Bomba Moved THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2013-08-28 having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

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, Emilio Migliozi, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	William Pollock

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 this is a bittersweet meeting as it is the last Council meeting for Linda Di Domenico, Senior Advisor to the Director General and former Director of Human Resources, as she heads into retirement on October 18, 2013. He thanked her, on behalf of the Council, for all of her hard work and dedication as a teacher, Principal and Director and wishes her a happy and healthy retirement.

The Director General also thanked Mrs. Di Domenico for her guidance during her induction to the role of a Director General.

A token of appreciation was presented to Mrs. Di Domenico on behalf of the Council and photos were taken.

Mrs. Di Domenico thanked the Council for the lovely gift and kind words noting that her time with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been memorable and encouraged everyone to continue making the best decisions possible for the students and employees of the school board.

The Chairman presented his monthly report noting the Fall Focus Session for Commissioners on October 19, 2013 at the Arundel Nature & Science Centre (ANSC), the various graduation ceremonies throughout the latter part of September and the month of October, and the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Fall Professional Development Session & Annual General Meeting on October 25 – 26, 2013.

He went on to extend, on behalf of the Council, appreciation to everyone who helped out with the unforeseen relocation of Crestview Elementary School to Phoenix Alternative for a few weeks this September. He particularly noted the assistance of the Governing Board Chair, Paul Leal, for helping with the coordination of information to the parents of the Crestview Elementary School students.

4.1a) *Quebec's Proposed Charter of Values*

The Director General advised that there have been several discussions within the school board concerning the Québec government's proposed Charter of Values and that the time has come for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to take a clear stand on the Charter. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a multi-ethnic school board and this proposed Charter of Values goes against everything it stands for and it will not abide intolerance. The Administration has agreed that the school board must maintain what we do and stand by the Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms. The opinion is very clear in the proposed resolution.

The Chairman asked that the Council stand together on this issue and read the following into the minutes:

"Tonight, I would ask my fellow-commissioners to come together for the adoption of a resolution opposing the Quebec Government's proposed Charter of Values.

We owe it to our community to stand up against this unacceptable proposed Charter. At Sir Wilfrid Laurier, we have ALWAYS believed in cultural diversity and the positive impact multiculturalism has on our students.

As per our Guiding Principles on Respect and Safety adopted by the Executive Committee in July 2009: "At the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, we believe that a positive climate must exist in our schools and centres to ensure that all members of the school community feel safe, respected, nurtured and accepted; we celebrate the uniqueness of all individuals. We must show respect to the rights of others, the environment and the community."

*The Parti Quebecois proposes a Charter of Values that is **not in line** with Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Guiding Principles. Our values remain true to the fundamental freedoms of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.*

- *Freedom of conscience and religion;*
- *Freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression;*
- *Freedom of peaceful assembly;*
- *Freedom of association.*

It is our duty as elected officials to voice our disapproval regarding this Charter of Rights."

WHEREAS the Quebec Government has proposed a Charter of Values that will see the expression of one's culture, religion and equality challenged;

WHEREAS this Charter of Values will alter Quebec's Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is part of a diverse community;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #EC-090707-ED-0008, approving the Guiding Principles on Respect and Safety;

WHEREAS these Guiding Principles on Respect and Safety state:

"that a positive climate must exist in our schools and centres to ensure that all members of the school community feel safe, respected, nurtured, and accepted; we celebrate the uniqueness of all individuals"; and

"that with these rights comes the responsibility and the expectation that all members will be held accountable to contribute to the positive climate by showing respect for the rights of others, the environment, and the community";

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board owes it to its community to take a stand on this proposed Charter of Values;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board strongly objects to this proposed Quebec Government Charter of Values.

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board remains true to the fundamental freedoms as granted by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Council entered into discussion and Commissioner Merle Parkinson proposed that the proposed resolution be amended by replacing the words *take a stand on this proposed Charter of Values* in the 6th WHEREAS with *takes a stand for itself and its community on this proposed Charter of Values*. Commissioner Nazario Facchino accepted this amendment.

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WHEREAS the Quebec Government has proposed a Charter of Values that will see the expression of one's culture, religion and equality challenged;

WHEREAS this Charter of Values will alter Quebec's Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is part of a diverse community;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #EC-090707-ED-0008, approving the Guiding Principles on Respect and Safety;

WHEREAS these Guiding Principles on Respect and Safety state:

"that a positive climate must exist in our schools and centres to ensure that all members of the school community feel safe, respected, nurtured, and accepted; we celebrate the uniqueness of all individuals"; and

"that with these rights comes the responsibility and the expectation that all members will be held accountable to contribute to the positive climate by showing respect for the rights of others, the environment, and the community";

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board takes a stand for itself and its community on this proposed Charter of Values;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board strongly objects to this proposed Quebec Government Charter of Values.

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board remains true to the fundamental freedoms as granted by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Carried unanimously

The Director General thanked the Council for its support on this issue.

4.2 Director General's Report:

The Director General presented her monthly report noting that:

- the students and employees of Crestview Elementary School returned to their building on September 20, 2013 and extended her appreciation to everyone involved for their cooperation in the relocation;
- the September 16, 2013 meeting of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and the Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec (FCSQ) with Pauline Marois, Premier of Québec, and Marie Malavoy, Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport concerning the downloading of the recent cuts to the equalization payments to the taxpayer. Premier Marois is not pleased with the school board's decision to do this and made it very clear that the situation is to be rectified within 15-days. Given that, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board used a variable rate when calculating the distribution of the download to its taxpayers whereas other school boards used a uniform rate. This decision was taken as it would minimize the impact on the taxpayers. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board does not have a surplus like other school boards to make up for the cut to the equalization payment. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board did receive a positive nod from the government on the pamphlet sent with the tax bills explaining the reasons for the increase. The pamphlet was positive, firm but not aggressive;

- Radon testing is being conducted, by professionals, in the schools and to date the majority of the schools do not require any major intervention. Minor repairs have been conducted on some schools with a slight detection and there is one school that requires more repair. There is no health risk to anyone in the schools because if the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) thought that Radon was a serious issue it would be implementing measures to ensure the safety of the schools and centres. The school board is advising of this testing in order to be transparent, and it encourages its employees to contact Human Resources if they have any problems. Monitoring will be on going for all schools;
- The enrolment for the 2013-2014 school year is currently at 13 532;
- The enrolment criteria for 2014-2015 will be in consultation from October 1 to November 14, 2013 and although it is not always a happy process the criteria does work and is fair. It was applied for 2013-2014 in the transfer of 8 students from Mountainview Elementary School to St-Jude Elementary School; 5 out-of-zone students from Twin Oaks Elementary School were returned to their home schools, the movement of 90 students from Mother Teresa Junior High School to Laval Junior High School, which resulted in 8 complaints to the Student Ombudsman; and 1 injunction involving 6 of the families that complained to the Student Ombudsman;
- The pre-consultation of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Laval High Schools continues. The teachers were convened earlier this month and they felt that the school board should maintain status quo with zones. Input has also been received from Educational and Complementary Services;

Commissioner Mike Pizzola left the meeting.

TIME: 20:06 hours

- The success of the recent Complementary Services workshop "Practical Intervention for Students & Anxiety". which looked at ways to implement self-regulation in the schools. Appreciation was extended to all who organized and participated in the workshop; and
- The return of the Trotibus at Souvenir Elementary School.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:08 hours

Commissioner Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

TIME: 20:09 hours

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Principal of Souvenir Elementary School noted that 30 students participate in Trotibus.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:11 hours

The Senior Advisor to the Director General advised the Council that CPNCA (Comité patronal de négociation pour les commissions scolaires Anglophones) is visiting the English school boards across the province to assess respective needs in preparation for the next round of negotiations as the contract ends in 2015. The CPNCA has reinvented itself by being more available and having more services to offer. There will be a follow-up visit as negotiations draw closer.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director General noted that the downloading of the equalization cut to the taxpayers is being examined closely by all the school boards and the English Directors General Table prepared a report on each of its member boards that was used for the meeting with the Premier and the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport.

In response to a question from Commissioner Emilio Migliozi, the Director General noted that there are 3 scenarios currently in pre-consultation and any changes to the Laval high schools will depend on the model approved by the Council as it could be either a one phase or two phase implementation.

In response to a question from Commissioner Robert Dixon, the Director General noted that the Partnership Agreement has been submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 Injunction - Judgement:

The Secretary General advised that six families had sought a permanent injunction against the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) on the transfer of their children to Laval Junior High School (LJHS) from Mother Teresa Junior High School (MTJHS) and that the judge in the case had expedited the written judgement, handed down on August 27, 2013, in order to ensure that these students were present in school on August 30, 2013. She went on to read into the minutes excerpts of the *Reasons for Judgement*.

The Facts:

"The capacity for MTJHS was exceeded by the demand and, according, to the policy the SWLSB held a lottery.

The Student Ombudsman maintained the decision of the school board pointing out that the lottery method was fair and impartial. He added however: I would agree that it would have been preferable that the Enrolment Criteria had been adopted earlier.

...the situation of over capacity demanded at MTJHS has been broadly publicized at an earlier date.

...some students had been able to by-pass the lottery ...60 students were admitted to the ALP, of which 17 did not meet the priority admission criteria set out in the policy.

Analysis and discussion:

The plaintiff must prove urgency, the appearance of right, an irreparable damage...

Appearance of right:

By allowing 60 students to enrol in the ALP programme ahead of everyone else, by means of an entrance exam in the fall of 2012, the SWLSB has indeed given an unfair and illegal advantage to those students.

The fact that an illegality may have been committed does not create a right to exceptional treatment.....But it cannot be done on the pretence that it would right a wrong: it would just add another layer of unfairness to an already flawed process.

Irreparable damage:

The real irreparable damage is that these children have lived an enormous amount of stress and anxiety since February 2013 instead of being helped into accepting an unfortunate but not catastrophic situation.

Conclusion:

The court feels great sympathy for the six children and their parents and can only recommend that in the future the risk of not being admitted to the preferred school will be publicized ahead of time, thus giving parents and children the option of looking for alternatives in sufficient time."

The Chairman indicated that this information is not for discussion purposes as the judgement has been made and if any Commissioners have any additional questions to please address them to the Secretary General.

5.2 Committee Structure – Report & Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee:

The Director General noted that a lot of work has been done in order to improve committee practices so that all Council members are receiving all necessary information so that their feedback and questions can be received and addressed in a timely manner.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

TIME: 20:33 hours

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik, a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Committee Structure, advised that committee discussed the mechanics of the meetings and the pros and cons of the previous structure. She reminded everyone that the new structure is a work in progress, to please be patient, and bring forth any ideas to improve the structure as there will be tweaking of how they operate over time. She also noted that the Chairs of the Pedagogical and Corporate Committees will be elected by the Council and that there will be no additional remuneration for these positions.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:36 hours

The Council entered into discussion and the following was noted:

- Discussions have taken place about also having Vice-Chairs for these two committees;
- Quorum would be seven (7) Commissioners;
- The policy will become a procedure which will allow for easier revision;
- Use videoconference for these meetings;
- Consider the addition of Vice-Chair as time would be wasted electing a Chair for the evening should the actual Chair be unable to attend and the Vice-Chair would also have the mechanisms to run the meeting, this builds continuity; and
- All things are to be considered, tried and adjusted to meet the actual needs of these committees after a trial period;

Commissioner Steve Mitchell proposed the following amendments to the procedure:

- Add to section 2.1, Arundel Nature & Science Centre (ANSC);
- Section 2.5 needs to be modified to refer to the committees referenced in 2.3, and strike "all" committees;
- Section 3.2, should be modified to call for elections for both Chairs and Vice-Chairs.
- Section 3.3, the words "unless otherwise provided for" are to be removed.
- Section 3.7, is to be removed as it will be replaced by the election of Vice-Chairs;
- Section 3.8, requires modification for Appeals Review and SEAC, and possibly Advisory on Transport again.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin accepted these modifications and the proposal by Commissioner Merle Parkinson to split the resolution in two.

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090623-CA-0152, converting procedure #P2003-CA-08: Committees Procedures into policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-130826-CA-0004, approving establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees;

WHEREAS the Ad Hoc Committee met on 2013-09-17 and has duly reviewed the said policy;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee, for the review of policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind resolution #CC-090623-CA-0152.

AND THAT policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees revert back to a procedure.

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WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090623-CA-0152, converting procedure #P2003-CA-08: Committees Procedures into policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-130826-CA-0004, approving establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees;

WHEREAS the Ad Hoc Committee met on 2013-09-18 and has duly reviewed the said policy;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee, for the review of policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees.

Carried unanimously

The chairman called for a 5 minute break.

TIME: 21:09 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:14 hours

CC-130925-CA-0018

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution # CC-130925-CA-0016, rescinding policy #2003-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-130826-CA-0004, approving establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees;

WHEREAS the Ad Hoc Committee met on 2013-09-18 and developed a new procedure;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve procedure #P2013-CA-08: Corporate, Pedagogical & Statutory Committees.

Carried unanimously

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.1 AEVT

6.1.1 Entente – Multi Service Centre:

The Director General advised that the majority of the financing for this project will be through the Québec-Canada entente in the amount of 4 000 000\$. The monies have not yet been released so the school board would need to contract a loan for up to 1 750 000\$ to get the project underway and once the funds are released, the school board immediately pay back the loan.

In response to a question from Commissioner Robert Dixon, the Director General indicated that a cost overrun would be covered by the Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles. The project will be overseen by a supervisory committee.

CC-130925-AE-0019

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-100518-CA-0138, supporting the proposal for a Multi Service Centre in partnership with la Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles, for the Laurentian region;

WHEREAS on June 26, 2013 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board received a letter from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) confirming the authorization to offer, as of the 2012-2013 school year, the following programs, as per resolution #CC-121212-AE-0089,: Commercial and Residential Painting, Preparing and Finishing Concrete, Plumbing and Heating and Welding and Fitting;

WHEREAS said letter states that these programs will be offered at the new facility in partnership with the Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles have negotiated an entente for the construction of the new facility;

WHEREAS an entente for the use and operation of this facility will be signed by the Directors General of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) requires a signed entente in order to finalize all aspects relating to the realization of this new Multi Service Centre;

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board enter into an entente with the Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles that encompasses the planning of the facility, equipment, revenues and expenses associated with the realization of a new Multi Service centre for the Laurentian region.

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 these ententes.

Carried unanimously

6.1.2 Authorization to Borrow – Multi Service Centre:

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director General indicated that the loan will not interfere with the funding for Vocational Training programs.

CC-130925-FR-0020

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-100518-CA-0138, supporting the proposal for a Multi Service Centre in partnership with la Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles, for the Laurentian region;

WHEREAS the total cost of the project is estimated at 18 500 000\$, all taxes included;

WHEREAS the financial contribution of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the project is 4 750 000\$;

WHEREAS Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will receive 4 000 000\$ from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) under the Québec-Canada Entente;

WHEREAS the Québec-Canada Entente concluded on June 30, 2013, included an amount of 3 000 000\$ for this partnership project;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has not yet received confirmation of the amount from the Québec-Canada Entente for 2013-2014;

Commissioner Steve Kmec 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) to borrow for an amount not exceeding 1 750 000\$

AND THAT provisions be made for the reimbursement of the loan in the amount of 1 000 000\$, without penalty, upon receipt of confirmation by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board of the renewal of the Québec-Canada Entente.

FURTHER 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 authorization to borrow.

Carried unanimously

The Director of Adult Education & Vocational Training extended appreciation on behalf of Adult Education & Vocational Training as the support of the Council for this project has been tremendous and that special recognition is to go to Johanne Brabant, Interim Secretary General, who has worked tirelessly on this project.

The Chairman noted that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board - Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles bilingual centre will be the first of its kind in the province.

6.2	MATERIAL RESOURCES
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6.2.1 Change Orders – Roofing Project 2323 Daniel-Johnson:

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the change orders for the roofing project at 2323, boul. Daniel-Johnson.

In response to concerns expressed by Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of Material Resources noted that during construction unforeseen things occur when wall, ceilings, etc. are opened up because it is hard to know what is hiding behind. There is always a contingency in a project budget for unforeseen circumstances.

In response to a request for an update from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Director of Material Resources advised that the case with the bidder who was originally awarded this contract is in the hands of legal counsel so an update is not possible at this time.

CC-130925-MR-0021

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution # CC-121128-MR-0067, awarding the contract for the replacement of the block B roof at 2323 Daniel-Johnson to Les Entreprises Cloutier et Gagnon (1988), for a total cost of 358 258,00\$, before taxes, (411 907,12\$, all taxes included);

WHEREAS, during the replacement of the block B roof, change orders occurred to address specific issues, amounting to 33 121,56\$, before taxes (38 081,52\$, taxes included);

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the change orders in the amount of 33 121,56\$, before taxes (38 081,52\$, taxes included).

AND THAT the total cost of the project, including the change orders, be increased to 391 379,56\$, before taxes (449 988,65\$, taxes included).

FURTHER 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 these change orders.

Carried unanimously

6.2.2 Engagement of Contractor – Replacement of Intercom System – 3200 Souvenir:

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that this project was approved in the 2011-2012 capital projects but it has taken close to two years to set everything up to install the IP intercom. It was a public tender with seven companies requesting documents but only one submitted a bid. The Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has been made aware of this fact for transparency purposes, plus it is an obligation under the law regarding contracts.

CC-130925-MR-0022

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-110629-MR-0102, approving the 2011-2012 capital priorities for its schools and centres which included the replacement of the intercom system at 3200 Souvenir;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2013-09-09;

Commissioner Elio Lattanzio MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the replacement of the intercom system at 3200 Souvenir to **Telus**, for a total cost of 214 896,53\$, before taxes, (247 077,29\$, 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

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, Emilio Migliozi, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Edward Turchyniak

6.2.3 *Engagement of Professional – Decontamination & Paving – Crestview ES:*

The Director of Material Resources informed the Council that professionals were required for this project and apologized for not bringing this resolution to the table earlier. The professionals will be paid in accordance with the law.

In response to a question from Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the Director of Material Resources noted that the project was paid in accordance with the original bid.

CC-130925-MR-0023

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-130626-MR-0192, approving the 2013-2014 capital priorities for its schools and centres which included the decontamination and paving of the school yard at Crestview Elementary School;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has adopted Measure 50622 to assist school boards with the renovation of its buildings and has approved funds from the "passif environnemental" measure;

Parent Commissioner Angela Martorana MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of **Beaudoin, Hurens Inc.** as consulting engineer to prepare the plans, drawings and tender specifications for the decontamination and paving project at Crestview Elementary School.

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, Emilio Migliozi, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Merle Parkinson

6.2.4 *Loan – Energy Project Phase II:*

The Director of Material Resources reminded the Council that phase I of this project was completed two years ago and the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has recently authorized phase II which will require the school board to take a loan to proceed with the project. He assured the Council that the project will pay for itself over the years.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell asked that a reconciliation of this project be provided to the Corporate Committee at its October meeting that shows the savings to date.

CC-130925-MR-0024

WHEREAS the Council of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090623-MR-0145 recommending the launch of the Phase II Energy project;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution EC-130321-FR-0056 asking the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for authorization to borrow in order to finance a portion of the total cost of this project;

WHEREAS on 2013-08-23, the Ministère de l'Éducation, de Loisir et du Sport (MELS) authorized the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to proceed with the Phase II Energy project;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, in collaboration with the Ministère des Finances du Québec, proceeded with a call to tender by invitation for long-term financing of this project;

WHEREAS the Ministère des Finances du Québec, after review of the offers received with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, has recommended the nature, conditions and terms of payment as detailed below;

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board contract a loan in the amount of \$4 010 594 from the Desjardins Sécurité financière compagnie d'assurance vie représentée par Desjardins Gestion d'Actifs inc. situated at 1 Complexe Desjardins , CP 9500 succursales Desjardins , Montréal (Québec) H5B 1H6.

AND THAT this loan be effective on September 26, 2013 and be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1) The loan bear interest at Taux de rendement (mid) de fermeture des obligations du Québec;
- 2) The loan be contracted with the Desjardins Gestions d'Actifs in the amount of the loan, at the rate indicated above and reimbursed over a period of 10 years (120 months), it being understood that the reimbursement of the capital and the payment of the interest is the responsibility of the School Board;

The capital and interest be payable monthly;

- 3) The loan be repayable in advance, at the sole discretion of the School Board.

FURTHER THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, and the Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge the Director of Financial Resources, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this loan.

Carried unanimously

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Director of Material Resources noted that the synthetic field project at Rosemere High School is on track.

6.3 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.3.1 Executive Committee Election Procedures – Amendment:

Commissioner Steve Mitchell recommended that the “AND THAT” be stricken from the resolution.

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-111026-CA-0030, increasing the participation of Commissioners at the Executive Committee, by adding three (3) non-voting delegates to the existing composition of the Executive Committee, in order to have a larger number of Commissioners present at meetings for communication purposes;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-130526-CA-0184, approving the new structure for standing committees to effectuate a better line of communication for Commissioners;

Commissioner Steve Mitchell 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 procedure P2000-CA-07: Executive Committee Election Procedures.

AND THAT members of the Council of Commissioners be requested to provide feedback, in writing, to the Secretary General no later than _____, 2013, as elections of the Executive Committee will take place on _____, 2013.

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico recommended **an amendment** that the next election of the Executive Committee be by a show of hands. Commissioner Steve Mitchell did not accept this **amendment**.

The Council entered into discussion on the proposed amendments to the resolution and it was decided to vote upon the matter of how the vote would be conducted separately from the main resolution.

Commissioner Grace Nesi noted that the status quo for the Executive Committee should be maintained whereby the delegates to the Executive Committee would continue.

CC-130925-CA-0025

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT the proposed resolution be amended by adding that the vote for the upcoming election of the Executive Committee be by a show of hands.

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

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik asked that the resolution concerning the amendments to the procedure be split in two so that the date of the elections can be voted on separately. Commissioner Steve Mitchell did not accept this recommendation.

CC-130925-CA-0026

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-111026-CA-0030, increasing the participation of Commissioners at the Executive Committee, by adding three (3) non-voting delegates to the existing composition of the Executive Committee, in order to have a larger number of Commissioners present at meetings for communication purposes;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-130526-CA-0184, approving the new structure for standing committees to effectuate a better line of communication for Commissioners;

Commissioner Steve Mitchell 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 procedure P2000-CA-07: Executive Committee Election Procedures.

AND THAT elections of the Executive Committee will take place in October 2013.

FURTHER THAT the vote in the Executive Committee elections be by a show of hands.

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

6.3.2 Election of Committee Chairmen – Pedagogical & Corporate Committees:

PEDAGOGICAL COMMITTEE

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Pedagogical Committee.

Commissioner Robert Dixon nominated Commissioner Peter MacLaurin for the position of Chair of the Pedagogical Committee. Commissioner MacLaurin accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Steve Bletas nominated Commissioner Elio Lattanzio. Commissioner Lattanzio accepted the nomination.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

For Commissioner Peter MacLaurin: Georges Benoit, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock

For Commissioner Elio Lattanzio: Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Emilio Migliozi, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Mike Pizzola, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Pedagogical Committee.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell nominated Parent Commissioner Angela Martorana. Parent Commissioner Martorana accepted the nomination.

There were not other nominations.

CC-130925-CA-0027

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-130626-CA-0184, approving a new structure for Standing Committees;

WHEREAS the first meeting of the Pedagogical Committee will be held on October 2, 2013 and will require a Chairman;

Commissioner Emilio Migliozi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Elio Lattanzio as Chair of the Pedagogical Committee for the 2013-2014 school year.

AND THAT Parent Commissioner Angela Martorana be appointed as Vice-Chair.

Carried unanimously

CORPORATE COMMITTEE

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Corporate Committee.

Commissioner Steve Kmec nominated Commissioner Mike Pizzola to the position of Chair of the Corporate Committee. Commissioner Pizzola accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin nominated Commissioner Merle Parkinson to the position of Chair of the Corporate Committee. Commissioner Parkinson accepted the nomination.

A vote was taken and the results were as follows:

For Commissioner Mike Pizzola: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Emilio Migliozi, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Edward Turchyniak

For Commissioner Merle Parkinson: Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Corporate Committee.

Commissioner Elio Lattanzio nominated Commissioner Guy Gagnon. Commissioner Gagnon accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

CC-130925-CA-0028

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-130626-CA-0184, approving a new structure for Standing Committees;

WHEREAS the first meeting of the Corporate Committee will be held on October 9, 2013 and will require a Chairman;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Commissioner Mike Pizzola as Chair of the Corporate Committee for the 2013-2014 school year.

AND THAT Commissioner Guy Gagnon be appointed as Vice-Chair

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:08 hours

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**7.1 SWL Foundation:**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak advised that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation is currently working on a theme for its January 23, 2014 Gala which will be held at a new venue the Embassy Plaza in Laval. The annual Laurier Gala & Starfest will again be held in May 2014 at the Château Royal in Laval. The group is also looking at new types of fundraisers that would be more conducive to families, i.e. spaghetti dinner, bike rally, etc.

7.2 Parent Commissioners Report

There was no report.

7.3 Report of the QESBA:

There was no report.

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

In response to a request from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, the Director General indicated that the information he is requesting on the cost of the scheduling issue at Laval Liberty High School had already provided to Commissioners.

In response to a request from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Interim Secretary General indicated that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Monday Message would be distributed to all Commissioners.

10.0 VARIA:

The Chairman asked that Commissioners use their school board e-mail accounts and if they cannot to please arrange with Information Technology to have e-mails forwarded to another account.

In response to a comment from Commissioner Emilio Migliozi, the Director General advised that new projects are not brought directly to the table because it is protocol for the Mayor involved to approach the school board with a proposal for a partnership. She invited him to have those on the arena committee to contact her office. She also noted that the school board and the Ville de Laval left the project on good terms.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:16 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2013-10-30