

**The Council adopted the following resolution:**

**Engagement of Auditors 2012-2013**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-100428-FR-0128, engaging Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton s.e.n.c.r.l. to conduct auditing services for the 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 fiscal year;

WHEREAS this contract has a renewal option clause; of up to 2 years, renewable annually

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board apply the renewable option clause of its contract with **Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton s.e.n.c.r.l.** to conduct auditing services for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

AND THAT the cost of this auditing service for the 2012-2013 school year be 39,000\$ before taxes (44 840,25\$, all taxes included).

**Carried unanimously**

**Budget Cuts 2013-2014**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-081210-FR-0072, approving the 2008-2013 Financial Recovery Plan;

WHEREAS in order to adopt this Financial Recovery Plan, substantial cuts had to be made in different areas and management and staffing practices were reviewed;

WHEREAS additional cuts were made for a total amount of 2 600 000\$ in the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years under the Government's general effort to attain a balanced budget;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is also abiding by Bill 100: An Act to implement certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 30 march 2010, reduce the debt and return to a balanced budget in 2013-2014, hence, reducing staffing at the Administrative level since the 2009-2010 school year and administrative expenses by 10% by 2013-2014;

WHEREAS additional cuts were announced by the Québec Government for 2013-2014 which will impact the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for approximately 3 500 000\$, in addition to the cuts already sustained;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board cannot make any additional cuts without affecting services to students;

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board denounce the current situation of yearly recurrent and new budget cuts to school boards.

AND THAT, subject to the deposit of the 2013-2014 budget parameters, the announced budget cuts to the taxation envelope of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be absorbed by the taxpayers.

AND THAT the Directorate be mandated to establish and implement a communication plan addressed to all stakeholders regarding the budget cuts.

AND THAT a letter be sent to the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport denouncing the continuous budget cuts and their impact on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Sous-ministre adjoint aux Services à la communauté anglophone, aux affaires autochtones et au Plan Nord, Members of the National Assembly for Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière, all English school boards and the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

**Carried unanimously**

### **2013-2014 Deeds of Establishment & Three-Year Plan**

WHEREAS section 211 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) requires the school board each year to establish a three-year plan of allocation and destination of its immovables;

WHEREAS section 211 also requires the school board to draw up, in accordance with the plan, a list of its schools and of its vocational training and adult education centres and issue a deed of establishment to them;

Commissioner Georges Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle proposed policy #2013-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables.

AND THAT this policy be subject to a consultation beginning on 2013-03-11 and ending on 2013-05-09.

**Carried unanimously**

### **GRICS Voting Delegates**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-120229-IT-0083, naming the Director General and the Director of Information Technology as voting and alternate voting delegates, respectively, to the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS);

WHEREAS resolution #CC-120229-IT-0083 also indicated that the resolution is in effect until replaced;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has named a new Director General and a new Director of Information Technology;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Stephanie Vucko, Director General, as the official delegate of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS) for all Annual General Meetings and to exercise the powers inherent.

AND THAT if the official delegate is absent or unable to act, Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology, be named as alternate delegate of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS) for all Annual General Meetings.

FURTHER THAT this resolution cancels and replaces any other resolution naming an official delegate to the Annual General Meetings of the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS).

**Carried unanimously**

### **Local Arrangements – SEPB 577**

WHEREAS the 2008-2010 Local Arrangements between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Syndicat des employées et employés professionnel-les et de bureau – FTQ, Local 577, concluded on 2010-03-31 and is in effect until replaced;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board ratified the agreement in principle on 2013-02-12 with the Syndicat des employées et employés professionnel-les et de bureau – FTQ, Local 577, SWLSB; on those matters subject to local arrangements;

WHEREAS the negotiations have been completed to the satisfaction of the representatives of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the Syndicat des employées et employés professionnel-les et de bureau – FTQ, Local 577, SWLSB has advised that the negotiations have been completed and wishes to sign the agreement with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2010-2015 Local Arrangements between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Syndicat des employées et employés professionnel-les et de bureau – FTQ, Local 577, SWLSB; as they appear in document #SWLSB-2013/02/27-HR-001.

AND THAT the 2010-2015 Local Arrangements between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Syndicat des employées et employés professionnel-les et de bureau – FTQ, Local 577, come into effect upon signing.

FURTHER THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning these negotiations.

<b>THE MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION :</b>	
<b>Commissioners voting YEA:</b>	<b>Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Guy Gagnon, Elio Lattanzio, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak</b>
<b>Commissioners voting NAY:</b>	<b>Steve Kmec</b>

### **Report of the Student Ombudsman**

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 this by-law establishes the procedure for the intervention of the Student Ombudsman when all other avenues have been exhausted;

WHEREAS the parent of “Student MZ” was dissatisfied with the outcome of a decision regarding “Student MZ”;

WHEREAS the parent of “Student MZ” complained to the Student Ombudsman, such complaint being received verbally on 2012-11-15 and documents sent via e-mail on 2012-11-22;

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

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman concludes that this is an unfortunate case of missed opportunities due to an unintentional mistake and to personal reasons;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman is not recommending any changes for the balance of the 2012-2013 school year but would like to ensure that all students receive the re-registration forms on the exact same date, this year and in the future;

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board receive the report of the Student Ombudsman regarding the complaint of parent of “Student MZ”.

AND THAT, after having reviewed this opinion, determines that **no further** action is necessary except to mandate the Director of School Organization & Transportation to advise the family of the space available at the school and of the process taking place should “Student MZ” re-apply to Mother Teresa Junior High School for the 2013-2014 school year.

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<b>Commissioners voting YEA:</b>	<b>Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Guy Gagnon, Elio Lattanzio, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak</b>
<b>Commissioners voting NAY:</b>	<b>Steve Kmec</b>

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Chairman of the Council of Commissioners to address the concern in the delay for the treatment of a complaint in writing to the Student Ombudsman of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to remind him that in the future the procedures contained in By-Law #2010-CA-19: By-Law Establishing Procedures for the Examination of Complaints from Students or Their Parents, are to be respected.

**Carried unanimously**

**Transfer of Former Joliette ES to CS des Samares**

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) authorized the construction of a new building for Joliette Elementary School;

WHEREAS this project was completed for the start of the 2012-2013 school year;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is not currently using the building and does not foresee any future use;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire des Samares has expressed an interest in obtaining the former Joliette Elementary School located at 8, Monseigneur-Lafortune in Saint-Paul-de-Joliette (Québec), for administrative purposes;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received a resolution from the Commission scolaire des Samares offering to purchase the former Joliette Elementary School building located at 8, Monseigneur-Lafortune in Saint-Paul-de-Joliette (Québec) for the sum of 1,00\$;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, subject to the approval of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), approve the transfer of the former Joliette Elementary School building to the Commission scolaire des Samares for the sum of 1,00\$, effective 2013-07-01 or, after, following receipt of the approval from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

AND THAT the documents for the transfer to the Commission scolaire des Samares will be prepared by the Secretary General and will indicate that if the building is no longer used by the Commission scolaire des Samares, the property will revert back to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT all legal and other related costs to this transfer be covered by the Commission scolaire des Samares.

FURTHER THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this transfer.

**Carried unanimously**