

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON JUNE 29, 2016

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, June 29, 2016 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Present: Jennifer Maccarone, Chair; Commissioner Dean Dugas, Vice-Chair; Commissioners Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Vicky Kaliotzakis, Peter MacLaurin, Anne McMullon, Emilio Migliozi, Ailsa Pehi and Parent Commissioners Pamala Cripton and Angela Martorana; and Frédéric Greschner, Interim Director General.

Also present were: René Brisson, Assistant Director General; Gaëlle Absolonne, Interim Assistant Director General; Johanne Brabant, Secretary General; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Richard Blondin, Director of Financial Resources; Jérôme Dionne, Director of Material Resources; Richard Greschner, Director of Human Resources; Tina Korb, Director of Educational Services; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Commissioner Paolo Galati and Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco.

The Chair opened the meeting.

TIME: 19:30 hours

0.0 RECOGNITION:

The Interim Director General noted that the school board is always very proud to highlight the efforts of its exceptional employees and this evening three people would be recognized.

He went on to welcome and congratulate Shabir Jaffer, Caretaker at Rosemere High School; Mohamad Youssef, Maintenance Worker at Twin Oaks Elementary School; and Sébastien Clermont, Caretaker at Phoenix Alternative, for going above and beyond their assigned duties in order to support the students and the school administration.

The Chair and Director General congratulated Mr. Jaffer, Mr. Youssef and M. Clermont and presented each of them with a Certificate of Recognition.

The Chair called the meeting to order.

TIME: 19:34 hours

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following addition to the agenda was proposed:

7.0 Information Items:

7.5 Update on Multi Service Centre.....INFO

CC-160629-CA-0125

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended in document #SWLSB-2016/06/29-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**CC-160629-CA-0126**

Commissioner Dean Dugas MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2016-05-25 having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously

CC-160629-CA-0127

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2016-06-08 having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Robert Dixon, Dean Dugas, Guy Gagnon, Vicky Kaliozakis, Anne McMullon, Emilio Migliozi
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Peter MacLaurin, Anne McMullon, Ailsa Pehi

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions

4.0 REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR & DG**4.1 Chair Report:**

The Chair commented on her monthly report contained in the meeting package. She highlighted the concerns caused by the recent problems with the written component of the History exam noting that the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) will be announcing how the problem will be rectified.

She continued advising the Council that the MEES has tabled Bill 105 in the National Assembly. The Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) is evaluating the document to see how it will impact the English community.

In closing, she informed the Council that Gaëlle Absolonne, Director of School Organization & Transportation and Interim Assistant Director General, and René Brisson, Assistant Director General; would be leaving the school board having accepted positions at Commission scolaire de Laval and Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord, respectively. She expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Council, to both of them for all of their leadership and wished them well in their new endeavours.

4.2 Interim Director General's Report:

The Interim Director General commented on his monthly report highlighting school activities, the upcoming budget and on the movement of personnel.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 *Nomination – Director General:*

The Chair expressed, on behalf of the Council, appreciation to the Interim Director General for taking the leadership role while the process for the recruitment and hiring of a new Director General was concluded.

The Interim Director General thanked the Chair and Council for their trust, support and for the opportunity to take on the role. He also expressed his appreciation to all the members of the Management team for its unwavering support.

CC-160629-CA-0128

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (hereinafter the “Council”) adopted resolution CC-121024-CA-0035 approving Policy #2012-CA-21 – Policy for the recruitment and hiring of a Director General and an Assistant Director General (hereinafter the “Policy”);

WHEREAS the objectives set out in the Policy have been attained, namely:

- Clear and precise criteria for the post have been established;
- Process was transparent and impartial;
- Process was efficient, effective and respectful of stakeholders;
- Confidentiality was respected throughout the process.

WHEREAS the Council adopted resolution CC-160203-CA-0059 commencing the process of hiring and selected to carry out part of the process independently and engage external support for the recruitment and hiring of a Director General in accordance with the Policy, 4.1.1;

WHEREAS the Council adopted resolution CC160203-CA-0061 naming a Selection Committee for the hiring of a Director General in accordance with the Policy, 4.2.1;

WHEREAS the Council adopted resolution CC-160224-CA-0068 approving the criteria, the posting methods and the duration of the posting in accordance with the Policy, 4.1.2, 4.3.2, 4.1.3;

WHEREAS the Council adopted resolution CC-160224-CA-0069 engaging external support, defining their mandate and establishing the budget in accordance with the Policy, 4.1.1;

WHEREAS due process was followed, in conformity with the Policy, notably, the Selection Committee met on several occasions, carried out part of the process independently and was supported by a Human Resources Consulting firm and benefitted from additional expertise;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee, as per section 4.2.5.5 of the Policy, must provide a recommendation to the Council;

WHEREAS the members of the Selection Committee were unanimous in its recommendation for the position of Director General;

WHEREAS the Council was consulted on the offer of employment to engage a new Director General in accordance with the Policy, 4.7.1;

WHEREAS the offer of employment was accepted by the candidate;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Paul Lamoureux** to the position of Director General of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board effective August 22, 2016;

AND THAT the Chair of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be authorized to sign all documentation relating to the offer of employment.

Carried unanimously

The Chair noted that, unfortunately, Mr. Lamoureux could not be present this evening and will address the Council via Skype.

Paul Lamoureux, the in-coming Director General, entered the meeting. **TIME: 20:05 hours**

Mr. Lamoureux expressed his gratitude to the Council and he is looking forward to the new challenges, meeting everyone and achieving success.

He further noted that:

- all achievements need to be articulated through a vision for students to reach their potential;
- a school board needs to:
 - be the advocate of students;
 - to build strong community relationships
 - have a collaborative approach;
 - be transparent; and
 - have integrity, respect and transparency in order to achieve success.

Mr. Lamoureux excused himself for the evening. **TIME: 20:15 hours**

5.2 By-Law: Day, Time & Place of Council Meetings 2016-2017:

CC-160629-CA-0129

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-160427-CA-0087, authorizing for consultation by-law #BL2000-CA-05: Day, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the consultation process for by-laws, as per section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), was adhered to and a public notice published in the 2015-08-15 edition of the Courrier Laval;

WHEREAS no comments were received;

Commissioner Vicky Kalitziakis MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve by-law #BL2000-CA-05: Day, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT this by-law becomes effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

Carried unanimously

5.3 *By-Law: Day, Time & Place of Executive Committee Meetings 2016-2017:*

CC-160629-CA-0130

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-160427-CA-0088, authorizing for consultation by-law #BL2008-CA-15: Day, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the consultation process for by-laws, as per section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), was adhered to and a public notice published in the 2015-08-15 edition of the Courrier Laval;

WHEREAS no comments were received;

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve by-law #BL2008-CA-15: Day, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT this by-law becomes effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

Carried unanimously

5.4 *Composition of Governing Board – Laval Junior Academy:*

The Chair noted that with the creation of one junior and one senior high school in Laval the composition of the Governing Board for the junior school needed to be modified and the following is the result of a consultation that expired on 2016-06-06.

CC-160629-CA-0131

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-160427-CA-0079, authorizing for consultation modifications to resolution #990616-CA-0302, Composition of Governing Boards, in order to accommodate the new reality for Laval Junior Academy;

WHEREAS the consultation period expired on 2016-06-06 and feedback received was taken into consideration;

Parent Commissioner Angela Martorana MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modifications to resolution #990616-CA-0302, as follows:

- Elementary School without child care service:
Alternative Schools *:

No. of Students	Less than 150	151+
Parents:	4	6
Teachers:	2	4
Non-Teaching Professional:	1	1
Support Staff:	1	1
Community (non-voting)	2	2
Students: (Phoenix Alternative Only)(Secondary cycle 1 students are non-voting members)	2	
TOTAL	12	14

3. Cycle One only Secondary School:
Cycle Two only Secondary School:

No. of Students	Less than 250	251+
Parents:	4	8
Teachers:	2	6
Non-Teaching Professional:	1	1
Support Staff:	1	1
Community (non-voting):	2	2
Secondary Students: (Secondary cycle II are voting members)*	2	2
TOTAL	12	20

Carried unanimously

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.1 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1.1 Report of the Student Ombudsman:

Commissioner Dean Dugas MOVED THAT the Council go "in camera".

TIME 20:22 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 20:34 hours

CC-160629-CA-0132

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

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

WHEREAS the parent of "Student A" complained to the Student Ombudsman, such complaint being received in writing on June 23, 2015;

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

Commissioner Dean Dugas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board receive and accept the report of the Student Ombudsman regarding the complaint of parent of "Student A".

AND THAT, after having reviewed this opinion considers the recommendations contained therein.

Carried unanimously

6.2 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

6.2.1 2016-2017 Budget & Tax Rate:

The Director of Financial Resources informed the Council that the 2016-2017 budget is balanced but it must be noted that it was built using the consultation version of the budget parameters. The budget will be validated once the official parameters are received. He went on to review various aspects of the budget and how they impact the school board.

WHEREAS in accordance with the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.1), the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must adopt and submit to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur its operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2016-2017 school year;

WHEREAS the budget is balanced for the 2016-2017 school year;

WHEREAS the standardized assessment included in the real estate tax base which was used to establish the equalization payment is in the amount of 9,732,642,051\$ in conformity with the law, the draft Regulation on the Maximum Taxation Envelope, and the 2016-2017 consultative budgetary parameters;

WHEREAS this budget establishes the tax rate for the 2016-2017 school year at 0.33992\$ per 100\$ of standardized assessment;

WHEREAS this rate respects the limits permitted by law;

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners adopt the operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2016-2017 school year, subject to the authorization of the Minister, in accordance with section 279 of the Education Act

AND THAT it be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur.

AND THAT the tax rate be established at 0.33992\$ per 100\$ of standardized assessment.

FURTHER THAT the Council of Commissioners mandate the Director General to re-submit a budget with modifications, if required, when all budgetary terms and conditions have been adopted by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur.

Commissioner Guy Gagnon proposed that the resolution be amended to recognize that the tax rate for the 2016-2017 school year had been decreased.

The Council entered into discussion and the Director of Financial Resources answered questions and concerns as follows:

- the school board has lost over 1,000 taxpayers;
- the tax rate is not the choice of the school board given that the MEES advises of the maximum the school board must collect. There is a formula that is used to determine the tax rate;
- the previous Council had imposed a different tax rate for each municipality but now there is only one rate.

The Chair noted that a meeting is scheduled with the Ministre next week to discuss a harmonized tax rate by region.

CC-160629-FR-0133

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the following be added at the end of the 4th WHEREAS "...a decrease of 0.00119\$ from the 2015-2016 rate of 0.34111\$";

THIS MOTION WAS TIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Dean Dugas, Guy Gagnon, Anne McMullon, Ailsa Pehi
Commissioners voting NAY:	Robert Dixon, Vicky Kaliozakis, Peter MacLaurin, Emilio Migliozi

CASTING VOTE:

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Dean Dugas, Guy Gagnon, Jennifer Maccarone, Anne McMullon, Ailsa Pehi
Commissioners voting NAY:	Robert Dixon, Vicky Kaliozakis, Peter MacLaurin, Emilio Migliozi

CC-160629-FR-0134

WHEREAS in accordance with the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.1), the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must adopt and submit to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur its operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2016-2017 school year;

WHEREAS the budget is balanced for the 2016-2017 school year;

WHEREAS the standardized assessment included in the real estate tax base which was used to establish the equalization payment is in the amount of 9,732,642,051\$ in conformity with the law, the draft Regulation on the Maximum Taxation Envelope, and the 2016-2017 consultative budgetary parameters;

WHEREAS this budget establishes the tax rate for the 2016-2017 school year at 0.33992\$ per 100\$ of standardized assessment, a decrease of 0.00119\$ from the 2015-2016 rate of 0.34111\$;

WHEREAS this rate respects the limits permitted by law;

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners adopt the operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2016-2017 school year, subject to the authorization of the Minister, in accordance with section 279 of the Education Act

AND THAT it be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur.

AND THAT the tax rate be established at 0.33992\$ per 100\$ of standardized assessment.

FURTHER THAT the Council of Commissioners mandate the Director General to re-submit a budget with modifications, if required, when all budgetary terms and conditions have been adopted by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Dean Dugas, Guy Gagnon, Vicky Kaliozakis, Anne McMullon, Emilio Migliozi, Ailsa Pehi
Commissioners voting NAY:	Robert Dixon, Peter MacLaurin

6.3 MATERIAL RESOURCES**6.3.1 Capital Projects 2016-2017:**

The Director of Material Resources reviewed the 2016-2017 capital projects noting that the list may be revised once the official budget parameters are received.

CC-160629-MR-0135

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to satisfy priority needs in its schools;

WHEREAS the schools have expressed their needs;

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources has reviewed the requests and classified them in order of board-wide priorities;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2016-2017 capital priorities, for its schools and centres for a total amount of 6 363 770,00\$ as per Document #SWLSB-2016/06/29-MR-001.

AMT (Building upgrading and transformation)	1 663 813\$
MAO (Material, equipment & tools)	545 766\$
MEASURE 30850 (Improvement of handicap accessibility) "Amélioration de l'accessibilité des immeubles aux personnes handicapées" (MEES)	156 364\$
MEASURES 50621 & 50622 (Repair, maintenance and renovation of buildings) "Maintien des bâtiments" (MEES)	3 997 827\$
TOTAL	6 363 770\$

Carried unanimously

6.3.2 *Nomination – Selection Committee Secretary:*

The Director of Material Resources advised that this position is renewed every two years and that a derogation is required so that the Selection Committee Secretary does not have to be someone who holds a management position.

CC-160629-MR-0136

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-141210-MR-0099 naming the Material Resources Department Administrative Technician as selection committee secretary, effective 2014-12-11 to 2016-06-30;

WHEREAS Section 4 of the *Directive concernant la gestion des contrats d'approvisionnement, de services et de travaux de construction des organismes publics* mandates that a selection committee secretary be named, by the head of the public body, to promote consistency of the assessment of the quality of submissions concerning the awarding of supply, services or construction contracts;

WHEREAS Article 8.3 stipulates that the selection committee secretary must be a permanent employee holding a management or professional position in order to act on behalf of the public body;

WHEREAS Article 10 allows for derogation from application of Article 8.3 if deemed necessary;

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the Material Resources Department Administrative Technician as Selection Committee Secretary, effective 2016-07-01 to 2018-06-30.

Carried unanimously

6.3.3 Lease – CDC St-Eustache:

The Director of Material Resources noted that the lease for CDC St-Eustache needs to be renewed for 2016-2017 in order to ensure that the Carpentry Program has a place to operate while the Multi Service Centre is completed. An additional year, 2017-2018, may be required given that the school board must return the building to its original state when the lease concludes.

CC-160629-MR-0137

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-110518-MR-0089 approving a five-year lease agreement, from 2011-07-01 to 2016-06-30, with a renewal option, for the rental of space at 670 boul. Industriel, St-Eustache, QC, to offer a Carpentry Vocational Training program;

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 for the promotion of Vocational Training in the Laurentian region in partnership with la Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-160427-MR-0081, stating that the initial scope of the project has been extended to include Vocational Training Program 5819 –Carpentry;

WHEREAS the delivery of the new Multi Service Centre building is scheduled for August 2017;

WHEREAS time is required to fulfill our tenant's obligations towards the renter;

Parent Commissioner Pamala Crompton MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the extension of the lease agreement with 8062617 Canada Inc. Tritex, from 2016-07-01 to 2017-06-30, with a possibility of a longer term without exceeding two years (2016-07-01 to 2018-06-30).

AND THAT for the 2016-2017 school year a lease payment of 298 216,20\$ before taxes, (342 874,08\$ all taxes included) be approved.

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 lease.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Emilio Migliozi left the meeting.

TIME: 21:11 hours

The Assistant Director General left the meeting.

TIME: 21:12 hours

6.3.4 Engagement of Service Provider – Garbage & Recycling:

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that there were negotiations with various cities within the school board territory to have the garbage and recycling collected at the various schools. This will save the school board approximately 25,000\$ annually.

Commissioner Migliozi and the Assistant Director General returned to the meeting. TIME: 21:14 hours

In response to questions, the Director of Material Resources noted that lot #1 in the tender was for schools with garbage collection but no recycling pick-up and lot #2 is for schools with both services.

CC-160629-MR-0138

WHEREAS the garbage and recycling collection contract of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's schools and centres expires on 2016-06-30;

WHEREAS public tenders in two lots were called and subsequently opened on 2016-06-20;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified by the Material Resources Department;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier school Board engage **RCI Environnement, Division de WM Québec Inc.** as the service provider to conduct collection service for the two lots (lot 1: garbage only & lot 2: garbage and recycling) for the 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years for a total cost of 164,131.08\$, before taxes (188,709.72\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the annual cost be as follows:

- 2016-2017 : 54,710.36\$, before taxes (62 903,24\$, all taxes included)
- 2017-2018 : 54,710.36\$, before taxes (62 903,24\$, all taxes included)
- 2018-2019 : 54,710.36\$, before taxes (62 903,24\$, all taxes included)

Carried unanimously

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 *Private Member's Bill C-241 An Act to Amend the Excise Tax Act:*

The Chair commented on Bill C-241 noting that being able to get back the monies paid in GST would be greatly appreciated.

Commissioner Guy Gagnon encouraged everyone to sign the on-line petition to support this Bill.

CC-160629-CA-0139

WHEREAS Kevin Waugh, Member of the Parliament of Canada representing Saskatoon-Grasswood, has introduced a Private Member's Bill C-241, An Act to Amend the Excise Tax Act (hereinafter known as Bill C-241);

WHEREAS Bill C-241, if adopted into law, would return 100% of the Goods and Service Tax (GST) charged to school authorities in Canada, providing a much needed financial boost to the youth sector to help offset the ever increasing cost of education;

WHEREAS the Liberal Government has signaled that it will defeat Bill C-241, in the absence of any consideration in its 2016 budget for youth sector education;

WHEREAS Mr. Waugh is asking for support of Bill C-241 from school boards throughout Canada by encouraging them to write to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Finance Minister and Members of Parliament representing the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière regions asking them to support this fair, common sense Bill;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board support Bill C-241, An Act to Amend the Excise Tax Act.

AND THAT the Chair be mandated to write to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Finance Minister and Members of Parliament representing the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière regions advising them of the position of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

7.2 SWL Foundation:

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi, a member of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation, provided an update on recent activities noting:

- the Laurier Gala & Star Fest was a great success with 215 students honoured and 13 student acts providing entertainment;
- 330 tickets were sold for the Lobster Gala, 28,000\$ was raised and the lottery draw was completed;
- Citizenship bursaries were given out at the various end of year ceremonies in the schools;
- the Foundation is looking at different avenues for fundraising.

7.3 Parent Commissioners Report:

Parent Commissioner Angela Martorana drew the Council's attention to the Parent Commissioners report in the meeting package.

Parent Commissioner Pamala Cripton thanked Complementary Services for doing an e-push on behalf of SEAC to recruit new members. The e-push was successful and 2016-2017 will begin with all of the delegate and alternate positions filled.

The Chair expressed appreciation, on behalf of the school board, for all of Ms. Cripton's dedication and contributions to the SEAC and school communities.

7.4 Report of QESBA:

This was covered under item 4.1.

7.5 Multi Service Centre:

In response to a question from Commissioner Robert Dixon, the Interim Director General advised that he would verify how student places will be guaranteed in the cohorts for English students and report back.

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

In response to a question from Lucas Galand, a student at Laval Senior Academy, the Chair noted that the issue with the recent History exam is a concern for the school board and for QESBA and that, in her capacity of President of QESBA, several options on how to rectify the situation have been proposed to the Ministre. When a decision is made by the Ministre it will be shared with everyone through the school board's media links.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

10.0 VARIA:

There was no varia

The Chair wished everyone a good summer and a relaxing vacation.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Peter Maclaurin MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:27 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ 2016-09-28

Johanne Brabant, Secretary General

Jennifer Maccarone, Chair