

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2001-02-28

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, 2001-02-28 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines; Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Linda Iaconetti and Ghislaine Tanner, Parent Commissioners; and Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General.

Also present were: Lorraine Archambault, Director of Financial Resources; Laiq Hanafi, Director of Educational Services; Jean-Guy Messier, Director of Information Services; 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: Natalie Auclair and Linda Gagnon, Commissioners.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:35hours.

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

**5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:**

5.3 *French Immersion at Twin Oaks Elementary School.....INFO*

**10.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:**

10.1 *Computer Concerns at St-Jude & Twin Oaks Elementary Schools.....INFO*

**14.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES:**

14.1 *Financial Report.....INFO*

**010228-CA-0131**

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2001/02/28-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Walter Fogel advised that under section 5.4 on page 0495 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2001-01-24 a paragraph was omitted after the first paragraph and should read "*Walter Fogel indicated that he was providing the information as reason for his response.*"

Mr. Fogel went on to note that his statement in paragraph 2 on page 0495 was not accurate.

*Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the words "in a legal case against the school board" be removed from the second paragraph on page 0495 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2001-01-24.*

The Council entered into discussion on section 5.4 of the minutes and agreed that after the first paragraph on page 0495 the minutes should read as follows:

*"The Chairman asked Mr. Fogel if he would withdraw his name as a co-petitioner in the declaratory judgement against the school Board."*

*"Mr. Fogel stated that he would not withdraw his name as a petitioner for the time being."*

Mr. Fogel withdrew his proposed amendment to the minutes of 2001-01-24.

#### 010228-CA-0132

James McDougall MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2001-01-24, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

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

**YEA:** Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Walter Fogel

### 3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from David Fogel, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, the Chairman stated that the Council does establish the attendance zones for schools by resolution.

### 4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman commented on the workshop held on the proposed Evaluation Policy of the Ministère de l'Éducation noting that it was very informative and clarified many areas of the evaluation process.

He extended congratulations to Laiq Hanafi, Director of Educational Services, and his staff for all the time and effort put into the workshop.

He went on to advise the Council that to date 15 718,41\$ in legal fees had been incurred in the matter before the Superior Court whereby a group is seeking a declaratory judgement on certain resolutions adopted by the board and annulment of certain others.

Linda Iaconetti entered the meeting. **TIME: 19:55 hours**

The Chairman moved that the Council go into committee. **TIME: 19:59 hours**

William Pollock entered the meeting. **TIME: 20:04 hours**

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 20:19 hours**

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to an invitation from Laurentian Regional High School to attend an evening with "Bowser & Blue" on 2001-03-17.

The Deputy Director General presented a letter received from François Legault, Ministre de l'Éducation, congratulating the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on the consolidated plan for school success which it recently submitted.

**5.0 BUSINESS ARISING****5.1 Attendance of Secondary II Students at Rawdon 2001-2002:**

The Deputy Director General reviewed the results received from the consultation and the recommendations of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities.

The Council entered into discussion.

Pierre Garofano left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:25 hours**

Glen Haines advised the Council that a group of parents have concerns over their children attending secondary II at Rawdon and may opt to send their children to Joliette High School. He noted that this may impact class size and could raise some transportation issues.

The Chairman reminded the Council that the Transportation Policy does require out-of-zone parents to transport their children to school.

Pierre Garofano returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:38 hours**

**010228-TS-0133**

WHEREAS the Rawdon Elementary & Middle School was built to accommodate students from Kindergarten to Secondary II;

WHEREAS the school began to accommodate secondary I students as of the 2000-2001 school year;

WHEREAS the progressive enrollment of secondary I and II students should be completed for the 2001-2002 school year;

WHEREAS the Governing Boards of Joliette High School and Rawdon Elementary & Middle School have been consulted;

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities, the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the existing school boundary of Rawdon Elementary & Middle School serving Kindergarten to Secondary II students. AND THAT the school boundary for Joliette High School be modified to exclude students entering Secondary I and II from Chertsey, Entrelacs, Notre-Dame-de-la-Merci, Rawdon, Saint-Alphonse, Sainte-Julienne, Sainte-Marceline, Village of Saint-Calixte.

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

**YEA: Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak**

**NAY: Steve Kmec**

**5.2 Sexual Abuse:**

The Deputy Director General reviewed the proposed resolution on sexual abuse and violence.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from William Pollock, the Chairman advised that some of the high schools do have programs that address issues such as violence and sexual abuse.

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Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate Educational Services, in cooperation with the schools, to promote programs that address the many forms of violence including sexual abuse to which students are exposed with the goal of creating safe and secure learning environments for students.

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

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

**ABST:** Walter Fogel

### **5.3 French Immersion at Twin Oaks Elementary School:**

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Deputy Director General advised that the Parents Committee would be responding to the consultation to implement a French Immersion Program commencing in the 2001-2002 school year at its meeting scheduled for 2001-03-01.

The Council entered into discussion.

The Chairman called for a 10-minute recess.

**TIME: 20:55 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 21:12 hours**

## **6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

### **6.1 QESBA Board of Directors 2001-2002:**

The Chairman advised the Council that he had received a letter from Natalie Auclair expressing her interest in being considered as a Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board representative on the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Board of Directors.

The Chairman called for nominations.

Nancy Rupnik nominated Carolyn Curiale and Natalie Auclair. Mrs. Curiale accepted the nomination. Mrs. Auclair accepted the nomination in abstentia.

Carolyn Curiale nominated William Pollock. Mr. Pollock accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations the Chairman called for a vote.

The Council entered into discussion and it was agreed that a secret ballot would be held.

The Parent Commissioners were nominated as scrutineers.

The Chairman reviewed the results of the vote and declared Natalie Auclair and Carolyn Curiale representatives of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Board of Directors for 2001-2002.

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WHEREAS the Chair of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Nominations Committee has requested member boards to advise the Association of its delegates to the Board of Directors of the QESBA;

Ghislaine Tanner MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Natalie Auclair** and **Carolyn Curiale** to the Board of Directors of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for 2001-2002.

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

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

**ABST:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec

## **7.0 USE OF SCHOOLS / TRANSPORTATION:**

### **7.1 Zoning Consultative Committee:**

The Deputy Director General reviewed the recommendations received from the consultation on attendance zones that indicated the school community would be interested in forming a committee to look at a long-range zoning proposal.

*WHEREAS the consultation on attendance zones for schools in Laval for 2001-2002 indicated the need to review attendance zones so as: (1) to address the optimal use of building facilities on a long-term basis; (2) to provide students with an equality of opportunity to programs and services; and (3) to increase the efficiency of the transportation service;*

*WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has mandated the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities to consult the community on attendance zones and the offer of educational programs and services in its elementary schools in Laval;*

*WHEREAS the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities is expected to bring forward recommendations on attendance zones for Laval schools for the 2003-2004 school year for consideration by the Council of Commissioners at its August, 2002 meeting;*

*Nazario Facchino 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 the creation of a consultative committee to provide it with advice in response to board resolution #010124-TS-0114 and that it be comprised of the following members:*

- *the chair of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities;*
- *2 commissioners named by the Council of Commissioners;*
- *the elementary parent commissioner;*
- *the chair of the Parents' Committee*
- *3 parent delegates named from the Parents' Committee*
- *3 school principals of Laval schools (1 principal of a dual-track school, 1 principal of an immersion school and 1 principal of an English school) named by the director general;*
- *the supervisor of school transportation; ex officio*
- *the director of educational services; ex officio*
- *the senior advisor to management, ex officio.*

*AND THAT the first meeting of the committee be called for March 19, 2001 in Rosemere High School at 19h30*

*AND THAT the consultative committee present its recommendations to the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities at its regularly scheduled meeting in June, 2002.*

The Council entered into discussion.

Walter Fogel expressed concern over the composition of the committee as he felt that it could be biased in favour of its own schools and that more parent representation was required, therefore, he proposed an amendment to the proposed resolution.

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On a point of order, Glen Haines noted that Walter Fogel couldn't accuse members of the Council of being biased as they are elected to the position and have an obligation to act in the best interests of the board.

**010228-TS-0136**

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the proposed resolution on the establishment of a zoning consultative committee be amended by replacing "3 parent delegates named from the Parents Committee" with "a parent delegate from each Laval elementary school" AND "2 commissioners named by the Council of Commissioners" with "all commissioners representing Laval named by the Council of Commissioners."

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

**YEA:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

**NAY:** Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**010228-TS-0137**

WHEREAS the consultation on attendance zones for schools in Laval for 2001-2002 indicated the need to review attendance zones so as: (1) to address the optimal use of building facilities on a long-term basis; (2) to provide students with an equality of opportunity to programs and services; and (3) to increase the efficiency of the transportation service;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has mandated the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities to consult the community on attendance zones and the offer of educational programs and services in its elementary schools in Laval;

WHEREAS the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities is expected to bring forward recommendations on attendance zones for Laval schools for the 2003-2004 school year for consideration by the Council of Commissioners at its August, 2002 meeting;

Nazario Facchino 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 the creation of a consultative committee to provide it with advice in response to board resolution #010124-TS-0114 and that it be comprised of the following members:

- the chair of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities;
- 2 commissioners named by the Council of Commissioners;
- the elementary parent commissioner;
- the chair of the Parents' Committee;
- 3 parent delegates named from the Parents' Committee;
- 3 school principals of Laval schools (1 principal of a dual-track school, 1 principal of an immersion school and 1 principal of an English school) named by the director general;
- the supervisor of school transportation; ex officio;
- the director of educational services; ex officio;
- the senior advisor to management; ex officio.

AND THAT the first meeting of the committee be called for March 19, 2001 in Rosemere High School at 19h30.

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AND THAT the consultative committee present its recommendations to the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities at its regularly scheduled meeting in June, 2002.

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

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

**NAY:** Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

**ABST:** Steve Kmec

The Chairman called for nominations to the Zoning Consultative Committee.

Peter MacLaurin nominated Nick Milas. Mr. Milas declined the nomination.

Pierre Garofano nominated Grace Nesi. Mrs. Nesi accepted the nomination.

James McDougall nominated Pierre Garofano. Mr. Garofano accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared Pierre Garofano and Grace Nesi elected as the Commissioner representatives to the Zoning Consultative Committee.

#### **010228-TS-0138**

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Pierre Garofano** and **Grace Nesi** to the Zoning Consultative Committee of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities pertaining to the Laval elementary schools.

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

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

**NAY:** Walter Fogel

**ABST:** Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

#### **7.2 Genesis Elementary School:**

The Deputy Director General advised that the following resolution is an annual request to the Commission scolaire de Laval to continue renting École St-Victor the building that currently houses Genesis Elementary School.

#### **010228-TS-0139**

WHEREAS the increased enrolment in Laval has required the renting of École St-Victor to accommodate Genesis Elementary School for the last three years;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will need École St-Victor for the next school year and subsequent years;

Nancy Rupnik 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 inform the Commission scolaire de Laval of its intent in continuing to rent École St-Victor for 2001-2002 subject to the acceptance of the Direction régional and the payment of the said rent by the Ministère de l'Éducation.

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AND THAT the Commission scolaire de Laval be informed of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's continued interest in acquiring École St-Victor, provided that the Ministère de l'Éducation funds the renovation of the aforementioned building.

**Carried unanimously**

### **7.3 Request to Enlarge Joliette Elementary School:**

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the need to increase space at Joliette Elementary School.

In response to a question from Morten Schrier, the Deputy Director General advised that there is enough room on the lot to build the additional six classrooms and the gymnasium.

#### **010228-TS-0140**

WHEREAS Joliette Elementary School has the capacity for 141 students but has an actual enrolment of 256;

WHEREAS the projected enrolment for 2001-2002 is 252;

WHEREAS Joliette Elementary School has been overcrowded for several years;

WHEREAS the addition of six prefab units in 1999 demonstrates the need for enlargement;

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities, the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that the Ministère de l'Éducation enlarge Joliette Elementary School by adding six classrooms and a gymnasium.

**Carried unanimously**

### **7.4 Provisional Governing Boards for Blainville & Duvernay Schools:**

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that the suggestion to create provisional Governing Boards for the new schools in Blainville and Duvernay had been received during the consultation on attendance zones.

He went on to note that although there is no proviso for provisional Governing Boards in the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I13.3), the suggestion was retained by the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities and it recommends that these provisional Governing Boards be established in order ensure that the schools are operating efficiently for the opening of the 2001-2002 school year.

The Council entered into discussion.

The Chairman reminded the Council that although it is the wish of the parents to have these provisional Governing Boards, they must understand that any decisions that are made under the provisional Governing Board can be overturned once the actual Governing Board for the school is elected at the general assembly of parents.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chairman and left the meeting. **TIME:** 21:40 hours



WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will be opening a new school in Duvernay and another one in Blainville in September 2001;

WHEREAS the Education Act requires that a governing board be established for each school;

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WHEREAS the Education Act provides for the election of members of a governing board during the month of September;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board considers it important to establish a governing board for each of its new schools in order to prepare the transition to the new school for students, parents and staff and to establish some initial policies and procedures;

Glen Haines MOVED THAT on the recommendation of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities, the Council of Commissioners approve the creation of a provisional governing board for each of the new schools with its specific composition, mandate and other terms of reference as found in Document #SWLSB-2001/02/28-CA-001.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

## 8.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

### 8.1 *Time Allocations - Secondary 2001 - 2002:*

The Deputy Director General reviewed the time allocation for the Rawdon Middle School.

## 010228-ED-0142

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the time allocations, as contained in Document #SWLSB-2001/02/28-ED-001, approved by the Governing Board of each high school for the 2001-2002 school year, as they are in compliance with section 3.2 of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board policy #99-ED-04: Program of Studies for the Secondary School.

Carried unanimously

### 8.2 *Time Allocations 2001-2002 - Elementary:*

The Deputy Director General reviewed the time allocations for elementary schools for 2001-2002 noting that they conform to the Basic Schools Regulation.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General noted that the time allocations are those approved by the respective Governing Boards.

## 010228-ED-0143

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the time allocations approved by the Governing Board of each elementary school, as per Document #SWLSB-2001/02/28-ED-002, for the 2001-2002 school year, as they are in compliance with section 2.2 of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School.

Carried unanimously

## **9.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES**

### **9.1 Cafeteria Air Conditioning Project – Adult Education:**

The Deputy Director General reviewed the proposed project for the cafeteria in the Adult Education Centre noting that no monies will be taken from either the capital budget or the operating budget of the board.

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#### **010228-MR-0144**

WHEREAS the Adult Education Centre is offering cafeteria services;

WHEREAS it is necessary to have an acceptable cafeteria environment;

WHEREAS tenders were opened on 2000-12-14 for the air conditioning 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;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the cafeteria air conditioning project for the Adult Education Centre to Ventival Inc. for the total amount of 28 108,42\$, taxes included.

AND THAT the Adult Education Centre designated fund 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**

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:50 hours**

## **10.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

### **10.1 Computer Concerns at St-Jude & Twin Oaks Elementary Schools:**

In response to concerns expressed by Nancy Rupnik over rumours that computers in St-Jude and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools are present in the school but are not accessible, the Deputy Director General advised that all computers within the schools are accessible for use, unless in need of repair, but that the confusion may lie in that all computers do not have access to the Internet. He went on to note that with the fiber optic network project with the Commission scolaire de Laval and the Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie des Milles-Iles all computers will have access to the Internet in the very near future.

The Council entered into discussion.

## **11.0 QESBA**

Carolyn Curiale and William Pollock presented a joint report drawing the Council's attention to the brief on the Estates General on the French Language, comments made by François Legault, Ministre de l'Éducation at the Youth Summit, and current civil cases.

Mr. Pollock advised that funding for projects is available through the Fonds jeunesse and that Scott Conrod has been hired by Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) to assist boards in accessing these funds.

Pierre Garofano left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:08 hours**

## **12.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

Linda Iaconetti presented the Council with the response of the Parents Committee on the consultation on proposed policy "Services to Students with Special Needs".

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She went on to present a resolution adopted by the Parents Committee concerning the coordination of parent/teacher interview evenings between the elementary and high schools.

Pierre Garofano returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 22:10 hours**

The Chairman noted that the organization of parent/teacher interviews was done at the school level but that the Deputy Director General would advise the Principals of the concerns of the Parents Committee.

## **13.0 HUMAN RESOURCES**

There was no report.

## **14.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

### **14.1 Financial Report:**

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Deputy Director General advised that he would inquire with the Financial Resources department as to the interest rate obtained by Financement Québec on the newly contracted long-term loan for 12 628 000\$.

## **15.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

In response to questions from David Modlin, a parent from Lewis King Elementary School, the Chairman indicated that Walter Fogel had declined to resign from the Council, therefore, the issue is closed and the Council continues with the business of the school board.

The Chairman asked Mr. Modlin that any and all future questions he wishes to raise during question period be prepared and clarified before presentation.

## **16.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **17.0 VARIA**

In response to concerns expressed by Walter Fogel with respect to energy costs, the Chairman indicated that his concern would be referred to the Material Resources Committee for further discussion.

## **18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Mary Sotelis MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 22:24 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2001-03-28**

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**Robert Vallerand, Secretary General**

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**Steve Bletas, Chairman**