

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2012-09-24

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 Monday, 2012-09-24.

Present: Commissioners Nick Milas, Chairman; Nazario Facchino, Vice-Chairman; Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson (via telephone), Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso and Robert Vallerand, Director General.

Also present were: Clifford Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General; Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director of School Organization; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Johanne Brabant, Strategic Plan Advisor; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources; Frédéric Greschner, Director of Complementary Services; Heather Halman, Director of Adult Education & Vocational Training; Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Tina Korb, Director of Educational Services; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioners Walter Fogel and Albina Pace; and Parent Commissioners Roberto Bomba.

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

0.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

CC-120924-CA-0018

Commissioner Steve Bletas MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2012/09/24-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

1.0 PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Recognition of Students:

The Director General welcomed and congratulated the students whose art work had been selected to appear on the 2012-2013 school calendars.

The Director of School Organization provided background information on the “All aboard for bus safety” art work contest noting that students from kindergarten through to Adult Education had participated and she thanked them for their efforts. The response to the contest was overwhelming so it made it difficult to select the final artwork.

A certificate presentation and photos followed.

1.2 Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA):

The Chairman welcomed David D’Aoust, Chairman of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA); David Birnbaum, Executive Director of QESBA; and Kim Hamilton, Director of Communications & Special Projects of QESBA; to the meeting. He explained that he had invited QESBA to the meeting this evening to provide an overview to Commissioners of what it offers the English school boards.

The group from QESBA made an informative presentation noting the following with respect to services provided:

- Labour relations negotiations;
- Resources for Commissioners and school boards;
- Act as a bridge between provincial and federal governments with respect to the Québec-Canada Accord;
- Represent the English school community with politicians whether they are in power or not so that they are aware of our presence;
- Lobby for the right to English education;
- Provide information to the English school boards and community through its Monday Message, press releases, press reviews, etc.;

In closing, Mr. D'Aoust advised that the QESBA is still **persuing** the issue of the school tax rates with the government.

The Chairman thanked the group for their presentation and encouraged Commissioners to look over the information provided.

1.3 Honouring Carolyn Curiale:

The Chairman provided background information on Carolyn Curiale's life as a Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Commissioner and thanked her, on behalf of the Council of Commissioners for her dedication to the school board and to the education milieu.

The Chairman presented Mrs. Curiale with flowers and a gift. Photos followed.

Mrs. Curiale thanked everyone for this lovely gesture noting that it has been an honour and pleasure to have served the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. She wished everyone well, encouraged them to continue to do good things and thanked them for their support during her years as Commissioner.

2.0 APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS

2.1 Appointment of Replacement Commissioner:

The Chairman MOVED THAT the Council go "in camera".

TIME: 20:05 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 20:09 hours

The Secretary General provided background on the process for filling the vacant Commissioner position noting that all of the steps in the process had been completed.

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WHEREAS the Commissioner seat for electoral division #5 (Deux-Montagnes) became vacant on 2012-08-29;

WHEREAS the vacancy must be filled within 30 days in accordance with the *Act to defer the November 2011 general school election* and section 199 of *An Act respecting school elections*;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved resolution #CC-120829-CA-0012 to invite potential candidates to submit their interest by 2012-09-17;

WHEREAS two applications were received for the position of Commissioner for electoral division #5 (Deux-Montagnes);

WHEREAS the Parents Committee has been consulted and feedback was received and shared with the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS one candidate advised the Secretary General on 2012-09-20 of the withdrawal of his application for the Commissioner seat for electoral division #5 (Deux-Montagnes);

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT **Guy Gagnon** be appointed as Commissioner for electoral division #5 (Deux-Montagnes).

Carried unanimously

The Secretary General swore in Mr. Gagnon as a Commissioner representing electoral division #5 of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

The Chairman and the Director General welcomed Commissioner Gagnon.

2.2 Procedure for the Nomination & Election of Chair & Vice-Chair of the Council:

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the procedure and asked if there were any changes to be made. There were none.

Commissioner Merle Parkinson suggested that the vote be held by secret ballot.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Secretary General indicated that e-mail voting is included in the election procedures.

CC-120924-CA-0020

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board abide by the election procedures as presented in #P2012-CA-20: *Procedure for the Appointment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council of Commissioners*.

AND THAT the voting process be conducted as a secret ballot.

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Georges Benoit, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners voting NAY: | Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico |

2.3 Nominations & Election of the Vice-Chairman:

Commissioner Steve Bletas nominated Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso and the Secretary General as scrutineers. Both accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Grace Nesi nominated Commissioner Nazario Facchino. Commissioner Facchino accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Robert Dixon nominated Commissioner Merle Parkinson, Commissioner Parkinson accepted the nomination.

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Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

The two candidates spoke to their nominations and answered questions from the table and the public.

Commissioner Merle Parkinson advised that she did not have access to e-mail or texting from her location and, therefore, would be unable to cast her vote.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

CC-120924-CA-0022

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the ballots be destroyed.

Carried unanimously

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC-120924-CA-0023

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2012-08-29, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Guy Gagnon, Merle Parkinson |

CC-120924-CA-0024

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2012-09-11, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Guy Gagnon, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi |

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 20:50 hours

4.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from George Tsiolos, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, the Director General indicated that the resolution concerning refusal of Interboard Agreements had been rescinded.

He went on to note that the issue of Interboard Agreements will be further discussed at the 2012-10-16 meeting of the Executive Committee. If a decision is taken to pursue the issue the appropriate process will be put in place.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:53 hours

In response to a question from Mary Cataldo, a parent from Laurier Senior High School, the Director General noted that the renovations to the first floor washrooms will not be undertaken until summer 2013 as part of the auditorium renovation project. He indicated that he would have the Director of Material Resources look into the state of these washrooms and report back at the 2012-10-24 meeting of Council.

In response to an additional question from Ms. Cataldo, the Director General reminded those present that in the spring a mandate had been given to his office to review the imbalance within the Laval high schools and that a report would be tabled in November 2012.

5.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

5.1 Report from the Chairman:

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner Gagnon to the table. He went on to note attendance at the Phoenix graduation, the upcoming Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation meeting and the invitation extended to the new Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport to attend the 2012 Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Fall Professional Development Session & Annual General Meeting being held on October 26 & 27, 2012.

5.2 Report of the Director General:

The Director General presented his monthly report noting a visit to CDC St-Eustache, attendance at the Phoenix graduation ceremonies, the meeting of the English Directors General, the first Principals' meeting of 2012-2013, an administrative **absence**, and a bus incident where no injuries were sustained by Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board students.

He went on to respond to questions from the 2012-09-18 meeting of the Executive Committee:

- FormaClé – in the spring a motion was approved to dissolve FormaClé as a non-profit group. **The services are now offered directly by the Commission scolaire de Laval, CÉGEP Montmorency and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board** under the name of Consortium Formation. This was done to improve the administrative structure and reduce operating costs.
- Renovations at Rosemere High School (RHS) – the renovations to the entry way at RHS are at 98% and should be completed by the middle of October.
- 2012-2013 Capital Budget – some of the renovations have been doubled up to save time and money. There was also a technical error in the distribution of the projects **in the** grid contained in the original resolution approved in June 2012 so a modification to this grid will be presented later in the meeting. This modification does not change the bottom line of the capital budget.
- CSST & CDC St-Eustache – the school board is waiting for a confirmation of what new equipment is to be installed at the centre as it will have an impact on the size of the ventilation **system** required. With respect to centre security this is being examined.
- Payroll – there were approximately 14 employees who did not receive an electronic pay cheque recently so they were paid with a manual cheque. The reason for this glitch is unknown as it could be one of many reasons.
- Legal qualifications of replacement teachers – there have been some non-qualified teachers engaged, degreed but not licensed, and a tolerance has been asked for each from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).
- Summer School – the student who attended summer school and wrote exams in August had an overall pass rate of 83% while those who just wrote the exams had a pass rate of 37%. There were over 650 students in attendance at the 2012 Summer School.
- Negotiations – these are ongoing with the various unions and updates will be provided.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola left the meeting.

TIME: 21:12 hours

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Secretary General noted that she will report on the accumulated legal costs as part of her monthly report to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:14 hours

In response to additional questions from Commissioner Turchyniak, the Director General advised that meetings have been scheduled over the next few weeks to examine scenarios for the Laval high schools situation so that a plan of action can be established.

There have also been no developments concerning the Multi Service Centre partnership given that there is a new Government.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mario Di Domenico, the Director General advised that it is his intention to submit scenarios to the Council on what can be done to resolve the Laval high school issue in the best interest of the school communities and whatever is decided will determine the course of action to be taken.

In response to a question from Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso, the Director General indicated that a date cannot be given as to when the entente with the Ville de Laval will be signed for the auditorium project as it is still under negotiation. Given that, this is a long process as there are long term implications being proposed and the school board needs to be sure that this is in the best interest of its stakeholders.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak noted that the Director General indicated earlier in the meeting that he would have the Director of Material Resources examine the status of the first floor washrooms at Laurier Senior High School and report back. Should the report come back indicating that repairs need to be made immediately, steps will be **taken** to make the necessary repairs.

Commissioner Merle Parkinson excused herself for the evening.

TIME: 21:25 hours

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

6.1 Policy on the Recruitment & Hiring of a DG and an ADG:

The Secretary General advised that at this time only one response has been received on the consultation on the policy for the recruitment and hiring of a Director General and an Assistant Director General therefore, the final version of the policy will be presented on 2012-10-24 or at a special meeting, if called.

In response to a question from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Secretary General noted that response deadline for the consultation is 2012-10-11.

7.0 DECISION ITEMS:

7.1 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

7.1.1 Request to Delay Deposit of Recovery Plan:

The Director of Financial Resources advised the Council that the recovery plan is supposed to be deposited by 2012-10-30 but given that the audit is still being conducted the timeframe for submitting this document is small and a delay is necessary in order to establish a concrete plan.

CC-120924-FR-0025

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-120523-FR-0138, approving a request for authorization to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to adopt a deficit budget for 2012-2013;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board received a letter dated 2012-06-28 from the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport authorizing the adoption of a deficit budget for 2012-2013;

WHEREAS the conditions of this authorization require that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board deposit a recovery plan with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) no later than 2012-10-31;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to respect the conditions of this authorization;

WHEREAS the deposit date for the recovery plan does not allow enough time for a thorough examination of the financial situation in order to make the necessary decisions for a suitable recovery plan respecting the conditions laid out by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS);

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to defer the deposit of its recovery plan until 2012-12-21.

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Guy Gagnon, Steve Mitchell |

7.2 MATERIAL RESOURCES**7.2.1 2012-2013 Capital Projects – Revision of Project Grid:**

The Director of Material Resources explained the background on the need to revise the grid for the capital projects for 2012-2013 indicating that the total cost of the capital projects is not effected. The projects are being rearranged within the Measures as per the request of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

CC-120924-MR-0026

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-120627-MR-0188 approving the 2012-2013 capital projects, for its schools and centres for a total amount of 7 302 088\$ as per Document #SWLSB-2012/06/27-MR-001;

WHEREAS some projects had to be moved from one category to the other due to Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) regulations, which did not effect the sub-totals or the grand total;

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve modifications to the project grid for the 2012-2013 Capital Projects for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board as per Document #SWLSB-2012/09/24-MR-001.

AND THAT this project grid replace the one approved in resolution #CC-120627-MR-0188.

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Guy Gagnon |

7.3 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

7.3.1 Partnership Agreement Annual Report – Request for Delay:

The Strategic Plan Advisor advised the Council that in accordance with the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) the school board is required to submit an Annual Report on its Partnership Agreement to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS). She noted that the 2010-2011 Partnership Agreement report was submitted to the MELS on 2011-12-21 for review and that on 2012-08-21 feedback was received in the form of an "AVIS – Reddition de comptes annuelle de la convention de partenariat 2010-2011" which outlined several recommendations which require modifications to this Partnership Agreement in its methods of implementation and reporting.

She also commented that during 2011-2012 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board spent considerable time on the development of its 2012-2017 Strategic Plan and Partnership Agreement which did not allow for the collection of the necessary data required to formulate the Annual Report therefore the Directorate is recommending that a delay in the deposit of the Annual Report be requested from the MELS.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

TIME: 21:33 hours

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, the Director General advised that it would be in the best interest of the school board to provide the most accurate information available when reporting on the agreement.

Commissioners Georges Benoit and Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 21:35 hours

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:35 hours

CC-120924-CA-0027

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has adopted resolutions #CC-100623-CA-0155 and #CC-110927-CA-0022 concerning the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's Partnership Agreement ;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must submit an Annual Report to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) on its Partnership Agreement;

WHEREAS the 2010-2011 Partnership Agreement report was submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) on 2011-12-21;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) submitted their "AVIS – Reddition de comptes annuelle de la convention de partenariat 2010-2011" on 2012-08-21, outlining several recommendations and required modifications to the Partnership Agreement in its implementation and reporting;

WHEREAS during the 2011-2012 school year, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board developed the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan and Partnership Agreement which were subsequently adopted by resolutions #CC-120627-CA-0179 and #CC-120627-CA-0180;

WHEREAS the time spent on the development of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's 2012-2017 Partnership Agreement did not allow for the collection of the necessary data required to formulate the Annual Report;

Commissioner 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 request authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to submit the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's Partnership Agreement Annual Reports for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 on 2013-12-20, in order to allow for the implementation of the modifications requested and the monitoring of the new goals and strategies contained in the Partnership Agreement.

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners voting YEA: | Steve Bletas, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak |
| Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Mario Di Domenico, Guy Gagnon, Steve Mitchell, Mike Pizzola |

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:37 hours

7.4 QESBA

7.4.1 2012-2013 QESBA Delegates:

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the need to name a delegate to the Board of Directors and the Executive of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

Commissioner George Benoit returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:38 hours

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros nominated Commissioner Nazario Facchino. Commissioner Facchino accepted the nomination.

CC-120924-CA-0028

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolutions #CC-110629-CA-0113 and #CC-120523-CA-0151, naming delegates to the Board of Directors of Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for 2011-2013;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has received the resignation of Commissioner Carolyn Curiale as the Commissioner for electoral Division #5 (Deux-Montagnes);

WHEREAS this resignation leaves a vacant position on the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Board of Directors reserved for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Nazario Facchino** to the Board of Directors of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), effective 2012-09-25 for the balance of the term which ends in 2013.

Carried unanimously

7.4.2 QESBA Executive:

The Secretary General advised that now that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has named its two delegates to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Board of Directors, one of these delegates needs to be named to the QESBA Executive.

The Chairman nominated the Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Nazario Facchino. Commissioner Facchino accepted the nomination.

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso nominated the Chairman, Commissioner Nick Milas. The Chairman accepted the nomination.

The Secretary General noted that with two candidates for the position a vote can be taken or one candidate can withdraw.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino withdrew his name.

CC-120924-CA-0029

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has received the resignation of Commissioner Carolyn Curiale as the Commissioner for electoral Division #5 (Deux-Montagnes) which leaves a vacant position on the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Executive;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has named Commissioners Nick Milas and Nazario Facchino as members of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Board of Directors;

WHEREAS one of these members must now be named as a representative to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Executive;

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Nick Milas** to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Executive, effective 2012-09-25 for the balance of the term.

Carried unanimously

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Reports of Committee Chairs:

There were no committee meetings during the month of September.

8.2 2012-2013 Corporate Calendar:

The Chairman drew attention to the 2012-2013 Corporate Calendar in the meeting package.

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik left the meeting.

TIME: 21:44 hours

He went on to note the membership on a few standing committees needs to be reviewed in order to conform with the policy as some committees have too many members and other not enough. He asked that Commissioners sitting on the larger committees to consider moving to another committee so that a better membership balance can be achieved.

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:46 hours

8.3 SWL Foundation:

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak informed the Council that Joé Belanger has resigned as President and as a member of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation. The Foundation elected **Christian Fréchette** as its new President.

8.4 Parent Commissioners Report

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso advised that the first meeting of the Parents Committee for the 2012-2013 school year would be on 2012-10-04.

8.5 Report of the QESBA:

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Monday Messages noting that they contain enlightening information.

9.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

11.0 VARIA:

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin advised that on 2013-04-13 the Arundel Nature & Science Centre (ANSC) will be holding an open house. At this open house students will give demonstrations of what is offered at the centre and provide tours. A formal invitation will be sent out at a later date to Commissioners and their families. Transportation will be provided.

He also noted that the Chairman had asked him to attend the recent PREL Conference at Mont-Tremblant. The event was very informative with one topic being how to reduce the drop out rate and when figures for the Laurentides region were provided that Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was shown to be ahead in terms of student success. It was also noted during presentations that municipalities within the Laurentians are also committed to helping decrease the drop out rate.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:55 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2012-10-24

Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

Nick Milas, Chairman