

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2000-04-26

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the Library of Rosemere High School, 530 Northcote, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2000-04-26 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines; Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Mario Gaulin and Pierre Niding, Parent Commissioners; and Dominic Martini, Director General.

Also present were: Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General; Lorraine Archambault, Director of Financial Resources; Laiq Hanafi, Director of Educational Services; Jean-Guy Messier, Director of Information Services; Agostino Santini, Senior Advisor to Management; Michael Stirrup, Director of Human Resources; Raymond Thivierge, Director of Material Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Recording Secretary. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Pierre Garofano, Commissioner.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:32 hours.

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

**3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- 3.1 *School Success – Laurentia Elementary School* .....INFO  
3.2 *16 + Program at Laval Catholic on Global TV*.....INFO

**8.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:**

- 8.3 *Letter from Parent* .....INFO

**11.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

- 11.1 *Board Standing Committees* .....INFO

**12.0 QESBA:**

- 12.2 *QESBA Draft Budget for 2000-2001* .....INFO

**15.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES:**

- 15.3 *Call for Tenders – Laval Catholic H.S. Gymnasia*.....RES

**000426-CA-0197**

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2000/04/26-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

## 2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a verbal notice Carolyn Curiale advised that on page 0336 of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on 2000-03-22, Grace Nesi's return to the meeting should appear at the bottom of page 0334 not at the top of 0336.

James McDougall noted, also on page 0336, that the vote on resolution #000322-ED-0195 should read "Carried unanimously" as he did not abstain.

Edward Turchyniak advised that there was a spelling mistake on page 0334, item 14.2, paragraph 2 in that "one" should be "on".

### 000426-CA-0198

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2000-03-22, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

#### THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA:	Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svotelis
ABST:	Natalie Auclair, Glen Haines, William Pollock, Edward Turchyniak

## 3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised the Council of the passing of Earle Buttle, an active member for many years in the school community most recently at John F. Kennedy Elementary School, Sacred Heart Middle School and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents' Committee. He extended sympathy on behalf of the Council of Commissioners to Mr. Buttle's wife and children.

In response to a suggestion from Steve Kmec on a process for recognizing people who devote themselves selflessly to the school community, the Director General advised that the suggestion would be studied.

The Chairman reminded the Council of the Laurentian Regional High School graduation ceremonies to be held on 2000-05-12 and expressed his hope that many would be free to attend.

In closing, the Chairman advised that a caucus meeting would be held on 2000-05-16 to prepare for the annual review of the performance of the Director General.

### 3.1 *School Success – Laurentia Elementary School:*

Mary Svotelis advised the Council of the recent successes of the Laurentia Elementary School's girls and boys basketball teams. The girls' team, along with the girls' team from Morin Heights Elementary School, will be going to the provincial championships at the end of April. The school is currently trying to raise money to help cover the cost of the trip to the championships and any financial support would be greatly appreciated.

Linda Gagnon entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:44 hours

### **3.2 16 + Program at Laval Catholic on Global TV:**

The Deputy Director General informed the Council that the 16+ Program at Laval Catholic High School, known as IRS (Intelligent Responsible Students), had been featured on Global Television in a story on the small business' run by the program – computer repair, car cleaning and warehousing services.

Pierre Niding entered the meeting.

**TIME: 19 h 48 hours**

A video of the report was played for the Council.

The Chairman extended appreciation to the Deputy Director General for his continued liaison with Global Television.

## **4.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

Maria Olivier, a parent from Laval Catholic High School, presented a letter to the Council (Document #SWLSB-2000/04/26-001) expressing her concern that some classes at the high school level had class averages below 60% and a high failure rate.

In response to Mrs. Olivier's concern the Director General advised that this issue should be raised in each school with the Principal who would be best placed to answer inquiries regarding a particular class. He went on to explain that the board has a policy on the evaluation of learning and that it requires each school to adopt an internal policy on evaluation and that concerns such as hers could be addressed in a timely fashion each term if included in the school's policy.

In response to concerns expressed by Sylvia Christou, a parent, over the 15\$ monthly charge per child for private day care facilities that use space in Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools, the Director General explained that this was presently under study as part of the consultation of the budget parameters since the private day care services should contribute to the financing of the use of the facilities as do the Ministère de l'Éducation sponsored day cares.

In response to a question by Maria De Melo on who will be charged for extra curricular activities, the Director General advised that parents are responsible for absorbing the costs of these activities.

In response to a request from Andrew Kmec, a parent from Laurentia Elementary School, for financial aide for a trip by his school's basketball team to the provincial championships, the Director General noted that although the school board is very proud of the team's achievement it is not possible for the board to provide financial aide as the majority of board's budget is decentralized to the schools. He noted that other teams had participated in championships without board support.

In response to questions from David Modlin concerning comments in the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 2000-02-08 directed at the Parent Commissioners, the Chairman noted that the comments made were made to express a concern.

In response to an additional question from Mr. Modlin on comments made by a Commissioner on the radio show "The Point" concerning the Columbine High School disaster last April, Mr. Fogel noted that he expressed his own opinions and not that of the school board.

## 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

### 5.1 *Laurentia Zoning:*

The Director General advised the Council that the Committee on the Use of School and Other Facilities had met to review the zoning of Saint-Janvier students from Laurentia Elementary School to Laurentian Elementary School and that the committee is recommending that the students be allowed to remain at Laurentia for the 2000-2001 school year. The growth of the Laurentia Elementary School zone will be monitored and reviewed on an annual basis.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a request from Walter Fogel, the Director General agreed to provide registration numbers for Laurentia Elementary School at the 2000-09-27 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

### 000426-ED-0199

WHEREAS the governing board of Laurentia Elementary School has asked for a review of the decision to modify the attendance zone of its school by excluding St-Janvier;

WHEREAS the Committee on the Use of Schools and Facilities has undertaken that review;

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities recommend that the Council of Commissioners accept to delay the transfer of Saint-Janvier from the attendance zone of Laurentia Elementary School to that of Laurentian Elementary School until the 2001-2002 school year.

#### THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Linda Gagnon

Mario Gaulin excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 20:25 hours

Pierre Niding left the meeting.

TIME: 20:25 hours

### 5.2 *Definition of "Fraud":*

There was no discussion.

### 5.3 *Public Address System at Lake of Two Mountains High School:*

The Director General advised that Material Resources has examined the request of the school concerning the public address system and that an alternative form of wireless communications will have to be found as it will be too costly to repair the existing public address system. He noted that the Lake of Two Mountains High School system works within the hallways but not in the classrooms. He also noted that the Material Resources Committee recognized that there were several schools without such a system.

Pierre Niding returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:27 hours

The Council entered into discussion on the public address system focusing on safety and alternative forms of communication.

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### 5.4 *Time Allocations for 2000-2001:*

The Director General reported on his meeting with the Governing Board of Genesis Elementary School to finalize its time allocations for the 2000-2001 school year.

#### 000426-ED-0200

Glen Haines MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the time allocation approved by the Governing Board of the **Genesis Elementary School** for the 2000-2001 school year, as it respects the Basic School Regulations (Régimes pédagogique) and board policy:

#### THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Walter Fogel

The Director General continued by advising the Council that Hillcrest Academy had failed to approve its time allocations for the 2000-2001 school year, therefore, he is recommending time allocations for Hillcrest Academy as contained in document # SWLSB-2000/04/26-ED-002.

The Council entered in to discussion.

James McDougall noted that the issue of time allocations had already been discussed at length at previous meetings and called for a vote.

#### 000426-ED-0201

WHEREAS section 218.2 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) authorizes a school board to substitute its decision when a Governing Board fails or refuses to comply with a regulation of the Government, the Ministre de l'Éducation or the school board;

WHEREAS the Director General was mandated by resolution at the 2000-03-14 meeting of the Executive Committee to determine time allocations for schools that have not done so by 2000-03-25;

WHEREAS the Governing Board of Hillcrest Academy failed to adopt the time allocation for its school;

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the time allocation for **Hillcrest Academy** as determined by the Director General in document # SWLSB-2000/04/26-ED-002.

#### THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas

#### 6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

There was no business.

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#### 7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### **7.1 Draft Budgetary Rules 2000-2001:**

The Director General commented on the draft budgetary rules.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chairman and left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:47 hours**

Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:47 hours**

The Council entered into discussion on the draft budgetary rules and their implications.

Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:51 hours**

The Chairman returned to the meeting and assumed the chair.

**TIME: 20:53 hours**

Carolyn Curiale and Pierre Niding left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:12 hours**

Pierre Niding returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:15 hours**

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:16 hours**

Mary Svotelis and Morten Schrier left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:23 hours**

## **8.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **8.1 Summer Student Program:**

The Director General provided the Council with information on applications submitted by the board to Human Resources Development Canada for summer projects.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, Laiq Hanafi, Director of Educational Services, noted that the board covers under 30% of the total cost of the summer project.

#### **000426-ED-0202**

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Education Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the decision of the Directorate to make application to Human Resources Development Canada for approval of summer work projects under the "Placement carrière-été" program. AND THAT the Director General and the Director of Educational Services be authorized to sign all documents concerning this program.

**Carried unanimously**

### **8.2 Teacher Training Protocol:**

The Director General reviewed the teacher training protocol.

Mary Svotelis returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:26 hours**

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General advised that the number of student teachers who come to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for training varies from year to year.

#### **000426-HR-0203**

WHEREAS Appendix XLVIII (48) of the 1995-1998 Provincial Entente with the teachers calls for a local arrangement concerning the training of new teachers in the four-year Bachelor of Education program;

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Laurier Teachers Union have reached an agreement in principle on the terms of a local arrangement governing the training of new teachers;

WHEREAS the Directorate and Management Advisory Committee have endorsed the provisions of the local arrangement;

WHEREAS both the Educational Services Committee and the Human Resources Committee have studied the draft agreement and recommend its approval;

Mary Svotelis MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the local arrangement on the training of new teachers and authorize the Chairman and the Director General to sign the proposed agreement.

**Carried unanimously**

### **8.3 Letter from Parent:**

In response to concerns expressed by Steve Kmec on the subject of the high failure rate, the Director General noted that he had responded to this concern during question period.

The Council entered into a brief discussion.

Nancy Rupnik left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:28 hours**

Morten Schrier returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:28 hours**

Nancy Rupnik returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:32 hours**

Natalie Auclair left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:34 hours**

## **9.0 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

### **9.1 Public Transportation Agreement 2000-2001:**

The Director General explained the need for the following resolution.

Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:39 hours**

## **000426-TS-0204**

WHEREAS the Société de transport de la Ville de Laval (STL) is providing service to Laval Catholic High School, Sacred Heart Middle School and Western Laval High School for the 1999-2000 school year;

WHEREAS thirteen (13) dedicated buses serve Sacred Heart Middle School and Western Laval High School and five (5) dedicated buses serve Laval Catholic High School;

WHEREAS students not on dedicated buses travel on the regular bus routes in service by the STL;

WHEREAS service supplied by the STL respects the terms outlined in the transportation policy;

WHEREAS the contract with the STL is for four (4) years ending 2003-06-30;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved the four (4) year contract for transportation services provided by the STL beginning in the 1999-2000 school year;

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WHEREAS it is necessary for the Council of Commissioners to approve that the existing transportation services be maintained by the STL for the 2000-2001 school year;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Transportation Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board maintain the existing transportation service provided by the Société de transport de la Ville de Laval (STL) to Laval Catholic High School, Sacred Heart Middle School and Western Laval High School for the 2000-2001 school year.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svoltelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec

## 10.0 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Deputy Director General reported on the first meeting of the Montreal Region Emergency Preparedness Table noting that the emergency plans for each board were discussed.

The Director General left the meeting. **TIME: 21:40 hours**

Nick Milas left the meeting. **TIME: 21:41 hours**

Nick Milas and the Director General returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:46 hours**

## 11.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Pierre Niding reported that the last meeting of the Parents' Committee had been held at Laurentia Elementary School in Saint-Jérôme and that the proposed budgetary parameters were discussed and recommendations made.

### 11.1 Board Standing Committees:

Pierre Niding presented a motion for the Council's consideration to have two (2) parents nominated from the Parents' Committee to sit on selected board committees in order to have adequate parent representation and reviewed the plan of action requested by the Executive Committee.

*Pierre Niding MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve*

① *THAT the Parents' Committee elect two (2) additional parent delegates to participate on the following standing committees of the school board: Educational Services, Emergency Preparedness, Information Technology, Material Resources and Transportation Committee; AND*

② *THAT the parents referred to above respect the same rules of confidentiality governing Parent Commissioners; AND*

③ *THAT only Parent Commissioners be entitled to participate on the following committees: Financial Resources, Human Resources, Use of Schools and Other Facilities; AND*

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④ *THAT Parent Commissioners remain entitled to participate on all board committees; AND*



- ⑤ THAT the parents referred to in ① above be permitted to share the information from the Standing Committees with the Parent Commissioners; AND
- ⑥ THAT the proposal takes effect as soon as it is approved by the Council of Commissioners.

The Council entered into discussion on the Parents' Committee proposal and plan of action.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chairman in order to comment on the proposal.

The Chairman resumed the chair.

**000426-CA-0205**

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the proposed resolution concerning the election of two (2) additional parent delegates from the Parents' Committee to participate on Standing Committees, be amended under item ⑥ to add "until 2000-06-30".

**THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

- YEA:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier
- NAY:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, William Pollock, Edward Turchyniak
- ABST:** Carolyn Curiale, Grace Nesi, Mary Sotelis

Grace Nesi left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:58 hours**

**000426-CA-0206**

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve

- ① THAT the Parents' Committee elect two (2) additional parent delegates to participate on the following standing committees of the school board: Educational Services, Emergency Preparedness, Information Technology, Material Resources and Transportation Committee; AND
- ② THAT the parents referred to above respect the same rules of confidentiality governing Parent Commissioners; AND
- ③ THAT only Parent Commissioners be entitled to participate on the following committees: Financial Resources, Human Resources, Use of Schools and Other Facilities; AND
- ④ THAT Parent Commissioners remain entitled to participate on all board committees; AND
- ⑤ THAT the parents referred to in ① above be permitted to share the information from the Standing Committees with the Parent Commissioners; AND

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- ⑥ THAT the proposal takes effect as soon as it is approved by the Council of Commissioners.

**THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Carolyn Curiale, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis

**NAY:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, William Pollock, Edward Turchyniak

Walter Fogel, Pierre Niding and Edward Turchyniak left the meeting. **TIME: 22:00 hours**

**12.0 QESBA**

**12.1 QESBA Report:**

Carolyn Curiale presented her monthly report on the activities of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

**12.2 QESBA Draft Budget for 2000-2001:**

Mrs. Curiale handed out and reviewed the draft budget for QESBA for 2000-2001 commenting on a service agreement with the Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec.

Grace Nesi returned to the meeting. **TIME: 22:02 hours**

Nazario Facchino and Pierre Niding left the meeting. **TIME: 22:03 hours**

Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting. **TIME: 22:03 hours**

Walter Fogel and Pierre Niding returned to the meeting. **TIME: 22:05 hours**

Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting. **TIME: 22:06 hours**

In response to a question from Steve Kmec on whether the QESBA was expecting an increase in expenditures for the 2000-2001 year, Mrs. Curiale noted that the amount budgeted for expenses in 2000-2001 was the same as 1999-2000.

Steve Kmec left the meeting. **TIME: 22:09 hours**

**13.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**13.1 Call for Tender – Computers:**

The Director General explained the call for tender noting that a 1:10 ratio of computers would be achieved with this purchase and that the tender was also a call for the qualification of a supplier for the year.

Steve Kmec returned to the meeting. **TIME: 22:11 hours**

**000426-IT-0207**

WHEREAS it is stipulated in Policy #99-MR-01: Supply of Goods and Services that public tenders must be called for any purchase over 50 000\$;

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WHEREAS the Directorate and the Information Technology Committee recommend that public tenders be called;

WHEREAS the Information Technology Committee endorses the proposed tendering procedure to qualify a supplier for computer purchases for the period ending June 2001;

WHEREAS the Information Technology Committee endorses the plan related to Measure 50590 which involves the purchase and installation of 223 computers before June 30, 2000, a second purchase of 318 computers during the summer months and the reinstallation of replaced computers when feasible;

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, approve that public tenders be called for the qualification of a supplier and for the purchase of 541 computers as per the tender specifications.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel

**ABST:** Linda Gagnon, Steve Kmec

**14.0 HUMAN RESOURCES**

There was no business.

**15.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES**

**15.1 Engagement of Architect:**

The Director General advised the Council that the selection committee had met and reviewed the tenders and are recommending the following engagements for architect and consulting engineer.

**000426-MR-0208**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to undertake the construction of a new elementary school in Blainville

WHEREAS public tenders were called for architect services;

WHEREAS a selection committee has studied and evaluated all architectural tenders received and prepared a recommendation;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the selection committee, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of **Yvon Marchand**, Architect, to prepare the architectural specifications, drawings, and tendering documentation for the new Blainville Elementary School construction project at the cost of 140 526,00\$, taxes included.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Walter Fogel

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**15.2 Engagement of Engineer:**

**000426-MR-0209**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to undertake the construction of a new elementary school in Blainville;

WHEREAS public tenders were called for consulting engineer services;

WHEREAS a selection committee has studied and evaluated all engineer tenders received and prepared a recommendation;

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the selection committee, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of **Leroux, Beaudoin, Hurens et Associes**, consulting engineers, to prepare the engineering specifications, drawings, and tendering documentation for the new Blainville Elementary School construction project at the cost of 144 976,00\$, taxes included.

**Carried unanimously**

### **15.3 Call for tender – Laval Catholic H.S. Gymnasia:**

The Director General commented on the following resolution.

In response to a question from Grace Nesi concerning the status of the negotiations with the Ville de Laval, the Director General advised that negotiations are ongoing.

#### **000426-MR-0210**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to rebuild the gymnasia floor at Laval Catholic High School;

WHEREAS the cost to rebuild the gymnasia floor is estimated at 218 000\$, taxes included;

WHEREAS the specifications, drawings and tendering documentation have been completed for the architecture;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Material Resources Committee recommend that public tenders be called;

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board call for public tenders for the rebuilding of the gymnasia floor at Laval Catholic High School.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **16.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

Claudette Laing, the Chair of the Souvenir Elementary School Governing Board, claimed that her school had not adopted its time allocation and advised the Council that she was unaware of what her Principal had forwarded for time allocations for the school. She noted that the time allocations approved for Souvenir Elementary School were not what the Governing Board had approved.

The Director General indicated that the resolution which had been presented had been verified by Educational Services.

The Chairman asked the Director General to verify the time allocations and to contact Mrs. Laing.

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In response to a question from Mrs. Olivier on how to get the issue of low class averages addressed, the Director General recommended that the issue be brought up to the Governing Board for discussion and recommendation that it be included in the evaluation policy which the school must develop.

Steve Kmec *MOVED THAT the meeting be extended for an additional ten (10) minutes.*

**000426-CA-0211**

Walter Fogel *MOVED THAT the extension of the meeting be amended to extend for fifteen (15) minutes.*

**THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec,  
**NAY:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**000426-CA-0212**

Steve Kmec *MOVED THAT the meeting be extended for an additional ten (10) minutes.*

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak  
**NAY:** Natalie Auclair, Glen Haines, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik

Pierre Niding and Edward Turchyniak excused themselves for the evening.

**TIME: 22:30 hours**

**17.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the minutes of the 2000-03-11 Symposium.

**18.0 VARIA**

Walter Fogel expressed that he found it distasteful that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board would ask the judge to assign any legal costs incurred by the school board to the plaintiffs in the interlocutory injunction should the judge rule in favour of the school board.

Peter MacLaurin and James McDougall expressed their disagreement with Mr. Fogel's comments.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel as to who will assume the costs for the replacement of the snow / ice barriers at Rawdon Elementary School, the Director General advised that the dispute over the barriers is between the architect, engineer and the general contractor and that any costs will be absorbed by the general contractor.

Mr. Fogel also expressed his concern over the school board agreeing to dispose of computers which schools declared obsolete outside the community noting that he felt that the computers could be sold locally.

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In response to a question from Steve Kmec concerning the status of acquiring land for the new school in Blainville, the Director General advised that M<sup>me</sup> Céline Sigori, Member of the National Assembly for Blainville, has offered her assistance in dealing with the Mayor of Blainville to obtain a suitable piece of land.

**19.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

James McDougall MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 22:40 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2000-05-24**

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**Robert Vallerand, Secretary General**

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**Steve Bletas, Chairman**