

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON MAY 24, 2017

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, May 24, 2017 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Present: Jennifer Maccarone, Chair; Commissioner Dean Dugas, Vice-Chair; Commissioners Robert Dixon, Paolo Galati, Vicky Kaliozakis, Peter MacLaurin, Anne McMullon, Emilio Miglozzi, Ailsa Pehi and Parent Commissioners Sergio Di Marco and Bob Pellerin; and Paul Lamoureux, Director General.

Also present were: Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Jérôme Dionne, Director of Material Resources; Richard Greschner, Director of Human Resources; Stephanie Krenn, Director of Schools & Interim Director of School Organization & Transportation; Silvia Patella, Interim Director of Complementary Services; Geoff Hipps, Assistant Director of Educational Services and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

Absent Commissioner Guy Gagnon and Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley.

The Chair opened the meeting.

TIME: 19:30 hours

0.0 RECOGNITION:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting noting that this evening the Council of Commissioners is honouring those students who earned medals for their participation and accomplishments at recent science fairs.

The Chair and the Director General presented Certificates of Recognition as follows:

	Hydro-Québec Montreal Regional Science & Technology Fair	Super Expo-Sciences Hydro-Québec Québec Final	Canada-Wide Science Fair Regina, Saskatchewan
Sebastien Galand Laval Junior Academy Project: Bridging the Gap	Bronze Medal – Junior Concordia University Award for Outstanding Achievement In Building, Civil & Environmental Engineering Highest Distinction Super expo-sciences Hydro-Québec (SESHQ) Experimentation & Design Award	Prix de ArcelorMittal Produits longs Canada - \$500	Western University Scholarship – Bronze Medalist - \$1,000 Excellence Award – Bronze Medal & Certificate

<p>Thomas Ribeiro Laval Senior Academy</p> <p>Project: BIO-CELL</p>	<p>Concordia University - Centre for Structural & Functional Genomics Award for Biotechnology</p> <p>Curium Award</p> <p>Gold Medal – Senior</p> <p>Highest Distinction</p> <p>Hydro-Québec FIRST PRIZE - Best Overall Project Award</p> <p>Intel International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF) Participation Award</p> <p>Super expo-sciences Hydro Québec (SESHQ) Experimentation & Design Award</p> <p>TandemLaunch Award</p> <p>Yale Science & Engineering Association Award</p>	<p>Médaille du Réseau Technoscience - Argent Senior - 300 \$</p> <p>Prix de l'Université d'Ottawa</p> <p>Prix de reconnaissance Francis-Boulva</p>	<p>Participant</p>
<p>Martina Fazio & Erika Talatinian Laval Senior Academy</p> <p>Project: Daphnia vs Cleaning Products</p>	<p>Bronze Medal – Intermediate</p> <p>Concordia University - Department of Mathematics and Statistics Award</p> <p>Fondation ALCOA Award</p> <p>Highest Distinction</p> <p>Super expo-sciences Hydro-Québec (SESHQ) Experimentation & Design Award</p>	<p>Prix de la Fédération du personnel professionnel des universités et de la recherche - 500 \$</p> <p>Prix Druide - logiciel Antidote</p>	<p>Participants</p>

The Chair called the meeting to order.

TIME: 19:40 hours

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

CC-170524-CA-0080

Parent Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2017/05/24-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CC-170524-CA-0081

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on April 26, 2017 having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR & DG

4.1 *Chair's Report:*

The Chair presented her monthly report noting:

- Attendance at:
 - A press conference in Lanaudière where the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) announced monies through the *Maintien des bâtiments* for Pinewood and Rawdon Elementary Schools;
 - School activities;
 - Association des directions générales des commissions scolaires (ADIGECS) Congrès, where students from Lake of Two Mountains High school and the SIS (Social Integration Services) Program at CDC Vimont, won bursaries;
 - International Soccer Week at Rosemere High School where coaches from Europe were present for the week to assist the Head Coach, Andy Walker;
- The budget continues to be a topic of conversation at many tables, given that there is a lack of clarity on the roles, as the changes to how a school board will manage funds come into effect. It is hoped that the MEES will provide the necessary information for clarification purposes prior to the adoption of the 2017-2018 budget;
- The school board has established three new committees, Health & Wellness, Aboriginal Education and Digital Citizenship.
- On the national education front:
 - In Saskatchewan, the government, after a review of its school board structure, proposed a Bill, similar to Québec's Bills 86 and 105, which if adopted into law, would see enhanced powers to the Minister;
 - In British Columbia, the francophone community took the provincial government to court to claim the right to manage and control francophone-minority education programs;
 - In Alberta, its government has introduced a Bill, which if adopted in to law, would see school fees reduced with respect to elimination of instructional supplies and transportation fees;
 - In Nova Scotia, the francophone school board is encountering issues with the rights of Acadian and francophones to govern the education of those students entitled. As president of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), she will be meeting with representatives of this

community to discuss strategies because, as the minority in Québec, the English education community has tools that can be shared that could assist them.

4.2 *Director General's Report:*

The Director General highlighted the following in his monthly report:

- Budgets & Government:
 - The Chair and himself sit on several provincial committees in order to ensure that the English community is well represented and that there is transparency when it comes to funding;
 - There are no budget cuts for 2017-2018;
 - There will be \$1,500,000 in additional monies that will go directly to the schools for early literacy, promotion of healthy lifestyles, physical activities and keeping kids in school. There will be accountability and guidelines for the schools and school board for the management of these monies;
 - The consultation feedback being provided to the MEES on the parameters, by this school board, is that school taxation needs to be addressed given that with declining enrolment this school board will most probably be at the maximum tax rate for 2017-2018. Given that the school board shares territory with seven French school boards, and that they are in a much more affluent position with respective tax rates which will be significantly lower, and that taxpayers to this school board who do not have children in the system may choose to leave to benefit from the French school boards' lower tax rate, this will impact the schools and school board significantly. The Chair, in her position as president of the QESBA, is advocating with the MEES that school taxation should be a priority as it impacts all English school boards as well as some in the French sector. With the loss of taxpayers the MEES will have to subsidize equalization grants;
- At the ADIGECS Congrès there were 16 other students, besides the two from this school board, who were honoured with bursaries. It was heartwarming to see how hard these students have worked, as was portrayed in videos that were made by each student chronicling their respective journeys of perseverance;

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no varia.

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.1 HUMAN RESOURCES

6.1.1 *Non-Re-engagement of a Teacher:*

The Chair indicated that because this matter involves an individual it was discussed by the Human Resources Committee meeting prior to this evening.

CC-170524-HR-0082

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the non re-engagement for reason of surplus of the teacher with employee number below, effective 2017-07-01 as per Article 5-3.23 of the Collective Agreement of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers and Article 5-8.06 of the Local Collective Agreement and Arrangements of the Laurier Teachers Union.

Employee Number	School
011060	Laval Senior Academy

Carried unanimously

6.1.2 *Local Negotiations - Teachers:*

The Chair advised that negotiations on the *Local Arrangements between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Laurier Teachers Union* have begun but that they will not be concluded before the current arrangements expire on June 30, 2017, so an extension is required.

CC-170524-HR-0083

WHEREAS the Local Arrangements between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Laurier Teachers' Union require negotiations as a result of the new Collective Agreement of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers;

WHEREAS recent discussions with the Laurier Teachers Union and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have led to an agreement to extend the current local arrangements until December 31, 2017 or a mutually agreed upon earlier date;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the extension of the Local Arrangements between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Laurier Teachers Union to December 31, 2017 or a mutually agreed upon earlier date.

Carried unanimously

6.1.3 *Selection Committee – Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services:*

The Chair called for nominations noting that she herself would be on the selection committee.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin nominated himself.

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco nominated Parent Commissioner Bob Pellerin. Parent Commissioner Pellerin accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis volunteered to be Commissioner alternate.

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco volunteered to be Parent Commissioner alternate.

CC-170524-HR-0084

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 5.2 of policy #2000-HR-02: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section Association des cadres scolaires du Québec AND section 5.4 of policy #2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association, a Selection Committee needs to be established to conduct interviews;

Commissioner Dean Dugas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish a Selection Committee as follows to hold interviews for the position of Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services:

Chair:	Jennifer Maccarone
Commissioner:	Peter MacLaurin
Parent Commissioner:	Bob Pellerin
Commissioner Alternate:	Vicky Kaliozakis
Parent Commissioner Alternate:	Sergio Di Marco

Director General or Delegate
 Director of Human Resources
 Representative of AQCS
 Representative of SWLAA

Carried unanimously

6.1.4 Selection Committee – Principals & Vice-Principals:

The Chair called for nominations noting that she herself would be on the selection committee.

All members indicated in the resolution nominated themselves.

CC-170524-HR-0085

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 5.2 of policy #2000-HR-02: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section Association des cadres scolaires du Québec AND section 5.4 of policy #2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association, a Selection Committee needs to be established to conduct interviews;

Commissioner Paolo Galati MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish a Selection Committee as follows to hold interviews for the positions of Principal and Vice-Principal:

Chair:	Jennifer Maccarone
Commissioner:	Vicky Kaliozakis
Parent Commissioner:	Sergio Di Marco
Commissioner Alternate:	Ailsa Pehi
Parent Commissioner Alternate:	Bob Pellerin
Director General or Delegate	
Director of Human Resources	
Representative of AQCS	
Representative of SWLAA	

Carried unanimously

6.2 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.2.1 School Elections – Division of Territory:

The Chair advised the Council that the Commissioners concerned were consulted on changes to the electoral divisions and all agreed to the changes.

CC-170524-CA-0086

WHEREAS section 7.5 of the Act respecting school elections (Act) requires school boards to adopt a division proposal for the purposes of the election prior to 1 June of the year preceding school elections;

WHEREAS section 9 of the Act requires school boards to publish a public notice within 15 days of the adoption of the division of territory proposal;

WHEREAS upon publication of the public notice the public will have 15 days to advise the Director General in writing of any objection to the division of territory proposal;

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the distribution of electoral divisions as contained in document #SWLSB-2017/05/24-CA-002.

Carried unanimously

6.2.2 *Letter of Support for PRDS:*

The Chair advised that the *Politique régionale de développement social* for Laval is the former Table interordre.

CC-170524-CA-0087

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board support the vision of the *Politique régionale de développement social* for the Laval region.

Carried unanimously

6.3 MATERIAL RESOURCES

6.3.1 *Change Orders – Ste-Agathe Academy Washroom Renovation Project:*

The Director of Material Resources advised that this change order has been brought to Council for consideration rather than Executive Committee because the amount of the project is now at 12% above the initial contract amount. The change order is for additional excavation and it is the final one of the project.

In response to a question from the Chair, the Director of Material Resources noted that the additional excavation work was an unforeseen cost as the work that had to be completed was under a concrete slab.

CC-170524-MR-0088

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-160525-MR-0112, awarding the contract for the washrooms renovation project at Ste-Agathe Academy to 9220-9733 Québec Inc. (Naxo), for a total cost of 159 000,00\$, before taxes, (182 810,25\$, all taxes included);

WHEREAS, during the renovation project, change orders occurred to address specific issues related to adjustments to the shower partitions and bases, additional excavating and backfilling work for underground connection to the existing plumbing, as well as relocating plumbing and ventilation conduits, amounting to 19 635,93\$, before taxes (22 576,41\$, taxes included);

Parent Commissioner Bob Pellerin 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 19 635,93\$, before taxes (22 576,41\$, taxes included);

AND THAT the total cost of the project, including the change orders, be increased to 178 635,93\$, before taxes (205 386,66\$, taxes included);

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

Carried unanimously

6.3.2 *Selection Committee – Bank of Professionals:*

In response to questions from the Council, the Director of Material Resources noted:

- There are no longer Commissioners on the selection committee for professionals due to a change in the law;

- The external member position on the selection committee can be filled by someone from another school board or from outside the education community;
- The professional fees are less than 100 000\$, tax included.

CC-170524-MR-0089

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-140625-MR-0145 approving a call to tender for the creation of a bank of Professionals;

WHEREAS the period of validity of the bank of Professionals may not exceed three years;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board undertakes capital projects for the repair, maintenance and renovation of its buildings;

WHEREAS the services of Professionals, Architects and Engineers, are required to prepare the drawings, specifications and tendering documentation for these projects;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board needs to create a new bank of Professionals for the said projects for which the sums for professional fees are less than 100 000\$;

WHEREAS elements of this process are the preparation of the tender and the creation of a Selection Committee;

WHEREAS a public tender for the creation of a bank of Professionals will be prepared and proposals will be received in August 2017;

WHEREAS a meeting of the Selection Committee will be held in September 2017 and a recommendation presented to the Council of Commissioners at its meeting of 2017-09-27;

WHEREAS, in order to respect the confidentiality and ethical principles of the selection process, it is preferable that the nomination of the members listed below be done in conformity with the Delegation of Functions and Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the proposals have to be reviewed by a Selection Committee composed of a secretary and at least three members, one of which shall be an external member;

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve a call to tender for the creation of a new bank of Professionals for a three-year period starting 2017-09-28 and approve that the Selection Committee for the selection of Professionals for the Bank of Professionals be composed of the following members:

1	External member
2	Members of the Material Resources Department
1	Member from the Material Resources department acting as Secretary of the committee
1	Alternate member

AND THAT all the Selection Committee members be required to sign a confidentiality agreement;

FURTHER THAT, as per Article 43 of the Regulation respecting certain service contracts of public bodies, a public notice of qualification will be published again at least once a year so as to allow the qualification of other service providers during the period of validity of the list, which may not exceed 3 years.

Carried unanimously

6.3.3 Investment Plan (PQI) 2018-2028:

The Chair advised that the request under the investment plan for a new building for CDC Vimont, was discussed at length at the Corporate Committee meeting.

The Director General advised the Council that this is a good opportunity as the school board would save money and no longer have to pay rent, which is currently covered by MEES, and expand its offerings of service.

In response to questions, the Director General noted that the timeline for approval could be two to three years and that opening new cohorts would not be possible as the funding envelope for Adult Education is restricted.

CC-170524-MR-0090

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-070523-MR-0176, entering into a five-year lease agreement, from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012, with a renewal option, with Les constructions Grano Inc. et Construction Agosto Inc., for the rental of space at 2100, boul. Des Laurentides, Laval, to establish an Adult Education Centre;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-110518-MR-0088, renewing the lease and entering into a five-year lease agreement from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017, with a renewal option, with Les constructions Grano Inc. et Construction Agosto Inc., for the rental of space at 2100, boul. Des Laurentides, Laval, for the continued operation of the CDC Laurier-Vimont;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-170426-MR-0075, renewing the lease and entering into a five-year lease agreement from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022, with a no-cost termination option after the third year, with Les constructions Grano Inc. et Construction Agosto Inc., for the rental of space at 2100, boul. Des Laurentides, Laval, for the continued operation of the CDC Laurier-Vimont;

WHEREAS the current enrollment does not predict any decrease in the Adult Education student population;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has a suitable location to build a new building in Laval, for the operation of the CDC Laurier-Vimont;

WHEREAS on a long term basis, both the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board would save money by owning a building instead of leasing;

WHEREAS the MEES requires that school boards submit their respective «Investment Plans » no later than June 30 annually;

Commissioner Emilio Migliozi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2018-2028 Investment Plan as prioritized below:

Priority #1: Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) in 2018-2019 for the construction of a new centre in Laval in order to relocate the CDC Laurier-Vimont;

AND THAT this 2018-2028 Investment Plan be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) no later than 2017-06-30.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners & Parent Commissioners voting YEA:	Sergio Di Marco, Robert Dixon, Dean Dugas, Vicky Kaliozakis, Peter MacLaurin, Anne McMullon, Emilio Migliozi, Ailsa Pehi, Bob Pellerin
Commissioners & Parent Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Paolo Galati

6.3.4 Engagement of Contractor – Capital Project – Hillcrest Academy Building & Electrical:

The Director of Material Resources advised that this call to tender had only received one bid so the contractor was asked to review the bid and reduce the price, which was done. The professionals are in agreement with the new price.

In response to questions from the Vice-Chair, the Director of Material Resources noted that if, at this point, the project was divided in two, the original tender would have to be cancelled and a new call made which would require significant changes to the tender specifications. Originally, if the project had been divided so that two tenders were called, the school board ran the risk of having the cost of each project being doubled and it is always the goal of the school board to be fiscally responsible.

In response to a question from Commissioner Peter MacLaurin, the Director of Material Resources advised that he had inquired with other contractors as to why they did not bid on this project and was told that they were already at their project limit for the summer of 2017 and could not take on any other projects.

CC-170524-MR-0091

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-161123-MR-0040, approving the engagement of the architects and engineers to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the 2016-2017 capital projects and that, upon receipt of the completed drawings, plans and tender specifications, public tenders be called for the services of contractors;

WHEREAS public tenders for the building envelope and electrical work renovation project at Hillcrest Academy were called and subsequently opened on April 24, 2017;

WHEREAS only one contractor submitted a conformable tender, for a total cost of 607 700,00\$, before taxes, (698 703,08\$, all taxes included);

WHEREAS Section 18 of the *Regulation respecting construction contracts of public bodies* states that:

The public body may, however, negotiate the price submitted and the price stipulated in the contract may be less than the price submitted if

- (1) at the end of the tendering process, only one contractor submitted a compliant tender;
- (2) the contractor agreed to a new price; and
- (3) it is the only change made to the conditions set out in the tender documents or to the tender in the course of the negotiation.

WHEREAS negotiations took place with the contractor and he agreed to a new price, for a total cost of 553 333,00\$, before taxes, (636 194,62\$, all taxes included);

Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis 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 building envelope and electrical work renovation project at Hillcrest Academy to **Banexco Inc.**, for a total cost 553 333,00\$, before taxes, (636 194,62\$, all taxes included);

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

Carried unanimously

6.4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

6.4.1 GRICS Annual Invoice 2017-2018:

The Chair noted that this was discussed at Corporate Committee and that the costs being presented this evening are a simulation of the final invoice to be received in July. Some leeway was added in case the simulation is not accurate.

CC-170524-IT-0092

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board uses GRICS (Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires) software for the management of its administrative and pedagogical information systems;

WHEREAS GRICS invoices the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on an annual basis for those software licenses and related support services;

WHEREAS the estimated amount of the 2017-2018 GRICS invoice is 401 993.00\$ before taxes;

Commissioner Paolo Galati MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Information Technology, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the payment of the invoice from GRICS (Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires) for 2017-2018 for an amount not exceeding 401 993.00\$ before taxes (462 191.45\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the Director General or, in his absence, the Assistant Director General be authorized to pay the final invoice to be received in the month of July 2017;

FURTHER THAT should the invoice exceed the estimated amount the Director General or, in his absence, the Assistant Director General be authorized to pay an additional 10% of the estimated amount.

Carried unanimously

6.5 ADULT EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL TRAINING

6.5.1 Request to MEES for Vocational Training Programs:

The Chair explained that this was discussed at length at the last Corporate Committee.

In response to a question from Commissioner Emilio Miglozzi, the Director General advised that arboriculture-élagage is tree engineering, ex. pruning, forest maintenance, etc.

CC-170524-AE-0093

WHEREAS regional partnerships are encouraged by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) to facilitate the organization of Vocational Training services;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is disadvantaged in its Vocational Training program options;

WHEREAS English and French school boards are willing to work collaboratively to improve the Vocational Training offer and to maximize investments;

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

WHEREAS Vocational Training is a priority for Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to support increased accessibility to programs for students in our territory;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board entered into ententes with other school boards to improve the variety of vocational training options due to the lack of options granted to the school board by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES);

WHEREAS the English Language Vocational Educational Council (ELVEC) mandated the Provincial Organization of Continuing Education Directors, English (PROCEDE) to develop a five-year Strategic Plan for Vocational Training in the English community;

WHEREAS the PROCEDE and ELVEC tables have endorsed the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's request for authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES);

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to offer "Arboriculture-élagage", "Pose de revêtements de toiture" and "Secretarial Studies - Medical" in English;

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) for the following programs:

- DVS 5079 Arboriculture-élagage (in English)
- DVS 5032 Pose de revêtements de toiture (in English)
- AVS 5727 Secretarial Studies - Medical

Carried unanimously

6.6	QESBA
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6.6.1 Nominations to QESBA – Position of President:

The Chair asked that this item be tabled to the June 28, 2017 meeting.

6.6.2 Nomination – QESBA 12-Year Award:

The Chair advised that there were no nominees for the QESBA 12-Year Award.

6.6.3 Nomination of QESBA Award of Merit:

The Chair asked that this item be tabled to the June 28, 2017 meeting.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 *SWL Foundation:*

Commissioners Ailsa Pehi and Paolo Galati provided an update on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation noting:

- The Lobster Gala is scheduled for June 8, 2017 and there are still tickets available for \$175;
- The monies raised at the Lobster Gala will be used to purchase sensory equipment for the schools;
- The Laurier Gala & Starfest will take place on May 31, 2017 at Château Royal and Commissioners are asked to arrive for 5:45 p.m. for the red carpet portion of the evening;
- Special thanks to principals Nadia Anwar, Josée Côté and Aimee Parsons for their participation in the Starfest portion of the evening.

7.2 *Parent Commissioners Report:*

Parent Commissioner Bob Pellerin provided an update on the May meeting of the Parents Committee noting:

- Special guest, Dr. Alyssa Sklar provided a very informative presentation entitled *Smartphones, Sexting, Social Media: Practical Strategies for Parents*, which looks at the world of parents versus kids. The presentation looked at:
 - The sneaky ways in which kids get around parents;
 - The fact that most parents are late comers to the tech world while the kids have been born into it so it is a part of them;
 - Strategies on how to address certain issues;
- There have been concerns expressed by some Governing Boards concerning students travelling to or through the United States and being turned back at the border or on a layover, if flying;
- It has been suggested that field trips be planned within Canada, as it has as much to offer as the rest of the world;
- Questions were raised as to how exams are corrected with respect to coded students who may require more time to complete them.

The Chair noted that if any of the schools with strategies that work for coded students when writing exams, the Council would be interested in hearing from them.

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

In response to questions and concerns expressed by Lisa Chartier, Governing Board chair for Laval Senior Academy, the Chair advised that there was an oversight in the assignment and transfer process and that her comments are duly noted and appreciated. The selection process will take place for principal and vice-principal positions, that will be vacant as do July 1, 2017, by end of the school year. Change is always a challenge because it can be perceived as positive or negative. To her knowledge, the school board has not received any negative feedback concerning the changes to the in-school administration for 2017-2018.

She noted that all schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board are considered as flagship, no matter the location or the clientele. Each school or centre deserves the same level of support for success.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Chair drew the Council's attention to the items contained in the package.

10.0 VARIA:

There was no varia

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:47 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ June 28, 2017

