

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2010-03-24

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, 2010-03-24.

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chair; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; George Benoit, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; Parent Commissioners Lisa Chartier and Angelo Grasso; and Anne-Marie Lepage, Director General.

Also present were: Alain Guay, Assistant Director General; Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Johanne Brabant, Director of Adult & Vocational Education; Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources, Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; George Paquette, Director of School Organization; Gerry Robillard, Director of Educational Services; Heather Halman, Strategic Plan Advisor; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioner Steve Mitchell.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:31 hours.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

CC-100324-CA-0097

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2010/03/24-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC-100324-CA-0098

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2010-02-24, 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:	Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Peter MacLaurin, Mike Pizzola, Edward Turchyniak

CC-100324-CA-0099

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2010-03-16, 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:	Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Peter MacLaurin, Tom Mouhteros, Albina Pace, William Pollock

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

4.1 *Report from the Chair:*

The Chair advised the Council that he had recently attended a presentation at Grenville Elementary School by the 4-Year Old Program and that it is amazing how quickly students of that age pick up technology and how serious they are about their learning. These students were using computers and “flip” cameras to make short videos. A clip of one of these videos was shown.

Commissioners George Benoit and Nick Milas entered the meeting. **TIME: 19:38 hours**

He went on to note that “Go publique” campaign is underway. Each school board has a pro-rated allocation for its territory **therefore**, billboards for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will appear in/on/or around Berthierville, Autoroute 13, Autoroute 15 and Autoroute 640 near St-Eustache. Other media being used includes newspapers, You Tube and the giant advertising screens in the metro stations, including Montmorency in Laval. The campaign is bilingual and began on 2010-03-15 and will end on 2010-04-09.

Preliminary feedback received by the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) indicates that the advertising in the Métro stations are getting a lot of attention. This is the most aggressive campaign that the English sector has ever conducted.

He continued by presenting a letter received from Jack Fitch, President of the SEPB 577 representing Administrative Support Staff, commenting on the proposed changes to the Administrative Organizational Chart.

The Chair advised the Council that a joint professional development session will be held on 2010-04-17 with the Lester B. Pearson School Board. The guest speaker is Michel Nadeau, Executive Director of the *Institute sur la gouvernance d'organisations privées et publiques*. He noted that the cost of the session is 4 000\$ and will be shared by the two school boards.

CC-100324-CA-0100

WHEREAS the amendments to the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) provide for professional development for the members of the Council of Commissioners;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners mandate the Chair of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to organize, in collaboration with Lester B. Pearson School Board, a workshop on governance April 17, 2010.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Mike Pizzola

The Chair advised the Council that he had received a resolution from the Chair of the Parents Committee concerning Commissioners presence at Parents Committee meetings. He noted that there is no problem with the Commissioners being present at a Parents Committee meeting but that the law must be respected with respect to participation.

He noted that this was discussed at the Executive Committee and those present discussed the request and agreed that they would attend the Parents Committee meetings but would respect the law in that it is the Chair of the school board who is the school board's official spokesperson.

CC-100324-CA-0101

WHEREAS Parents Committee would like two commissioners to participate at the meetings each month, understanding that they should stay the entire meeting;

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners acknowledge the invitation extended by Parents Committee.

AND THAT Commissioners attend the meetings without participation, in respect with the composition of the Parents Committee as described in the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Robert Dixon, Mike Pizzola
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Carolyn Curiale, Walter Fogel, Merle Parkinson

The Chair advised that the school board is working on a partnership project and that meetings have been held with the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and other representatives to discuss this project.

The Director General advised that she had attended a meeting with Leo La France, sous-ministre adjoint, Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and the Assistant Director General of the Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Milles-Îles (CSSMI) to discuss the proposal for the joint construction of an Adult Education & Vocational Training Centre for the lower Laurentians, as each school board has made a request for a new centre. It was a very interesting meeting and the two school boards have been asked to prepare a joint plan proposal for the consideration of the MELS.

She further advised of her meeting with the Director General of Vanier College to apprise him of the request for an Adult Education & Vocational Training Centre for the lower Laurentians and inquired what programs Vanier could bring to this new centre. The CSSMI has a similar partnership with Collège Lionel-Groulx and the same inquiry will be made.

The courses at the proposed centre will be given bilingually and the texts and examinations will be available in both English and French. This will allow for more access to programs and increase the cohorts in some of the courses that sometimes lack the required numbers to run the course.

The Chair advised the Council that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is proud to have had two former students from Ste-Agathe Academy compete in the 2010 Winter Olympics held in Vancouver this past February, Jasey Jay Anderson, Snowboarding, and Éric Guay, Alpine Skiing. It is hoped that one of them will accept an invitation to the 2010 Laurier Gala as a guest speaker. He also noted that the first Canadian ever to win a gold medal on Canadian soil, Alexandre Bilodeau, is a resident of Rosemère.

He continued noting that the Arundel Nature Centre project is attracting a lot of attention and that the Ministre du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs, Line Beauchamp, will be meeting with the school board concerning the project. He also intends to meet with the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport concerning this project.

He went on to extended his appreciation to the Director of Educational Services, the staff of Educational Services, as well as to Commissioners Robert Dixon, Peter MacLaurin and William Pollock, for all of the work put into this project to date.

The Chair reminded the Commissioners of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Professional Development session being held March 26 & 27, 2010 at the Nouvel Hotel in Montréal.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Chair noted that it is up to the school board to gather statistics for the "Go publique" campaign by asking potential families how they heard about the school board. The effectiveness of the "Go publique" campaign will be determined at a later date.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 2009-2010 Administrative Organizational Chart:

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners go "in camera".
Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:13 hours

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier entered the meeting.

TIME: 20:13 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 20:40 hours

WHEREAS the Executive Committee adopted resolution # EC-100316-CA-0049, mandating the Director General to bring a complement of information to the Associations on the December consultation reflecting the proposed changes to the 2009-2010 Administrative Organizational Chart;

WHEREAS the Director General has received feedback from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) and the Association des cadres scolaire du Québec (ACSQ);

WHEREAS this mandate included that the proposed changes to the organizational chart respond to the needs of the school board by reorganizing existing resources at the central office at no additional cost;

WHEREAS the Directorate has reviewed the feedback and is recommending, based on the information received, that the elements be presented as two resolutions to the Council of Commissioners;

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board amend the 2009-2010 Organizational Chart by creating the position of Strategic Plan Advisor;

AND THAT this position is assigned to the General Directorate, as per document #SWLSB-2010/03/24-HR-001.

FURTHER THAT Heather Halman is assigned to this position, effective 2010-03-25.

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico proposed that the resolution concerning the modifications to the 2009-2010 Administrative Organizational Chart be separated into one resolution for the modification and one resolution for the assignment of the position of Strategic Plan Advisor. Commissioner Walter Fogel refused this amendment.

CC-100324-HR-0102

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT the proposed resolution concerning the modifications to the 2009-2010 Administrative Organizational Chart be separated into one resolution for the modification and one resolution for the assignment of the position of Strategic Plan Advisor.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Mario Di Domenico, Nick Milas, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola
Commissioners voting NAY:	Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico asked that it be noted that he is voting against the two upcoming resolutions but only against the process not the person being considered for the position.

CC-100324-HR-0103

WHEREAS the Executive Committee adopted resolution # EC-100316-CA-0049, mandating the Director General to bring a complement of information to the Associations on the December consultation reflecting the proposed changes to the 2009-2010 Administrative Organizational Chart;

WHEREAS the Director General has received feedback from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) and the Association des cadres scolaire du Québec (ACSQ);

WHEREAS this mandate included that the proposed changes to the organizational chart respond to the needs of the school board by reorganizing existing resources at the central office at no additional cost;

WHEREAS the Directorate has reviewed the feedback and is recommending, based on the information received, that the elements be presented as two resolutions to the Council of Commissioners;

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board amend the 2009-2010 Organizational Chart by creating the position of Strategic Plan Advisor;

AND THAT this position is assigned to the General Directorate, as per document #SWLSB-2010/03/24-HR-001.

FURTHER THAT Heather Halman is assigned to this position, effective 2010-03-25.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Mario Di Domenico, Mike Pizzola

CC-100324-HR-0104

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has appointed Heather Halman to the position of Strategic Plan Advisor, effective 2010-03-25;

WHEREAS the position of Director of Educational Services is now vacant as a result of this appointment;

WHEREAS the Assistant Director of Educational Services has been holding the interim role of the Director of Educational Services for a long period of time;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to give special consideration to this exceptional circumstance;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners appoint **Gerald Robillard** to the position of Director of Educational Services.

AND THAT consequently, the Council of Commissioners mandates the Director General to proceed with the posting of the position of Assistant Director of Educational Services.

FURTHER THAT a recommendation be brought to the 2010-04-28 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Mario Di Domenico, Mike Pizzola

CC-100324-HR-0105

WHEREAS the Executive Committee adopted resolution # EC-100316-CA-0049, mandating the Director General to bring a complement of information to the Associations on the December consultation reflecting the proposed changes to the 2009-2010 Administrative Organizational Chart;

WHEREAS this mandate included that the proposed changes to the organizational chart respond to the needs of the school board by reorganizing existing resources at the central office at no additional cost;

WHEREAS the Director General has received feedback from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) and the Association des cadres scolaire du Québec (ACSQ);

WHEREAS, in light of the feedback, the Directorate is recommending that the elements be presented as two resolutions to the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the feedback received indicates that further consultation with the administrators is required concerning the Educational Services section of the organizational chart in order to improve the level of understanding of this need within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

WHEREAS the Directorate wishes to obtain another mandate to continue discussions with the administrators about additional assistance in Complementary Services, in order to address the increasing demands imposed upon the department;

WHEREAS the Directorate believes that allowing further discussions on this topic are likely to generate a greater consensus on the solutions;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Directorate to continue discussions with the administrators to examine ways to provide assistance in Complementary Services, through the reorganization of resources at the central office at no additional cost.

AND THAT the Director General provides a form of assistance to the Complementary Services team while this proposal is being worked upon in order to address the important needs in this area of the school board.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Mike Pizzola

5.2 Modification to the 2007-2011 SWL Strategic Plan:

The Strategic Plan Advisor provided background information on the need to change the objectives of the 2007-2011 Strategic Plan noting that it is necessary due to the fact that it will be the basis of the school board's partnership agreement with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS). She reviewed the changes to the plan that were received at the 2010-03-22 Focus Session noting that this is only for the 2010-2011 school year as the Strategic Plan is up for revision in 2011.

The Director General left the meeting.

TIME: 20:57 hours

She went on to review the goals of the strategic plan noting that the school board has added an additional goal, that of the embellishment of the Arundel Nature Centre.

The Director General returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:00 hours

CC-100324-CA-0106

WHEREAS recent amendments to the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) requires a school board to modify its Strategic Plan in order to reflect the goals of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) Strategic Plan;

WHEREAS the five goals established by the MELS in its Strategic Plan are :

- Goal 1: Increased graduation rates and qualifications before age 20;
- Goal 2: Improved command of the French language;
- Goal 3: Improved levels of retention in school and academic success among certain target groups, especially among handicapped students or students with learning or adjustment difficulties;
- Goal 4: A healthier and safer school environment;
- Goal 5: An increase in the number of students under 20 enrolled in vocational training.

WHEREAS these changes to the school board's Strategic Plan will result in a partnership agreement with the MELS;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the proposed changes to the 2007-2011 Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Strategic Plan.

AND THAT this document be subject to a 60-day consultation.

Carried unanimously

The Strategic Plan Advisor excused herself for the evening.

TIME: 21:05 hours

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.1 MATERIAL RESOURCES

6.1.1 Offer to Purchase – Land on Roland-Durand:

The Director of Material Resources provided background information on the land on Roland-Durand noting that this land has been for sale for several years and that, recently, several bids have been received and one is above the appraisal value.

CC-100224-MR-0107

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-070926-MR-0035 mandating the Director of Material Resources to seek a current appraisal for part of lot 241-298-23 (41 471 sq/ft), comprised of 3 lots, located on boulevard Roland-Durand in Rosemère (Québec);

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-080227-MR-0121 mandating the Director of Material Resources to place part of lot 241-298-23 (41 471 sq/ft) up for sale;

WHEREAS the appraisal dated 2007-10-22 establishes the fair market value for part of lot 241-298-23 (lots #1, 2 and 3 = 41,471 sq/ft) to be 315 000\$, before taxes (355 557\$, taxes included);

WHEREAS **Construction N. Roy Inc.** made an offer to purchase part of lot #241-298-23 (lots #1, 2 and 3 = 41,471 sq/ft) located on boulevard Roland-Durand in Rosemère, Québec, on 2010-03-10, in the amount of 320 000\$, before taxes (361 200\$, taxes included);

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the offer in the amount of 320 000\$, before taxes (361 200\$, taxes included), made by **Construction N. Roy Inc.**, to purchase part of lot #241-298-23 (lots #1, 2 and 3 = 41,471 sq/ft) located on boulevard Roland-Durand in Rosemère, Québec.

AND THAT Construction N. Roy Inc. accepts all legal and notarial fees related to the sale.

FURTHER THAT, the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chair, 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 sale.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Merle Parkinson
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel

6.1.2 Engagement of Contractor – RHS Gym Floor:

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the gym floor replacement project at Rosemère High School noting that it is a project that definitely has to be completed, given the state of the floor.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director of Material Resources indicated that the local governments had not been approached to participate in the project.

CC-100224-MR-0108

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-091028-MR-0035 to retain the services of Arcand-Laporte, Architectes, to prepare the architectural specifications, drawings, tendering documentation and provide supervision for the gym floor replacement project at Rosemere High School;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has adopted Measure 50690 to assist school boards with the repair and maintenance of its buildings;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2010-03-19;

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for replacement of the gym floor at Rosemere High School to **Advantage Cochrane Inc. Sport** for a total cost of 148 338,50\$, before taxes, (167 437,08\$, all taxes included).

AND 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 project.

Carried unanimously

6.1.3 Change Orders – 2323 Daniel-Johnson Project:

The Director of Material Resources advised that during the 2323 Daniel-Johnson project for the replacement of the exterior walls last summer there were several change orders. The school board has been able to negotiate a 9% reduction of the original change order total amount with Consortium MR.

CC-100224-MR-0109

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution # CC-090225-MR-0098, awarding the contract for the renovation project at 2323 Daniel-Johnson to **Consortium MR** for a total cost of 1 917 165\$, before taxes (2 164 000\$, taxes included);

WHEREAS, during the construction, change orders occurred to address specific issues, amounting to 167 424,09\$, before taxes (188 979,94\$, taxes included);

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve a modification to resolution # CC-090225-MR-0098 by changing the total cost of the project to 2 084 589,09\$, before taxes (2 352 979,94\$, taxes included), reflecting the necessary change orders.

AND THAT, the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chair, 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 project.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel

6.2 ADULT EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL TRAINING

6.2.1 SWL & Vanier College Bridge for Accounting:

The Director of Adult Education & Vocational Training advised that the first bridge of the Collaboration Plan between Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and Vanier College has been completed. Bridge 1.1 is for Accounting (Accounting & Management Technology). This bridge will allow students currently in the Accounting program at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to enter Vanier College to pursue a college diploma upon completion of their Diplôme d'études professionnelles (DEP). Upon entering Vanier some of the work that these students have completed to date at the school board will be recognized as credits towards a college diploma therefore, reducing the program to 2 years. Admission is based on their DEP not on their Diplôme d'études secondaires (DES).

CC-100324-AE-0110

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-080827-AE-0012, entering into a Collaboration Plan between Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and Vanier College for a Consolidated Vocational and Technical Training Offer for the Laval, Laurentides, Lanaudière region (Building Educational Bridges);

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has approved this Collaboration Plan (Building Educational Bridges);

WHEREAS Bridge 1.1 of the Collaboration Plan, Accounting ↔ Accounting & Management Technology, has been completed;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve Bridge 1.1 of the Consolidated Vocational and Technical Training Offer for the Laval, Laurentides, Lanaudière region (Building Educational Bridges), for Accounting ↔ Accounting & Management Technology.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 21:10 hours

6.3 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

6.3.1 Amendments to Policy #2005-ED-06: Special Needs:

The Director of Educational Services extended his appreciation to the Council for its confidence in naming him as the new head of Educational Services.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:11 hours

He continued noting that the amendments to policy #2005-ED-06: Special Education were completed to reflect the recent changes to the law and government policy. The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and the Educational Services Committee have reviewed the amendments and recommend that the Council consider it for approval.

In response to several questions, the Director of Educational Services noted that even with these amendments the school board is still obligated to follow the validation process for attaining funding for students with special needs from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

CC-100324-ED-0111

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #050427-ED-0149, adopting policy #2005-ED-06: Policy Outlining the Organization of Services for Students with Handicaps, Social Maladjustments or Learning Difficulties;

WHEREAS it has become necessary to amend this policy in order to conform with the various statutes that govern services for students with handicaps, social maladjustments or learning difficulties;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Special Education Advisory Committee, the Educational Services Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the amendments to policy #2005-ED-06: Policy Outlining the Organization of Services for Students with Handicaps, Social Maladjustments or Learning Difficulties.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel

6.4 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.4.1 Electoral Divisions – Mandate to Secretary General:

The Secretary General noted that while no official response has been received from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's request for 9 electoral divisions, it is still necessary to follow the process set out in the Act Respecting School Elections for the division of territory by 2010-06-01.

CC-100324-CA-0112

WHEREAS it is the intent of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to hold school board elections on 2011-11-05;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved resolution #CC-091216-CA-0073, indicting that it would abide by section 6 of the Act respecting school elections by dividing its territory into 9 electoral divisions for the 2011-11-05 school elections;

WHEREAS section 7.5 of the Act respecting school elections requires that the school board territory be divided no later than 2010-06-01;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Secretary General to divide the territory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board into 9 electoral divisions.

AND THAT these electoral divisions be brought to the Council of Commissioners for approval at its May meeting.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Steve Kmec

6.4.2 Ethics Commissioner – Posting of Position:

The Secretary General advised that the position postings for Ethics Commissioner and Student Ombudsman have been sent to the Communications & Public Relations Committee for its approval. The posting for Student Ombudsman will be presented for approval in principle to the Council, as the Parents Committee must be consulted on the post prior to its final approval and publication.

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WHEREAS section 175.1 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) requires a school board to establish a by-law on the Code of Ethics for the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS this by-law was adopted on 2009-09-23;

WHEREAS, as per the aforementioned section 175.1, no member of the Council of Commissioners nor an employee of the school board may be responsible for determining if the code has been contravened or for imposing a penalty;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Secretary General to post the position of Ethics Commissioner.

AND THAT a Selection Committee be established to review the applications, interview candidates and make a recommendation to the Council of Commissioners.

Carried unanimously

6.4.3 Student Ombudsman – Posting of Position:

This was discussed under item 6.4.2.

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WHEREAS section 220.2 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) requires a school board to establish a by-law on the procedure for the examination of complaints from students or their parents, and designate a Student Ombudsman;

WHEREAS proposed by-law #BL2010-CA-17: By-Law Establishing Procedures for the Examination of Complaints from Students or Their Parents, is currently in the consultation process;

WHEREAS the school board must consult the Parents Committee on the criteria for the Student Ombudsman;

WHEREAS no member of the Council of Commissioners nor an employee of the school board may act as Student Ombudsman;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Secretary General to consult the Parents committee on the criteria for Student Ombudsman.

AND THAT the position of Student Ombudsman be posted after the consultation on the criteria.

FURTHER THAT a Selection Committee be established to review the applications, interview candidates and make a recommendation to the Council of Commissioners.

Carried unanimously

6.5 QESBA

6.5.1 Voting Delegates – QESBA Special General Meeting:

CC-100324-CA-0115

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has assigned one vote (1) per elected Commissioner and one (1) vote per Parent Commissioner for the Special General Meeting being held on 2010-03-27;

WHEREAS there will be some Commissioners and Parent Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board who will not be attending this meeting;

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board redistribute the votes of the absent Commissioners and Parent Commissioners to Steve Bletas and Carolyn Curiale.

AND THAT the following Commissioners represent the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board at the Special General Meeting on 2010-03-27:

Steve Bletas	8 votes
Carolyn Curiale	7 votes
Steve Kmec	1 vote
Steve Mitchell	1 vote
Tom Mouhteros	1 vote
William Pollock	1 vote
Nancy Rupnik	1 vote
Angelo Grasso	1 vote

FURTHER THAT if any of the above named Commissioners are absent on 2010-03-27 that their vote be distributed to either Steve Bletas or Carolyn Curiale.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel, Mike Pizzola

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 SWL Foundation:

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak noted that the tickets to the 2010-06-09 Lobster Fest will soon be available for purchase and that the event will be held at the Château Royal in Laval.

Commissioner Nick Milas left the meeting. **TIME: 21:19 hours**

Tickets can be obtained from the Coordinator of Communications & Public Relations.

7.2 Parent Commissioners Report

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso commented on the last meeting of the Parents Committee noting presentations by the Director of Financial Resources on the new accounting reform (GAAP) and by Lee Rother, Teacher at Lake of Two Mountains High School, on a library building project at the Kenya Sister School by the Education Beyond Borders group.

Commissioner Nick Milas returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:22 hours**

He noted that a letter was sent to the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport requesting support for the changes implemented by Bill 104, the consultation on the Student Ombudsman position, the Outstanding Effort Award for 2009-2010 and transportation safety.

The Parents Committee discussed and prepared a response to the consultation on the Budget Building Process noting the following changes they would like to see:

- The standardization of educational materials and texts;
- Additional human resources for the schools; and
- Physical resources so as to spruce up aging schools.

He also advised that the Parents Committee is adding Adult Education and the Phoenix Alternative School as recipients of the Outstanding Effort Award.

7.3 Report of the QESBA:

The Chair noted that there is no report due to the upcoming special general meeting. A report will be available in April.

7.4 Council & Executive Meetings May 2010:

The Secretary General noted that there will be changes to the meeting dates for Executive Committee and Council during the month of May due to scheduling conflicts. The dates will be provided once this has been discussed by Executive Committee, Council and the Communications & Public Relations Committee.

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Chair drew the Council's attention to the newspaper article in the package concerning the twinning of school elections with municipal elections.

10.0 VARIA:

There was no varia

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:31 hours

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