

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 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, September 27, 2017 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Present: Jennifer Maccarone, Chair; Commissioners Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Paolo Galati, Peter MacLaurin, Anne McMullon, Emilio Migliozi, Ailsa Pehi; Parent Commissioners Sergio Di Marco and Stéphane Henley; and Paul Lamoureux, Director General.

Also present were: Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Stephanie Krenn, Director of Corporate Affairs & Secretary General; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Florence Delorme, Director of Schools & School Organization; Jérôme Dionne, Director of Material Resources & Transportation; Richard Greschner, Director of Human Resources; Geoff Hips, Director of Pedagogical Services and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

Absent: Commissioner Dean Dugas, Vice-Chair; Vicky Kalitziakis and Parent Commissioner Bob Pellerin

The Chair opened the meeting.

TIME: 19:32 hours

**0.0 PRESENTATION & RECOGNITION:****0.1 *Unveiling of Wall Mural:***

The Chair welcomed students and parents to the unveiling of the 2017-2018 wall mural noting that there were 1,000 drawings received for the calendar contest of which 39 were selected for the wall mural and 12 of the 39 were finalists for the wall calendar. She noted that it was a great pleasure to be able to honour all the students involved in creating this lovely piece of work and thanked all of the students who took the time to submit a drawing to the contest. Having the mural displayed in this building helps to remind everyone of the wonderful students and communities the school board represents.

The Chair and the Director General called each student forward and then the wall mural was unveiled.

The Chair called the meeting to order.

TIME: 19:48 hours

**1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

The following additions and corrections to the agenda were proposed:

**6.4 *Material Resources & Transportation:***

6.4.9 *Engagement of Contractor – Franklin Hill ES Enlargement Project.....RES*

**CC-170927-CA-0004**

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended in document #SWLSB-2017/09/27-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:****CC-170927-CA-0005**

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on June 28, 2017, received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners & Parent Commissioners voting YEA:	Sergio Di Marco, Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Peter MacLaurin, Jennifer Maccarone, Anne McMullon
Commissioners & Parent Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Emilio Migliozi, Ailsa Pehi, Stéphane Henley

**CC-170927-CA-0006**

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on August 21, 2017, received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners & Parent Commissioners voting YEA:	Sergio Di Marco, Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Peter MacLaurin, Jennifer Maccarone, Anne McMullon, Emilio Migliozi, Ailsa Pehi
Commissioners & Parent Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Stéphane Henley

**CC-170927-CA-0007**

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 September 1, 2017, received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

**Carried unanimously**

**3.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

In response to questions from Chris Eustace, a concerned citizen, regarding the value of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), the Chairperson noted that she respects his perspective and hopes that in return he respects hers and that of this Council. She thanked him for the opportunity to speak of the value of the QESBA, and expressed her unequivocal support and belief in their work, their mandate, and their successes. The Chairperson explained that similarly to Administrators, Director Generals, Professionals, and Teachers like Mr. Eustace, the QESBA represents member interests and the positions of the community at local, provincial, federal, and in some cases North American tables. The voice of English public education, the QESBA supports and works to ensure the future English public education, lobbies for English-speaking community minority rights, and is a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. QESBA has ensured the Constitution is respected, that Official Languages Act recognizes our school boards, and has built many partnerships at all levels of government.

As its current President, every single day is a learning experience and a chance to change the mind of those who think differently.

She went on to ask Mr. Eustace to please email his questions to her regarding the QESBA to the Provincial Association, as this evening she is in her position as of Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

She further noted that when the Council approves the payment of its annual membership fees to the QESBA, it is democratically voicing its support via its vote, so a polling of support does indeed occur on an annual basis.

## 4.0 REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR & DG

### 4.1 Chair's Report:

The Chair welcomed everyone back and proceeded with her monthly report noting:

- The school board:
  - Ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the province with a graduation rate of 84%;
  - Has a 94% rate for the integration of special needs students;
  - Has the lowest operating cost, 4%, of any level of government;
- Enrollment is currently stable as attestation day, September 29, approaches;
- As Chair of QESBA, she met with the Premier of Québec, Philippe Couillard; and Sébastien Proulx, Ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur, whereby the following was discussed:
  - The upcoming school board elections were addressed but no discussion concerning potential conflicts with the 2018 provincial elections and the 2019 the federal elections. While no decision has been announced concerning the November 4, 2018 school elections, it is assumed that an extension to the current term of Council or a change in the date of the election is being considered;
  - School taxation was also a topic and the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) is looking for a solution for the inequity between the English and French school boards for the 2018-2019 school year;
- Terry Fox Elementary School was selected this year as the location for the launch of the 2017-2018 campaign promoting the safety of students in school zones. The school also has had the honour of having one of its crossing guards named as the best crossing guard in Canada. The theme of 2017-2018 Bus Safety Campaign is *Faites-moi de la place*;
- QESBA presented on Bill 144: An Act to amend the Education Act and other legislative provisions, on behalf of all English school boards, at a Parliamentary Commission. The QESBA's brief was well received;
- The first meeting of the First Nations, Métis & Inuit Committee was held and Fred Kelley, former Chief of his community and Grand Chief of the Anishinaabe Nation; and Morgan Kahentonni Phillips, a member of the Kahnawake community, were in attendance, as well as Commissioners Guy Gagnon and Ailsa Pehi, Dan Hedges, Pedagogical Consultant, and herself. It is hoped that at least one call to action can be achieved so that our students can begin learning about the aboriginal communities of the Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière regions;
- Highlighted various school activities, meetings and events attended.

In concluding her report, the Chair stated that at the beginning of each meeting, the following will be read in order to acknowledge the land on which the school board holds this gathering:

*"We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Kanien'keha:ka or Mohawk nation. The Mohawk Nation is also known as the "Eastern Door Keepers" and is a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, which also includes the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga and Oneida Peoples.*

*All those who gather here are counted as esteemed stakeholders in our community and most importantly friends."*

In response to a question from Commissioner Emilio Migliozi, the Chair noted that many children from the reservation attend school in the Deux-Montagnes region. There is a vocational school on the Kanasatake reservation in Oka.

#### 4.2 *Director General's Report:*

The Director General advised that the 2017-2018 school year got off to a good start. He extended appreciation to the Principals and their respective staff for making the return to school a positive experience for all.

He continued noting the following:

- New projects:
  - Commitment-to-Success Plan is being developed and will replace the current Strategic Plan and Partnership Agreement;
  - Resource Allocation Committee (RAC), established as per Bill 105, will oversee and manage priorities for financial resources;
  - Pedagogical Services is working with Human Resources towards the implementation of a new teacher framework on supervision and evaluation, a framework that will be expanded to include all employees;
- The MEES has announced that it would like to have all of its buildings to be in satisfactory condition no later than 2030, so it is expected that infrastructure funding will be forthcoming;
- The 2017-2018 school year is the second year of the new History of Quebec and Canada program for secondary III students but the first year for secondary IV therefore, secondary IV students will not be writing a uniform exam in June 2018;
- This school year is the first year for the new Financial Education program at the high school level and for Academic and Career Guidance course for cycle three elementary students;
- The pre-kindergarten program at Joliette Elementary School is open and there are currently ten students registered. The program has a ceiling of 15 students. The authorization of this program was a surprise because the school board was originally told that it would not be considered for the program at this school. It is hoped that for the 2018-2019 school year that this school board will receive additional pre-kindergarten programs but these announcements are only made in July. Pre-kindergarten is a good way to recruit new eligible students;
- The school board hosted a two-week summer program for 70 students and 8 teachers from Hangzhou Middle School in China. They were housed in the dormitory at the Cosmodome and spent half the day in English classes and the other half in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics) . Activities were organized for the students and teachers in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls. The camp was a success and will be held again next summer.

## 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

### 5.1 *Engagement – Capital Projects Coordinator:*

#### CC-170927-HR-0008

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-170125-HR-0050, approving the Organizational Chart for Management for 2017-2018 and creating the position of Coordinator of Capital Projects;

WHEREAS the position was posted and a Selection Committee was held on September 7, 2017;

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners appoint **Denis Pérusse**, to the position of Coordinator of Capital Projects, effective October 16, 2017, in accordance with the Regulation Governing the Working Conditions of Management Staff of School Boards and the Management Policies of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chair introduced Mr. Pérusse, who was present in the audience.

### 5.2 *Engagement – Coordinator of School Organization & Daycare:*

CC-170927-HR-0009

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-170125-HR-0050, approving the Organizational Chart for Management for 2017-2018 and creating the position of Coordinator of School Organization & Daycare;

WHEREAS the position was posted and a Selection Committee was held on September 25, 2017;

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners appoint **Claudia Giuliani**, to the position of Coordinator of School Organization & Daycare, effective September 28, 2017, in accordance with the Regulation Governing the Working Conditions of Management Staff of School Boards and the Management Policies of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

The Chair introduced Ms. Giuliani noting that she is a long-time employee of the school board.

Ms. Giuliani thanked the Council for its vote of confidence.

### 5.3 *Change of Date – October Council Meeting:*

This item was tabled for further discussion.

## 6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

### 6.1 QESBA

#### 6.1.1 *Council Endorsement of QESBA Position on Bill 144:*

The Chair advised that the position paper had been discussed at both Pedagogical and Corporate Committees.

CC-170927-CA-0010

WHEREAS school boards are the guardians responsible for delivering free and quality educational services to all students in the public sector, and we must underline certain questions in the proposed bill specifically as it pertains to students without proper paperwork;

WHEREAS many parents register their children after September 30<sup>th</sup>, attestation day;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) believes the Education Act should guarantee the rights of each child to free education regardless of residence or the situation of the parental authority;

WHEREAS the SWLSB believes free education should not be refused to any child regardless of their situation;

WHEREAS the SWLSB believes all financial allocations regarding student enrolment should be made retroactive to ensure free education for all students at the start of the school year;

WHEREAS the SWLSB is proud of our homeschooling support, partnerships, and community participation that ensure homeschooled students have the best possible education and experience;

WHEREAS our homeschool parents are willing and cooperative participants in education and the SWLSB does not oppose the choice of parents to propose a different learning path to their children by way of homeschooling;

WHEREAS the SWLSB provides homeschooling in support of the orthodox Tosh community;

WHEREAS the SWLSB believes school boards should enter into homeschooling contracts with homeschooling parents and be afforded the professional leeway, by way of mandatory evaluation or other means as deemed required or needed to ensure student success;

WHEREAS the SWLSB believes the Ministry must recognize that when non-mainstream communities endeavor to enter into homeschooling contracts with public boards, some reasonable accommodations may be required, exemptions and special considerations;

WHEREAS the SWLSB believes that support and a mandate must be provided to school boards to acquire homeschooled student evaluations;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board endorse the presentation and position of Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) regarding Bill 144;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the QESBA.

Carried unanimously

### *6.1.2 Copyright:*

CC-170927-CA-0011

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) must ensure its educators have access to a wide variety of learning resources and educational opportunities to ensure the broadest learning opportunities, including digital materials, online platforms, and internet-based materials;

WHEREAS the SWLSB supports teachers by ensuring they know their rights and responsibilities with respect to copyright, including fair dealing, which have been granted to educators by the Supreme Court of Canada;

WHEREAS Fair Dealing allows SWLSB employees and educators to share small amounts of copyright protected works with their students without paying the copyright holder;

WHEREAS Fair Dealing permits educators to expose students to a wide variety of information from multiple sources, including allowing teachers to tailor material to reflect local issues, the most current global issues, and other specific classroom requirements;

WHEREAS in Québec, Fair Dealing provides necessary access to English materials to supplement what is provided in French or not translated;

WHEREAS the SWLSB is aware the publishing industry has hired lobbyists to influence government opinion and public opinion, suggesting that the Fair Dealing Guidelines are directly resulting in financial losses, and that the Fair Dealing Guidelines were instituted in early 2013, following the ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada that allowed for the copying of short excerpts by teachers;

WHEREAS prior to 2013, school boards, or their Ministries, had been paying a Copyright Board certified tariff, and testimony in the above-mentioned Supreme Court hearing demonstrated that the publishing industry had been facing financial challenges in the years prior to the establishment of the Fair Dealing Guidelines, and that current financial challenges reflect many other factors including the industry's inability to develop business models that have adjusted effectively to new digital learning developments;

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board strongly support the Copyright Act, including the 2012 education amendments;

AND THAT the SWLSB opposes any Copyright Act amendment that would eliminate educational rights established by the Supreme Court;

AND THAT the SWLSB believes that an erosion of these rights would have a significant impact on the ability of our employees and educators to provide students with broad and comprehensive classroom resources, both digitally and in print;

FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada and all Federal Members of Parliament representing the Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière regions.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chair thanked everyone for supporting the resolution on the Copyright Act.

### **6.1.3 Federal Bill C-45 – Cannabis Act:**

The Chair advised that Federal Bill C-45: Cannabis Act will make this substance more readily available to the public and, in order to ensure the safety of the students of Québec, associations representing education, English and French, are signing a "Deposition from educational partners concerning the framework of cannabis in schools" with names and logos.

In response to questions from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Chair advised that the MEES has embarked on an awareness campaign, along the lines of what it has done for alcohol, with a pamphlet of talking points for parents and ways to promote a safe and healthy environment. There will be consultation on how cannabis is handled and sold in the community. Cannabis has not yet been legalized, so it is safe to assume that the MEES is working on a strategy for the publication of tools that can be used in the classroom to educate when it is passed into law.

**CC-170927-CA-0012**

WHEREAS the Government of Canada enacted Bill C-45 (referred to as the Cannabis Act) which, upon coming into force, will permit Canadian adults to legally purchase and consume cannabis;

WHEREAS a response to the Cannabis Act entitled "*Déclaration des partenaires de l'éducation concernant des encadrements sur le cannabis en milieu scolaire*" has been prepared detailing the stance that Québec students should grow and mature in a healthy environment that favours their educational success, and as such, a framework must be put in place with regards to cannabis;

WHEREAS all partners of the education system have been asked to unite their efforts and to endorse said declaration;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to make known its endorsement of this declaration;

Commissioner Emilio Migliozi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board endorse the "*Déclaration des partenaires de l'éducation concernant des encadrements sur le cannabis en milieu scolaire*";

AND THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board permit its name and logo to be used on said "*Déclaration*" where warranted;

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

**Carried unanimously**

## **6.2 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

### **6.2.1 Election of Chair & Vice-Chair – Corporate Committee:**

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi nominated Commissioner Guy Gagnon for the position of Chair. Commissioner Gagnon accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

#### **CC-170927-CA-0013**

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi MOVED THAT Commissioner Guy Gagnon be appointed as Chair of the Corporate Committee for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

Commissioner Guy Gagnon nominated Commissioner Ailsa Pehi for the position of Vice-Chair. Commissioner Pehi accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

#### **CC-170927-CA-0014**

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT Commissioner Ailsa Pehi be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Corporate Committee for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.2.2 Election of Chair & Vice-Chair – Pedagogical Committee:**

Commissioner Guy Gagnon nominated Commissioner Anne McMullon for the position of Chair. Commissioner McMullon accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

**CC-170927-CA-0015**

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT Commissioner Anne McMullon be appointed as Chair of the Pedagogical Committee for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

Commissioner Anne McMullon nominated Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis for the position of Vice-Chair. The Chair advised that she had received a letter from Commissioner Kaliozakis expressing her interest in this position and accepted the nomination on her behalf.

There were no other nominations.

**CC-170927-CA-0016**

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Pedagogical Committee for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

***6.2.3 Election of Chair & Vice-Chair – First Nations, Métis & Inuit Committee:***

Commissioner Robert Dixon nominated Commissioner Ailsa Pehi to the position of Chair. Commissioner Pehi accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

**CC-170927-CA-0017**

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT Commissioner Ailsa Pehi be appointed as Chair of the First Nations, Métis & Inuit Committee for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi nominated Commissioner Guy Gagnon to the position of Vice-Chair. Commissioner Gagnon accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

**CC-170927-CA-0018**

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi MOVED THAT Commissioner Guy Gagnon be appointed as Vice-Chair of the First Nations, Métis & Inuit Committee for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chair encouraged everyone to become involved with this new committee.

Commissioner Paolo Galati entered the meeting.

**TIME: 20:41 hours**

#### 6.2.4 *Éducation Internationale:*

CC-170927-CA-0019

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board entered into a membership agreement with Éducation Internationale on July 1, 2013;

WHEREAS the services supplied by Éducation Internationale do not currently meet the needs of the school board;

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board terminate its membership with Éducation Internationale, effective July 1, 2017.

Carried unanimously

### 6.3 MATERIAL RESOURCES & TRANSPORTATION

#### 6.3.1 *Composition of Transportation Advisory Committee:*

The Director of Material Resources & Transportation noted that this committee is established by the Regulation respecting student transportation.

CC-170927-MR-0020

WHEREAS section 188 of the Education Act requires that every school board that provides student transportation establishes an advisory committee on transportation;

WHEREAS the *Regulation respecting student transportation* sets out the structure for the advisory committee on transportation;

WHEREAS there are elements of the structure set out in the *Regulation respecting student transportation* that do not currently apply to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish the composition of its Advisory Committee on Transportation as follows:

- the director general or the assistant director general of the board;
- the person responsible for the student transportation services of the board;
- the principal of a school of the board;
- a representative of the parents' committee of the board;
- 2 school commissioners of the board;
- a representative of each public transit authority whose territory intersects with that of the board;

AND THAT Jennifer Maccarone, Chair of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and Guy Gagnon be named as the Commissioners AND Commissioners Vicky Kalitziakis and Dean Dugas as alternates to the Advisory Committee on Transportation;

FURTHER THAT this resolution replaces any other resolution concerning the composition of the Advisory Committee on Transportation.

Carried unanimously

### 6.3.2 *Jeux du Québec – Use of Premises:*

The Director of Material Resources & Transportation advised that the estimate of \$60,000 in maintenance costs is calculated on the square footage leased to the Jeux du Québec and what it will take to make sure everything is up and running for when the athletes arrive. Caretaking around the clock is up for discussion with the organizers.

*WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-170426-CA-00073 supporting the candidacy of the Ville de Laval as the host city of the Finale des Jeux du Québec to be held in the summer of 2020;*

*WHEREAS the Quebec Summer Games will be held from 2020-07-15 to 2020-07-25, inclusively;*

*WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been approached by the 2020 Québec Summer Games Organization Committee to enter into an agreement for the use of 39 classrooms, the auditorium, gymnasiums, showers, cafeteria and other public areas at Laval Junior Academy and Laval Senior Academy as accommodations for athlete delegations, as well as around-the-clock caretaking services for both buildings, an approximate value of 60 000\$;*

*Commissioner Emilio Migliozi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the use of Laval Junior Academy and of Laval Senior Academy for the 2020 Québec Summer Games from 2020-07-15 to 2020-07-25, inclusively;*

*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 agreement;*

*FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources & Transportation be authorized to take all necessary steps to accommodate the athlete delegations.*

Commissioner Guy Gagnon proposed that the resolution be amended by removing the FURTHER THAT and Commissioner Migliozi accepted the amendment.

#### **CC-170927-MR-0021**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-170426-CA-00073 supporting the candidacy of the Ville de Laval as the host city of the Finale des Jeux du Québec to be held in the summer of 2020;

WHEREAS the Quebec Summer Games will be held from 2020-07-15 to 2020-07-25, inclusively;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been approached by the 2020 Québec Summer Games Organization Committee to enter into an agreement for the use of 39 classrooms, the auditorium, gymnasiums, showers, cafeteria and other public areas at Laval Junior Academy and Laval Senior Academy as accommodations for athlete delegations, as well as *around-the-clock* caretaking services for both buildings, an approximate value of 60 000\$;

Commissioner Emilio Migliozi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the use of Laval Junior Academy and of Laval Senior Academy for the 2020 Québec Summer Games from 2020-07-15 to 2020-07-25, inclusively;

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 agreement.

**Carried unanimously**

### 6.3.3 *Selection Committee – Construction of a Gym at Phoenix:*

Commissioner Guy Gagnon stated that he will support this resolution but, while he is not against this project, he objects to the fact that a commissioner does not have a seat on the Selection Committee.

In response to questions from the Chair, the Director of Material Resources & Transportation noted the following:

- The external member of the Selection Committee could be anyone outside of the school board but the practice is to ask a member of one of the school boards within the Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière regions to do so. This school board reciprocates when invited;
- The time frame of the project will be elaborated once the professionals have been selected and tenders called for a contractor so it is anticipated that the results will be presented at either the November or December meeting of Council. The work will begin in the spring of 2018.

#### CC-170927-MR-0022

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-160928-MR-0014, approving the 2017-2027 Investment Plan;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) has authorized the addition of a gymnasium at Phoenix Alternative High School in the amount of 3 112 798,00\$;

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

WHEREAS elements of this process are the preparation of the tender and the creation of a Selection Committee composed of a secretary and at least three members to review the proposals;

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources & Transportation, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the Selection Committee for the selection of Professionals for the addition of a gymnasium at Phoenix Alternative High School 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 will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

FURTHER THAT, public tenders be called for the services of an architect and consulting engineers to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the addition of a gymnasium project at Phoenix Alternative High School.

Carried unanimously

## 7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

### 7.1 SWL Foundation:

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi provided an update on the first meeting of the 2017-2018 school year of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation noting the following:

- The fundraising plan for the 2017-2018 was discussed;
- A new fundraiser "The Best of the Starfest" will be held over two nights in either October or November and funds would be raised through ticket sales;
- The January Gala will be held on January 25, 2018 at the Embassy Plaza;

- A new partnership and venue for the Lobster Fest are being explored. An update will be provided when more information is known;
- Another plan for 2017-2018 will be expanding the partners of the SWL Foundation. A database of organizations that want to donate will be established and then the plan will be further elaborated.

The Chair noted that it is not often that a foundation can request substantial funding and thanked the Ville de Laval for the invitation to the Fonds du souvenir, a Laval organization that supports the lower income community of Laval. In Laval, 20% of the population live under the poverty line. Projects submitted by John F. Kennedy Elementary School have received funding and its projects will reach out to other schools. Laval Senior Academy is seeking approximately \$75,000 of funding for a Student Literacy Success project, to purchase cafeteria cards for those who come to school without a lunch or money to buy one and to develop a safe space for students who do not have this type of environment outside of the school day. It is hoped that these projects are accepted for funding.

### **7.2 Parent Commissioners Report:**

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco advised that the first meeting of the Parents Committee would be held on October 5, 2017.

### **7.3 QESBA**

A QESBA update was given under item 4.1.

## **8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:**

In response to questions from Chris Eustace, a concerned citizen, the Chair noted that this meeting was not the venue to address issues concerning the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and that any questions in that vein would not be entertained.

On a "point of order", Commissioner Peter MacLaurin requested that a question be asked.

There were no questions directed to the activities of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

## **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: 21:04 hours

**NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ October 25, 2017**

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Stephanie Krenn, Secretary General

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Jennifer Maccarone, Chair