



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE SIR-WILFRID-LAURIER
SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD

Council Highlights November 22, 2017

The Council adopted the following resolution:

**Class Action Suit -
Financial Contributions
Required from Parents**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB), like 67 other school boards in Québec, is involved in the class action concerning the financial contributions required from parents, which was authorized by the Superior Court of Québec on December 6, 2016;

CC-171122-CA-0044

WHEREAS the legal grounds of this class action concerning the financial contributions required from parents are based in particular on the *Education Act* and the applicable rules that only the National Assembly or the Government may amend on a proposal from the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport;

WHEREAS the class action has serious financial implications for the SWLSB and could adversely affect the quality and diversity of educational services provided to students within the school board's territory;

WHEREAS the judicial conclusions of the class action could jeopardize certain public school programs promoting school perseverance and academic success, thereby calling into question the financing of public schools;

WHEREAS the outcome of the class action could put the SWLSB in a budget deficit situation, despite the school board's consistently excellent budget management;

WHEREAS it has become necessary to reflect on the desired practices and method of financing in relation to the financial contributions required from parents and the SWLSB wishes to actively take part in this reflection;

WHEREAS it is imperative and urgent that the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport become actively involved in developing financial and legislative solutions concerning this issue;

Commissioner Dean Dugas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board ask the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport to become actively involved in developing financial and legislative solutions in connection with this class action against 68 school boards in Québec, in an effort to maintain and develop public schooling;

AND THAT this resolution be submitted to the Chairperson of the other 67 school boards involved in the class action concerning the financial contributions required from parents, to the Quebec English School Boards Association and to the Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec.

Carried unanimously

Sale of Building
171 Mary, Lachute
CC-171122-MR-0045

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-150629-CA-0202, authorizing the Director of Material Resources and Transportation to begin the process with the Société québécoise des infrastructures for the sale of the building located at 171 Mary Street in Lachute;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-160427-MR-0077, authorizing the Director of Material Resources and Transportation to present the Centre d'entraide d'Argenteuil's offer to purchase the building located at 171 Mary Street in Lachute, in the amount of 500 000,00\$, to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) for analysis and approval;

WHEREAS, in a letter dated August 15, 2017, the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) authorized the sale of the building located at 171 Mary Street in Lachute, in the amount of 500 000,00\$, to the Centre d'entraide d'Argenteuil;

Parent Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, approve the sale of the building located at 171 Mary Street in Lachute, in the amount of 500 000,00\$, to the Centre d'entraide d'Argenteuil;

AND THAT, as per the Public Infrastructure Act, it is the Société Québécoise des infrastructures (SQI) that delivers the services required by public bodies to acquire or dispose of an immovable;

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation will contact the Société québécoise des infrastructures (SQI) to pursue the sale;

AND THAT, as requested in the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur's (MEES) letter of approval dated August 15, 2017, the contract of sale must include a right of first refusal clause in favour of the school board, under which the Centre d'entraide d'Argenteuil shall, if it wishes to dispose of the immovable, first offer it to the school board at the price the Centre d'entraide d'Argenteuil initially paid;

AND THAT, the Chairperson, 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 sale;

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of the Ville de Lachute.

Carried unanimously

Composition and Term of Executive Committee

CC-171122-CA-0046

WHEREAS section 179 of the Education Act requires that the Council of Commissioners establish an Executive Committee composed of the number of voting members of the council it determines, including the Chairperson of the school board and a co-opted commissioner, if any, and a commissioner representing the parents' committee;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners determines the term of office of the members of the committee;

WHEREAS the term of office of the current Executive committee will end on November 26, 2017;

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish an Executive Committee composed of:

- Chairperson (1)
- Commissioners (4)
- Parent Commissioner (1)

AND THAT the term of office of the Executive Committee be a one year mandate, effective November 27, 2017 to November 27, 2018.

Carried unanimously

Nomination of Scrutineers

CC-171122-CA-0047

Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis MOVED THAT Assistant Director General and the Secretary General be appointed as the Scrutineers for the Elections of the Executive Committee.

Carried unanimously

Nomination and Election of Executive Committee

CC-171122-CA-0048

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the following to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee:

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| Jennifer Maccarone, Chairperson | Vicky Kaliozakis |
| Dean Dugas | Anne McMullon |
| Guy Gagnon | Sergio Di Marco, Parent Commissioner |

Carried unanimously

Election to Appeals Review Committee

CC-171122-CA-0049

WHEREAS sections 9 thru 12 of the Education Act (Chapter I-13.3) provides a school board with the option to designate a person or establish a committee to reconsider decisions taken affecting a student;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to establish an Appeals Review Committee to dispose of such issues in accordance with the Education Act (Chapter I-13.3) and policy #2000-CA-03: Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a Student;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish an Appeals Review Committee composed of five (5) Commissioners and the Director General or his delegate.

AND THAT the following Commissioners be named to the Appeals Review Committee until replaced:

Sergio Di Marco
Dean Dugas
Vicky Kalitziakis

Peter MacLaurin
Bob Pellerin
Guy Gagnon, Alternate
Anne McMullon, Alternate

Carried unanimously

School Board Exemption from Construction Holiday

CC-171122-CA-0050

WHEREAS the Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale has a by-law concerning the mandatory Québec (MESS) construction holidays;

WHEREAS said by-law is reflected in the Commission de la construction du Québec's (CCQ) respective collective agreements;

WHEREAS there are certain exemptions to this rule listed in the CCQ collective agreements such as all civil engineering work (streets, highways, bridges, etc.), residential construction work and maintenance, repairs and emergencies;

WHEREAS the majority of the construction projects for school boards must take place during the summer break when there are no students or employees present, commencing after the last day of school in June and concluding before the first day of school in August;

WHEREAS during the summer break period there are approximately 20 days lost due to pedagogical days, statutory holidays and the construction holidays therefore reducing the number of weeks allowed for the completion of a project in its entirety;

WHEREAS that construction specific to school boards should be considered as one of the notable exceptions to avoid delaying important construction and late deliveries on projects undertaken during the summer that could have a direct impact on the classroom and students;

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association has a mandate to support its member school boards on this initiative;

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Assistant Director General to send this resolution and a formal request to the Commission de la construction du Québec (CCQ) requesting that general contractors and material resources teams of the school boards of Québec be permitted to work on school board construction projects during the two week summer construction holiday;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES), the Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale (MESS) and the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners & Parent Commissioners voting YEA:	Sergio Di Marco, Guy Gagnon, Vicky Kaliozakis, Peter MacLaurin, Jennifer Maccarone, Anne McMullon, Ailsa Pehi, Bob Pellerin
Commissioners & Parent Commissioners voting NAY:	Dean Dugas

Entente sectorielle en persévérance scolaire - Lanaudière 2017-2020

WHEREAS dropping out of school impacts not only the individual, but society as well;

WHEREAS the economic consequences of dropping out of school are serious, considering that the revenue shortfall for the government amounts to 1.9 billion dollars annually;

CC-171122-CA-0051

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) is a member of Éducation Lanaudière;

WHEREAS the participation of the SWLSB in this entente will benefit the students in the Lanaudière region through the promotion of initiatives and an offer of services with respect to school success and school perseverance;

WHEREAS the SWLSB wishes to contribute to the social, cultural and economic development of the Lanaudière region through providing a high level of education and qualifications;

WHEREAS there is a financial commitment of \$500 annually for a three-year period for the SWLSB to participate in this entente;

Commissioner Dean Dugas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the SWLSB's participation in the *Entente sectorielle en persévérance scolaire et réussite éducative – Lanaudière 2017-2020*;

AND THAT a financial commitment of \$500 annually from 2017-2020 be authorized;

FURTHER THAT, the Chairperson, 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 entente.

Carried unanimously