

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2005-12-14**

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2005-12-14 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, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Linda Iaconetti and Tom Mouhteros, Parent Commissioners; and Giordano Rosa-del-Vecchio, Director General.

Also present were: Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General; François Badin, Director of Human Resources; Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology; 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; Nicolas Singcaster, Data Technician; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:33 hours.

**1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed and numbering adjusted accordingly

**5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:**

<del>5.1</del>	<del>Update on Tel-jeunes</del>	<del>INFO</del>
5.2	Update on Provincial Negotiations	INFO
5.3	Update on Mother Teresa JHS Music Program	INFO
<del>5.4</del>	<del>Update on Sale of Land - Ste Agathe Academy</del>	<del>INFO</del>
5.5	Update on Hillcrest Academy Daycare	INFO
5.6	2006-2007 Enrollment Criteria	RES
<del>5.7</del>	<del>Proposed Policy #2005-CA-12: Communications Policy</del>	<del>RES</del>
5.8	2006-2007 School Calendars	RES
5.9	Update on Consultation on the Use of Genesis E.S. for 2006-2007	RES
<del>5.10</del>	<del>Update on Task Force on the Use of Laval High Schools</del>	<del>INFO</del>

**6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:**

6.11	Nomination Conseil d'administration - Lanaudière	RES
6.12	QESBA Think Tank on Public Education	INFO
6.12	QESBA Regional Focus Group	INFO

**051214-CA-0083**

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #SWLSB-2005/12/14-CA-001.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, 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:** Peter MacLaurin



In response to a question from Mary Calabrese, a parent from Genesis Elementary School, the Director General advised that a survey had been sent out to the school community indicating that the time had come to look at how to resolve the overcrowding situation and at the time the survey was distributed the school board had no idea that a suitable building would become available in a neighbourhood close to the school. The school board became aware of the building in question just prior to its first meeting with the Genesis Elementary School community.

He went on to indicate that the school board is currently preparing proposals based on feedback received from the Governing Board which indicated that splitting the school territory would be acceptable. He also noted that no matter how the overcrowding situation is resolved there will be someone who is not pleased with the decision taken. The students who are moved to the new school from Genesis Elementary School will be well served as the programs and services currently received will be available in the new school.

In response to an additional question from Mrs. Calabrese, the Director General noted that grandfathering will not be considered as the school board cannot build a school around one child, family or community nor does it build it around friends.

In response to a question from Robert DiMazio, a parent from Genesis Elementary School, the Director General indicated that split classes occur all the time in the schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

In response to a question from Antonina Borsellio, a parent from Genesis Elementary School, the Director General indicated that the the enrollment in each of the schools will balance out over time.

He went on to note that the school board and the Genesis Elementary School community are very fortunate that a building has become available that is in such good shape and in the neighbourhood and that the end result will be a positive one even though there may be some growing pains in the beginning.

## **4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### **4.1 *Report of the Chairman:***

The Director General circulated a thank-you letter from the students and staff of Laurentia Elementary School thanking the school board for the quick replacement of the school's playground equipment when the Ville de Saint-Jérôme condemned the old equipment. He gave special thanks to the Assistant Director of Material Resources for his quick response to the needs of the school.

The Chairman advised the Council that the ongoing problems with the permanent list of electors may be resolved as the Directeur général des élections (DGE) is recommending that once an elector has made a choice to be on the list of English electors his/her name will remain on the list unless otherwise advised.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion.

Carolyn Curiale noted that the issue of the English list of electors is an open dossier at the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and that once the recommendation of the DGE is adopted into the law the QESBA will enter into a campaign to get the English community to ensure that their name is on the proper list of electors for school board elections.

The Director General commented on the Handheld Focus Session at Rosemere High School which proved to be an interesting presentation as it demonstrated one of the school board's strategic goals of students being involved in their own learning. A clip of the Global TV news coverage of this event was presented.

The Chairman advised that the Mother Teresa Junior High School music program had produced a DVD on the program and invited the Council to watch a short presentation on how the Apple computers have been integrated into the program. If the Council of Commissioners wishes the music teacher would be pleased to attend a meeting to answer any questions.

He went on to comment on the recent problems with a defective sprinkler system at Rawdon Elementary & Middle School that caused the school to be flooded recently. He extended appreciation to the Principal, the school staff and the Material Resources department for their quick responses to the situation.

#### **051214-CA-0085**

WHEREAS Rawdon Elementary & Middle School experienced flooding in November 2005;

WHEREAS this unforeseen event required an alternate place for students while the building was under repair;

WHEREAS the Municipalité de Rawdon and the Mid-Laurentian Pastoral Charge of the United Church were instrumental in providing facilities for the students and staff of the school;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, as well as the members of the Directorate, are most appreciative of this spirit of solidarity shown to Rawdon Elementary & Middle School;

Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the entire school community, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board extend its deepest appreciation and thanks to the Municipalité de Rawdon and its administrative staff.

AND THAT appreciation and thanks also be extended to the Mid-Laurentian Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada.

**Carried unanimously**

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:42 hours**

## **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING**

### **5.1 Update on Provincial Negotiations :**

The Chairman advised the Council that there is a possibility that the Assemblée Nationale will adopt a decree to impose working conditions and order the public sector employees back to work if a contract agreement is not reached and this could lead to some very hard times for the education sector.

The Council entered into discussion.

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:44 hours**

### **5.2 Update on Mother Teresa JHS Music Program:**

This was discussed under item 4.0.

### **5.3 Update on Hillcrest Academy Daycare:**

The Director General advised the Council that at the request of the Hillcrest Academy Governing Board a detailed breakdown of the outstanding invoices was sent to the Chair of the Governing Board for examination as well as to Noël Burke, Deputy Minister. A meeting with Mr. Burke, the Chair of the Hillcrest Academy Governing Board and the Director General will take place next week to discuss this dossier.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General noted that the breakdown of the invoices was similar to documents previously provided only with more detailed explanations.

The Chairman advised the Council that at its last meeting the Executive Committee elected Edward Turchyniak as Chairman and Nick Milas as Vice-Chairman. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held, by exception, on 2006-01-18.

#### **5.4 2006-2007 Enrollment Criteria:**

The Director of School Organization reviewed the 2006-2007 enrollment criteria noting that the Parents Committee had supported the criteria as presented.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a comment by Walter Fogel concerning section 2 of the enrollment criteria, the Chairman stated that Bill 101: Charter of the French Language is very specific as to how one may be declared eligible to receive an education in English and the school board is obligated to follow the law.

On a "point of order", Walter Fogel proposed an amendment to the 2006-2007 enrollment criteria.

#### **051214-CA-0086**

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the 2006-2007 Enrollment Criteria be amended by striking out section 2.0.

#### **THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin

**NAY:** 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

**ABST:** Morten Schrier

#### **051214-CA-0087**

WHEREAS section 239 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) states *"Each year, every school board shall enroll students in its schools in keeping with the choice of each student's parents or the choice of the student, if of full age. However, if the number of applications for enrollment in a school exceeds the capacity of the school, enrollment shall be effected according to the criteria established by the school board after consultation with the parents' committee"*;

WHEREAS section 239 of the Education Act states *"Enrollment criteria must give priority to students coming under the jurisdiction of the school board and, as far as possible, to students whose place of residence is nearest to the school premises. They must be adopted, put into force and sent to each governing board at least 15 days before the beginning of the student enrollment period"*;

WHEREAS section 239 of the Education Act states *"The conditions or criteria for participation in a special project may not serve as criteria for enrollment in a school; nor may they operate to exclude a student from the school of the student's choice if the student has a right to enroll in that school pursuant to the criteria referred to in the first paragraph"*;

WHEREAS the section 193 (6) of the Education Act requires that the Parents' Committee be consulted annually on the criteria for the enrollment of students in schools, which exceed the capacity of the school;

WHEREAS the registration period for students for 2006-2007 is the week of February 6, 2006;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents committee have been consulted and endorses the 2006-2007 enrollment criteria;

Nick Milas 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 the establishment of the criteria for enrollment of students in its schools, subject to the availability of space, for the 2006-2007 school year, as per document #SWLSB-2005/12/14-CA-01.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

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

**5.5 Update on Consultation on the Use of Laval High Schools:**

The Director of School Organization advised the Council that it will be possible to have Écoles St-Victor (Genesis Elementary School) and Notre-Dame transferred to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board from the Commission scolaire de Laval in order to resolve the over crowding problem in that area.

The Council entered into discussion.

**5.5.1 Transfer of School:**

**051214-TS-0088**

WHEREAS student enrolment at Genesis Elementary School exceeds its functional capacity annually;

WHEREAS student overcrowding at Genesis for the 2005-2006 school year has resulted in the transfer of thirteen (13) kindergarten students to St. Paul School for one year because of the lack of space at Genesis School;

WHEREAS Commission Scolaire de Laval is currently experiencing a decline in student enrolment;

WHEREAS Commission Scolaire de Laval has confirmed that École Notre Dame, which is located in the St. Vincent de Paul Sector of Laval, will be available as of July 1, 2006;

WHEREAS École St. Victor (Genesis School) which is currently owned by Commission Scolaire de Laval but loaned to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board since 1998 would also be available for transfer;

WHEREAS the functional capacity for École Notre Dame (252) and Genesis School (275) satisfies current and future enrolment requirements based on MELS forecasts once the current Genesis attendance zone is equitably divided between Genesis School and École Notre Dame;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will work closely with the Commission Scolaire de Laval to obtain financial compensation from MELS resulting from the transfer of both buildings from MELS;

Nazario Facchino 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 acquisition of École Notre Dame and École St. Victor (Genesis Elementary School) from Commission Scolaire de Laval as of July 1, 2006.

**Carried unanimously**

### **5.5.2 Elimination of Student Overcrowding at Genesis E.S. Beginning in 2006-2007**

The Director of School Organization reviewed the proposal to alleviate the overcrowding problem at Genesis Elementary School noting that a recommendation is to split the school zone in two and develop a new school with a separate Principal, transportation, but with a similar instructional program as Genesis Elementary School unless the Governing Board of the new school decides otherwise.

He went on to note that a new name may be required for the school and that recommendations must be received from the appropriate parties for presentation for adoption at the December 2006 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director of School Organization indicated that, although an official response has not been received from the Genesis Elementary School Governing Board as it is holding a meeting this evening to review its recommendations with the school community, elements of the unofficial recommendations received from the Governing Board are incorporated into the proposed resolution. The School Organization Committee tried to respond to all of the recommendations noting that the major concerns are split classes, equal services and grandfathering of students, which have already been addressed this evening during the course of the meeting.

In response to an additional question from Mr. Fogel, the Director of School Organization noted that the letter received from the Governing Board agreed to the proposal in principle but wanted clarification on some issues.

In response to a question from Merle Parkinson, the Deputy Director General noted that the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) states that a Governing Board must be consulted on certain issues but the law does not give a time line. This is at the discretion of the school board. The school board usually holds a 60-day consultation when all of its stakeholders need to be consulted.

*WHEREAS student enrolment at Genesis Elementary School exceeds its functional capacity annually;*

*WHEREAS the student overcrowding for the 2005-2006 school year has resulted in the transfer of thirteen (13) kindergarten students to St. Paul School for one year because of the lack of space at Genesis School;*

*WHEREAS on October 27, 2005 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board entered into public consultation with the Genesis School community to solicit recommendations on the elimination of overcrowding at Genesis School beginning in the 2006-2007 school year;*

*WHEREAS two meetings were held between School Board representatives, Commissioners and the Genesis Governing Board to discuss possible options and solutions to the current annual overcrowding;*

*WHEREAS Commission Scolaire de Laval is currently experiencing a decline in student enrolment;*

*WHEREAS Commission Scolaire de Laval has confirmed that École Notre Dame, which is located in the St. Vincent de Paul sector of Laval, will be available as of July 1, 2006;*

*WHEREAS the functional capacity for École Notre Dame and Genesis School satisfies current and future enrolment requirements based on MELS forecasts once the current Genesis attendance zone is equitably divided between Genesis School and École Notre Dame;*

WHEREAS on November 30, 2005 a general meeting of Genesis parents was held and at this meeting a proposal was put forward on the division of the current Genesis attendance zone into two zones for two schools and that the parents in attendance supported the proposal;

WHEREAS the Genesis Governing Board supports this proposal with specific recommendations;

WHEREAS public consultation ended December 2, 2005;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the division of the current Genesis attendance zone into two separate attendance zones for Genesis School and École Notre-Dame;

AND THAT Genesis School and École Notre Dame shall each have a separate administration;

AND THAT the core curriculum program includes English language arts, mathematics in English and French second language. The schools can then select the language of instruction and time allocations for all remaining subjects and any enrichment programs strengthening the basic education to which all students are entitled. This approach provides the option of choice all the while ensuring equity and transferability;

AND THAT a general meeting be organized, once registration numbers are confirmed in the month of March, to elect a provisional governing board to ensure a smooth transition period;

AND THAT a new name be recommended by the governing board for the new school which will be adopted by the Council of Commissioners no later than the December 2006 Council meeting;

AND THAT the attendance zone for Genesis School will be:

From a point located at the intersection of Rivière-des-Prairies River and Papineau Autoroute (19), this Autoroute, Concorde Boulevard, Autoroute 25 to Rivière-des-Prairies River to the point of departure.

From a point located at the intersection of Pie IX Boulevard and Laval Autoroute (440), this Autoroute, Papineau Autoroute (19), the property line behind and including St-Elzear Boulevard, Montée St-François, the property line behind and including Rang St-François, the property line behind and excluding de l'Amiral Street, the property line behind and excluding du Monarque Street, the property line behind and excluding des Gouverneurs Avenue, des Généraux Avenue, des Ambassadeurs Avenue, Pie IX Boulevard to the point of departure.

Note: By the words autoroute, avenue, boulevard, road, street, railway track, lake, river it is understood the median line of these, unless otherwise stipulated.

AND THAT the attendance zone for École Notre Dame will be:

From a point located at the intersection of Rivière-des-Prairies River and Autoroute 25, this Autoroute (which becomes Boulevard Pie IX), Avenue des Ambassadeurs, Av des Généraux, the property line behind and including des Gouverneurs Avenue, the property line behind and including du Monarque street, the property line behind and including de l'Amiral Street, the property line behind and excluding Rang St-François, Montée St-François, property line behind and excluding Ste-Marie Boulevard, the Mille-Iles River to Eastern tip of Laval to point of departure.

Note: By the words autoroute, avenue, boulevard, road, street, railway track, lake, river it is understood the median line of these, unless otherwise stipulated.

The Council entered into discussion.

Walter Fogel suggested that the in the 15<sup>th</sup> paragraph of the proposed resolution the word "will" be changed to "could".

Edward Turchyniak accepted the amendment.

**051214-TS-0089**

WHEREAS student enrolment at Genesis Elementary School exceeds its functional capacity annually;

WHEREAS the student overcrowding for the 2005-2006 school year has resulted in the transfer of thirteen (13) kindergarten students to St. Paul School for one year because of the lack of space at Genesis School;

WHEREAS on October 27, 2005 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board entered into public consultation with the Genesis School community to solicit recommendations on the elimination of overcrowding at Genesis School beginning in the 2006-2007 school year;

WHEREAS two meetings were held between School Board representatives, Commissioners and the Genesis Governing Board to discuss possible options and solutions to the current annual overcrowding;

WHEREAS Commission Scolaire de Laval is currently experiencing a decline in student enrolment;

WHEREAS Commission Scolaire de Laval has confirmed that École Notre Dame, which is located in the St. Vincent de Paul sector of Laval, will be available as of July 1, 2006;

WHEREAS the functional capacity for École Notre Dame and Genesis School satisfies current and future enrolment requirements based on MELS forecasts once the current Genesis attendance zone is equitably divided between Genesis School and École Notre Dame;

WHEREAS on November 30, 2005 a general meeting of Genesis parents was held and at this meeting a proposal was put forward on the division of the current Genesis attendance zone into two zones for two schools and that the parents in attendance supported the proposal;

WHEREAS the Genesis Governing Board supports this proposal with specific recommendations;

WHEREAS public consultation ended December 2, 2005;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the division of the current Genesis attendance zone into two separate attendance zones for Genesis School and École Notre-Dame;

AND THAT Genesis School and École Notre Dame shall each have a separate administration;

AND THAT the core curriculum program includes English language arts, mathematics in English and French second language. The schools can then select the language of instruction and time allocations for all remaining subjects and any enrichment programs strengthening the basic education to which all students are entitled. This approach provides the option of choice all the while ensuring equity and transferability;

AND THAT a general meeting be organized, once registration numbers are confirmed in the month of March, to elect a provisional governing board to ensure a smooth transition period;

AND THAT a new name be recommended by the governing board for the new school which could be adopted by the Council of Commissioners no later than the December 2006 Council meeting;

AND THAT the attendance zone for Genesis School will be:

*From a point located at the intersection of Rivière-des-Prairies River and Papineau Autoroute (19), this Autoroute, Concorde Boulevard, Autoroute 25 to Rivière-des-Prairies River to the point of departure.*

*From a point located at the intersection of Pie IX Boulevard and Laval Autoroute (440), this Autoroute, Papineau Autoroute (19), the property line behind and including St-Elzear Boulevard, Montée St-*

*Francois, the property line behind and including Rang St-Francois, the property line behind and excluding de l'Amiral Street, the property line behind and excluding du Monarque Street, the property line behind and excluding des Gouverneurs Avenue, des Généraux Avenue, des Ambassadeurs Avenue, Pie IX Boulevard to the point of departure.*

*Note: By the words autoroute, avenue, boulevard, road, street, railway track, lake, river it is understood the median line of these, unless otherwise stipulated.*

AND THAT the attendance zone for École Notre Dame will be:

*From a point located at the intersection of Rivière-des-Prairies River and Autoroute 25, this Autoroute (which becomes Boulevard Pie IX), Avenue des Ambassadeurs, Av des Généraux, the property line behind and including des Gouverneurs Avenue, the property line behind and including du Monarque street, the property line behind and including de l'Amiral Street, the property line behind and excluding Rang St-François, Montée St-François, property line behind and excluding Ste-Marie Boulevard, the Mille-Iles River to Eastern tip of Laval to point of departure.*

*Note: By the words autoroute, avenue, boulevard, road, street, railway track, lake, river it is understood the median line of these, unless otherwise stipulated.*

**Carried unanimously**

On a point of "business arising", Walter Fogel noted that if there is no decree the provincial unions would continue their strike actions and suggested that those who continue to strike and those who refuse to cross picket lines not be paid.

The Council entered into discussion and Walter Fogel proposed a resolution.

#### **051214-CA-0090**

WHEREAS recent work stoppages by various unions in the public sector has resulted in the loss of instructional days to students;

WHEREAS these stoppages have resulted in some employees who are not in a legal strike position refusing to cross picket lines and fulfill their obligation;

WHEREAS these employees have been remunerated even though they have not fulfilled their employment obligations;

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that those employees who are not in a legal strike position and who refuse to cross the picket lines in order to fulfill their employment obligations not be remunerated.

**THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec

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

On a point of "business arising", Walter Fogel inquired about the potential mandate to be given to the Director General on page 1390, of the minutes of the meeting held on 2005-11-23, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph concerning the presentation or lack thereof of financial information to Governing Boards by the school Principal.

The Council entered into discussion.

The Director General noted that he has spoken with the Principals concerning the presentation of financial information to the Governing Board and they feel that they are providing what is needed and are

not receiving any negative feedback on what is being presented. The question at this point is does the school board want to poll the Governing Boards as to what type of financial information it is looking for. The Financial Resources Committee will prepare a short questionnaire on this matter for distribution to the Governing Boards once vetted through the Executive Committee and the Council of Commissioners.

Linda Iaconetti noted that the Principals may say that there is no problem with the dissemination of financial information to the Governing Boards but it is apparent at meetings of the Parents Committee that minimal information is being given.

George Benoit left the meeting. **TIME: 21:27 hours**

Discussion continued.

David McKinley left the meeting. **TIME: 21:29 hours**

George Benoit returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:30 hours**

Tom Mouhteros left the meeting. **TIME: 21:30 hours**

Peter MacLaurin noted that the Governing Board needs a clear picture of how the school is doing financially, therefore, it needs a monthly report in order to be on top of things.

## **6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

### **6.1 Report of Executive Committee Elections:**

This was discussed under item 4.0.

### **6.2 Report of Communications Sub-Committee Chairperson:**

The next meeting of the Communications & Public Relations Sub-Committee is on 2005-12-19.

### **6.3 Report of Adult & Vocational Education Sub-Committee Chairperson:**

The next meeting of the Adult & Vocational Education Sub-Committee will be in January 2006.

David McKinley returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:33 hours**

### **6.4 NSBA T + L2 Report:**

The Chairman drew attention to the report of Peter MacLaurin noting that his report and that of Edward Turchyniak would be presented at the 2006-01-25 meeting.

### **6.5 Upcoming Federal Elections:**

The Deputy Director General advised that several requests have been received from Elections Canada for the use of some of the schools and given that there have been several days lost recently due to strike days 2006-01-23 is scheduled as a regular school day. The Management Committee suggested that if the polling station could be accommodated while still holding classes, schools could be made available but at the discretion of the Principal.

Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:35 hours**

### **6.6 Land in Boisbriand:**

The Deputy Director General advised the Executive Committee that the school board has received a letter from the Ville de Boisbriand requesting a waiving of proprietary rights to a piece of land

obtained by the school board through a tax sale dating back to 1972. The Ville has advised the school board that there are two official title holders to the same piece of property, one being the school board and the other the Ville; and that it wishes to establish clear ownership, therefore, it is asking if the school board would be willing to waive its proprietary rights. This piece of property was not a part of the school board land bank as the school board was unaware that it owned this land.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General advised that there were two titles issued for one piece of land in error and the Ville de Boisbriand wishes to establish a clear title to the land and maintain it as an agricultural zone.

Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:39 hours**

The Deputy Director General advised that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was unaware that it even held title to this land as it was not a part of its land bank because when the land bank was established only computerized documents were researched not hand written.

Linda Iaconetti left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:40 hours**

#### **051214-CA-0091**

WHEREAS a predecessor school board of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board owned land in Ville de Boisbriand;

WHEREAS this ownership was transferred to Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board pursuant to the creation of linguistic school boards;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received a request to waive its ownership rights in favour of the Ville de Boisbriand;

WHEREAS this land is zoned for agricultural purposes by the Ville de Boisbriand;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee has reviewed this request and supports an action of waiver;

Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board agree to waive its proprietary rights in favour of the Ville de Boisbriand

AND that the Ville de Boisbriand accepts all legal and notarial fees related to the waiver of proprietary rights.

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 transaction.

#### **THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

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

**ABST:** Walter Fogel

Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:41 hours**

#### **6.7 Commissioners Professional Development:**

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that a request to attend two separate conferences were received from William Pollock and David McKinley.

Linda Iaconetti returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:42 hours

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General advised that the request of William Pollock is for two days in May 2006.

**051214-CA-0092**

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 Risk Management Conference being held from 2006-05-29 to 2005-05-30 in Beachburg, Ontario;

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 **William Pollock**, to the 2006 Risk Management Conference being held in Beachburg, Ontario, from 2006-05-29 to 2005-05-30.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 1 000\$ Canadian.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

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

NAY

**Walter Fogel**

The Deputy Director General reminded the Council that at the November meeting Commisisoners were asked to submit their request to attend the NSBA Annual Conference in Chicago for this meeting in order to obtain the benefit of "early bird" registration rates.

**051214-CA-0093**

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 Board Association Annual Conference being held from 2006-04-08 to 2006-04-11 in Chicago, Illinois;

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**, to the 2006 National School Board Association Annual Conference being held in Chicago, Illinois, from 2006-04-08 to 2006-04-11.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 3 500\$ Canadian.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

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

NAY:

Walter Fogel

ABST:

Steve Kmec

**6.8 Membership on CRÉVALE:**

The Deputy Director General advised that the “Comité régional pour la valorisation de l'éducation (CRÉVALE)” is similar to PREL but for the Lanaudière region and that he recommends that the Director of Community Development be named to this table. The mission of CRÉVALE is to promote student success in order to lower the dropout rate and to encourage employers who train students in various programs to promote the importance of education and assist students in balancing work and school.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General advised that at this time there is no cost but the school board may be asked for a future contribution.

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioner go in camera. **TIME: 21:48 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 22:01 hours**

*WHEREAS the Comité régional pour la valorisation de l'éducation (CRÉVALE) has been formed so as to promote education awareness in the Lanaudière region;*

*WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been invited to become a member of CRÉVALE;*

*WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has schools and centres in the Lanaudière region;*

*Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the Director of Community Development to CRÉVALE as its representative.*

The Council entered into discussion.

Walter Fogel recommended that the Deputy Director General/Secretary General be the person named to the CRÉVALE.

Peter MacLaurin accepted this amendment.

**051214-CA-0094**

WHEREAS the Comité régional pour la valorisation de l'éducation (CRÉVALE) has been formed so as to promote education awareness in the Lanaudière region;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been invited to become a member of CRÉVALE;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has schools and centres in the Lanaudière region;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the Deputy Director General/Secretary General to CRÉVALE as its representative.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

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

**NAY:**

Robert Dixon

The Chairman called for a 10 minute break.

**TIME: 22:03 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 22:14 hours**

Linda Iaconetti excused herself for the evening.

**TIME: 22:14 hours**

**6.9 Nomination Conseil d'administration - Laval**

The Deputy Director General advised that letters have been received from the Ministre de la Santé et des Services sociaux requesting nominations to the Board of Directors for the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux for Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière.

Nancy Rupnik nominated Walter Fogel . Mr. Fogel accepted the nomination.

David McKinley moved that nominations close.

**051214-CA-0095**

WHEREAS the Act respecting Health and Social Services (R.S.Q., c. S-4.2) provides for the composition and nomination process of members of the Board of Directors of health and social services agencies;

WHEREAS this law stipulates that members of the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux will be named by the Ministre de la Santé et des Services sociaux;

WHEREAS the Ministre de la Santé et des Services sociaux has requested that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be consulted on possible candidates to be nominated;

Nancy Rupnik **MOVED THAT** the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board nominate **Walter Fogel** for consideration by the government when appointing members to the Board of Directors of the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Laval.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

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

**NAY:** Nick Milas

**ABST:** Walter Fogel

**6.10 Nomination Conseil d'administration - Laurentides:**

Carolyn Curiale nominated Nancy Rupnik. Mrs. Rupnik accepted the nomination.

David McKinley moved that nominations close.

**051214-CA-0096**

WHEREAS the Act respecting Health and Social Services (R.S.Q., c. S-4.2) provides for the composition and nomination process of members of the Board of Directors of health and social services agencies;

WHEREAS this law stipulates that members of the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux will be named by the Ministre de la Santé et des Services sociaux;

WHEREAS the Ministre de la Santé et des Services sociaux has requested that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be consulted on possible candidates to be nominated;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board nominate Nancy Rupnik for consideration by the government when appointing members to the Board of Directors of the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Laurentides.

**Carried unanimously**

In response to a question from Natalie Auclair, the Director General indicated that he believed that the Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière positions were for three years,

**6.11 Nomination Conseil d'administration - Lanaudière:**

Natalie Auclair nominated Merle Parkinson Mrs. Parkinson accepted the nomination.

David McKinley moved that nominations close.

**051214-CA-0097**

WHEREAS the Act respecting Health and Social Services (R.S.Q., c. S-4.2) provides for the composition and nomination process of members of the Board of Directors of health and social services agencies;

WHEREAS this law stipulates that members of the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux will be named by the Ministre de la Santé et des Services sociaux;

WHEREAS the Ministre de la Santé et des Services sociaux has requested that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be consulted on possible candidates to be nominated;

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board nominate Merle Parkinson for consideration by the government when appointing members to the Board of Directors of the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Lanaudière.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

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

**ABST:** Walter Fogel

**6.12 QESBA Think Tank on Public Education:**

The Chairman advised the Council that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) is interested in creating a "Think Tank" on public education which would be a forum for discussing issues effecting education.

He went on to note that the QESBA would appreciate input for the forum and asked that if Commissioners had any issues they would like to see discussed to submit them to the Deputy Director General who will forward them to the QESBA.

The Council entered into discussion.

Nancy Rupnik left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:29 hours**

**TIME: 22:30 hours**

**051214-CA-0098**

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

NAY:

Nancy Rupnik returned to the meeting.

Walter Fogel, Grace Nesi

TIME: 22:31 hours

### **6.13 QESBA Regional Focus Group:**

Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that due to the success of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) "Town Hall" meetings it is now promoting that this format become regional by creating regional focus groups to discuss issues relevant to that particular region of a school board. The regional "Town Hall" format will be led by school board Commissioners trained in facilitating these focus groups. This format would be a very good way to find out what a particular region thinks about certain issues as each region within a school board will most likely have different issues that are important to them.

She went on to note that Commissioner training for facilitating the regional "Town Hall" will most probably be held at the QESBA meeting in March 2006.

The Council entered into discussion

The Chairman and Mrs. Curiale indicated that they would both be very interested in being trained as facilitators.

## **7.0 HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **7.1 Report of Committee Chairman:**

Nazario Facchino, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, commented on the most recent meeting of the committee noting the additional 90 minutes of instructional time at the elementary level and the possibility of a loss of English status at schools with intensive French programs was discussed. The plans for the upcoming retirement dinner were also a topic of discussion.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General advised that a resolution will be proposed this evening to petition the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for additional funding that will be required in order to implement the additional 90 minutes of instructional time at the elementary level.

### **7.2 Posting - Director of Adult & Vocational Education / Centre Director:**

The Deputy Director General advised that the position of Director of Adult & Vocational Education/Centre Director was approved in the 2005-2006 Administrative Organizational Chart in June but was not filled and it is now the wish of the Directorate and the Executive Committee to fill the position as soon as possible.

## **051214-HR-0099**

WHEREAS the position of Director of Adult & Vocational Education/Centre Director was approved in the 2005-2006 organizational chart

WHEREAS this position is currently vacant and needs to be filled as soon as possible;

David McKinley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of

Human Resources to post the position of Director of Adult & Vocational Education/Centre Director internally as of 2005-12-15.

AND THAT the closing date for applications for this position be 2006-01-09.

AND THAT a Selection Committee be established to complete the interview process.

FURTHER THAT the recommendation of the Selection Committee be presented to the Council of Commissioners on 2006-01-25 for approval.

**Carried unanimously**

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Deputy Director General advised that the Adult & Vocational Education Sub-Committee would meet to discuss the Selection Committee for the position of Director of Adult & Vocational Education/Centre Director.

## **8.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

### **8.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:**

Merle Parkinson, Chair of the Financial Resources Committee, commented on the most recent meeting of the committee noting that the revised budget was reviewed and compared to the actual budget and the need for Principals to impart financial information to their respective Governing Board.

Morten Schrier excused himself for the evening.

**TIME: 22:44 hours**

### **8.2 Auditors Observation Letter:**

The Director of Financial Resources reviewed the auditor's observation letter noting that it was a very good report and that all departments have reviewed the letter and provided feedback. The recommended procedures have been put in place.

### **8.3 2005-2006 Revised Budget:**

The Director of Financial Resources presented the revised budget noting various changes and that the school board will have a balanced budget on 2006-06-30. **She** also noted that the Financial Resources Committee has reviewed the revisions.

Walter Fogel excused himself for the evening.

**TIME: 22:49 hours**

Grace Nesi excused herself for the evening.

**TIME: 22:50 hours**

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion.

In response to a statement made by Natalie Auclair concerning the needs of the schools, the Director General noted that the school board has seen a great improvement to its buildings over the past few years and that now that the school board is in a better financial position it can proceed with a plan for improvement at all levels.

Nick Milas left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:56 hours**

Discussion continued.

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:58 hours**

Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 22:58 hours**

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 23:02 hours

During discussions many issues were discussed such as the distribution of the school board surplus, the schools that are in debt, and the budget of Material Resources.

#### 051214-FR-0100

William Pollock 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 **revised budget for 2005-2006**.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST

Albina Pace

#### 9.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

##### 9.1 *Parents' Committee Report:*

Due to the time, the report was deferred to the meeting of 2006-01-25.

#### 10.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

##### 10.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

Due to the time, the report was deferred to the meeting of 2006-01-25.

##### 10.2 *Tender Specifications - Qualified Desktop Computer Supplier:*

The Director of Information Technology advised the Council that the specifications have not yet been reviewed by the Information Technology Committee and that certain products are being tested. It is expected that the tender results will be presented to the Council at the 2006-01-25 meeting.

##### 10.3 *Tender Specifications - Qualified Portable Computer Supplier:*

Discussed under item 10.2.

#### 11.0 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

##### 11.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

Due to the time, the report was deferred to the meeting of 2006-01-25.

#### 12.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

##### 12.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

Due to the time the report was deferred to the meeting of 2006-01-25.

##### 12.2 *Purchase Order - Peter Hall School:*

#### 051214-ED-0101

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board uses the services of the Peter Hall School for the education of some of its students;

WHEREAS the Peter Hall School invoices the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for these services;

George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the payment of the invoice received from the Peter Hall School for educational services provided to students of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the 2005-2006 school year, in the amount of 404 856,00\$.

**Carried unanimously**

### **12.3 Changes to the Basic School Regulation:**

The Director General advised the Council that school boards are going to be petitioning the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for funding for the implementation of the additional 90 minutes per week of instructional time at the elementary level. The following resolution is a request to the MELS to fund, through the budget parameters, the areas that will produce additional costs to school boards with the implementation of the 90 minutes, such as kindergarten supervision, transportation, special needs students, etc. To date no information has been received from the MELS as to whether or not it will be providing funding for additional costs.

#### **051214-ED-0102**

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has amended the Régime pédagogique (Basic School Regulation) so as to increase elementary instructional services by 90 minutes per week, effective 2006-2007;

WHEREAS this amendment to the Régime pédagogique (Basic School Regulation) does not extend to the kindergarten level;

WHEREAS this amendment to the Régime pédagogique (Basic School Regulation) will require the injection of additional human resources so as to provide **adequate** instructional services;

WHEREAS the territories covered by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is vast in comparison to the French school boards and that this amendment to the Régime pédagogique (Basic School Regulation) may result in increased transportation costs to the school board;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is prepared to mandate its Directorate staff to collaborate with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) in assessing the increased costs as they apply to the 90 minute increase in elementary instructional time;

Albina Pace MOVED THAT on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to carry out a detailed cost analysis of the financial increases in regard to kindergarten services.

AND THAT a similar cost analysis be carried out in regard to the need for additional staff both teaching and support, in particular to those students who have been identified as requiring special services, in order to realize the 90 minute per week increase in instructional time at the elementary level.

AND THAT a detailed cost analysis be undertaken by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to look at increased transportation costs applicable to English school boards.

FURTHER THAT as result of the cost analysis requested above that the budget parameters applicable to school boards for the 2006-2007 school year be adjusted to reflect these financial increases.

**Carried unanimously**

### **13.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES**

#### **13.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:**

David McKinley, Chairman of the Material Resources Committee, commented on the most recent meeting of the committee noting the damage done to the Rawdon Elementary & Middle School, the upcoming meeting with the Joliette Elementary School community in the new year and that the next meeting of the committee will be on 2006-01-10.

#### **13.2 Purchase Order - General Contractor for Rawdon E & MS:**

This item was discussed under item 13.1.

#### **051214-MR-0103**

WHEREAS Rawdon Elementary & Middle School experienced major water damage in late November 2005 due to a defect in the sprinkler system;

WHEREAS the water damage required emergency repairs so that the students of Rawdon Elementary & Middle School, who are currently being housed in four different locations within the community in order to continue their education, can return to the school building as soon as possible;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engaged contractors as part of the emergency measures taken to prepare the school;

Nick Milas 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 purchase order engaging **Constructions de la Croisette Inc.** to conduct the repairs at Rawdon Elementary & Middle School for an amount of 300 000,00\$, all taxes included.

AND THAT the Director General be mandated to request from the Ministère de l'Éducation a reimbursement of the eligible expenditures for the water damage done at Rawdon Elementary & Middle School.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **13.3 Purchase Order - Tripartite Agreement:**

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that this invoice for the operation of the swimming pool at Laurentian Regional High School is the portion of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board under the Tripartite Agreement between the Ville de Lachute, Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord and this school board.

#### **051214-MR-0104**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board participates in a Tripartite Agreement with the Ville de Lachute and the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord;

WHEREAS the swimming pool is managed and operated through this Tripartite Agreement whereby the Ville de Lachute contributes 40%, Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord contributes 30% and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board contributes 30% of the related costs;

WHEREAS Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord is responsible for invoicing the Tripartite members;

Nazario Facchino 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 payment of 97 128,26\$, all taxes included, to the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord for its share of the operation of the swimming pool as per the Tripartite Agreement.

**Carried unanimously**

**13.4 Proposed Policy #2005-MR-02: Rental Policy:**

The Director of Material Resources presented the proposed amendments to policy #2005-MR-02: Rental Policy.

**051214-MR-0105**

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle proposed policy #2005-MR-02: Rental Policy.

AND THAT this proposed policy be subject to a 60-day consultation.

**14.0 QESBA**

**14.1 Report of the QESBA :**

Due to the time, the report was deferred to the meeting of 2006-01-25.

**15.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**16.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

**17.0 VARIA**

Edward Turchyniak reminded the Council of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation gala on 2006-01-11 at the Casino de Montréal noting that ticket sales have gone well and that there are only 79 tickets left to be sold of the 500 available.

David McKinley thanked Natalie Auclair and Edward Turchyniak for all of their work on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation and its upcoming gala. He also extended thanks to the Chairman for his contributions to the Foundation.

The Chairman extended best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Merle Parkinson MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 23:24 hours**

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2006-01-25

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Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

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Steve Bletas, Chairman