

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2000-11-22

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, 2000-11-22 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; Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Linda Iaconetti and Ghislaine Tanner, 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; George Paquette, Supervisor of Transportation and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Recording Secretary. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Mary Sotelis, Commissioner.

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

The Chairman welcomed the new Parent Commissioners, Linda Iaconetti and Ghislaine Tanner.

He went on to advise the Council of the untimely death of Leonard Cohen, Teacher at Western Laval High School. He asked that there be a moment of silence.

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

##### 001122-CA-0073

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as presented in document #2000/09/27-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

#### 2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### 001122-CA-0074

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2000-10-25, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

**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:** Peter Haldimand, James McDougall

#### 3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on a meeting that was held on 2000-11-04 with the Chairs of Governing Boards to discuss budgets, time allocations and attendance zones noting that it was a productive meeting and that the Director General had presented the Chairs with additional information to complement the current consultation on attendance zones in the form of a long-range rezoning plan for schools in Laval.

He went on to advise the Council that a public meeting on attendance zones would be held in January 2001 prior to the Council meeting of 2001-01-24 when a decision will be made.

He continued his report that the size of the property for the new school in Blainville will be 130 000 square feet and that the board is awaiting a confirmation in writing from the Director of Urbanism for the Ville de Blainville.

Nick Milas entered the meeting.

**TIME: 19:36 hours**

The Chairman advised the Council that the Fiber Optic Network for Laval has been completed and that it was officially launched on 2000-11-22 at a press conference called by the Commission scolaire de Laval.

The Deputy Director General noted that the schools in Laval would be connected to the Fiber Optic Network on a staggered basis.

The Chairman informed the Council that the board had received notice that a petition for a declaratory judgement had been filed by Julius Grey, Lawyer, on behalf of Esther Baumholtz, David Fogel, Walter Fogel, Mario Gaulin, Claudette Laing, Albina Pace, and Michael Shaw requesting that certain resolutions of the Council of Commissioners be declared null and void.

The Chairman advised the Council that the Commissioner listed among the petitioners could be in conflict of interest and suggested that the Council go into committee.

Walter Fogel called "point of order" noting that he is aware that the Council of Commissioners must go into committee to discuss any matter that may be injurious to a person but as he is the Commissioner in question he would accept that the issue of his involvement be discussed in public.

The Chairman moved that the Council go into committee.

**TIME: 19:43**

**hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 20:30 hours**

**001122-CA-0075**

WHEREAS section 177.1 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) sets out the duties of Commissioners;

WHEREAS Walter Fogel, Commissioner, is presently a party to a legal challenge to decisions taken by the Council of Commissioners;

James McDougall MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners request the Ethics Review Committee to ascertain whether Mr. Fogel is in breach of his duties as a Commissioner by undertaking such an action and to forward its advice to the Council of Commissioners for consideration at its regularly scheduled meeting of 2000-12-13.

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

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

**NAY:** Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

**ABST:** Walter Fogel

The Chairman asked that the record show that Walter Fogel does not consider himself in conflict of interest in joining others in seeking a declaratory judgement to declare null and void certain resolutions adopted by the Council of Commissioners and indicated that he will not withdraw from discussions on this matter.

#### 4.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question asked by David Modlin, a parent from Lewis King Elementary School, the Director General advised that the number of lunch time supervisors is determined by the Governing Board of the school and it should be approached if parents wish to increase the current supervision.

In response to a question from Mr. Modlin on the reasons the Council goes into committee, the Director General explained that it does so for the purpose of examining any matter liable to be prejudicial to a person.

Natalie Auclair left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:00 hours**

In response to questions from Sylvia Riccio, a parent from the St-François district of Laval, on the transportation policy of the board and how it relates to the budget, travel time, student safety and students using the Société de transport de la Ville de Laval (STL), Director General advised that the board must consider the territory as a whole and divide its budget for transportation accordingly. He also noted that travel time is a factor in all areas of the board, the safety of students is a concern and that when adopting the resolution to use the Société de transport de la Ville de Laval (STL), parents were guaranteed that students who use the service would have no more than one transfer.

#### 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

##### 5.1 *Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness:*

The Director General advised the Council that the creation of an Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness was recommended by the Material Resources Committee and that its mandate would be to review the current policy and make appropriate recommendations to the Material Resources Committee.

#### 001122-MR-0076

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;

Walter Fogel 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.

## THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

**YEA:** Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Steve Bletas, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, James McDougall, William Pollock

**ABST:** Linda Gagnon

Walter Fogel volunteered to sit on the sub-committee for the Laval area.

Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:05 hours**

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:06 hours**

The Council entered into discussion.

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:09 hours**

Carolyn Curiale agreed to sit on the Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness as a representative from the Laurentians.

### **5.2 Recovery of GST and PST:**

In response to a question asked by Steve Kmec at the meeting of 2000-10-25, the Director General advised the Council that the refund of GST for the last school year was 1 044 274\$ and the refund for PST was 500 363\$.

Glen Haines left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:10 hours**

### **5.3 Long-term Rezoning Plan for Laval Schools:**

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General explained that if the current consultation on rezoning is approved students enrolled in the new Blainville school would be accommodated within Rosemere High School in the area currently occupied by the McCaig Elementary School Annex until the school is completed.

Glen Haines returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:12 hours**

## **6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

### **6.1 QESBA Group Insurance:**

The Director General advised the Council that group accident insurance is available for Commissioners at their own expense.

Walter Fogel left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:13 hours**

### **6.2 QESBA Voting Delegates:**

#### **001122-CA-0077**

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has assigned twelve votes to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for its Special General Meeting being held on 2000-11-25;

Ghislaine Tanner MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the following as voting delegates for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Special General Meeting to be held on 2000-11-25; AND THAT the twelve votes be divided equally among them:

Natalie Auclair (2 votes)  
 Steve Bletas (2 votes)  
 Carolyn Curiale (2 votes)  
 Linda Gagnon (2 votes)  
 Pierre Garofano (2 votes)  
 William Pollock (2 votes)

AND THAT Nazario Facchino be named as an alternate voting delegate for each of the named Commissioners at the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Special General Meeting to be held on 2000-11-25.

**Carried unanimously**

Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:15 hours**

#### **7.0 QESBA**

There was no report.

#### **8.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

There was no report from the Parent Commissioners.

#### **9.0 HUMAN RESOURCES**

The Director General informed the Council that at the meeting of 2000-12-13 a resolution would be presented requesting that the board maintain the existing local arrangements with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Teachers.

#### **10.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

There was no report.

The Chairman called for a ten-minute recess.

**TIME: 21:19 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 21:33 hours**

#### **11.0 USE OF SCHOOLS / TRANSPORTATION**

The Chairman asked Peter MacLaurin, Chairman of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation, to provide an update on issues being considered by the committee.

Mr. MacLaurin reported that the committee had been looking at some suggestions that would change the current transportation policy but that it was decided not to make recommendations to change the policy at this time. The committee also recommended that the board sign a new two year agreement with the Société de transport de la Ville de Laval (STL).

#### **12.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

The Director General reviewed the enrollment criteria for 2001 – 2002 noting that the only changes that had been made from the previous year were that under items 3.2 to 3.5 the words “on a first come first served basis” were added after the words “Subject to availability of space . . .” He also reminded the Council that the Parents’ Committee is consulted on the enrollment criteria.

In response to questions on how the board is to know who is on a "first come first served basis", the Director General advised that it will be the responsibility of the school to keep an updated list of all who wish to attend to the school who are from out of zone. He also noted that the schools have been advised not to accept any registrations prior to the official registration week, which begins on 2001-02-19.

**001122-ED-0078**

WHEREAS section 239 of the Education Act 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 *"Enrolment 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 enrolment 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 (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) 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 2001 - 2002 is the week of February 19, 2001:

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the establishment of the following criteria for enrollment of students in its schools, subject to the availability of space, for the 2001 - 2002 school year:

- 1.0 The schools under the jurisdiction of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will accept requests for admission for students who have attained the age of admission as defined by the Education Act (at least 5 years of age as of September 30, 2001) or who have obtained an exemption from the age requirement;
- 2.0 Students must have obtained a certificate of eligibility for English language education prior to their first day of school.
- 3.0 Enrolment to a school will be based on the criteria established in the following priority order:
  - 3.1 Students who reside in the school territory established by the school board for that school;
  - 3.2 Subject to availability of space, on a first come first served basis, students who are currently attending that school who reside outside the established school territory and whose parents/guardians agree to provide transportation;

- 3.3 Subject to availability of space, on a first come first served basis, siblings of students who are currently attending that school who reside outside the established school territory and whose parents/guardians agree to provide transportation;
- 3.4 Subject to availability of space, on a first come first served basis, students who reside outside of the school territory and whose parents/guardians agree to provide transportation;
- 3.5 Subject to availability of space, on a first come first served basis, students who are under the jurisdiction of another school board but are subject to an agreement between that school board and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and whose parents/guardians agree to provide transportation;
- 4.0 Transportation to a school will be provided to only those students who reside in the designated transportation zone established by the school board. Parents will assume the cost and/or responsibility of transportation for students residing outside of the transportation boundary.
- 5.0 In schools where alternative programs have been approved for 2001 - 2002, students will be required to meet the admission requirements where they exist.
- 6.0 To enable the School Board to provide an appropriate placement, admission requests for special needs students to receive specialized services or programs must be made in writing, before May 31, 2001, indicating the special needs of the student. Should the school board be unable to provide services for a student, the school board will ensure that educational services are made available through an agreement with another school board or institution. Requests for admission to specialized services or programs received after May 31, 2001 will be considered by the school board and accepted pending the availability of space.

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

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

**NAY: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec**

**ABST: Morten Schrier**

## **13.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES**

### **13.1 Replacement of Water Entry at Laurentian Elementary:**

The Director General reviewed the proposal to replace the water entry at Laurentian Elementary School.

#### **001122-MR-0079**

WHEREAS the quality of the drinking water at Laurentian Elementary School is sub-standard and has required the school to purchase bottled water at an estimated cost of 8 000\$ per annum;

WHEREAS it has been determined that the water entry piping at Laurentian Elementary School needs to be changed;

WHEREAS tenders were invited to complete the plumbing work on both the interior and exterior of the building;

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

William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the replacement of the water entry piping at Laurentian Elementary School to Plomberie Jervan Inc. for a total amount of 10 249\$, taxes included

AND THAT the additional work resulting from the water entry replacement be done "en régie" at an estimated cost of 5 200\$.

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**

#### **14.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

##### **14.1 *Fiber Optic Network Maintenance:***

The Deputy Director General reviewed the need for having the networking components installed and maintained.

The Director General left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:47 hours**

The Council entered into discussion.

The Director General returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:50 hours**

#### **001122-IT-0080**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has concluded a partnership with the Commission scolaire de Laval to construct a fiber optic network;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is in the process of concluding similar partnerships with Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles and Commission scolaire des Affluents;

WHEREAS Commission scolaire de Laval, Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles and Commission scolaire des Affluents have selected by public tender Quebec Tel as a partner in the development of the fiber optic network;

WHEREAS the integrity of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board network requires that all components of its network work efficiently throughout the territory of the board;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract to install and maintain the networking components in the facilities in the Ville de Laval of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to Québec Tel in the amount of 14 785\$ for installation and 2 800\$ annual maintenance for 2001, plus applicable taxes.

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

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

**NAY:** Walter Fogel

**14.2 Reservation of Fiber Optic Network Components**

The Deputy Director General explained the need to reserve the CISCO components and the conditions under which the board would reserve them.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a concern expressed by Steve Kmec over budget constraints and the funding required for the Fiber Optics Network, the Director General noted that the outlay of funds is one time only and that the recurrent costs, i.e. cost of current internet links, are covered for the next twenty years.

He went on to note that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools that share territory with the Commission scolaire de Laval, Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles and Commission scolaire des Affluents would benefit from the Fiber Optics Network, while the upper Laurentians will have to continue on the current network until a solution is found to link them also with fiber optics.

**001122-MR-0081**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has concluded a partnership with the Commission scolaire de Laval to construct a fiber optic network;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is in the progress of concluding similar partnerships with Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles and Commission scolaire des Affluents;

WHEREAS Commission scolaire de Laval, Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles and Commission scolaire des Affluents are the promoters of this fiber optic network on their respective territories;

WHEREAS the Information Technology departments of the Commission scolaire de Laval, Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles, Commission scolaire des Affluents and Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have studied and analyzed the available technology for networking components;

WHEREAS as a result of this analysis, the Information Technology departments have selected CISCO technology networking components for use throughout the fiber optic network;

WHEREAS the integrity of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board network requires that all components of its network work efficiently throughout the territory of the board;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de Laval, Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles and Commission scolaire des Affluents have purchased CISCO technology in accordance with the tenders accepted by the Conseil du Trésor du Québec on behalf of public institutions;

WHEREAS, in order to assure on time delivery, it is urgent for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to reserve their components, which are in high demand;

WHEREAS it is estimated that the cost of the CISCO switches will be 117 480\$, taxes included;

Glen Haines MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of 117 480\$, taxes included to Québec Tel and the authorized CISCO distributor, in order to place on reserve the switches that it will required, on the understanding that this purchase order may be cancelled in whole or in part following a study of the estimate and the available budgets.

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

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

**NAY:** Walter Fogel

Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:05 hours**

## 15.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Maria Olivier, a parent from Twin Oaks Elementary School, the Director General indicated that the rezoning maps would be sent to the Chairs of Governing Boards and Principals.

In response to an additional question from Mrs. Olivier, the Director General advised that increased enrollment at the high school level is expected peak in approximately three years but that he did not expect the high schools to be overcrowded though it may be necessary to modify some of the internal space.

Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 22:08 hours**

In response to a question from Mylène Rondeau, a parent from the St-François district of Laval, the Director General advised that the Société de transport de la Ville de Laval (STL) will only service an area of the board if the minimum of fifty students is met.

In response to a request from Chris Arnaoutelis, the Director General noted that an extension to the current consultation on the attendance zones is not feasible as adequate time has been allotted and the attendance zones need to be decided by the end of January 2001 in order to proceed with other issues affected by the zones.

The Chairman suggested that Governing Boards hold special meetings to discuss the attendance zones.

**16.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**17.0 VARIA**

**001122-CA-0082**

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT an additional question period of ten minutes be approved.

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

**YEA:** Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, William Pollock

**ABST:** Nick Milas, Morten Schrier

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Linda Iaconetti MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME:** 22:24 hours

**NEXT MEETING ⇌ REGULAR ⇌ 2000-12-13**

