

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2000-10-25

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the Library of Rosemere High School, 530 Northcote, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2000-10-25 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines; Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Mario Gaulin and Pierre Niding, Parent Commissioners; and Dominic Martini, Director General.

Also present were: Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General; Lorraine Archambault, Director of Financial Resources; Laiq Hanafi, Director of Educational Services; Jean-Guy Messier, Director of Information Services; Agostino Santini, Senior Advisor to Management; Michael Stirrup, Director of Human Resources; Raymond Thivierge, Director of Material Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Recording Secretary. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Peter Haldimand, James McDougall, and Mary Svtelis, Commissioners.

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

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES:

7.1 Recovery of GST and PST.....INFO

10.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES:

10.1 Advisory Committee on Emergency PreparednessINFO

001025-CA-0047

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2000/10/25-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a written request received from Mario Gaulin, paragraph 1 of item 2.0 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2000-09-27 was corrected to read *"In response to an inquiry from Mario Gaulin as to why his letter of 2000-07-10 on his rights as a commissioner had not been written into the minutes of 2000-08-23, the Chairman indicated that the letter was part of the official book of minutes of the board, as is all material presented at Council and Executive Committee meetings."*

Mr. Gaulin again requested that his letter of 2000-07-10 addressed to the Chairman be written into the minutes of either the 2000-08-23 or 2000-09-27 regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners.

The Council entered into discussion.

001025-CA-0048

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the letter from Mario Gaulin to the Chairman dated 2000-07-10 concerning the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on 2000-05-24 be written into the minutes of the meeting of 2000-09-27.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Carolyn Curiale, Peter MacLaurin, William Pollock

The following secretarial error was noted on page 0433 of the same minutes in item 4.0, paragraph 1, line 2 the word "effects" should be replaced with "affects".

An additional secretarial error was noted on page 0435 in paragraph 8, line 3 where the word "he" should be added after the word "and".

In a verbal notice Carolyn Curiale noted that on page 0438 of the same minutes under item 10.2 the following paragraph should be added after paragraph 1: "She further noted that the QESBA constitution mandates that there be one non-Board of Directors member from each school board sitting on each of the two Commissions."

In a verbal notice Walter Fogel noted that on pages 0441 and 0442, resolutions #000927-HR-0040, 0041 0042, and 0043 should read ". . .the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. . ." not ". . .the Executive Committee. . .".

In a verbal notice Nancy Rupnik advised that on page 0443 under item 13.2 the notation "Nancy Rupnik excused herself for the evening." should be removed, as she did not leave and that her name be added to the "YEA" vote of resolution #000927-MR-0046.

001025-CA-0049

William Pollock MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2000-09-27, 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, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines

3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman extended sympathy on behalf of the Council of Commissioners to Glen Haines, on the passing of his father, and to Effie Maniatis, Principal of Crestview Elementary School, on the passing of her husband.

The Chairman commented on a meeting held by the Ministre de l'Éducation with the Chairs of English school boards noting that presentations and discussions centred on the mode of financing school boards, the underfunding of transportation, the need for a significant injection in the capital budget for new buildings and improvement to existing buildings, the inaccuracies of the socio-economic maps and funding for special education.

He went on to comment on a meeting he and the Director General had with Henri-Paul Chaput, Sous-ministre adjoint aux réseaux, to discuss the needs and concerns of the board with respect to buildings to accommodate increased enrollment and new class ratio norms. He reported that the meeting was positive and that responses were promised shortly.

He continued noting that he and the Director General had met with the Mayor of Blainville and the Director General for the town concerning the site for the new elementary school at which time assurances had been given that a site will be ceded by the town.

He advised the Council that a letter from the Mayor of Blainville had been received today confirming the commitment of the Ville de Blainville to provide a site for the new elementary school on or before 2001-03-01. The Director General advised that a letter had also been received giving the board permission to carry out soil testing on the proposed site.

In response to concerns expressed by Steve Kmec, the Chairman indicated that the opening date of the new elementary school in Blainville would have to be moved back from the original date of September 2001 due to the time lost in the search for an appropriate site. It is hoped that the school will be ready for occupancy on or before January 2002.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Chairman advised that the Ministère de l'Éducation is aware that school boards have challenged the accuracy of the socio-economic maps for many areas of the province and is currently reassessing the maps.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General noted that negotiations with the Ville de Laval on a protocol of agreement for the use of the gymnasiums at Laval Catholic High School are on going and that the Governing Board of the school had delegated the school board, by resolution, to act on its behalf in these negotiations.

4.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Sylvia Riccio, a parent from the southern limit of the St-François area of Laval, presented her concerns on the length of time it takes her son to travel from their home to Western Laval High School and inquired on the funding the board receives for transportation and how it is allocated. She went on to suggest that the board change its policy so that travel time for students in Laval be forty-five minutes instead of the ninety minutes established in the current policy.

Mylène Rondeau, a parent from the northern limit of the St-François area of Laval, inquired if the transportation routes for the Val-des-Brises area and the St-François area of Laval could not be combined to create a more efficient transportation route for the students in the St-François area who currently spend more than forty-five minutes travelling to and from school.

The Chairman asked Mrs. Rondeau and Mrs. Riccio to put their requests in writing and forward them to the attention of the Deputy Director General.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING**5.1 Rescind Resolution:**

The Director General noted that the resolution mandating the Chairman and himself to investigate other options for the location of the new school planned for Blainville was no longer required for, as previously mentioned, a letter had been received confirming Blainville's commitment to the project.

The Council entered into discussion.

Mario Gaulin left the meeting.

TIME: 20:30 hours

001025-CA-0050

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT a vote be called.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA:	Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak
NAY:	Steve Kmec
ABST:	Walter Fogel

001025-CA-0051

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind resolution #000927-CA-0028 mandating the chairman to advise the Ministre de l'Éducation of the problems being encountered in obtaining a site for the new elementary school in Blainville and to seek permission to relocate the new school and mandate the director general to seek letters of intention from other municipalities which may be interested in accommodating a new school.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA:	Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
NAY:	Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier
ABST:	Walter Fogel

5.2 Establishment of a Library Fund:

The Council entered into discussion on the proposal from the Parent Commissioners to establish a library fund into which the increase granted to Commissioners in July 2000 could be deposited.

001025-CA-0052

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT a vote be called on the proposed amendment.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA:	Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
NAY:	Walter Fogel
ABST:	Morten Schrier

001025-CA-0053

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the resolution concerning the establishment of Library Fund be amended to include an effective date of 2000-07-01.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier

Discussion continued.

001025-CA-0054

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT a vote be called on the original motion.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

001025-CA-0055

WHEREAS the Parent Commissioners have refused to accept the increase in remuneration adopted by the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the Parents' Committee has passed a resolution supporting the decision of the Parent Commissioners;

WHEREAS the Parents' Committee recommends that a Library Fund be established to receive donations, such as the 7,5% increase refused by the Parent Commissioners;

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish a Library Fund.

AND THAT this Library Fund be opened for donations from other Commissioners who wish to contribute their 7,5% remuneration increase or other amounts.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Carolyn Curiale, Walter Fogel, Nick Milas

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Nancy Rupnik

5.3 New Vote:

The Director General advised the Council that when preparing the minutes of the meeting of 2000-09-27 the recording secretary noted that on the motion to seek a legal opinion on the validity of section 2.4 of policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School, her records indicated that the vote had ended in a tie. He reported that after verifying with each Commissioner the recording secretary confirmed that her records were accurate, and so advised Council that no decision had been made.

Mario Gaulin returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:03 hours

The Council entered into discussion.

001025-CA-0056

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, in light of the letter received from the Direction régionale de Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière on the issue of time allocations, seek legal counsel on policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School, section 2.4, sub-section 2.4.1 in order to determine its validity.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Carolyn Curiale, Glen Haines, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Morten Schrier

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Steve Kmec, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Walter Fogel

Walter Fogel left the meeting.

TIME: 21:08 hours

5.4 Video Cameras on Buses:

In response to a question from Pierre Niding, the Director General advised that video cameras on buses are an attempt to improve safety and conduct on buses and that some buses had this feature at the time of the school board merger and that this is an optional feature on most of the board's contracted buses.

5.5 QESBA Constitution:

Carolyn Curiale reported that no comments had been received from members of the Council on the proposed changes to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) constitution. The Executive Committee supported the proposed amendments with the recommendation that article 7 b), term of office for the President, be amended to include a time frame in which the matter must be resolved.

The Chairman called for a 10-minute recess.

TIME: 21:10 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:20 hours

Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:20 hours

The Chairman asked that those with cellular telephones and pagers to please turn them off during the meeting.

The Chairman introduced Jack Fitch as the new Chairman of the Parents' Committee and apologized for neglecting to introduce him earlier in the meeting.

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 STL Photo Identification Card:

The Deputy Director General explained that the cost of a Société de transport de la Ville de Laval (STL) student photo identification card has increased by 2\$ per student due to the fact that there was a merger of services between three metropolitan regions (Montréal, Laval, South Shore) which resulted in a uniform price for the identification cards. He also noted that the STL may have overlooked advising some of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board high schools and that the board has advised the STL that it was not pleased with the oversight. He reported that the STL has agreed to inform the board of changes to any of its fees so that appropriate and timely information may be given to parents.

The Council entered into discussion.

001025-TS-0058

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Société de transport de Laval (STL) have an agreement to provide transportation to high school students residing in the Ville de Laval;

WHEREAS a Société de transport de Laval (STL) student photo identification is required to purchase a monthly student bus pass;

WHEREAS the Société de transport de Laval (STL) has raised the cost of the student photo identification card from 5\$ to 7\$, as part of a regional agreement between the north shore, the south shore and Île de Montréal transit corporations to create a uniform bus/metro identification;

Glen Haines MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Parents' Committee, the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board agree to reimburse the 2\$ increase in the cost of the Société de transport de Laval (STL) student photo identification card for the 2000-2001 school year. AND THAT this reimbursement be included in the first semi-annual payment to parents / guardians.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Steve Kmec

6.2 Letter – Court Costs:

The Director General reviewed the court costs being sought from the plaintiffs in the interlocutory injunction noting that the board is currently awaiting a response from the plaintiffs' lawyer on the request to recover the court costs.

Mario Gaulin and Pierre Niding excused themselves for the evening. **TIME: 21:32 hours**

7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

7.1 1999-2000 Financial Statements:

The Director General commented on the 1999-2000 financial statements noting that the Executive Committee and the Financial Resources Committee had reviewed them and that the auditor had attended a meeting of the Financial Resources Committee to present his report.

He went on to note that the anticipated deficit for the 2000-2001 school year remains at approximately 338 000\$ and that he expected that the target of a balanced budget for 2002-06-30 would be attained.

001025-FR-0057

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the **1999-2000 Financial Statements for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board** for the period ending 2000-06-30, as audited by the firm Gagnon, Roy, Brunet, Chartered Accountants, subject to final approval by the Ministère de l'Éducation.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Steve Kmec

7.2 *School Budgets:*

The Director General commented that the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) requires the board to approve the budgets adopted by Governing Boards.

001025-FR-0059

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the initial school budgets for 2000-2001 as prepared in accordance with the 2000-2001 Budget Parameters, as per document #SWLSB-2000/10/25-FR-001.

Carried unanimously

7.3 *Statement of Taxes in Arrears:*

The Director General informed Council that a resolution on taxes in arrears was required in order to protect the interests of the board.

Pierre Garofano left the meeting.

TIME: 21:38 hours

001025-FR-0060

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept, in accordance with section 339 of the Education Act, the statement prepared by the director of financial resources for the director general for school taxes remaining in arrears as at 2000-10-19 in the amount of **3 927 338,90\$**.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Peter MacLaurin

7.4 *Recovery of GST & PST:*

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director of Financial Resources noted that the board does get a percentage back on the taxes and that it is returned to the schools. She also agreed to provide the Council with the amount received from taxes for the next Council meeting.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chair and left the table. **TIME: 21:45 hours**

8.0 **USE OF SCHOOLS**

8.1 *School Zones 2001-2002:*

The Director General commented on the resolutions to create attendance zones for the new Blainville school and the school in Duvernay to be purchased from the Commission scolaire de Laval. He went on to describe the impact that rezoning would have on the existing schools

He further commented on the proposal to transfer students from the Sainte-Rose district of Laval who presently attend Terry Fox Elementary School to Twin Oaks Elementary School.

The Chairman returned to the table and assumed the chair.

TIME: 21:47 hours

Pierre Garofano returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:47 hours

Walter Fogel indicated that he felt that not enough information concerning the displacement of students had been provided to the Council and proposed that the resolutions to approve the attendance zones in principle be tabled until more information is available.

001025-TS-0065

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the proposed resolutions concerning the attendance zones be tabled until the number of students effected by the rezoning is known.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

Discussion continued.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Chairman noted that a special meeting on the rezoning would be held in January 2001 following the receipt of recommendations, which are due by 2001-01-12.

001025-TS-0061

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received authorization to build a new school in Blainville to provide for its increasing enrollment in the attendance zone now served by McCaig Elementary School;

WHEREAS the Mayor of Blainville has committed in writing to provide a site for this new school on or before March 1, 2001;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to accommodate all students enrolled at McCaig Elementary School within its own building;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must remove the prefabs attached to Rosemere High School by December 31, 2001;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to return the second floor of the "A" wing of Rosemere High School to Rosemere High School;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to convert the kindergarten section on the first floor of the "A" wing and the "garage" of Rosemere High School into offices for Educational Services by March 1, 2002, or earlier;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is expected to remove the prefabs at Our Lady of Peace and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools by June 30, 2001;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to provide for students enrolled at Our Lady of Peace and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools within the capacity of each building;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must proceed with a reduction in the enrollment of students at Laurentia Elementary School;

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle, that as of July 1, 2001, the attendance zone for the new Blainville school consist of Blainville, Boisbriand, Sainte-Anne-des-Plaines, and Mirabel (Saint-Janvier sector and the Domaine Vert Sector);

AND THAT the attendance zones for Laurentian Elementary School, McCaig Elementary School, Our Lady of Peace Elementary School and Twin Oaks Elementary School be modified accordingly;

AND THAT written recommendations and/or alternate proposals be forwarded to the office of the Secretary General by January 12, 2001.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

001025-TS-0062

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board undertook a consultation to address the overcrowding situation in several of its schools in Laval during the 1999-2000 school year;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accepted the recommendation to maintain the status quo for 2000-2001 with the understanding that the matter be reviewed during the 2000-2001 school year;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is expected to remove the existing prefabs at Souvenir and Crestview Elementary Schools by June 30, 2001 and to respect the building capacity;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will be receiving an additional building in Duvernay with a building capacity of 330 students;

WHEREAS the increased enrollment forecasted for Genesis Elementary cannot be accommodated within its existing facility.

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the creation of an English school offering a French Immersion program at school "X", situated at 1701 rue de l'École, Duvernay, Laval effective July 1, 2001;

AND THAT the attendance zone of school "X", at 1701 rue de l'École, Duvernay, Laval be the following: In the city of Laval: West of Autoroute 19, south of Autoroute 440, east of Labelle boulevard, north of Rivière des Prairies;

AND THAT the attendance zone for French Immersion program studies at Hillcrest Academy, Crestview, Souvenir and Genesis Elementary Schools be modified accordingly.

AND THAT written recommendations and/or alternate proposals be forwarded to the office of the Secretary General by January 12, 2001.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

001025-TS-0063

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is expected to remove the prefabs at Twin Oaks and Terry Fox Elementary Schools by June 30, 2001;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to accommodate students attending these schools within the capacity of each building without resorting to the use of prefabs;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle that the attendance zone of Terry Fox Elementary School be modified to exclude the Sainte-Rose district of Laval as of July 1, 2001.

AND THAT those students living in the Sainte-Rose district of Laval presently attending Terry Fox Elementary School be transferred to Twin Oaks Elementary School;

AND THAT all new students residing in Sainte-Rose be directed to Twin Oaks Elementary School as July 1, 2001 ;

AND THAT written recommendations and/or alternate proposals be forwarded to the office of the Secretary General by January 12, 2001.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

001025-TS-0064

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is expected to remove prefabs at Souvenir Elementary School by June 30, 2001;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to address the overcrowding situation at Souvenir Elementary School;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle, that the kindergarten students to be enrolled at Souvenir Elementary School be accommodated at Hillcrest Academy for 2001-2002.

AND THAT written recommendations and/or alternate proposals be forwarded to the office of the Secretary General by January 12, 2001.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

001025-CA-0066

William Pollock MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until the agenda is completed.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Carolyn Curiale, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

001025-CA-0068

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT the meeting be extended for 30 minutes.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Nazario Facchino, Morten Schrier

9.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**9.1 Policy #2000-ED-06: Services to Students with Special Needs:**

The Director General commented on the proposed policy.

Morten Schrier excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:31 hours

In response to a comment from Steve Kmec, the Director General noted that the inclusion of "dyslexia" in the glossary of terms would be considered as part of the response to the consultation.

001025-ED-0067

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Special Education Advisory Committee and the Education Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle policy #2000-ED-06: Services to Students with Special Needs.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Walter Fogel

9.2 Governing Board – Adult Education:

The Director General explained the following resolution noting that the other seat for persons representing enterprises will also need to be filled.

001025-ED-0070

WHEREAS section 102, subsection 5 of the Education Act requires the board to appoint two (2) persons representing enterprises of the region to the Governing Boards of adult education centres and technical vocational training centres;

WHEREAS one of the seats for enterprise representatives is vacant;

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Mylène Bouchard**, Director of Consulting Services with CPL Technologies Inc.; to the Governing Board of the Adult Education Centre, effective immediately.

Carried unanimously

10.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES**10.1 Ventilation Project – Adult Education Centre:**

The Director General reviewed the proposed ventilation project noting that the project would be financed through grants received for the introduction of the new Computer User Support Program.

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WHEREAS the Adult Education Centre is offering a computer support program;

WHEREAS it is necessary to have an acceptable teaching and working environment;

WHEREAS tenders were opened on 2000-09-28 for the ventilation system at the Adult Education Centre;

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

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the ventilation project for the Adult Education Centre to Ventilation Gamache for the total amount of 25 270\$, taxes included.

AND THAT the Adult Education Centre budget and its grants from computer support will provide the funds for this project.

AND THAT no monies will be taken from either the capital budget or the operating budget of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND FURTHER 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 project.

Carried unanimously

Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

TIME: 22:39 hours

10.2 Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness:

The Deputy Director General explained the proposal to create an Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness and its mandate.

Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:44 hours

The Council entered into discussion on the composition of the sub-committee.

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee has recommended that an Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness be established to examine and revise the Emergency Preparedness Policy;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee recommends a wide participation by stakeholders;

_____ MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, that an Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness be established; AND THAT it be composed of the following:

- 3 Commissioners (1 representing each of the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière regions);
- 3 Administrators from SWLAA (1 representing each of the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière regions);
- 3 Parents (1 representing each of the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière regions);
- 1 Representative from each union and association;
- Director General or his delegate as an ex-officio member.

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Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the proposed resolution to establish an Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness be tabled to the meeting of 2000-11-22.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

Due to the hour, items 11.0 to 14.0, 16.0 and 17.0 were tabled to the regular meeting of 2000-11-22.

15.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Susan Bourque, a parent from Lake of Two Mountains High School, on the safety procedures and the responsibilities of bus drivers with the Soci t  de transport de la Ville de Laval (STL), the Chairman advised that documentation from the STL and the board concerning transportation procedures had been sent to parents at the beginning of the school year.

In response to a question from David Modlin, a parent from Lewis King Elementary School, the Director General advised that fumigation is carried out as part of regular maintenance in the schools when the school is not in operation for a few days.

In response to a question from Maria Olivier, a parent from Twin Oaks Elementary School, the Director General noted that if the new school in Blainville is not ready for September 2001 interim arrangements will be made for students, teachers and other staff affected by the rezoning.

Carolyn Curiale drew the Council's attention to section 2 (c) of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) summary noting that application for these funds can be made even for projects that are already taking place, therefore, freeing up those operating funds.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Linda Gagnon MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:00 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2000-11-22

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman