

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2006-05-24

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2006-05-24 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, 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 Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; and Grace Nesi, Commissioner.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:34 hours.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

060524-CA-0217

Albina Pace MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as presented in document #SWLSB-2006/05/24-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a verbal notice, Steve Kmec advised that in the minutes of the meeting held on 2006-04-26, the following required correction:

- Page 1480, the vote on this page is to be corrected by removing the name of "Steve Kmec" from the "YEA" section and recording his vote as a "NAY".

In a verbal notice, Walter Fogel, advised that in the minutes of the meeting held on 2006-04-26, the following required corrections:

- Page 1483, 2nd paragraph, 1st line the word "have" is to be replaced with the word "has".
- Page 1485, item 6.7, 2nd paragraph the word "onto" should be "on to".
- Page 1489, item 8.2, 1st line, the words "Vice-Chair" are to be replaced with "Carolyn Curiale".

060524-CA-0218

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2006-04-26, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Peter MacLaurin

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4.1 2006-2007 Standing Committees:

The Chairman advised the Council that the selection list for Standing Committees for 2006-2007 would be circulated during the meeting and asked that everyone complete his/her choices.

He went on to note that he had received notes of thanks from the Director General and the Deputy Director General for the lovely retirement dinner. The notes also contained best wishes to the Council of Commissioners for the coming years.

The Chairman advised that the annual meeting of the Focus Group to review the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's Strategic Plan was convened on 2006-05-23 and that it was a very positive session. He extended appreciation to the Director of Educational Services and the Education Consultant for Measurement and Evaluation on the presentation of the statistics used at the evaluation.

The Director General noted that while the feedback received was positive it appeared as though the awareness of the plan has diminished over the past year and recommended that an effort be made to raise the awareness of the Strategic Plan in 2006-2007 as the plan is having a positive effect.

Natalie Auclair noted that the issue of the promotion of the Strategic Plan would be brought to the Communications & Public Relations Sub-Committee for discussion in the fall.

The Chairman advised the Council that Mother Teresa Junior High School, Laval Liberty High School and Adult Education had won prizes in the Laval Jeune Entrepreneurs Contest. Mother Teresa Junior High School won for their "Learning through Giving" project and portfolio design Laval Liberty High School for its mentoring program and Adult Education for its "Learning Through Giving" project.

The Deputy Director General advised that Mother Teresa Junior High School's "Learning through Giving" project will represent the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière region at a provincial competition in June.

The Director General advised the Council that he was recently advised by one Principal that she would be taking her retirement and by another that he has accepted a position at the Riverside School Board, therefore, the process to replace them will begin as soon as possible to ensure that the positions have been filled by the end of June.

He went on to comment on a recent meeting held with Gilles Marchand, Directeur général des équipement scolaire for the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), the Deputy Director General, the Director General, the incoming Director General and the Director of Material Resources to discuss various issues concerning space in the Laval area.

The meeting was positive and Mr. Marchand was very receptive to the impact that the continued student growth in the Laval area has had on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's building capacity. Discussion on the funding of the renovations to the buildings being transferred to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board from the Commission scolaire de Laval took place and the school board was advised that the distribution of the funding for the 2006-2009 three year plan was complete and Mr. Marchand recommended that a request for funding be made from the 2007-2010 three year plan.

The Chairman advised that a letter has been sent to the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) requesting a funding advance from the 2007-2010 three year plan to complete the necessary renovations to Écoles Notre-Dame and St-Christophe.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 *Sale of Land - Roland-Durand:*

The Deputy Director General advised that the request for derogation for the sub-division of the lots on Roland-Durand has been sent to the Ville de Rosemère and that the Director General of the Ville has communicated to the school board that the Municipal Council would support the request for derogation. A resolution from the Municipal Council is pending.

5.2 *2006-2007 School Calendar - Rawdon & Joliette:*

The Director of Human Resources advised the Council that the 2006-2007 school calendar has been received from the Commission scolaire des Samares.

He went on to note that there is an imbalance in the number of pedagogical days and that the potential transportation problems the days would create have been resolved in discussions with Commission scolaire des Samares. The calendar has been sent to the Laurier Teachers Union for its approval but the President of the union has indicated that it would not support the calendar without consulting its executive.

In response to a question from Merle Parkinson, the Director of Human Resources noted that in order not to incur additional transportation costs the school board follows the scheduled pedagogical days of the Commission scolaire des Samares exactly, so that is the reason for a pedagogical day being scheduled in the middle of a week.

060524-ED-0219

WHEREAS the school calendar is the responsibility of the school board;

WHEREAS the Laurier Teachers Union and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board were able to negotiate and agree on a draft proposal;

WHEREAS the Directorate has endorsed the proposed calendar for the presentation to the Council of Commissioners for approval;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Human Resources, the Directorate and the Executive Committee; the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board conditionally approve the 2006-2007 school calendar for Joliette Elementary School, Rawdon Elementary & Middle School and Joliette High School, as presented in document #SWLSB-2006/05/24-ED-001.

AND THAT this calendar be sent to the Laurier Teachers Union for its opinion and approval.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec

5.3 *Update on Tel-jeunes:*

The Deputy Director General advised the Executive Committee that a meeting had been held recently with representatives of Tel-jeunes, Noel Burke, Associate Deputy Minister of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS); Mike Canuel of LEARN and representatives of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to discuss the services of Tel-jeunes being offered in English.

He went on to note that the Associate Deputy Minister did not feel that the funding of this project would fall under his mandate and suggested that Batshaw Youth Services be approached as this service is more of a social service.

The Director General of Batshaw Youth Services has been contacted and a meeting will be organized.

The Deputy Director General asked that Walter Fogel bring the subject of Tel-jeunes and its services to the next meeting of the regional health board. He also noted that the question of Tel-jeunes will be addressed to the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) at the Canadian School Boards Association conference.

The Council entered into discussion.

5.4 Policy #2006-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment & Three Year Plan:

The Director of School Organization presented the results of the consultation and reviewed the various changes to the deeds of establishment and three year plan for the allocation and destination of immoveables. Écoles Notre-Dame and St-Christophe have not been included as the transfer of the buildings to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has not yet been finalized.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General advised that the Governing Board at Hillcrest Academy has been consulted on the deed of establishment and three year plan for the school and is aware of how the document is worded with respect to its day care services.

In response to an additional question from Mr. Fogel, the Deputy Director General advised that the agreement with the Ville de Laval for the use of the gymnasias at Laval Liberty High School will not be renewed although the agreement for the use of the fields is active. There are other agreements with the Ville de Laval for the use of other buildings of the school board that are active.

In response to a question from Merle Parkinson, the Director of Financial Resources noted that the funding of the portables at Pinewood Elementary School is not 100% Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) funded.

060524-CA-0220

WHEREAS section 211 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) requires the school board each year to establish a three-year plan of allocation and destination of its immovables;

WHEREAS section 211 also requires the school board to draw up, in accordance with the plan, a list of its schools and of its vocational training and adult education centres and issue a deed of establishment to them;

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #2006-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables of all schools, centres and other buildings.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Steve Kmec

5.5 2006-2007 Budget Building Consultation:

The Director of Financial Resources reviewed the responses to the consultation on the 2006-2007 budget building process noting that only eighteen responses were received which is similar to the number of responses received on the 2005-2006 process.

5.6 Sale of Land - boul. Souvenir O.:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that the authorization to sell that land on boul. Souvenir O. to Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church has been received from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS). The church has been advised of the receipt of authorization and have begun the process to finalize the sale.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from David McKinley, the Deputy Director General indicated that the school board submits a proposal to the MELS of what it wishes to do with the funds from the sale of the land and the MELS will either authorize the proposal of the school board or implement one of its own.

On a point of "business arising" concerning page 1481 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2006-04-26, Walter Fogel inquired as to the kindergarten situation at Hillcrest Academy for the 2006-2007 school year.

The Director General advised that his question would be answered under School Organization.

Nancy Rupnik left the meeting.

TIME:20:35 hours

In response to an additional question from Walter Fogel concerning page 1489 of the same minutes, the Director of Financial Resources advised that with the migration to the new GRICS taxation software it was necessary to clean up all outstanding tax accounts whether in a credit or debit balance, as all accounts needed to be at zero before the transfer.

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 Report of Communications Sub-Committee Chairperson:

Natalie Auclair advised that the next meeting of the sub-committee would be held on 2006-05-29.

6.2 SWL Foundation:

Edward Turchyniak advised that Council that the goal set by the Foundation for ticket sales to the Lobster Fest is 450 and to date 320 have been purchased. Anyone who is interested in purchasing tickets can contact the Information Officer.

Nancy Rupnik returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:38 hours

6.3 Date of December 2006 Council Meeting:

The Deputy Director General noted that this is an annual request as the December Council meeting falls during the holiday break.

060524-CA-0221

Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the Council meeting for the month of **December be set for 2006-12-13**, in accordance with by-law #BL2000-CA-05: Date, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

The Director General left the meeting.

TIME: 20:40 hours

6.4 Date, Time & Place of Meetings for 2006-2007:**060524-CA-0222**

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be held at 19:30 hours in the Boardroom of the Administration Centre located at 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec on the following dates for the 2006-2007 school year:

2006-08-23	2007-01-24
2006-09-27	2007-02-28
2006-10-25	2007-03-28
2006-11-22	2007-04-25
2006-12-13	2007-05-23
	2007-06-20 ♣
	2007-06-27

(♣ If required)

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: **Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak**

ABST: **Merle Parkinson**

6.5 Summer School Principal:

The Deputy Director General advised that Council that the 2006 Summer School would be held at Laval Liberty High School due to the summer renovations at Laurier Senior High School.

Natalie Auclair left the meeting.

TIME: 20:43 hours

The Director General returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20: 44 hours

060524-HR-0223

Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Denis Lapierre** as Principal for the 2006 Summer School, effective 2006-07-04 to 2004-08-11. AND THAT he be paid in accordance with his personal contract. AND THAT the Deputy Director General be mandated to sign the contract.

Carried unanimously

6.6 Young Achievers:

The Deputy Director General advised that Courier Laval is sponsoring a "Young Achievers" program that will involve all of the schools in Laval. Principals and teachers will be asked to nominate students and a jury will look at the nominations and select the winning candidates. The winning candidates will be honoured at a gala hosted by the Mayor of the Ville de Laval. The school board has agreed to participate in this program.

Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:47 hours

In response to a comment from Walter Fogel, the Chairman noted that the publisher of the Courier Laval would be advised of the wish to have the paper more widely circulated in Laval.

6.7 Entente for LRHS Cafeteria with CS de la Rivière-du-Nord :

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that at the request of the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord (CSRDN) the protocol for the use of the cafeteria at Laurentian Regional High School is being revised due to the fact that the CSRDN is reorganizing its high school services. There will be an additional 300 students at the Polyvalente Lavigne starting in 2006-2007 and additional cafeteria services will be required.

Negotiations have been held and an agreement has been reached for the provision of cafeteria services with the revenues being shared on a pro-rated basis. A committee similar to the Tripartite Committee will be established to oversee the cafeteria in the event that renovations, new equipment, etc. is needed. The school board legal counsel has reviewed the protocol and recommends that it be accepted. The CSRDN have already approved the protocol.

Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

TIME: 20:53 hours

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General noted that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has always operated the cafeteria and that the Student Council at the Polyvalent Lavigne ran a snack bar but with the need for space to house the additional students the snack bar will be closed. In order to ensure the smooth operation of the cafeteria, the school board has entered into an agreement with Aramark, which provides services to the high school cafeterias of the school board, to oversee the daily operations of the facility. A forecast of profits has been negotiated as part of the agreement with the CSRDN.

Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:57 hours

The Council entered into discussion.

On a "point of order", Nick Milas called for the vote.

060524-MR-0224

Nick Milas MOVED THAT a vote be taken on the proposed resolution for the entente with Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord for cafeteria services.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel

060524-MR-0225

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord is adding a Centre formation professionnelle to the Polyvalente Lavigne campus;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord has made a request to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to manage the cafeteria services for the new student population;

WHEREAS this cafeteria service is in keeping with prior ententes with predecessor school boards;

WHEREAS the General Directorate of both school boards has agreed on parameters with regard to the cafeteria services and, likewise, the administration of both schools are supporting this service;

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 approve the entente, as contained in document #SWLSB-2006/05/16-CA-001, with the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord for cafeteria services at Laurentian Regional High School.

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

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Walter Fogel

7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

7.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

Merle Parkinson, Chair of the Financial Resources Committee, noted that at its last meeting the committee discussed the results of the consultation on the budget parameters and the intention of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to claw back funding in order to ensure that school boards make use of their surpluses.

The Chairman noted that the MELS intends to claw back 39 000 000\$ for 2005-2006 and that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board portion is approximately 1 000 000\$

Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 21:01 hours

8.0 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

8.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

Georges Benoit, Chairman of the School Organization Committee, advised that at its last meeting the committee reviewed the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Transportation and discussed that pre-audit of the student files.

8.2 Update on 2006-2007 Enrollment:

The Director of School Organization commented on the updated enrollment figures noting that numbers continue to increase.

He advised that a meeting had been held with the Governing Board of Hillcrest Academy to review the kindergarten situation as the school cannot handle five classes. The Governing Board suggested that one class be transferred to Souvenir Elementary School, as it has room to house a class, that it be made up of students without siblings currently attending Hillcrest Academy and that the school board provide transportation. A letter will be sent to various families inviting them to a meeting to explain the scenario and to see if any of them would volunteer to transfer. Approximately twenty voluntary transfers would be needed in order for the school board not to have to enforce changes.

He also noted that the out-of-zone requests have been reviewed and recommendations made.

Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:08 hours

In response to an observation made by Walter Fogel, the Director General noted that when he first arrived at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, Hillcrest Academy was operating below capacity and Souvenir Elementary School was above capacity and now it is the opposite. The last rezoning was to have balanced out the enrollment in this sector but it has not worked out as well as anticipated.

Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 21:13 hours

Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

TIME: 21:14 hours

The Council entered into discussion.

Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:16 hours

The Chairman requested that the School Organization Committee review the enrollment figures for the schools in the Hillcrest Academy and Souvenir Elementary School sector to see if there has been any noticeable trend in enrollment.

The Chairman called for a 10 minute break.

TIME: 21:23 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:36 hours

9.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

9.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

The Director of Educational Services, in the absence of the Chairman, advised that at its last meeting the committee was party to presentations from the Guidance Counsellors, the E-portfolios project and the ABRACADABRA project.

9.2 June 2005 Examination Results:

The Director of Educational Services reviewed the June 2005 examination results noting that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board continues to do well with strides being made in almost all of the secondary schools. When reviewing the cohorts the 5 and 7 year indicate that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is above the provincial average. The schools will be encouraged to keep up with these successes.

In response to a comment from Edward Turchyniak, the Director of Educational Services noted that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) does not consider a student to be a drop until the person has been out of school for 7 years.

The Council entered into discussion on the results.

The Director of Educational Services noted that there will be an obligation for high school students to pass Science 416 starting in 2006-2007 and this might put some stress on the graduation rates as this course has not been a graduation requirement in the past.

10.0 QESBA

10.1 Report of the QESBA :

The Chairman reminded the Council that the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference begins tomorrow, 2006-05-25 at the Delta Centre-Ville and that the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) will be addressing the attendees as well as meeting with the Chairs of the English school boards. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will have several questions for the Ministre

such as the MELS intent to claw back funding, regionalization, and the impact of regionalization on English school boards.

He went on to note that the schools that have received MELS funding for homework programs, wellness programs, etc. should ensure that the funding has been used because if it has not it will be lost.

He continued noting that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received invitations to sit on the Laurentides Table de l'Éducation and the Lanaudière Table de l'Éducation.

Walter Fogel commented that given the past history of education in Québec and the power the sector holds, regionalization will most likely never occur as the political consequences for the Government would be harsh.

The Chairman advised that the Regional Focus Groups have been going well and that sessions are being planned with the Chairs of Governing Boards, the Parents Committee, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association and the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec - SWL Chapter, as well the Council of Commissioners. The results of these sessions will be summarized in a report which will provide some interesting topics for future discussions.

The Council entered into discussion and ideas concerning exit interviews for students who leave the system, tracking students that "drop out" and tracking elementary students who do not go to high school in the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board were suggested.

The Chairman asked that the Director General designate to look into the possibility of exit interviews and tracking of students.

10.2 2006-2007 QESBA Budget:

In response to a question from Merle Parkinson, the Chairman advised that if there is a deficit in the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) budget the balance is carried to the coming school year and is covered by the fees for that school year.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion on the 2006-2007 QESBA budget.

There were several questions and the Council agreed to table the discussion on the QESBA budget for 2006-2007 to the 2006-06-28 meeting.

060524-CA-0226

Tony De Lauri MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board table the resolution concerning the 2006-2007 Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) budget to the 2006-06-28 meeting.

Carried unanimously

11.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

11.1 Report of Committee Chairman:

Nazario Facchino, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, commented on the last meeting of the committee noting that staffing, teacher excess and the working conditions of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) and the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec - SWL Chapter (ACSQ) were discussed.

11.2 Abolishment of Maintenance Support Positions:

The Director of Human Resources noted that the abolition of maintenance support positions will most probably not occur due to the creation of new positions for the new elementary school in Laval and the CDC Laurier, once the budget has been approved. The unions are in agreement with waiving the deadline for the creation and abolition of positions.

Morten Schrier excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:17 hours

11.3 Abolishment of Administrative Support Positions:

Discussed under item 11.2.

11.4 Creation of Maintenance Support Positions:

Discussed under item 11.2.

11.5 Creation of Administrative Support Positions:

Discussed under item 11.2.

11.6 2006-2007 Maintenance Staffing Plan:

Discussed under item 11.2.

11.7 Policy #2006-HR-02: Working Conditions ACSQ:

The Director of Human Resources advised that the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec - SWL Chapter (ACSQ) had requested a review of its working conditions. The terms of the working conditions were negotiated with the Directorate and the Association.

The Council entered into discussion.

TIME: 22:30 hours

060524-CA-0227

David McKinley 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, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

Discussion continued with several questions on the working conditions of the ACSQ being answered by the Director of Human Resources.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director of Human Resources advised that organizing a dental plan for the management staff is difficult and that section 12.1.1 was a part of the previous working conditions of the ACSQ as well as the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA).

The Director General noted that if there were to be a dental plan that the school board would pay the premiums but that at this time this section of the working conditions has never been applied.

Walter Fogel proposed that section 12.1.1 of the working conditions of the ACSQ be amended by adding the words "*in equal measure as accorded to other categories of employees*" after the word "*premiums*".

Tom Mouhteros accepted the amendment.

060524-HR-0228

WHEREAS the Association des cadres scolaires du Quebec (ACSQ) - Sir Wilfrid Laurier Chapter requested a review of its management policy;

WHEREAS the Directorate has met with the Professional Relations Committee of the ACSQ - Sir Wilfrid Laurier Chapter to negotiate the amendments;

WHEREAS the members of the Association des cadres scolaires du Quebec (ACSQ) - Sir Wilfrid Laurier Chapter have met and support these amendments;

Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to policy #2006-HR-02: Management Policy applicable to the ACSQ-SWL chapter members, including the re-wording of sub-section 12.1.1 to read as follows:

- 12.1.1 *When a dental plan is available to other categories of employees, the Board will seek to include the members of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Section of the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec and will assume the cost of the premiums in equal measure as accorded to other categories of employees.*

Carried unanimously

12.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

12.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

David McKinley, Chairman of the Material Resources Committee, commented on the last meeting of the committee noting that the library projects, risk analysis, and the avarious capital projects were discussed.

He went on to advise that the Material Resources Committee meeting scheduled for 2006-06-08 has been moved to 2006-06-06.

He continued noting that a portion of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board land bank can now be found on the Executive website and that future postings for the web will be the entire land bank and a planning file.

12.2 *Insurance 2006-2007:*

The Director of Material Resources reviewed the invitational tenders for insurance noting that the price is better than it was for 2005-2006.

060524-MR-0229

WHEREAS the number of insurance providers in the Province of Québec that are willing to insure school boards is very small;

WHEREAS invitational tenders were called and opened on 2006-05-02;

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;

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 authorize the administration to enter into an insurance agreement for the 2006-2007 school year for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's insurance needs with the firm Lemieux, Ryan & Ass. for a total premium of 90 908,62\$, all taxes included.

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

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: **Walter Fogel**

13.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

13.1 *Parents' Committee Report:*

Linda Iaconetti advised the Council that the President of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation has made a presentation to the Parents Committee at its last meeting and that the parents were not overly impressed with what the Foundation represents. The parents felt that the presentation indicated that the Foundation does not require parental support.

Walter Fogel excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:41 hours

She continued noting that the recommendations for the student fees policy were discussed at length and that the recommendations will be sent to the school board.

14.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

14.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

Nancy Rupnik, Chair of the Information Technology Committee, commented on the last meeting noting that the committee was treated to a tour of the server room which was very informative as it lead to an understanding for the need of the blade server. The installation of a blade server will stabilize the information technology systems.

She advised that training for Commissioners is being organized for 2006-06-10.

14.2 *Training for Commissioners:*

Discussed under 14.1.

14.3 Web Filtering:

The Director of Information Technology provided the Council with some information on Web filtering.

15.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Susan Bourque, a parent from Lake of Two Mountains High School, the Chairman advised that the school board is aware of the services offered by the "Kids Help Line" and that it could be an option if the negotiations with "Tel-jeunes" do not work out as anticipated.

16.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman drew attention to the correspondence contained in the package.

17.0 VARIA

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners go into committee.

TIME: 22:48 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 23:04 hours

18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

William Pollock MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:05 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2006-06-28

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman