

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2006-03-22

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, 2006-03-22 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Georges Benoit, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, 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; Alain Guay, Director of Adult & Vocational Education; Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Effie Maniatis, Director of Educational Services; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Natalie Auclair, Commissioner.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:51 hours.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

- 5.5 *Overcrowding at Laval Junior High School*.....INFO
 5.6 *Increased Enrollment at Hillcrest Academy*.....INFO

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

- 6.8 *Clean School Project - Hillcrest Academy*INFO
 6.9 *Posting of the Assistant Director of Educational Services*..... RES

060322-CA-0152

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #SWLSB-2006/03/22-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a verbal notice, Walter Fogel, advised that in the minutes of the meeting held on 2006-02-22, the following required correction:

- Page 1439, resolution #060222-CA-0131, 2nd WHEREAS, the 1st line should read as follows: *"WHEREAS a Selection Committee was formed comprised of..."*.
- Page 1444, item 6.1, 4th paragraph, should read as follows: *"The Council entered into discussion on the marketing of Adult & Vocational Education and the Annual Report."*

- Page 1445, resolution #060222-CA-0137 - within the vote the word “defeated” is to be replaced with “carried” and the vote is to be reversed with “Walter Fogel” voting “Nay” and everyone else voting “Yea”.

060322-CA-0153

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2006-02-22, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier

ABST: Albina Pace, Edward Turchyniak

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4.1 *Report of the Assistant Director General Selection Committee:*

The Chairman advised that three candidates for the position of Assistant Director General were interviewed and that the committee was unanimous in its recommendation.

060322-HR-0154

WHEREAS the position of Deputy Director General will be vacant as of 2006-06-29;

WHEREAS a Selection Committee was formed comprised of six Commissioners, the incoming Director General and the outgoing Deputy Director General to interview and recommend an Assistant Director General to the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee conducted interviews on 2006-03-14;

WHEREAS the members of the Selection Committee were unanimous in its recommendation for the position of Assistant Director General;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint **Anne-Marie Lepage** to the position of Assistant Director General, effective 2006-07-01.

Carried unanimously

4.2 *Report of the Director of Educational Services Selection Committee:*

The Chairman advised that three internal and three external candidates for the position of Director of Educational Services were interviewed and that the committee was unanimous in its recommendation.

060322-HR-0155

WHEREAS the current Director of Educational Services has been named as Director General of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, effective 2006-07-01;

WHEREAS the position of Director of Educational Services will become vacant as of 2006-07-01;

WHEREAS a Selection Committee was formed comprised of three Commissioners and the outgoing Director of Educational Services to interview and recommend a Director of Educational Services to the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee conducted interviews on Monday, 2006-03-20;

WHEREAS the members of the Selection Committee were unanimous in its recommendation for the position of Director of Educational Services;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint **Heather Halman** to the position of Director of Educational Services, effective 2006-07-01.

Carried unanimously

The Chairman advised the Council of Commissioners of the following: that he has received a letter from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) concerning funding for various capital projects, the presence of Jean Charest, Premier, at the 2006 Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference, and the need to discuss and understand Québec's idea of "regionalization" as it pertains to school boards.

He went on to note that he had attended a meeting of the Chairs of the school boards of the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière region and that his reception by the group was positive. Discussions at this meeting included such topics as the financing of the Fibre Optic Networks and Measure 50590.

On a "point of order", Steve Kmec inquired that if a meeting is planned for the Council of Commissioners to discuss "regionalization" would it be possible to hold it on a Saturday.

The Chairman noted that a choice of dates would be presented and that a Saturday would be considered.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING**5.1 2006-2007 Administrative Organizational Chart:**

The Chairman presented a letter to the Council of Commissioners from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) indicating that it does not support the 2006-2007 Administrative Organizational Chart. The President of the SWLAA was invited by the Chairman to comment on the letter.

Cliff Buckland, President of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA), noted that the association felt that the school board's request to shorten the normal 60-day consultation was unacceptable and the removal of a management position without prior consultation with the association was also being questioned.

The Deputy Director General advised that Association des cadres scolaires du Québec (ACSQ) - Sir Wilfrid Laurier Chapter had advised him, in writing, that it supported the 2006-2007 Administrative Organizational Chart.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion and the Chairman explained that in meeting with the Executive of SWLAA and the ACSQ it was agreed that the 60-day consultation period would be waived. At a meeting of the entire membership of the SWLAA the waiving of the standard 60-day consultation period was not supported.

Walter Fogel noted that he is not in favour of the chain of command whereby the Secretary General reports to the Deputy Director General instead of the Director General. He suggested that the 2006-2007 Administrative Organizational Chart be modified to have the Secretary General report directly to the Director General.

Merle Parkinson accepted Mr. Fogel's modification.

060322-HR-0156

WHEREAS the Directorate has reviewed the Administrative Organizational Chart of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the 2006-2007 school year;

WHEREAS the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec (ACSQ) - Sir Wilfrid Laurier Chapter has been consulted and supports the proposed Administrative Organizational Chart;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) has been consulted and has advised the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board that it does not support the proposed Administrative Organizational Chart;

Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the 2006-2007 Administrative Organizational Chart with a change to document #SWLSB-2006/03/22-HR-001, whereby the line for the chain of command for the Secretary General be changed to show that this position reports directly to the Director General rather than the Deputy Director General.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Tony De Lauri, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Merle Parkinson

NAY: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

The Chairman called for the vote on the original resolution.

On a "point of order", Walter Fogel advised that under Robert's Rules of Order this item cannot be discussed again at this meeting and is tabled to the next meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

5.2 Sale of Land - Ste-Agathe Academy:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the offer to purchase land beside Ste-Agathe Academy noting that the report of the professional evaluator indicates that the land is worth 90 000\$.

060322-MR-0157

WHEREAS in a letter dated 2005-02-17 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board received an offer from Joseph Morselli to purchase land, lot P 14-2 (34 110 sq/ft) of the Ville de Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, adjacent to Ste-Agathe Academy for an amount of 17 000\$;

WHEREAS this offer to purchase was referred to the Material Resources Committee for further study;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee recommended that the offer not be considered as a response had not been received from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) concerning the enlargement/construction project at Ste-Agathe Academy;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has since received an authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for the enlargement/construction project at Ste-Agathe Academy;

WHEREAS in a letter dated 2005-12-07 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board received an additional offer from Joseph Morselli for lot P 14-2 of the Ville de Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts in the amount of 20 000\$;

WHEREAS this offer was referred back to the Material Resources Committee by the Executive Committee with a request for a professional evaluation of the land;

WHEREAS the professional evaluation firm of Thérien Dansereau Courcelles & associés, inc. was engaged to conduct the evaluation and have made a full report to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the report of Thérien Dansereau Courcelles & associés, inc. indicates that the fair market value of the land is 90 000\$;

Grace Nesi 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 mandate the Deputy Director General to make a counter offer to Joseph Morselli for lot P 14-2 (34 110 sq/ft) of the Ville de Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts in the amount of 90 000\$.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Steve Kmec, Nick Milas

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chair and left the meeting.

TIME: 20:17 hours

Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

TIME: 20:17 hours

5.3 Sale of Land - Roland-Durand:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the offer to purchase land on Roland-Durand noting that the professional evaluator has suggested two sale scenarios.

Merle Parkinson and Morten Schrier left the meeting.

TIME: 20:19 hours

Merle Parkinson returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:21 hours

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

TIME:20:22 hours

060322-MR-0158

WHEREAS Construction N. Roy Inc. made an offer to purchase part of lot #241-298-23 (41 471 sq/ft) located on boulevard Roland-Durand in Rosemère, Québec, on 2005-01-27;

WHEREAS part of lot #241-298-23 has been sub-divided into three lots as a part of the conditions of sale of the adjoining property to Gaz Métro;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee had requested that a professional assessment report be made as to the current market value of the lots located on Roland-Durand in the Ville de Rosemère;

WHEREAS the professional evaluation report indicated that the market value of these lots is 156 500\$;

WHEREAS during the month of January 2006 Construction N. Roy inc. verbally contacted the Director of Material Resources to inquire if the school board would still be interested in selling part of lot #241-298-23 located on boulevard Roland-Durand and, if so, at what price;

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources made the Material Resources Committee aware of the renewed interest of Construction N. Roy inc. and the Material Resources Committee recommended that a counter offer be made;

WHEREAS the recommendation of a counter offer was referred back to the Material Resources Committee by the Executive Committee with a request for a professional evaluation;

WHEREAS the professional evaluation firm of Thérien Dansereau Courcelles & associés, inc. was engaged to conduct the evaluation and have made a full report to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the professional evaluation report indicates that the sub-division of part of lot #241-298-23 does not conform to the by-law of the Ville de Rosemère for division into three lots by being short 18 feet, therefore, making it conformable for sub-division into two buildable lots;

WHEREAS taking into consideration the non-conformity to the by-laws of the Ville de Rosemère, Thérien Dansereau Courcelles & associés, inc. has appraised the land under two scenarios:

- Scenario 1 - two buildable lots 169 200\$
- Scenario 2 - the Ville de Rosemère derogates from its by-law and authorizes three buildable lots 219 500\$

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee has examined the report of Thérien Dansereau Courcelles & associés, inc. and is recommending scenario 2;

Peter MacLaurin 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 mandate the Director of Material Resources to advise Construction N. Roy inc. that the fair market value for part of lot #241-298-23 (41 471 sq/ft) located on boulevard Roland-Durand in Rosemère, Québec, is 219 500\$.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik

NAY: Nick Milas

The Chairman resumed the chair.

5.4 QESBA Regional Focus Groups:

Carolyn Curiale advised that the organization of the Regional Focus Groups is ongoing and that these meetings will be based on the "Town Hall" format. There will be questionnaires prepared for the groups to answer in order to determine how English education is perceived in Québec. The sessions will be two hours long and will take place in various locations within the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière region.

She went on to advise that she and Steve Bletas had received training from the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) to lead the Regional Focus Groups at a recent professional development session. The assistance of the Council of Commissioners would be very much appreciated for the recruitment of people for the groups that fit the profile of people with children in the French school system, civil servants, politicians, etc. The groups will be convened from mid-April to mid-May.

Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:24 hours

Morten Schrier returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:25 hours

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Robert Dixon, Mrs. Curiale noted that having people with children in the French and private systems will be of value as it will allow for discussion as to why these types of education were chosen over an English education.

Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 20:29 hours

Discussion continued.

Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:31 hours

5.5 *Overcrowding at Laval Junior H.S.:*

In response to a question asked by Walter Fogel at the 2006-02-22 meeting, the Director General advised that he had spoken with the Principal of Laval Junior High School and to her knowledge there is no shortage of desks and chairs in the classrooms.

5.6 *Increased Enrollment at Hillcrest Academy:*

The Director General advised that the issue of increased enrollment at Hillcrest Academy is being looked into and will be monitored as the enrollment process continues.

In response to concerns expressed by Walter Fogel, the Director General noted, while it is not an ideal situation at Hillcrest Academy, there are students who eat their lunch in their classrooms in several schools of the board due to a lack of space. Various solutions are being looked at in order to resolve the problem such as asking if there is anyone who would be interested in moving to a different school.

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 20:37 hours

The Council entered into discussion and the Chairman suggested that this item be placed on the agenda of the 2006-04-26 meeting of the Council for further follow-up and discussion.

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:39 hours

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 *Report of Communications Sub-Committee Chairperson:*

The Deputy Director General, in the absence of the Chair of the Communications & Public Relations Sub-Committee, advised that at its last meeting the sub-committee discussed the results of the tenders for the graphic norms for the school board and for marketing services for Adult & Vocational Education. The respective committees and the Executive Committee have examined the tender results for both projects and support the recommendations.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Deputy Director General indicated that there were nine tenders for the marketing services for Adult & Vocational Education and that a weighting system was established for the evaluation of the tenders and that the committee was unanimous in its recommendation.

Carolyn Curiale moved to have the motion for the 2006-2007 Administrative Organizational Chart reconsidered.

On a "point of order", Walter Fogel noted that a motion to reconsider can only be taken if the person making the motion to return to the issue voted with the prevailing side.

Mrs. Curiale noted that she had voted with the majority in defeating the resolution proposed by Mr. Fogel.

In response to comments made by Mr. Fogel concerning the need to have a motion to change the rules of order, Mrs. Curiale noted that in Robert's Rules of Order it states that a motion to change the rule is only required if the meeting has already been adjourned.

060322-HR-0159

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the motion concerning the 2006-2007 Administrative Organizational Chart be reconsidered by the Council of Commissioners.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

060322-HR-0160

WHEREAS the Directorate has reviewed the Administrative Organizational Chart of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the 2006-2007 school year;

WHEREAS the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec (ACSQ) - Sir Wilfrid Laurier Chapter has been consulted and supports the proposed Administrative Organizational Chart;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) has been consulted and has advised the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board that it does not support the proposed Administrative Organizational Chart;

Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the 2006-2007 Administrative Organizational Chart, as presented in document #SWLSB-2006/03/22-HR-001.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

6.2 Engagement - Marketing Services for Adult & Vocational Education:

060322-AE-0161

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved call for public tenders for the marketing of the services of Adult & Vocational Education;

WHEREAS the tenders were received and opened on 2006-03-13;

WHEREAS a Selection Committee has studied and evaluated all the tenders received;

Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Adult & Vocational Education Sub-Committee, the Communications & Public Relations Sub-Committee, and the Executive Committee; the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of **Interpôles Design Communication Marketing**, to prepare a marketing plan for Adult & Vocational Education at a cost of 59 813\$, taxes included.

Carried unanimously

6.3 Graphic Norms:

On a "point of information", Edward Turchyniak noted that at this time the school board does not have any graphic norms concerning the use of the school board logo.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Deputy Director General noted that the three tenders received were equal in most areas except in the area of the Web design whereby Interpôle Design Communication Marketing presented a superior product and is the firm being recommended by the selection committee even though its bid was higher.

060322-CA-0162

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved call for invitational tenders for the graphic norms for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the tenders were received and opened on 2006-02-15;

WHEREAS a Selection Committee has studied and evaluated all the tenders received;

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Communications & Public Relations Sub-Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of **Interpôles Design Communication Marketing**, to prepare the graphic norms for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board at a cost of 17 253,75\$, taxes included.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel, Albina Pace

The Chairman called for a 10 minute break.

TIME: 20:56 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:11 hours

6.4 2006 Canadian Principals Association (CAP) Conference:

The Deputy Director General advised that he had received two requests to attend the 2006 Canadian Principals Association (CAP) Annual Conference in Québec.

Robert Dixon noted that he might be in a conflict of interest concerning this resolution and excused himself from the table for the vote.

060322-CA-0163

WHEREAS policy #2005-CA-11: Professional Development for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires approval of the Council of Commissioners for Commissioner attendance at conferences;

WHEREAS this policy sets a ceiling of three delegates from the Council of Commissioners to any one conference;

WHEREAS two Commissioners have submitted a request to attend the 2006 Canadian Principals Association (CAP) Annual Conference being held from 2006-05-11 to 2006-05-13 in Québec City;

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Carolyn Curiale**, to the 2006 Canadian Principals Association (CAP) Annual Conference being held in Québec City, from 2006-05-11 to 2006-05-13.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 1 500\$ Canadian.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel

060322-CA-0164

WHEREAS policy #2005-CA-11: Professional Development for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires approval of the Council of Commissioners for Commissioner attendance at conferences;

WHEREAS this policy sets a ceiling of three delegates from the Council of Commissioners to any one conference;

WHEREAS two Commissioners have submitted a request to attend the 2006 Canadian Principals Association (CAP) Annual Conference being held from 2006-05-11 to 2006-05-13 in Québec City;

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Edward Turchyniak**, to the 2006 Canadian Principals Association (CAP) Annual Conference being held in Québec City, from 2006-05-11 to 2006-05-13.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 1 500\$ Canadian.

Carried unanimously

Robert Dixon returned to the table.

6.5 Posting of Secretary General Position:

060322-CA-0165

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved resolution #060222-CA-0138 that split the position of Assistant Director General/Secretary General into two separate positions;

WHEREAS a new Assistant Director General has now been engaged;

Carolyn Curiale 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 posting of the position of Secretary General, effective 2006-03-23.

Carried unanimously

6.6 Cancellation of Pedagogical Days:

The Director General advised the Council that the Principals have been advised that the two days usually reserved for unforeseen circumstances have been cancelled and applied to days lost to strike action during the fall of the current school year.

In response to a question from David McKinley, the Director General noted that in a normal school year there are 182 school days and 18 pedagogical days but with the strike action earlier this year and inclement weather the number of school days is now in the neighbourhood of 177 for the 2005-2006 school year.

He further noted that some of the schools may not have to lose the entire two days as some schools used time originally set aside for extra-curricular activities to cover time lost due to strike action.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General advised that he would look into whether or not it would be necessary for the Council to approve a resolution cancelling the two days lost to strike action.

6.7 2006 NSBA T + L2 Conference:

The Deputy Director General advised that two requests have been received to attend the 2006 National School Boards Association (NSBA) T & L² (Technology, Leadership, Learning) Conference in Dallas, Texas in November.

Robert Dixon excused himself from the table for the vote due to a possible conflict of interest.

060322-CA-0166

WHEREAS policy #2005-CA-11: Professional Development for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires approval of the Council of Commissioners for Commissioner attendance at conferences;

WHEREAS this policy sets a ceiling of three delegates from the Council of Commissioners to any one conference;

WHEREAS two Commissioners have submitted a request to attend the 2006 National School Boards Association (NSBA) T & L² (Technology, Leadership, Learning) Conference being held from 2006-11-08 to 2006-11-10 in Dallas, Texas;

David McKinley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Edward Turchyniak** at the 2006 NSBA T & L² (Technology, Leadership, Learning) Conference in Dallas, Texas from 2006-11-08 to 2006-11-10.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 3 000,00\$ Canadian.

Carried unanimously

060322-CA-0167

WHEREAS policy #2005-CA-11: Professional Development for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires approval of the Council of Commissioners for Commissioner attendance at conferences;

WHEREAS this policy sets a ceiling of three delegates from the Council of Commissioners to any one conference;

WHEREAS two Commissioners have submitted a request to attend the 2006 National School Boards Association (NSBA) T & L² (Technology, Leadership, Learning) Conference being held from 2006-11-08 to 2006-11-10 in Dallas, Texas;

David McKinley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Carolyn Curiale** at the 2006 NSBA T & L² (Technology, Leadership, Learning) Conference in Dallas, Texas from 2006-11-08 to 2006-11-10.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 3 000,00\$ Canadian.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel

Robert Dixon returned to the table.

6.8 Clean School Project - Hillcrest Academy:

The Council of Commissioners tabled this item to the Material Resources Committee for further study and asked that it be brought back to the 2006-04-26 meeting.

6.9 Posting of Assistant Director of Educational Services Position:

060322-CA-0168

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners appointed the current Assistant Director of Educational Services to the position of Director of Educational Services, effective 2006-07-01, at its 2006-03-22 meeting;

WHEREAS the position of Assistant Director of Educational Services will now become vacant as of 2006-07-01;

Tony De Lauri 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 posting of the position of Assistant Director of Educational Services, effective 2006-03-23.

Carried unanimously

7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

7.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

Merle Parkinson, Chair of the Financial Resources Committee, commented on the most recent meeting of the committee noting that seven invitational tenders were received and examined for the banking services of the school board, the school board's response to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du

Loisir et du Sport (MELS) survey on the additional 90 minutes of class time at the elementary level, the proposed school fees policy, and the results of the Governing Board survey on the distribution of financial information were discussed.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Albina Pace, the Director General noted that the Principals have been advised that they are to share budget information with their respective Governing Boards and inquire as to what type of financial information it wishes to receive. If a Governing Board advises that it is still not receiving financial information the school board will look into the matter.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General noted that only thirteen Governing Boards responded to the survey on the distribution of financial information so it can be assumed that with the low response to the survey, the majority of the Governing Boards are satisfied with the financial information they are receiving.

Linda Iaconetti noted that the survey was brought up at several meetings of the Parents Committee as a reminder that it should be completed and returned to the school board.

Edward Turchyniak noted that the school board has fulfilled the request of the Governing Boards and the Parents Committee by creating and distributing the survey and that the matter should now be closed so as to not cause any conflict between the Governing Boards and the Principals.

7.2 Governing Board Survey:

This was discussed under item 7.1.

7.3 Recommendations to MELS on Additional 90 Minutes:

This was discussed under item 7.1.

7.4 Proposed Policy #2006-FR-03: School Fees:

The Director of Financial Resources presented the proposed policy on school fees.

The Council entered into discussion and the Director General advised that if members of the Council had any comments to please put them in writing to the Director of Financial Resources as a part of the consultation process.

He further noted that the policy was developed using the guidelines provided for by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

In response to a suggestion from Walter Fogel, the Director General advised that the dollar amounts contained in the policy will be removed and become an annex to the policy.

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Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle proposed policy #2006-FR-03: School Fees.

AND THAT it be subject to a 60-day consultation.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Walter Fogel, Albina Pace

8.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

8.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

David McKinley, Chairman of the Material Resources Committee, noted that at its last meeting the committee discussed the second phase of the library project, the current departmental budget situation, the enlargement/construction project at Ste-Agathe Academy and the proposed energy project.

8.2 Energy Project:

The Director of Material Resources presented the proposed energy project noting that the proposal has been reviewed and supported by the Material Resources Committee and that the project will pay back the initial costs.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director of Material Resources noted that there will be no cost for the study of the schools.

In response to an additional question from Mr. Fogel, the Director of Material Resources advised that the companies that perform this work are very specialized so there are only a few of them to choose from. The company selected will be asked to perform an evaluation on the schools and prepare a proposal and if the proposal is approved in principle by the Council of Commissioners it will be forwarded to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for final approval. The company that prepares the evaluations will also perform the necessary work.

060322-MR-0170

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) authorized school boards for Energy Project Contract;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has undertaken a study for Energy Projects to ensure that all of its buildings are energy efficient;

WHEREAS the 2006-2007 phase of the project is to ensure that Genesis, Grenville, Laurentia, Morin Heights, and Ste-Adèle Elementary Schools and Joliette, Lake of Two Mountains and Rosemere High Schools are energy efficient;

WHEREAS the cost of this project is estimated at 1 500 000\$;

WHEREAS it is anticipated that the energy costs saved through this project will pay back the initial costs within ten years;

WHEREAS the 2006-2007 Energy Project will be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for final approval once the feasibility study is completed;

WHEREAS it is necessary to engage a firm to perform a feasibility study and report on the energy needs of the buildings of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

David McKinley 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 in principle the 2006-2007 Energy Project.

AND THAT a call to tender be authorized for the services of a professional evaluator of energy systems to conduct a feasibility study

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec

8.3 Call to Tender - Insurance 2006-2007:

The Director of Material Resources noted that the insurance policy of the school board expires on 2006-06-30.

060322-MR-0171

WHEREAS the insurance policy of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board expires on 2006-06-30;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee recommends that a public tender be called for insurance services;

William Pollock 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 call for public tenders for insurance services for the 2006-2007 school year.

Carried unanimously

9.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

9.1 Parents' Committee Report:

Linda Iaconetti, Parent Commissioner, noted that at its last meeting the Parents Committee were party to three presentations:

- A Police Officer from the Deux-Montagnes detachment came to speak on the changes that have been made to how the police force handles first time drug offenders.
- The Assistant Director of Educational Services and the Secondary English Second Language and Social Sciences Pedagogical Consultant made a presentation on the difference between how boys and girls learn how to read.
- The President of the Fédération des Comités des parents du Québec (FCPQ) came to visit the committee to invite them to organize 2 - 4 English workshops for the 2006 colloque to be held in the fall.

She extended special thanks to the Assistant Director of Educational Services and the Secondary English Second Language and Social Sciences Pedagogical Consultant for taking the time to make their presentation

She also advised that the Special Education Committee (SEAC) is creating a logo for itself and will be holding a logo design contest for the special needs students. This committee will also be creating a pamphlet to assist parents whose child has been diagnosed, once in school, with a special need.

In closing, she noted that the report of the sub-committee on student fees had been presented and that a request for additional time to study the proposed rental policy were also discussed.

In response to a question from Tom Mouhteros, the Director General noted that the school board would be pleased to provide Governing Board training upon the presentation of dates and an idea of what type of training is required.

10.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

10.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

Nancy Rupnik, Chair of the Information Technology Committee, commented on the last meeting of the committee noting that Sylvie Legault, Analyst, had made a very informative presentation to the members on all of the pedagogical software of the school board and how it co-relates to other school board software.

She went on to note that if the Council is interested in this presentation to please let her know and arrangements will be made with the Director of Information Technology.

10.2 *GRICS Voting Delegates:*

The Deputy Director General advised that this is a yearly request from the GRICS for its annual general meeting.

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS);

WHEREAS the membership agreement stipulates that the school board must name an official delegate to act on its behalf;

Georges Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Robert Vallerand**, Deputy 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 the 2006 Annual General Meeting and to exercise the powers inherent;

AND THAT if the official delegate is absent or unable to act, **Line Desgroseilliers**, 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 the 2006 Annual General Meeting.

AND THAT this resolution cancel and replace any other resolution naming an official delegate to the general assembly of the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS).

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST:

Walter Fogel

11.0 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

11.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

Georges Benoit, Chair of the School Organization Committee, noted that at its last meeting the committee discussed the enrollment figures, the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) demographic forecasts and the recent course for bus drivers.

11.2 *Update on 2006-2007 Enrollment:*

The Director General noted that enrollment is steady although somewhat lower at this time than last year. Enrollment at Laval Junior High School is currently at 265 which is helping to achieve the goal of balancing registrations between the two junior high schools in Laval.

12.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

12.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

Peter MacLaurin, Chairman of the Education Committee, noted that at its last meeting the committee had a presentation on Positive Behaviour and a demonstration on a Web link to a new program for history. A field trip request was presented and the information provided was incomplete so the committee refused the request and will revisit it when it conforms to the process.

12.2 *Purchase of LEGO Robotics Lab:*

The Director of Educational Services provided background information on the LEGO Robotics Project noting that the pilot project was very successful and that a lab for each school would be very beneficial to the students of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. The purchase of the labs will be paid out over a two year period.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director of Educational Services noted that a LEGO Robotics lab incorporates many cross-curricular competencies and the students find it to be innovative and fun, especially those who experience difficulties in class.

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WHEREAS the Education Committee has approved the purchase of a LEGO Robotics Lab for all Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools;

WHEREAS this project will cost approximately 78 000\$, excluding taxes to be paid out over a period of 2 years;

WHEREAS an initial payment of 18 186\$, all taxes included is required immediately;

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Education Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved the purchase of LEGO Robotics Labs for all schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board from Brault & Bouthillier in the amount of 78 000\$, excluding taxes.

AND THAT an initial payment of 18 186\$, all taxes included, be authorized immediately.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel

13.0 QESBA

13.1 *Report of the QESBA :*

Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that the next Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) "Town Hall" meeting will be hosted by the Eastern Shores School Board in the Gaspé. If any Commissioner is interested in attending the QESBA will be renting a bus to transport Commissioners to the event.

She went on to note that the Constitution Committee had met concerning membership on the Executive Committee and universal suffrage for the election of the president and vice-president. On the issue of membership on the Executive Committee, the current method of representation seems to be working well. On the issue of universal suffrage a consultation will be conducted among member boards.

14.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

14.1 *Report of Committee Chairman:*

Nazario Facchino, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, commented on the last meeting of the committee noting discussions on the teacher staffing for the additional 90 minutes at the elementary level, the meeting of all Directors of Human Resources to review the new Collective Agreements, and a modification to the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) concerning the criminal background verification process that will provide a loop-hole for school boards to refuse employment to persons who are involved in a criminal proceeding.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General noted that a proposal to provide provisional teaching certificates to persons already holding a certain type of degree has been developed by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and the Québec universities to ensure that the current teacher shortage stabilizes. Those who are granted a provisional teaching certificate will have to continue to study on a part-time basis.

15.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a concern expressed by Franca Celli, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, the Chairman asked that she submit her concern over programs and lack of space at the school to the Director of Educational Services.

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Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until the completion of the agenda.

Carried unanimously

16.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the correspondence contained in the package.

17.0 VARIA

In response to a question from William Pollock, the Chairman advised that the new painting hanging in the boardroom was by William Saunders and is on loan from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Albina Pace MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:16 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2005-04-26

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman