

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2005-09-13

A Special 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 Tuesday, 2005-09-13 at 19:00 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, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi (later arrival), Albina Pace (later arrival), Merle Parkinson (by telephone), William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Tom Mouhteros, Parent Commissioner; and Giordano Rosa-del-Vecchio, Director General.

Also present were: Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General; George Paquette, Director of School Organization & Transportation; Line Desgroseilliers, Coordinator of Communications; and Marilyn Shane, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Walter Fogel, Commissioner, and Linda Iaconetti, Parent Commissioner.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours.

1.0 PARTICPATION AT MEETING BY TELEPHONE

050913-CA-0016

WHEREAS section 169 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) recognizes the right of a Commissioner to take part in a meeting by means of telecommunications with the consent of a majority of Commissioners present;

WHEREAS there exists a quorum and that, furthermore, the Chairman of the Council of Commissioners is present for the meeting of 2005-09-13;

WHEREAS there exist exceptional circumstances which prevent the presence in person of a Commissioner and, furthermore, that it is deemed advisable to have as many Commissioners as possible participate in the decision-making process of the board;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, for the special meeting of 2005-09-13 of the Council of Commissioners, authorize **Merle Parkinson** to participate and vote by means of a telephone connection.

Carried unanimously

The Chairman proceeded to communicate with Merle Parkinson.

2.0 ENGAGEMENT - DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

050913-HR-0017

WHEREAS the Director of Information Technology tendered his resignation effective 2005-09-30;

WHEREAS this position is governed by the "Conditions of Employment of Management Staff of School Boards;

WHEREAS this position was posted and a selection committee was convened as per the "Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section of l'Association des cadres scolaires du Québec";

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the unanimous recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Line Desgroseilliers** for the position of **Director of Information Technology**, effective 2005-10-03 in accordance with the Politique administrative et salariale and the Management Policy of the Board.

Carried unanimously

Tom Mouhteros wished Line every success in her new assignment and extended her the full support of the board.

3.0 ENGAGEMENT – INFORMATION OFFICER

050913-HR-0018

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

WHEREAS the current Information Officer was promoted to that position;

WHEREAS the position of Information Officer is now vacant;

WHEREAS the position of Information Officer was posted and a selection committee was convened;

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the engagement of **Maxeen Jolin**, as an Information Officer, effective 2005-10-03.

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, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Grace Nesi, Albina Pace

Grace Nesi and Albina Pace entered the meeting at 19:17 hours as the vote was being carried out.

Natalie Auclair provided commissioners with some background information on the successful candidate.

4.0 PURCHASE OF MOBILE COMPUTER LAB – MOTHER TERESA J.H.S.

050913-IT-0019

WHEREAS Mother Teresa Junior High 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 Mother Teresa Junior High School has agreed to pay its \$25 000 share of the project;

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

David McKinley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners 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

Some questions followed on the costs being absorbed by the board for the purchase of laptop computers to free up school space. It was explained that so far the board has been able to meet the expense without incurring any deficit while awaiting funding from MELS. Commissioners were advised that this would be the subject of further discussion at the School Organization Committee meeting immediately following this Council session.

5.0 REFLECTIONS ON 2003-2004 & 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEARS

The Chairman advised that this item had been placed on the agenda simply as a reminder of the session scheduled for Commissioners on Monday, September 19 at 19:30 hours in order to work on a report to bring to Council on the endeavours and achievements of the past two years. He recommended that Commissioners check the minutes of Council and Executive meetings to familiarize themselves with what has transpired in that period.

William Pollock MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 19:23 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2005-09-28

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman