

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2005-08-24

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, 2005-08-24 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Linda Iaconetti and Tom Mouhteros, Parent Commissioners; and Giordano Rosa-del-Vecchio, Director General.

Also present were: Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General; François Badin, Director of Human Resources; Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Effie Maniatis, Director of Educational Services; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; George Paquette, Director of School Organization & Transportation; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Walter Fogel and Peter MacLaurin, Commissioners.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:36 hours.

The Chairman welcomed everyone back and wished them a good 2005-2006 school year.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

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| 4.1 | Report of the Chairman | INFO |
| 4.2 | QESBA October Workshop | INFO |

7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES:

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| 7.2 | Authorization for Tax Sale – Ville de Rosemère | RES |
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11.0 HUMAN RESOURCES:

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| 11.4 | Resignation | RES |
| 11.5 | Rescind Executive Committee Resolution | RES |
| 11.6 | Modification of Executive Committee Resolutions – Guidance Counsellors | RES |

050824-CA-0001

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #SWLSB-2005/08/24-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a written notice, Merle Parkinson advised that in the minutes of the meeting held on 2005-06-22 the following required correction:

- Page 1291, 2nd paragraph, 4th line, the name of “Tom Mouhteros” is to be removed as he was absent and recorded as such.

- Page 1292, item 3.0, 1st paragraph, 2nd line – the first “for” in the sentence is to be removed.
- Page 1297, resolution #050622-CA-0202 – the name of “Merle Parkinson” is to be added to list of members of the Appeals Review Committee, as it was omitted in error.
- Page 1301, item 6.12, 4th line – the words “will be able” are to be replaced with the word “could”.

In a verbal notice, William Pollock advised that in the same minutes the following required correction:

- Page 1294, item 6.4 should be changed to read: “*The Deputy Director General drew the Council’s attention to the report of William Pollock on the Risk Management Conference he had attended.*”
- Page 1318, item 17.0 – the following is to be added after the words “William Pollock”: “*commented on his attendance at the Risk Management Workshop and...*”

In a verbal notice, Carolyn Curiale advised that in the minutes noted above that the following corrections were required:

- Page 1298, item 6.11, 3rd paragraph, 6th line – the word “between” is to be replaced with the word “among”.
- Page 1302, item 6.15, 3rd line – the word “is” is to be added after the word “it”.

050824-CA-0002

George Benoit MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2005-06-22, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Robert Dixon

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

4.1 Report of the Chairman:

The Chairman advised the Council of Commissioners that a meeting of the English school board chairs has been called for 2005-08-26 and it will be an open discussion format, so issues such as the provincial negotiations will be discussed.

He went on to propose that the 2005-10-18 meeting of the Executive Committee be moved to 2005-10-17 due to a Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) “Town Hall” meeting being hosted by the English Montreal School Board on the same evening at Pius X High School. Other meeting changes are that the Communications and Public Relations Sub-Committee meeting will be held on 2005-10-19 and the Information Technology Committee meeting will be held on 2005-10-13.

050824-CA-0003

William Pollock MOVED THAT Executive Committee be moved from 2005-10-18 to 2005-10-17.

Carried unanimously

The Director General informed the Council that he has received a letter of resignation from Denis Marcoux, Director of Information Technology, effective 2005-09-30. He went on to provide background information on Mr. Marcoux's decision to tender his resignation noting that the reasons were personal.

He went on to note that the position of Director of Information Technology will need to be filled as soon as possible, therefore, the posting of the position will be done in the morning and interviews will be held on 2005-09-13.

The Chairman advised that a special meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be called for 2005-09-13 at 19:00 hours to appoint a new Director of Information Technology.

4.2 QESBA October Workshop:

The Chairman reminded the Council of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Professional Development Session being held on 2005-10-01 at the Far Hills Inn in Val-David and asked that those planning on attending advise Jocelyne Thompson-Ness.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING**5.1 Ratification of Decisions:**

The Deputy Director General advised that, in accordance with By-law #BL2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee, it is necessary for the Council of Commissioners to ratify certain decisions taken by the Executive over the summer months.

050824-CA-0004

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has exercised the functions and powers of the Council of Commissioners as delegated by resolution #010627-CA-0231, amended by resolution #030528-CA-0147, reaffirmed by resolution #031126-CA-0081 and in conformity with by-law #BL2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee adopted the following resolution at its meeting of 2004-07-12;

David McKinley MOVED THAT, in accordance with by-law #BL2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board recommends that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board ratify the following resolutions:

050712-CA-0003

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has recently been made aware that it does not own all of the land at Lake of Two Mountains High School;

WHEREAS the lot in question is located behind the parking lot at Lake of Two Mountains High School;

WHEREAS lot 1 973 696 in the Parish of Deux-Montagnes is required for the purpose of establishing clear ownership of the land, as described in document #SWLSB-2005/07/12-MR-001, a technical description prepared by Sansoucy, arpenteur-géomètre;

WHEREAS the owner of the lot, Gestion Louis Warren Inc., has agreed to sell the land to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the sum of 1\$;

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the purchase of lot 1 973 696 in the Parish of Deux-Montagnes from Gestion Louis Warren Inc. for the sum of 1\$.

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this purchase.

Carried unanimously

050712-CA-0004

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has recently been made aware that it does not own all of the land at Lake of Two Mountains High School;

WHEREAS the lot in question is surrounded by the property that makes up Lake of Two Mountains High School;

WHEREAS lot 1 973 695 in the Parish of Deux-Montagnes is required for the purpose of establishing clear ownership of the land, as described in document #SWLSB-2005/07/12-MR-001, a technical description prepared by Sansoucy, arpenteur-géomètre;

WHEREAS the owner of the lot, Entreprises FIDO Inc., has agreed to sell the land to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the sum of 1\$;

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the purchase of lot 1 973 695 in the Parish of Deux-Montagnes from Entreprises FIDO Inc. for the sum of 1\$.

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this purchase.

Carried unanimously

050712-CA-0005

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA);

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has issued a provisional membership fee statement for the 2005-2006 school year;

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amount of 76 988,47\$ be paid to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

Carried unanimously

050712-CA-0006

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is currently responsible for the education of students with special needs at Maison Emmanuel;

WHEREAS the number of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board students enrolled at Maison Emmanuel has declined in contrast with an increase in student enrollment from the Commission scolaire des Laurentides;

WHEREAS negotiations have taken place between the two school boards for the responsibility of education at Maison Emmanuel;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has issued a deed of establishment for Maison Emmanuel for the 2005-2006 school year;

Nancy Rupnik *MOVED THAT*, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the transfer of responsibility for education at Maison Emmanuel to the Commission scolaire des Laurentides, as per the letter of agreement received by the Deputy Director General from the Commission scolaire des Laurentides.

AND THAT in accordance with section 40 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board revoke the deed of establishment for Maison Emmanuel, effective 2005-07-13.

AND THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will sign an interboard agreement with Commission scolaire des Laurentides for the education of its students with special needs.

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

Carried unanimously

050712-HR-0009

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board ratified the agreement in principle with the Workers Union of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board - CSN 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 Workers Union of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board - CSN has advised that the negotiations have been completed and wishes to sign the agreement with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Nick Milas *MOVED THAT*, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee and the Directorate the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the Local Arrangements between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Workers Union of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board - CSN; as they appear in document #SWLSB-2005/07/12-HR-001.

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

Carried unanimously

050712-HR-0017

Nancy Rupnik *MOVED THAT*, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board promote temporarily **Nunziatina Miscio** to the position of Vice-Principal, effective 2005-07-01, in accordance with Article 5-5.00 of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Collective Agreement and her individual contract; AND THAT she be assigned to **Pinewood Elementary School**.

Carried unanimously

050712-HR-0021

WHEREAS the Regulation Respecting the Conditions of Employment of Management Staff of School Boards allows a school board to name a second Vice-Principal where the enrollment of a school is over 1 000 students;

WHEREAS the enrollment at Laurier Senior High School is now at 1 011;

Natalie Auclair *MOVED THAT*, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board create a second Vice-Principal position at Laurier Senior High School.

AND THAT **Robert Bennett** be assigned to this position for the 2005-2006 school year.

Carried unanimously

050712-IT-0018

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, through the implementation of mobile labs, has put emphasis on schools to use portable computers in their pedagogy;

WHEREAS the school board requires school administrators to be facilitators and leaders in the implementation of technology in pedagogy, therefore, making it necessary for them to use computers to complete a number of tasks.

WHEREAS the Directorate has recommended that all school administrators be supplied with a portable computer starting in 2005-2006 budget year;

WHEREAS the financing for the lease of these portable computers is part of the 2005-2006 budget approved by Council;

WHEREAS SPM Micro (Stéphane Lortie Informatique Inc.) has been engaged as the qualified portable computer supplier for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS a 3-year lease program is advantageous for portable computers for school administrators;

WHEREAS three capital lease providers submitted offers and the best lease offer was received from Macquarie Capital Group;

Steve Bletas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 3-year lease of 45 laptops from the **Macquarie Capital Group** at a cost of 78 430,12\$, all taxes included.

AND THAT the 45 portable computers to be leased be supplied by SPM Micro (Stéphane Lortie Informatique INC.) as the qualified portable computer supplier of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT SPM Micro (Stéphane Lortie Informatique INC.) directly invoice Macquarie Capital Group for the portable computers to be leased.

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

Carried unanimously

050712-IT-0019

WHEREAS Jules Verne Elementary School requires an additional classroom for the start of the 2005-2006 school year;

WHEREAS the implementation of a mobile lab will allow the school to have the extra classroom and maintain adequate computer access for its students;

WHEREAS Jules Verne Elementary School has agreed to pay its \$25 000 share of the project;

WHEREAS SPM Micro (Stéphane Lortie Informatique Inc.) has been engaged as the qualified portable computer supplier for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the purchase of 33 laptop computers and 2 charging carts from SPM Micro (Stéphane Lortie Informatique Inc.) at a cost of 57 641.56\$, all taxes included.

Carried unanimously

050712-MR-0026

WHEREAS McCaig Elementary School is currently overcrowded;

WHEREAS it is necessary to provide student places for the 2005-2006 school year;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received written authorization from Ville de Rosemère for the installation of portables;

WHEREAS invitational tenders were called for three portables and opened on 2005-06-23;

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

Natalie Auclair *MOVED THAT*, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the lease of the portables for McCaig Elementary School to **AMB TRESEC Inc.** at a cost of 102 192,81\$, taxes included.

Carried unanimously

Carried unanimously

5.2 School Success Plans:

The Director General advised the Council that he has requested that the schools forward their respective School Success Plans to his office and that he will meet with Natalie Auclair, Chair of the Communications & Public Relations Sub-Committee, to review the plans and discuss how they could be presented in a condensed format to the Council.

5.3 Risk Management Policy Task Force:

Carolyn Curiale commented that she and William Pollock had met prior to this evening's meeting to begin the review of the proposed Risk Management Policy. She encouraged other Council members to join them in the review as the document is quite large and any assistance would be greatly appreciated in order to formulate the document into a more readable version for presentation to the Council of Commissioners.

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 Report of Communications Sub-Committee Chairperson:

The Chairman advised that the Communications & Public Relations Committee had met on 2005-08-22 and had re-elected Natalie Auclair as its Chair for the 2005-2006 school year.

Mrs. Auclair commented on the last meeting of the sub-committee noting that the theme for the 2005 Fall Focus Session, the School Success Plans, the Selection Committee for the post of Coordinator of Communications & Information Services, publications of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and their cost, the school board map, and the 2005 Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) Conference in Ottawa in November were discussed.

6.2 Report of Adult & Vocational Education Sub-Committee Chairperson:

There was no report.

6.3 Reflections on 2004/2005 School Year:

The Chairman advised that prior to the summer shut-down members of the Executive Committee had met to discuss the 2004-2005 school year. He went on to advise that he would be calling a caucus meeting for 2005-09-19 to discuss the 2004-2005 school year and noted that he would appreciate any reflections in writing from those who may not be able to attend.

6.4 New Employee Reception:

The Deputy Director General commented on the new employee reception, which was held this afternoon at Rosemere High School, noting that approximately 50% of the new employee came out for the event. He thanked the Commissioners who attended and the Directors for their informative presentations. Several compliments of appreciation were received from the new employees.

The Council entered into discussion on the new employee reception and it was suggested that name tags for all participants be provided the next time the event is held.

6.5 Council Committees:

The Chairman inquired if any Commissioner wished to make any changes to their respective committee selections for the 2005-2006 school year.

Several changes were requested. The committee list will be updated and redistributed.

7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

7.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

The Director of Financial Resources advised the Council that the department is currently working on closing the 2004-2005 school year in order to be prepared for the audit.

7.2 Authorization for Tax Sale – Ville de Rosemère:

The Director of Financial Resources provided background information on the municipal tax sale.

The Chairman asked that the Director of Financial Resources advise the Ville de Rosemère of the correct address and contact person for the school board tax department as the information on the letter received concerning the municipal tax sale is very outdated.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director of Financial Resources advised that at this time she is unaware if the school board was able to obtain payment or seize property on the properties sent to seizure for non-payment of taxes in June. She will report back on this issue at the next meeting.

050824-FR-0005

WHEREAS the Ville de Rosemère has advised the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board that properties will be seized for the non-payment of municipal taxes;

WHEREAS the Ville de Rosemère has requested that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board confirm any amounts due with respect to school taxes;

WHEREAS the Ville de Rosemère requires a power of attorney from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in order to proceed with the collection of outstanding schools taxes on the following property:

| Municipal Roll # | Name & Address | Property Address | Amount |
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| 073020-8155-39-84800 | GELLER, Nancy 354, rue Montcalm Rosemère, QC J7A 3B1 | 354 Montcalm rue Rosemère | 1 202,13\$ |

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Ville de Rosemère to collect the outstanding taxes and interest calculated to September 14, 2005.

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this tax sale.

Carried unanimously

050824-FR-0006

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WHEREAS the Ville de Rosemère has requested that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board confirm any amounts due with respect to school taxes;

WHEREAS the Ville de Rosemère requires a power of attorney from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in order to proceed with the collection of outstanding schools taxes on the following property:

| Municipal Roll # | Name & Address | Property Address | Amount |
|-------------------------|--|--|---------------|
| 073020-8154-72-37310 | MCBRIDE, Daniel 253 Florian Rosemère, QC J7A 2N7 | 234 Grande-Côte chemain Rosemère | 902,71\$ |

Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Ville de Rosemère to collect the outstanding taxes and interest calculated to September 14, 2005.

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this tax sale.

Carried unanimously

8.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

8.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

There was no report.

8.2 Summer School Report:

The Director of Educational Services advised the Council that a detailed report on the 2005 Summer School will be presented at the 2005-09-28 meeting.

She went on to comment that there was increased enrollment in summer school this year and that preliminary numbers show that the success rate was 69% for those that attended summer school and 49% for those who only wrote an exam.

9.0 QESBA

9.1 Report of the QESBA:

Carolyn Curiale noted that the organization for the 2006 Canadian School Boards Association Conference (CSBA) is going well and that several well known persons have agreed to be keynote speakers.

9.2 QESBA Voting Delegates:

The Deputy Director General advised that the school board has received a letter from the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) requesting that the school board name voting delegates for the 2005-10-01 Annual General Meeting. He noted that due to the change in the QESBA by-laws the Annual General Meeting will now be held in the fall.

Carolyn Curiale noted that the number of votes of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will increase in 2006 due to the board's growing enrollment. She also indicated that with its increase in enrollment the school board will also be eligible for an additional member on the QESBA Board of Directors.

050824-CA-0007

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has assigned thirteen votes to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for its Annual General Meeting being held on 2005-10-01;

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the following as voting delegates for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Annual General Meeting to be held on 2005-10-01; AND THAT the thirteen votes be divided among them:

Steve Bletas (6 votes)
Carolyn Curiale (7 votes)

AND THAT Steve Kmec, Merle Parkinson and Edward Turchyniak be named as an alternate voting delegate for each of the named Commissioners at the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Annual General Meeting to be held on 2005-10-01.

Carried unanimously

10.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

10.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

There was no report.

10.2 Update on Capital Projects:

The Director of Material Resources advised that the majority of the summer capital projects will be completed for the opening of the new school year.

He went on to advise that over the summer months the air conditioning unit at Laurier Senior High School broke down. He stated that the cost of a new air conditioning unit will need to be assessed as the current unit has been repeatedly repaired and now must be replaced. The school board has leased a replacement unit until a new unit can be purchased.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director of Material Resources advised that the parking lot at Twin Oaks Elementary School will be repaired for the opening of school.

In response to a question from William Pollock, the Director of Material Resources noted that the architect has surveyed Ste-Agathe Academy and the surrounding property and is preparing a preliminary project plan for the school board. The plan will be reviewed by all parties involved with the project.

10.3 Purchase Order – Portables for Joliette E.S.:

In response to questions from Steve Kmec, the Chairman noted that the school board has received a letter from the Commission scolaire des Samares indicating that it will not have any buildings available until 2006 and that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) would rather have the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board use an existing building in this area of its territory rather than build a new school.

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 20:41 hours

He went on to note that there are not a lot of buildings available in the Joliette area that could accommodate an elementary school. The school board's direction and approach on this project will need to be reviewed as the current situation at Joliette Elementary School does not make for a safe school environment and the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) will be advised of this situation.

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:43 hours

The Council entered into discussion on the situation at Joliette Elementary School.

In response to a suggestion from Steve Kmec, the Director General indicated that having a contractor build a school type building and that the school board rent it from them is an interesting idea. He also noted that the MELS is supposed to be establishing procedures on this type of scenario.

The Chairman requested that the issue of Joliette Elementary School continue to be discussed by the Material Resources Committee.

050824-MR-0008

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board leases modular classrooms to accommodate students at Joliette Elementary School;

WHEREAS it is necessary to renew the lease of these modular classrooms for the 2005-2006 school year;

Tony De Lauri MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the renewal of the lease for seven modular classrooms and one sanitary modular at Joliette Elementary School for the 2005-2006 school year with **AMB TRESEC Inc.**, in the amount of 100 541,05\$, all taxes included.

Carried unanimously

11.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

11.1 Report of Committee Chairman:

There was no report.

11.2 Employee Assistance Program:

The Director of Human Resources advised the Council that the Directorate is recommending the renewal of the school board's contract with Montrose Inc. for its services for the Employee Assistance Program.

He went to draw the Council's attention to the annual report of the services provided to the school board by Montrose Inc. during the 2004-2005 school year pointing out that there has been a significant increase in services provided younger employees and employees over 50. He noted that he will try to find out what is causing the need for services to increase within these two groups.

The Council entered into discussion.

050824-HR-0009

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has approved the implementation of an Employee Assistance Program;

WHEREAS this program has been reviewed by the Executive Committee and the Directorate;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Montrose Inc.** as the firm for the Employee Assistance Program as per the terms of the contract, effective 2005-07-01 to 2006-06-30.

Carried unanimously

11.3 Engagement – Coordinator of Communications & Information Services:

The Director General advised that the position of Coordinator of Communications & Information Services was approved as a part of the Administrative Organizational Chart and that the Selection Committee had interviewed two candidates and is unanimously recommending Line Desgroseilliers for the position.

050824-HR-0010

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has created the position of Coordinator of Communications and Information Services;

WHEREAS this position is governed by “Conditions of Employment of Management Staff of School Boards”;

WHEREAS this position has been posted and a selection committee was convened, as per the “Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section of the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec”;

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the engagement of **Line Desgroseilliers** as Coordinator of Communications and Information Services, effective 2005-08-26 and in accordance with the Regulation Respecting the Conditions of Employment of Management Staff of School Boards and the Management Policy of the Board.

Carried unanimously

11.4 Resignation:

050824-HR-0011

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the notice of resignation, effective 2005-09-30, received from **Denis Marcoux**, Director of Information Technology and extend best wishes to him.

Carried unanimously

11.5 Rescind Executive Committee Resolution:

The Director of Human Resources provided background information on the need to rescind resolution #050712-HR-0012.

050824-HR-0012

Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind resolution #050712-HR-0012, engagement of Wendy Wooten as Guidance Counsellor (50%) at Laurier Senior High School.

Carried unanimously

11.6 Modification to Executive Committee Resolutions – Guidance Counsellors:**050824-HR-0013**

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modification to Executive Committee resolution #050712-HR-0011, engagement of **Catherine Horvath**, by changing the name of the school to Ste-Agathe Academy.

Carried unanimously

050824-HR-0014

Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modifications to Executive Committee resolution #050712-HR-0014, engagement of **Wendy Wooten**, by changing the percentage to 100% and the name of the school to Laurentian Regional High School.

Carried unanimously

12.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**12.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:**

There was no report.

12.2 Additional Computer Training for Commissioners:

The Deputy Director General noted that the majority of Commissioners participated in the training offered by Information Technology and that he is now inquiring if there are any Commissioners who wish to have additional training. Any interested Commissioners should contact the Director of Information Technology and sessions will be organized.

The Council entered into discussion on what additional training they would be interested in.

In response to a question from Grace Nesi, the Chairman noted that a trial paperless Council meeting will take place in September and that those Commissioners who wished to have a paper package until they become familiar with the paperless format should advise Jocelyne Thompson-Ness.

Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 21:11

hours

12.3 Purchase Order – GRICS Services 2005-2006:

In response to a question from Merle Parkinson, the Deputy Director General advised that the annual cost of services from GRICS may increase slightly annually as many of the services it provides to the school board are based on student enrollment.

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has a Protocol of Service with Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS);

WHEREAS GRICS invoices the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for various services and support provided on an annual basis;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the payment of the invoice (#FA-110542) received from Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS) in the amount of 272 294,45\$, all taxes included.

Carried unanimously

13.0 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

13.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

There was no report.

13.2 *Update on 2005-2006 Enrollment:*

The Director of School Organization provided an update on the 2005-2006 enrollment noting that registrations are still being received and that the school board may have to open an additional kindergarten class at Hillcrest Academy, which would mean that a class would have to be moved to another location due to overcrowding.

He went on to note that enrollment at the high school level has increased from 2004-2005 figures but that elementary enrollment has decreased.

Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:15 hours

In response to a question from Albina Pace, the Director of School Organization noted that with enrollment around 85, the kindergarten classes at Hillcrest Academy are already over the class limit by one student.

The Chairman advised the Council that he would be requesting that the Director General and the Deputy Director General follow-up on a meeting held last February with the Members of the Assemblée Nationale representing Laval concerning the school board's need for additional student space in the Laval area.

Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 21:17 hours

In response to a question from Merle Parkinson, the Director of School Organization advised that there would be a kindergarten class at Grenville Elementary School and it is expected, given the past history of the school, that there will be more registrations for kindergarten prior to the start of school.

Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:19 hours

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Director General indicated that the school board received approximately 18 000\$ under the MELS funding program for "Village" schools and that this funding was used to purchase a mobile computer lab for Grenville Elementary School.

In response to an additional question from the Chairman, the Director General advised that some of the classes at Mother Teresa Junior High School could be as large as 40 students and that the school will try to open additional classes but the lack of space at 2323 Daniel-Johnson is a problem.

He went on to remind the Council that the community wanted to be able to choose between the two junior and senior high schools in Laval and that the school board supported this option but that if it does not work the school board will need to review the situation and make a decision on how enrollment will proceed for the 2006-2007 school year.

In response to a question from Tom Mouhteros, the Director of Material Resources advised that the building capacity for the junior high schools are blank on the enrollment grid as it is difficult to divide the building capacity between schools that share a building.

13.3 Back to School Preparations:

The Director of School Organization noted that the preparations for the 2005-2006 school year have gone smoothly. Routes have been sent to the contractors, the student mailing has been completed, additional staff has been engaged to handle the telephones and that the various forms used to make transportation changes are now available on the school board's Web site. It is hoped that by having the various transportation request forms available on the Web will result in a decrease in telephone calls.

He continued noting that during the 2004-2005 school year there were several instances where younger students were not met at the bus stop at the end of the school day and that a note has been added to the transportation mailing that indicates that young students must be met at the bus stop by a responsible person. It is hoped that this note will remind parents that their young children should not be left at the side of the road all alone.

14.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

14.1 Parents' Committee Report:

There was no report.

15.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

16.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman referred to Council to the meeting package.

17.0 VARIA

The Chairman advised the Council that a caucus meeting will be held on 2005-09-19 for "Reflections on the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 School years".

He went on to remind everyone that Natalie Auclair would be walking in the "Weekend to End Breast Cancer" on August 27 & 28, 2005 and to please come out and support her.

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that Walter Fogel is recuperating at home.

In response to a question from the Chairman, Tom Mouhteros advised the Council that the opening game for the Laval Liberty High School football team would be on 2005-09-16 in the evening.

In response to a question from Edward Turchyniak, the Deputy Director General noted that the Ville de Laval has offered the football teams of Laval Junior and Laval Liberty High Schools an alternate playing field for games but that the schools prefer to play on their own field.

David McKinley advised the Council that he would be participating in the "Le Festival de la santé et le Marathon international de Montréal" on 2005-09-11 to raise money for "Tel-jeunes", which is an organization that provides anonymous telephone assistance for young people who are having problems with bullying, taxing, drugs, alcohol, etc. He noted that recent figures show that this organization has handles over 50 000 telephone calls and approximately 20 000 requests through the internet annually.

In response to a question from the Chairman, Mr. McKinley advised that he has inquired about the "Tel-jeunes" service being offered in English and the organization is looking into the possibility of adding English services as many of the professional who work there are bilingual. He will inquire as to the status of the possible English services and report back. More information on "Tel-jeunes" can be found on its Web site at www.teljeunes.com.

The Chairman inquired into the status of the Provincial negotiations.

The Director General advised that the school board has received an official strike notice from the CSN, which is the maintenance workers union, for 2005-08-31 from midnight until noon. It appears that the strike will only affect the high schools but the school board is awaiting a confirmation from the CSN on this. The strike day will be a pedagogical day for the high schools and announcements to this effect will be made when the school board has all of the necessary information concerning the strike.

He went on to note that major disruptions are to be expected this fall if negotiations do not resume. A list of the Laurier Teachers' Union tactics are available on the union Web site. The administrative support staff have not yet had a strike vote as quorum was not achieved at its last meeting. It is expected that all groups will take some form of strike action until everything is resolved.

He advised the Council that the school board will do everything it can to maintain the good relationship it has with the Laurier Teachers' Union whether there is an agreement or a decree.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General noted that the day care workers will not be taking a strike vote until 2005-09-06.

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 21:58 hours

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:00 hours

In response to a comment from Steve Kmec, the Chairman indicated that it might be necessary for the schools boards to establish a unified resolution to be sent to the Provincial Government requesting that it act quickly in an attempt to resolve the provincial agreements.

The Director General advised the Council that he will be participating in the annual "Mix96 Shave to Save" fundraiser for breast cancer this October and that he would like to be able to raise 10 000\$. Any support for this cause would be very much appreciated.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Nazario Facchino MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:01 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2005-09-28

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman