

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2006-04-26

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, 2006-04-26 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, Walter Fogel, 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; Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology; 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; George Paquette, Director of School Organization & Transportation; and Elizabeth Thibault, Recording Secretary. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Peter MacLaurin, Commissioner.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

4.3	<i>Engagement of Assistant Centre Director - Adult & Vocational Education</i>	RES
4.4	<i>Engagement of Vice-Principals</i>	RES
4.5	<i>Assignment & Transfer of School Administrators</i>	RES
4.6	<i>QESBA Regional Focus Groups</i>	INFO

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

5.7	<i>Overcrowding at Laval Junior H.S.</i>	INFO
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9.0 HUMAN RESOURCES:

Items 9.3 to 9.5 were moved to 4.0 Chairman's Report.

10.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

10.13	<i>Request for Authorization to Borrow</i>	RES
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060426-CA-0175

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #SWLSB-2006/04/26-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Learning Through Giving Presentation:

The Chairman introduced the Principal, Vice-Principal, Guidance Counsellor, teachers and students who were involved in the "Learning Through Giving" project.

Michael Iannodis, Guidance Counsellor, presented the project and provided background information.

2.2 Approval of Minutes 2006-03-22:

In a verbal notice, the Chairman advised that in the minutes of the meeting held on 2006-03-22, the following required correction:

- Page 1462, resolution #060322-HR-0160, the mover of the resolution "*Merle Parkinson*" is to be changed to read "*Carolyn Curiale*".

In a verbal notice, Carolyn Curiale, advised that in the minutes of the meeting held on 2006-03-22, the following required correction:

- Page 1469, item 9.1, 4th paragraph, 2nd line, the word "*colloque*" is to be replaced with the word "*colloquium*".

060322-CA-0176

George Benoit MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2006-03-22, 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, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Natalie Auclair

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Pamela Massicotte, a parent from Ste-Adèle Elementary School, the Deputy Director General advised that the plan for the playground will be tabled to the Material Resources Committee for further study.

The Chairman requested that the proposed playground project at Ste-Adèle Elementary School be placed on the agenda of the next Material Resources Committee meeting.

The Chairman advised the Council that May 16, 2006 is "Denim Day", a fundraiser for breast cancer research and encouraged everyone to donate.

In response to a question from Barbara Cohen, a teacher at McCaig Elementary School, the Chairman advised that the Director General has the authority to assign and transfer Principals.

The Director General explained that annually he meets with all of the Principals and Vice-Principals to discuss their individual career plans and this is taken into consideration when appointments are made. Also taken into consideration are the needs of the schools within the system and sometimes the needs of the schools superseding those of the Principal or Vice-Principal. He respects the fact that several schools are very happy with their current Principal and wish to keep him/her but the needs of the students must be considered first.

In response to a question from Johanne Thomas, a teacher at McCaig Elementary School, the Director General advised that the needs of each school are assessed individually and annually each Governing Board is asked to prepare criteria for the selection of a Principal based on what it feels that its school needs and this is taken into consideration when selecting a Principal for the school. The Council of Commissioners will make the final approval on the assignment and transfer of school Administrators. The school board is acting within the Education Act.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised the Council that two students from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board had won first place in the Barreau de Laval Public Speaking & Essay Contest. The student who won first place in the public speaking attends Laval Liberty High School and the student who won the essay contest attends Mother Teresa Junior High School.

He went on to congratulate these two students and advised the Council that these students would be honoured at the 2006-05-24 meeting of the Council.

The Chairman advised the Council of the annual Focus Group for the review of the Strategic Plan and asked if there were any Commissioners interested in representing the Council of Commissioners.

Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Albina Pace and Nancy Rupnik volunteered to be apart of the Focus Group for the review of the Strategic Plan.

4.1 *Report of the Secretary General Selection Committee:*

The Chairman advised that three candidates had been interviewed for the position of Secretary General and that the Selection Committee was unanimous in its recommendation. He noted that all of the candidates had a legal background.

060426-HR-0177

WHEREAS the position of Deputy Director General/Secretary General has been split, effective 2006-07-01;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners formed a Selection Committee and conducted interviews on Tuesday, 2006-04-11;

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

Steve Bletas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Josephine Battista** to the position of Secretary General, effective 2006-07-01.

Carried unanimously

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

Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 20:39 hours

Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 20:40 hours

The Chairman advised that four candidates had been interviewed for the position of Assistant Director of Educational Services and that the Selection Committee was unanimous in its recommendation.

060426-HR-0178

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

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

WHEREAS a Selection Committee was formed and conducted interviews on Tuesday, 2006-04-11;

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

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint **Gerald Robillard** to the position of Assistant Director of Educational Services, effective 2006-07-01.

Carried unanimously

Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:42 hours

Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting

TIME: 20:43 hours

4.3 Engagement of Assistant Centre Director - Adult & Vocational Education:

The Director General informed the Council that the needs of the Adult Education sector are growing and in order to continue the stabilization of the service it is now necessary to appoint a permanent Assistant Centre Director. The recommended candidate is currently replacing the Assistant Centre Director, who is on sick leave, so another person will be assigned to that position for the duration of the sick leave.

060426-HR-0179

WHEREAS the Assistant Centre Director of Adult & Vocational Education has been on an extended leave;

WHEREAS there is a need for a second Assistant Centre Director of Adult & Vocational Education;

Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Director General and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Elaine Brunette** as a Assistant Centre Director of Adult & Vocational Education as per the conditions of Employment of the Management Staff of School Boards and as per the terms of the individual's contract, effective 2006-07-01.

Carried unanimously

060426-HR-0180

WHEREAS the Assistant Centre Director of Adult & Vocational Education has been on an extended leave;

WHEREAS the person currently replacing the Assistant Centre Director of Adult & Vocational Education has been appointed to the newly created position of Assistant Centre Director of Adult & Vocational Education;

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Director General and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board promote **Connie La Rosa** to the position of Assistant Centre Director of Adult & Vocational Education, as a replacement for a sick leave, in accordance with Article 5-5.00 of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Collective Agreement, his/her individual contract and the conditions of Employment of the Management Staff of School Boards and as per the terms of the individual's contract, effective 2006-07-01 until the date of return.

Carried unanimously

4.4 Engagement of Vice Principals:

The Director General provided background information on the selection process of the candidates for the positions of Vice-Principal.

060426-HR-0181

WHEREAS several in-school Administrator posts will be left vacant upon the annual assignment and transfer of in-school and centre Administrators;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee has met, interviewed and retained six candidates for the positions as Vice-Principal;

William Pollock MOVED THAT, on recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board promote **Carmela Sacco** to the position of Vice-Principal, as a replacement for a maternity leave, effective 2006-07-01 until date of return, in accordance with Article 5-5.00 of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Collective Agreement and his/her individual contract; AND THAT he/she be assigned in a probationary capacity to **McCaig Elementary School**.

Carried unanimously

060426-HR-0182

WHEREAS several in-school Administrator posts will be left vacant upon the annual assignment and transfer of in-school and centre Administrators;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee has met, interviewed and retained six candidates for the positions as Vice-Principal;

David McKinley MOVED THAT, on recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board promote **Mary Lazarus** to the position of interim Vice-Principal, effective 2006-07-01, in accordance with Article 5-5.00 of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Collective Agreement and his/her individual contract; AND THAT he/she be assigned in a probationary capacity to **Terry Fox Elementary School**.

Carried unanimously

060426-HR-0183

WHEREAS several in-school Administrator posts will be left vacant upon the annual assignment and transfer of in-school and centre Administrators;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee has met, interviewed and retained six candidates for the positions as Vice-Principal;

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT, on recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board promote **Karen Lorenz** to the position of Vice-Principal, effective 2006-07-01, in accordance with Article 5-5.00 of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Collective Agreement and his/her individual contract; AND THAT he/she be assigned in a probationary capacity to **Rosemere High School**.

Carried unanimously

060426-HR-0184

WHEREAS several in-school Administrator posts were will be left vacant upon the annual assignment and transfer of in-school and centre Administrators;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee has met, interviewed and retained six candidates for the positions as Vice-Principal;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Natalie Rollin** to the position of Vice-Principal, as a replacement for a maternity leave, effective 2006-07-01 until date of return, in accordance with the Politique administrative et salariale and policy #2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association, AND THAT he/she be assigned in a probationary capacity to **Laurier Senior High School**.

Carried unanimously

060426-HR-0185

WHEREAS several in-school Administrator posts were will be left vacant upon the annual assignment and transfer of in-school and centre Administrators;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee has met, interviewed and retained six candidates for the positions as Vice-Principal;

Tony De Lauri MOVED THAT, on recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Josee Yelle** to the position of Vice-Principal, effective 2006-07-01, in accordance with the Politique administrative et salariale and policy #2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association, AND THAT he/she be assigned in a probationary capacity to **Laval Junior High School**.

Carried unanimously

4.5 Assignment & Transfer of School Administrators:

The Director General advised the Council that the assignment and transfer process is close to completion and that he has met with all of the Principals and Vice-Principals to discuss their respective career plans.

He went on to note that all of those being assigned or transferred have been advised as well as the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA).

Walter Fogel excused himself from the table for the vote.

060426-HR-0186

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Director General to recommend to the Council of Commissioners the assignment of the in-school and centre administrators prior to May 1 annually in accordance with the Management Policy adopted by the board;

WHEREAS principals and vice-principals have submitted their career plans for 2006-2007 to the Director General as requested;

WHEREAS these plans have been reviewed by the Director General and taken into consideration;

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the assignment of the in-school and centre administrators, effective 2006-07-01:

ELEMENTARY	PRINCIPAL	VICE-PRINCIPAL
ARUNDEL (60%)	Carole Léger	

CRESTVIEW	Gloria Kadonoff	
FRANKLIN HILL	Cliff Buckland	
GENESIS	Karen Moore	
GRENVILLE (with LES)	Tina Korb	
HILLCREST ACADEMY	Howard Shapiro	Chris Roblin
JOHN F. KENNEDY	Doug Clarke	
JOLIETTE	Robert Berry	
JULES VERNE	Suzanne Longpré	
LAURENTIA	Darlene Reeves	
LAURENTIAN	Tina Korb	
McCAIG	Fred Greschner	Carmela Sacco (Tina Miscio)
MORIN HEIGHTS	Anne Poland	
MOUNTAINVIEW	Darlene Miller	
NOTRE DAME	Gaelle Absolonne	
OUR LADY OF PEACE	John McGrail	
PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU	Laird Bracken	
PINEWOOD	Stephanie Krenn	Dan Tremblay
RAWDON ELEM. (with Rawdon Middle)	Louise McLaughlin	
SOUVENIR	Linda DiDomenico	André Gionet
STE-ADELE (with Batshaw)	Grace Courey	
STE-AGATHE	Josée Côté	
ST-JUDE	Paul Fogel	
ST-PAUL	Mary Sorrentino	Helen Kalipolidis
TERRY FOX	Therese Dufresne	Mary Lazaris
TWIN OAKS	Hazel Milley	
SECONDARY	PRINCIPAL	VICE-PRINCIPAL
BATSHAW (with Ste-Adèle)	Grace Courey	
JOLIETTE HIGH	Doug Morrison	
LAKE OF TWO MOUNTAINS	Johanne Brabant	Aimee-Elizabeth Parsons
LAURENTIAN REGIONAL	Scott Traylen	David Mitchell
LAURIER SENIOR HIGH	Glenn Cuggy	R. Bennett; N. Rollin (L.Cifarelli)
LAVAL JUNIOR	Ann Cohen	Josée Yelle
LAVAL LIBERTY	Eric Ruggi	Gina Persechino
MOTHER TERESA JUNIOR	Ken Prokosh	Serge-Édouard Jeanniton
PHOENIX	Jennifer Kurta	
RAWDON MIDDLE (with Rawdon Elem.)	Louise McLaughlin	
ROSEMERE HIGH	Judy Freedman	Richard Mason, Karen Lorenz
STE-AGATHE ACADEMY (with above)	Josée Côté	
COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE	CENTRE DIRECTOR	ASSISTANT CENTRE DIRECTOR
COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE	Alain Guay	Elaine Brunette Connie Larosa, VP (Marité Perron)

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, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Albina Pace

The Chairman called for a 10 minute break.

TIME: 21:05 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:15 hours

4.6 QESBA Regional Focus Groups:

The Chairman advised that to date the four Focus Groups have been completed and that it was a positive experience. A lot of useful feedback was received.

The Council entered into discussion and it was suggested that there be an additional two Focus Groups, the Chairs of Governing Board and the Parents Committee. The dates suggested for these Focus Groups are 2006-05-31 for the Governing Board Chairs and 2006-06-01 for the Parents Committee.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Update on Sale of Land - Ste-Agathe Academy:

The Deputy Director General advised that the school board has advised Joseph Morselli of its counter offer on the land next to Ste-Agathe Academy and that to date there has been no response.

5.2 Update on Sale of Land - Roland-Durand:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that Construction N. Roy Inc. was advised of the school board's counter offer on the land on Roland-Durand and that the company has withdrawn its offer stating that the counter offer is too high.

5.3 Overcrowding at Hillcrest Academy:

The Director General advised the Council that the enrollment figures for Hillcrest Academy have been reviewed and at this time there are 91 students registered for kindergarten at the school with the expectation of continued growth.

He went on to note that there is no space available at Crestview Elementary School to house an additional kindergarten class due to its special programs but Souvenir Elementary School does have space available for the 35 students that would need to be moved from Hillcrest Academy for the 2006-2007 school year, subject to parental agreement. At this time it is not necessary to involve the parents as the enrollment numbers are not yet stable.

The area around Hillcrest Academy is attracting families that wish to send their children to English school and if the trend continues re-zoning for this school may need to be considered for the 2007-2008 school year.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General advised that three kindergarten classes are being planned at Hillcrest Academy for the 2006-2007 school year but if needed a fourth class could be accommodated. The situation will be clearer once enrollment has stabilized.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General advised that portables at Hillcrest Academy would have to be explored and that authorization from the Ville de Laval would be required.

In response to a concern expressed by Walter Fogel, the Director General advised that the issue of overcrowding at Laval Junior High School has been looked into and there does not appear to be any problem with space. He asked Mr. Fogel to provide specific details.

5.4 Clarification of Unforeseen Circumstances:

In response to a question asked by Walter Fogel at the 2006-03-22 meeting of the Council of Commissioners, the Director General advised the Council that it not necessary to approve a resolution cancelling the two pedagogical days provided on the 2005-2006 school calendar for unforeseen circumstances, as the manner in which the provision for these days is written on the calendar indicates that these days are available only "if necessary".

5.5 Clean School Project - Hillcrest Academy:

The Director of Material Resources advised that the "Clean School" proposal received from Hillcrest Academy has been reviewed. There have been some problems with the manner in which the school was being cleaned but this issue has been addressed. During the next school year the school board will be looking at a process by which all schools that have fibre like ceiling with an asbestos component will have them sealed.

The Council entered into discussion and the Director General requested that more specific information on this issue be provided.

5.6 Update on Tel-jeunes:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the Tel-jeunes project and advised that funding is being sought through the Québec-Canada accord for minority language services as well as other sources. A meeting will be arranged with Noël Burke, Associate Deputy Minister for English Community Services, and Tel-jeunes to review the project.

He went on to note that the support of the other English school boards for this project would be beneficial to seeing the service succeed in the English sector across the province.

5.7 Overcrowding at Laval Junior H.S.:

This was discussed under item 5.3.

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 Report of Communications Sub-Committee Chairperson:

Natalie Auclair, Chair of the Communications & Public Relations Sub-Committee, advised that at its last meeting the proposed logo for Adult & Vocational Education, the graphic norms for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board logo, the new Web format for the "Laurier Express" which will be called the "Laurier News", and the revision of the taxation pamphlet, were discussed.

She went on to advise that the new look of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier logo would come into effect on 2006-07-01 for use by all schools and centres.

The method of how taxes are paid to the school board were also discussed and it has been recommended by the Financial Resources Committee that the use of payment methods such as internet, interact, money order and certified cheque would be encouraged in order to discourage the use of money. The use of money as method of payment increases the risk to the school board and for the person who makes the bank deposits in that the board office has increased levels of money on the premises and the person carrying the money to the bank also faces risk.

The Council entered into discussion and suggestions of using credit cards and banking by telephone were discussed. The Director of Financial Resources agreed to further investigate the various methods of payment of taxes available to the school board.

She also advised that the "Laurier Gala" would be held on 2006-05-15 at 19:30 hours in the auditorium of Rosemere High School. Please R.S.V.P. to the Information Officer.

Walter Fogel expressed concern over the new name for the Adult & Vocational Education Centres noting that it is a literal translation from French and that it is not proper English. He recommended that an appropriate English name be selected.

6.2 SWL Foundation Presentation of Multimedia Projectors:

The Chairman advised the Council that on 2006-04-11 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation presented each school with a multimedia projector at a special ceremony.

6.3 CRE Laval - Regional Youth Entente:

The Deputy Director General advised that he, the Chairman of the Council of Commissioners, and the Director of Community Development had met with representatives of the Conférence régionale des élus de Laval (CRE - Laval) and that the purpose of the meeting was that the CRE-Laval is looking to form a partnership with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Commission scolaire de Laval to recognize community service that is undertaken by students in Laval.

The students would be given a notebook in which to keep track of their community service and after so many hours they would be recognized by the Ville de Laval at a ceremony with the Mayor.

He went on to note that the school board is very anxious to participate in this partnership and have agreed to the drafting of a protocol. This type of partnership is very beneficial to the school board as it highlights our presence in the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière regions.

Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 21:58 hours

060426-CA-0187

WHEREAS the Chairman of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has met with representative of the Conférence régionale des élus de Laval (CRE - Laval) concerning the "Regional Youth Entente" for community volunteer work:

WHEREAS it has been determined that this "Regional Youth Entente" will be beneficial to the students of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in heightening their community action awareness;

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 advise the Conférence régionale des élus de Laval (CRE - Laval) of its intent to be a full participant in the "Regional Youth Entente", effective immediately.

Carried unanimously

6.4 2006 NSBA T + L2 Conference:

The Deputy Director General advised that he had received 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.

Robert Dixon excused himself from the table for the vote.

060426-CA-0188

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 three 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;

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **David McKinley** 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

Robert Dixon returned to the table.

6.5 Professional Use of Computers:

The Chairman advised the Council that as of 2006-04-27 the unprofessional use of laptops, i.e. playing cards, surfing the net, reviewing e-mail, etc; at Council, Executive and Committee meeting will not be tolerated and that if Commissioners and Directors refuse to comply the meetings of the Council will revert to paper.

Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:04 hours

6.6 NSPRA 2006 Seminar:

The Deputy Director General advised that he had received two requests to attend the 2006 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) Seminar being held in Chicago, Illinois.

Robert Dixon excused himself from the table for the vote.

060426-CA-0189

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 one Commissioner has submitted a request to attend the 2006 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) Seminar being held from 2006-07-09 to 2006-07-12 in Chicago, Illinois;

Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Natalie Auclair** at the 2006 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) in Chicago, Illinois from 2006-07-09 to 2006-07-12.

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

Carried unanimously

060426-CA-0190

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 one Commissioner has submitted a request to attend the 2006 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) Seminar being held from 2006-07-09 to 2006-07-12 in Chicago, Illinois;

Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Albina Pace**

at the 2006 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) in Chicago, Illinois from 2006-07-09 to 2006-07-12.

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

Carried unanimously

Robert Dixon returned to the table.

6.7 SWL Foundation:

Edward Turchyniak, a member of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation, advised the Council that the next fundraising event will be a lobster fest which will be held at Chalet des Erables in Ste-Anne-des-Plaines. The cost of the tickets is 150\$ each. The funds raised at this event will be put towards the donation of an interactive white board for each of the schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

He went onto ask that the Commissioners assist the Foundation in promoting this event.

6.8 Adult Education Logo:

The item was discussed under item 6.1.

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #060222-CA-0162 engaging Interpôles Design Communication Marketing to prepare the graphic norms for the Adult Education Centres;

WHEREAS the logo project submitted by Interpôles Design Communication Marketing has been reviewed and supported;

Ed Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Adult Education Sub-Committee, the Communications & Public Relations Sub-Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the logo design for the Adult Education Centres of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT the new logo be integrated into the Adult Education Centres as of 2006-06-01.

In response to a question from David McKinley, the Director of Adult & Vocational Education advised that once the new logo of the service is approved signs for the exterior of the main centre and its satellite centres will be constructed and installed.

Walter Fogel proposed that the English name for the Adult & Vocational Education Centres be stricken until an appropriate name is found.

Edward Turchyniak did not accept Mr. Fogel's proposal.

060426-AE-0191

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the resolution concerning the logo for Adult & Vocational Education be amended by striking the words "Competency Development Centre" from the logo until such a time that a "proper" English translation can be recommended.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Merle Parkinson, Morten Schrier

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

The Council entered into discussion and several Commissioners expressed that this name did not promote a learning environment effectively.

The Director of Adult & Vocational Education advised that the Governing Board of Adult & Vocational Education had approved the name and provided an extract of a resolution to that effect.

Merle Parkinson noted that the "CDC" acronym is already used by the "Canada Development Corporation" and would the school board be infringing on the use of "CDC".

On a "point of order", George Benoit asked that the vote be called.

060426-AE-0192

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #060222-CA-0162 engaging Interpôles Design Communication Marketing to prepare the graphic norms for the Adult Education Centres;

WHEREAS the logo project submitted by Interpôles Design Communication Marketing has been reviewed and supported;

Ed Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Adult Education Sub-Committee, the Communications & Public Relations Sub-Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the logo design for the Adult Education Centres of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT the integration of the new logo be integrated into the Adult Education Centres as of 2006-06-01.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Merle Parkinson, Morten Schrier

7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

7.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

Merle Parkinson, Chair of the Financial Resources Committee, commented on the last meeting noting that the budget parameters for 2006-2007, the school parameters for 2006-2007, and the changing of financial institutions were discussed.

TIME: 22:28 hours

060426-CA-0193

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until the completion of the agenda.

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

NAY: Walter Fogel

7.2 *Engagement of Auditors:*

060426-FR-0195

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage the firm of **Gagnon, Roy, Brunet & Associés** at a cost of **24 730\$, taxes included** to conduct auditing services for the **2005-2006** school year.

Walter Fogel excused himself for the evening.

Carried unanimously
TIME: 22:30 hours

7.3 *2006-2007 MELS Budget Parameters:*

The Director of Financial Resources reviewed the 2006-2007 Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) budget parameters noting the specific changes to the funding for special needs students.

Morten Schrier excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:33 hours

7.4 *Reaction to 2006-2007 MELS Budget Parameters:*

The Director of Financial Resources provided background information on the school board's reaction to the 2006-2007 Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) budget parameters.

060426-FR-0194

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has published the draft budgetary rules for 2006-2007;

WHEREAS the draft budgetary rules would allow the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to recoup additional taxation revenues collected throughout the year by school boards, and this, for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years;

WHEREAS with these revenues the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been able to provide better services in accordance with the needs of its clientele;

WHEREAS for the last several years the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been investing over two million dollars per year over and above the amounts funded by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) in direct services to its handicapped students and students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities (EHDA);

WHEREAS, during the process of negotiating the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors, the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) committed to allowing school boards to maintain their current level of expenses for services provided to handicapped students and students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities (EHDA);

WHEREAS the draft budgetary rules provide for retroactive levies on additional school taxes collected after the adoption of the budget;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has adopted a balanced budget for that year in conformity with the budgetary rules adopted by the treasury board on June 8, 2005;

WHEREAS the school board cannot modify expenses that have already been committed;

WHEREAS the recovery of additional taxation revenues would force the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to reduce the services currently offered;

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to revise the draft budgetary

rules for 2006-2007 to allow school boards to keep additional taxation revenues collected during a school year so that they can maintain and continue providing quality services adapted to the needs of their students.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, the Members of the National Assembly of Québec within the territory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board as well as the Quebec English School Boards Association, all English school boards, and all other school boards in the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière region.

Carried unanimously

7.5 2006-2007 Rate of Interest on Unpaid Taxes:

The Director of Financial Resources advised the Council that the Financial Resources Committee is recommending that the status quo for the 2006-2007 rate of interest on unpaid taxes.

060426-FR-0196

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, and in accordance with Article 316 of the Education Act, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the rate of interest on unpaid taxes be set at 15% per annum for the school year 2006-2007.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Steve Kmec

7.6 Write Off of Unpaid Taxes & Taxes in a Credit Position:

The Director of Financial Resources reviewed the taxes to be written off and explained that the taxes in the credit position are being written off as a part of the clean up of the tax program that was done during the conversion to the GRICS tax program.

060426-FR-0197

WHEREAS an analysis has been conducted on the tax accounts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS certain tax accounts have been deemed as prescribed;

WHEREAS it has been recommended by the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee that the taxes be written off;

WHEREAS the amount of the taxes to be written off totals 3 308,46\$;

WHEREAS the accumulated interest and service charges on these tax accounts totals 3 498,00\$

Albina Pace 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 the write off of the accounts for a total of 6 806,46\$.

Carried unanimously

060426-FR-0198

WHEREAS an analysis has been conducted on the tax accounts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS it has been recommended by the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee that tax accounts between -2,00\$ and 2,00\$ are to be written off;

WHEREAS the amount of the taxes and interest to be written off totals 1 718,67\$, representing 3367 tax accounts;

Albina Pace 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 the write off of the accounts for a total of 1 718,67\$.

Carried unanimously

060426-FR-0199

WHEREAS an analysis has been conducted on the tax accounts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS it has been recommended by the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee that tax accounts that are in a credit position are to be written off;

WHEREAS these tax accounts in a credit position date back to prior to the 2003-2004 school year;

WHEREAS the amount of the taxes in a credit position to be written off totals 16 939,47\$, representing 484 tax accounts;

Albina Pace 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 the write off of the accounts for a total of 16 939,47\$.

Carried unanimously

Georges Benoit left the meeting.

TIME: 22:39 hours

8.0 QESBA

8.1 Report of the QESBA :

Carolyn Curiale reported that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) had sent a reaction to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) concerning the 2006-2007 budget parameters.

8.2 QESBA Consultation on "Universal Suffrage":

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Vice-Chair advised that the envelopes used for the vote by mail would be coded and that scrutineers would be present at the count of the votes so there leave little room for vote tampering.

David McKinley advised the Council that with the real estate board voting is done via the internet using an assigned code and that this works well and is safe.

Georges Benoit returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:42 hours

The Council entered into discussion.

060426-CA-0200

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) represents 162 elected school Commissioners and 18 Parent Commissioners;

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) elects a President every 2 years to act on behalf of and act as the official spokesperson for a total of 180 Commissioners;

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) elects a Vice-President annually to represent 180 Commissioners and to act as spokesperson in the absence of the President;

Georges Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board recommend to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Constitution Committee that each represented Commissioner (180) be given the right to vote in any Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Presidential or Vice-Presidential election.

AND THAT a vote by mail be allowable under the supervision of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Constitution and Resolution Committee pending the approval on the rules and procedures from the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Board of Directors.

Carried unanimously

Merle Parkinson excused herself for the evening.

TIME: 22:48 hours

The Deputy Director General left the meeting.

TIME: 22:50 hours

Nancy Rupnik left the meeting.

TIME: 22:53 hours

9.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

9.1 Report of Committee Chairman:

Nazario Facchino, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, reported on the last meeting of the committee noting that the harassment policy, the process for the declaration of surplus, the implementation of the local agreement for the transfer of teachers to the new school in Laval, and the staffing process for the 2006-2007 school year were discussed.

Natalie Auclair left the meeting.

TIME: 22:54 hours

The Deputy Director General returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:54 hours

9.2 Policy #2006-HR-06: Harassment:

The Director of Human Resources presented and reviewed the final version of the policy.

The Director General left the meeting.

TIME: 22:57 hours

Nancy Rupnik returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:57 hours

Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:58 hours

060426-HR-0201

WHEREAS the Act Respecting Labour Standards (R.S.Q. N-1.1) requires a school board to develop a harassment policy for its employees;

WHEREAS Human Resources has developed such a policy;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted in principle resolution #040324-HR-0166 approving the proposed policy on harassment;

WHEREAS this proposed policy was subject to the consultation process and the feedback received required legal clarification;

WHEREAS following the legal clarification amendments have been made to the policy approved in principle;

William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #2006-HR-06: Harassment.

Carried unanimously

10.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

10.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

David McKinley, Chairman of the Material Resources Committee, advised that at the last meeting of the committee the calls to tender and the engagement of professionals and contractors were thoroughly examined and discussed.

10.2 Engagement of Contractor - Arundel Nature Centre Project:

060426-MR-0202

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to construct cabins for additional accommodations at the Arundel Nature Centre;

WHEREAS the tenders were received and opened on 2006-03-23;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee has studied and evaluated all the tenders received;

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

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources has negotiated with the lowest conformable bidder for some changes to the project in order to decrease the cost so that it conforms to the approved budget;

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 retain the services of **Construction Marc.Com** to construct the cabins at the Arundel Nature Centre, at a cost of 163 768,00\$, taxes included.

Carried unanimously

10.3 Engagement of Contractor - Arundel Nature Centre Garage:

060426-MR-0203

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to construct a new garage at the Arundel Nature Centre;

WHEREAS the tenders were received and opened on 2006-04-21;

WHEREAS the Material Resources department has studied and evaluated all the tenders received;

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

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources has negotiated with the lowest conformable bidder for some changes to the project in order to decrease the cost so that it conforms to the approved budget;

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee; the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of **Les Entreprises S. Arbour inc.** to construct the new garage at the Arundel Nature Centre at a cost of 57 415,00\$, taxes included.

Carried unanimously

The Director General returned to the meeting.

TIME: 23:04 hours

10.4 Engagement of Professional - Synthetic Playing Field Project:

060426-MR-0204

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board resolved to replace the playing field at 3200, boul. Souvenir O. as it is unfit for use by the students of Laval Junior and Laval Liberty High Schools;

WHEREAS the Ville de Laval has undertaken a project to replace several playing fields within the city with a synthetic surface;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has entered into an agreement with the Ville de Laval to replace the playing field at 3200, boul. Souvenir O. with a synthetic surface;

WHEREAS the 2005-2006 school year is coming to an end and in order to realize the project for August 2006 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board called for invitational tenders for the services of a consulting engineer;

WHEREAS the tenders were received and opened on 2006-04-21;

WHEREAS a sub-committee of the Material Resources Committee has studied and evaluated all the tenders received, as per the mandate given to it by the Material Resources Committee;

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

Steve Kmec 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 retain the services of **Consortium Beaupré & Associés Experts Conseils inc./Tecsult inc.** as consulting engineer to prepare the plans, drawings and tender specifications for the synthetic playing field project at 3200 boul. Souvenir O. at a cost of 650,000.00\$, taxes included.

Carried unanimously

10.5 Pre-Qualification Process for Energy Project:

060426-MR-0205

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to make its schools and centres more energy efficient;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has approved in principle an Energy Project to ensure that all of its buildings are energy efficient;

WHEREAS it is necessary for the school board to retain at least three applicants to complete a feasibility study on the energy needs of various buildings of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the invitational tenders were received and opened on 2006-04-20;

WHEREAS a sub-committee of the Material Resources Committee has studied and evaluated all the tenders received, as per the mandate given to it by the Material Resources Committee;

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

Tom Mouhteros 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 retain the services of the following four firms to perform a feasibility study on the energy needs of various buildings of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board:

Ecosystem
Énergie Directe Services Commerciaux / ACS Montréal Inc.
La Société de Contrôle Johnson SEC
Teknika HBA Inc.

AND THAT the results of the four feasibility studies be examined in detail by the Material Resources Committee;

AND THAT the feasibility study retained be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for final approval.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Steve Kmec

10.6 Call to Tender - Professionals for General Projects:

060426-MR-0206

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to undertake a window project at Souvenir Elementary School, a roofing project at 3200 boul. Souvenir O., and a renovation project at the new Adult & Vocational Education Centre;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation regulations require that the architect and consulting engineer be selected by a call for public tenders within the budget range of the project;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee recommend that public tenders be called for the services of an architect and a consulting engineer;

Tony De Lauri 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 the services of an architect and a consulting engineer to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the following projects:

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| • Souvenir E.S. | ▶ | Window Project |
| • 3200 boul. Souvenir O. | ▶ | Roofing Project |
| • New Adult & Vocational Education Centre (École St-Christophe) | ▶ | Renovation Project |

Carried unanimously

10.7 Call to Tender - Generator for Administration Centre:

060426-MR-0207

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to purchase a generator for its Administration Centre in order to ensure that it is accessible to all of its stakeholders during unforeseen circumstances;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee recommend that public tenders be called for a generator supplier;

Carolyn Curiale 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 a generator supplier.

Carried unanimously

10.8 Call to Tender - Professionals for 2323 Daniel-Johnson General Repair Projects:

060426-MR-0208

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to undertake four general repair projects at 2323 boul. Daniel-Johnson: curtain walls, windows, lighting and air conditioning and ventilation;

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

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation regulations require that the architect and consulting engineer be selected by a call for public tenders within the budget range of the project;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee recommend that public tenders be called for the services of an architect and a consulting engineer;

Nancy Rupnik 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 the services of an architect and a consulting engineer to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the following four general repair projects at 2323 boul. Daniel-Johnson:

Curtain Walls
Windows
Lighting
Air Conditioning & Ventilation

Carried unanimously

10.9 Engagement of Professional - Souvenir E.S. Window Project:

060426-MR-0209

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to replace the windows at Souvenir Elementary School;

WHEREAS a public tender was called for the services of an architect;

WHEREAS the tenders were received and opened on 2006-04-13;

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

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

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee; the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of **Leclerc & Associés**, architects, to prepare the plans and drawings for the Souvenir Elementary School Window Project.

Carried unanimously

10.10 Engagement of Professionals - New Adult & Vocational Education Centre:

060426-MR-0210

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de Laval has agreed to transfer École St-Christophe to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in order for it to establish a new Adult & Vocational Education Centre;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received authorization to renovate the École St-Christophe to accommodate a new Adult & Vocational Education Centre in Laval;

WHEREAS public tenders were called for the services of an architect;

WHEREAS a selection committee has studied and evaluated all architectural tenders received and prepared a recommendation;

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

Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Consortium Héloïse Thibodeau & Avena Architectes** to prepare the drawings, specifications and tendering documentation for the renovations of École St-Christophe to accommodate a new Adult & Vocational Education Centre.

Carried unanimously

060426-MR-0211

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de Laval has agreed to transfer École St-Christophe to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in order for it to establish a new Adult & Vocational Education Centre;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received authorization to renovate the École St-Christophe to accommodate a new Adult & Vocational Education Centre in Laval;

WHEREAS public tenders were called for the services of an electrical engineer;

WHEREAS a Selection Committee has studied and evaluated all tenders for the services of a consulting engineer received and prepared a recommendation;

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

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Roche Ltée, Groupe-conseil**, mechanical and electrical engineers, to prepare the drawings, specifications and tendering documentation for the renovations of École St-Christophe to accommodate a new Adult & Vocational Education Centre.

Carried unanimously

060426-MR-0212

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de Laval has agreed to transfer École St-Christophe to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in order for it to establish a new Adult & Vocational Education Centre;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is waiting for authorization to renovate the École St-Christophe to accommodate a new Adult & Vocational Education Centre in Laval;

WHEREAS public tenders were called for the services of a civil engineer;

WHEREAS a Selection Committee has studied and evaluated all tenders for the services of a consulting engineer received and prepared a recommendation;

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

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Le Groupe Séguin**, civil and structural engineers, to prepare the drawings, specifications and tendering documentation for the renovations of École St-Christophe to accommodate a new Adult & Vocational Education Centre.

Carried unanimously

10.11 Engagement of Professionals - 3200 boul. Souvenir O. Roofing Project:

060426-MR-0213

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to replace the roof at 3200, boul. Souvenir O.;

WHEREAS a public tender was called for the services of an architect;

WHEREAS the tenders were received and opened on 2006-04-13;

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

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

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee; the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of Tremblay L'Écuyer, architects, to prepare the plans and drawings for the 3200, boul. Souvenir O. Roofing Project.

Carried unanimously

10.12 Engagement of Professionals - 2323 Daniel-Johnson General Repair Projects:

060426-MR-0214

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to undertake four general repair projects at 2323 boul. Daniel-Johnson: curtain walls, windows, lighting and air conditioning and ventilation;

WHEREAS public tenders were called for the services of an architect;

WHEREAS a selection committee has studied and evaluated all architectural tenders received and prepared a recommendation;

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

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Birtz Bastien Beaudoin Laforest Architectes** to prepare the drawings, specifications and tendering documentation for the four general repair projects at 2323 boul. Daniel-Johnson: curtain walls, windows, lighting and air conditioning and ventilation.

Carried unanimously

060426-MR-0215

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to undertake four general repair projects at 2323 boul. Daniel-Johnson: curtain walls, windows, lighting and air conditioning and ventilation;

WHEREAS public tenders were called for the services of a consulting engineer;

WHEREAS a selection committee has studied and evaluated all tenders for the services of a consulting engineer received and prepared a recommendation;

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

Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Consortium Beaupré & Associés Experts Conseils inc./Tecsult inc.**, consulting engineers, to prepare

the drawings, specifications and tendering documentation for the four general repair projects at 2323 boul. Daniel-Johnson: curtain walls, windows, lighting and air conditioning and ventilation.

Carried unanimously

10.13 Request for Authorization to Borrow:

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that in order to proceed with the construction of the synthetic playing field at Laval Junior and Laval Liberty High Schools it would be necessary to secure a loan of 1 000 000\$.

The Council entered into discussion and questions were raised as to why the cost of the project has increased from 650 000\$ to 1 000 000\$.

The Director of Material Resources advised that the costs above the original budget are for the annual services and/or warranty.

In response to a question from Natalie Auclair, the Director of Material Resources noted that the school board is not bound to accept a tender that is over the set budget even if the tenderer meets the tender requirements.

In response to a question from David McKinley, the Director of Material Resources advised that if the project was aborted the school board would be responsible for any professional and surveying fees which would be split 50-50 with the Ville de Laval. The fees would be in the neighbourhood of 30 000\$.

In response to an additional question from Mr. McKinley, the Deputy Director General advised that the management of the playing field at Laval Junior and Laval Liberty High Schools has not yet been determined but that a protocol would be established.

The Chairman recommended that the resolution be modified by changing the words "*an amount of 1 000 000\$*" to read "*an amount up to 1 000 000\$*".

Georges Benoit accepted the modification to the resolution.

060426-FR-0216

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #050622-CA-0206 approving the negotiation of a protocol with the Ville de Laval for the construction of a synthetic playing field;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has advised the school board that the amendment to the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) permitting the creation of Public, Private Partnerships (PPPs) will not be effective for another year;

WHEREAS there is an urgency for the construction of the synthetic playing field to be done during the summer of 2006 prior to the opening of school;

Georges Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the General Directorate to request authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to borrow an amount up to 1 000 000\$ for this project.

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, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Albina Pace

Grace Nesi left the meeting.

TIME: 23:25 hours

11.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

11.1 Parents' Committee Report:

Tom Mouhteros commented on the most recent meeting of the Parents Committee noting that priorities for the 2006-2007 are being considered.

Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 23:28 hours

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

Nancy Rupnik, Chair of the Information Technology Committee, advised that no meeting was held during the month of April.

Grace Nesi returned to the meeting.

TIME: 23:29 hours

13.0 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION**13.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:**

Georges Benoit, Chairman of the School Organization Committee, advised that no meeting had been held.

13.2 Update on 2006-2007 Enrollment:

The Director of School Organization provided an update on enrolment.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Chairman advised that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport finances school boards annually on September 30.

Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 23:31 hours

14.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**14.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:**

The Director of Educational Services advised that at the last meeting of the committee GOAL and the results of the Bell Regional Science Fair were discussed.

15.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Josie Battista, the Secretary General designate, the Director General advised that the school board is addressing the issue of harassment among the students at the school level and that the policy presented this evening was for employees of the school board.

16.0 CORRESPONDENCE

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

17.0 VARIA

The was no varia.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Dave McKinley MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:35 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇔ REGULAR ⇔ 2006-05-24

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman