

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2001-03-28

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, 2001-03-28 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines; Peter Haldimand, 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; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Recording Secretary. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Carolyn Curiale, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, and Mary Svtelis, Commissioners.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:40 hours.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

8.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

8.2 Creation of Position.....RES

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Morten Schrier MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2001/03/28-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Walter Fogel advised by telephone that on page 0507 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2001-02-28 the first and second lines of the last paragraph should read "*Walter Fogel expressed concern over the composition of the committee as he felt that it could be biased in favour of its own schools...*".

Mr. Fogel also noted that on page 0508 of the same minutes that in resolution #010228-TS-0136 the number "2" in the last line should be replaced with the word "*all*".

010328-CA-00147

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2001-02-28, 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, Nazario Facchino, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

010328-CA-00148

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2001-03-20, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, William Pollock

Walter Fogel entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:43 hours

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Judy Freedman, Principal of Twin Oaks Elementary School, informed the Council of Commissioners of the school's acceptance of the offer of the board to implement a French Immersion program starting in kindergarten in the 2001-2002 school year noting that 60% of the registrations for kindergarten have chosen French Immersion.

She further reported on the consultation process and the discussions held.

Rudolph Moley, Chairman of the Twin Oaks Elementary School Governing Board, presented the Council with an official extract of the Twin Oaks Governing Board minutes supporting the implementation of French Immersion.

David McKinley, a parent from Twin Oaks Elementary School, advised the board that the majority of parents in the school community feel that the implementation of a French Immersion program at the school will benefit the community.

Maria Olivier, a parent from Twin Oaks Elementary School, advised the Council that the previous comments made by other members of the Twin Oaks Elementary School community are true but that she felt that the parents from Twin Oaks Elementary School had not been sufficiently consulted before the Governing Board voted on the issue and asked that the Council of Commissioners delay the implementation of a French Immersion program at Twin Oaks Elementary School.

In response to an additional question from Mrs. Olivier, the Director General advised that several Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools have been addressing the issue of "bullying" noting that some funding for such prevention programs has been available on presentation of a proposal to Educational Services.

Pierre Garofano entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:53 hours

In answer to a question from the Chairman, Mrs. Freedman, Principal of Twin Oaks Elementary School, advised that the Parents Participation Organization at Twin Oaks Elementary School had conducted a telephone survey amongst its members on the French Immersion program and that the majority had supported the implementation of a French Immersion program at Twin Oaks Elementary School.

The Chairman advised the Council that the Parents Committee had voted down the motion to implement a French Immersion program at Twin Oaks.

In response to a question from David Modlin, a parent from Lewis King Elementary School, the Chairman advised that Mr. Fogel, as an elected member of the Council, is free to sit at the Council table despite the results of the vote on the motion in question.

In response to an additional question from Mr. Modlin, the Chairman advised that the case with Mr. Fogel is currently in litigation and cannot be discussed.

In response to a question from David Fogel, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, the Director General noted that Hillcrest Academy had received information on the impact the rezoning would have on Hillcrest Academy at public meetings held at each school affected by the creation of the new school in Duvernay.

In response to a request from David Fogel, the Director General agreed to provide him with copies of the previous zonings of Hillcrest Academy since the creation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board noting that an attendance zone is the zone within which transportation is provided.

4.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Linda Iaconetti advised the Council that the Parents Committee voted against the implementation of French Immersion at Twin Oaks Elementary School based on information received about the feelings of the school community but that on the basis of additional information on the issue the Parents Committee intends to revisit its discussions at its meeting of 2001-04-05 and she expects that it will be passed at that time.

5.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised the Council that Michael Stirrup, Director of Human Resources, will be retiring on 2001-08-03 and extended thanks to him for a job well done and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

He went on to advise the Council that the Ville de Laval had presented the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board with a cheque for approximately 112 000\$ as its share of the renewal of the gymnasium floor at Laval Catholic High School.

In closing, the Chairman advised the Council that a letter had been received from Julius Grey, the lawyer representing Walter Fogel, demanding that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind its resolution against his client or face legal action.

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 Interest Rate:

Tabled to meeting of 2001-04-25.

6.2 French Immersion at Twin Oaks:

The Director General reviewed the resolution concerning the implementation of a French Immersion program at Twin Oaks.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Edward Turchyniak, the Director General stated that the decision must be made this evening as to whether or not a French Immersion program would be implemented at Twin Oaks Elementary School for the 2001-2002 school year so that it may be taken into consideration during the staffing process for schools for 2001-2002.

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #010124-TS-0112 to mandate Educational Services to consult parents of new kindergarten students for the 2001-2002 school year from Fabreville, Sainte-Rose and Laval West to determine the interest in initiating a French Immersion program at Twin Oaks Elementary School as of 2001-07-01;

WHEREAS the consultation of parents of new kindergarten students for the 2001-2002 school year has proved to be favourable;

WHEREAS the Twin Oaks Elementary School Governing Board has been consulted on the introduction of a French Immersion program for the 2001-2002 school year;

WHEREAS the Twin Oaks Elementary School Governing Board has supported this introduction of a French Immersion program for the 2001-2002 school year;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents Committee has been consulted on the introduction of a French Immersion program at Twin Oaks Elementary School for the 2001-2002 school year;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents Committee does not support the introduction of a French Immersion program at Twin Oaks Elementary School for the 2001-2002 school year;

WHEREAS twenty-four students have already been tentatively registered in this program for the 2001-2002 school year;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to offer similar general educational services to students living in Laval;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will maintain an English program of studies at Twin Oaks Elementary School;

Linda Gagnon 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 authorize the introduction of a French Immersion program at Twin Oaks Elementary School as of the 2001-2002 school year; AND THAT an English program of studies be maintained.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Walter Fogel, Glen Haines, Morten Schrier

7.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

7.1 Fiber Optic Network Funding:

The Deputy Director General informed the Council of a letter received from the Western Quebec School Board seeking support for its request to the Ministère de l'Éducation for funding in order to implement fiber optic networks for school boards.

He reminded the Council that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is currently working towards a complete fiber optic network for its schools with the assistance of Measure 50590 and other allocations.

In response to a question from Nick Milas, the Deputy Director General noted that the board's share to date to construct the fiber optic network in Laval has been approximately 750 000\$.

He went on to report that for the north shore the fiber optic project is presently under way but that in the Laurentians the fiber optic project has yet to be considered and that the fiber optic network for the Lanaudière region is still being developed.

In response to comments made by Walter Fogel and Peter Haldimand, the Deputy Director General stated that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board had entered into a partnership with the Commission scolaire de Laval, Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles and Commission scolaire des Affluents to construct a fiber optic network and that the Council had mandated the Director General to explore other partnerships within the board territory for similar networks.

He went on to note that seven out of the eight school boards in the territory have committed to participating in fiber optics and that this will be a benefit to the board.

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WHEREAS a Fiber Optic Network is essential for high quality electronic communication within the territory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has already embarked on the construction of such a network in partnership with Commission scolaire de Laval, Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie des Mille-Îles and Commission scolaire des Affluents;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is currently exploring the possibility of a partnership with Commission scolaire des Laurentides;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has been approached to provide funding for the establishment of such a network;

William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board lend its support to other school boards and the Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec in the effort to have the Ministère de l'Éducation support and finance new information and communication technologies (ICT).

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and the other English school boards.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: **Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier**

The Chairman called for a 10-minute recess.

TIME: 20:28 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 20:38 hours

7.2 QESBA Spring Conference:

In response to a request from Edward Turchyniak, the Director General agreed to distribute any information provided at the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Spring Conference to Commissioners who will not be attending.

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association will be holding its Annual Spring Conference and General Meeting at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City, QC from 2001-05-03 to 2001-05-05;

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize Commissioners to attend the QESBA 2001 Annual Spring Conference and General Meeting from 2001-05-03 to 2001-05-05 in Quebec City, QC. AND authorize a maximum expenditure of 750\$ per Commissioner, to cover the cost of registration, accommodation and travel expenses:

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Morten Schrier

7.3 Alternate Voting Delegates for QESBA:

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has assigned twelve votes to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for its Annual General Meeting being held on 2001-05-05;

James McDougall 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) Annual General Meeting to be held on 2001-05-05; AND THAT the twelve votes be divided among them:

Carolyn Curiale (3 votes)
William Pollock (3 votes)
Natalie Auclair (2 votes)
Steve Bletas (2 votes)
Pierre Garofano (2 votes)

AND THAT Peter Haldimand be named as an alternate voting delegate for each of the named Commissioners at the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Annual General Meeting to be held on 2001-05-05.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel

7.4 Nomination to QESBA Executive for 2001-2002:

The Chairman presented a letter from Carolyn Curiale stating her interest in being a candidate for the position of Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

The Chairman called for other nominations and receiving none declared Carolyn Curiale nominated for the position of Member-at-Large.

Walter Fogel excused himself from the table.

TIME: 20:50 hours

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Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board nominate **Carolyn Curiale** for the position of Member-at-Large on the Executive of the QESBA for 2001-2002.

Carried unanimously

7.5 Special Recognition:

The Chairman extended thanks, on behalf of the Council of Commissioners, to William Pollock for all of his work with the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and predecessor groups over the years.

The Chairman presented Mr. Pollock with a gift as a token of appreciation.

William Pollock thanked the Council for this gesture and commented that it was nice to see other members of the Council taking an interest in QESBA.

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Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners extend its appreciation to **William Pollock** for his long term participation as a delegate, not only for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board but for the former Laurentienne Dissident School Board, to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), formally the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards (QAPSB) and the Quebec School Boards Association (QSBA).

Carried unanimously

Walter Fogel returned to the table.

TIME: 20:55 hours

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chairman and left the meeting.

Time: 20:55 hours

Linda Gagnon left the meeting.

Time: 20:55 hours

7.6 Deeds of Establishment & Three Year Plan:

The Director General commented on proposed policy #2001-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables noting various additions and changes.

Linda Gagnon returned to the meeting.

Time: 20:57 hours

The Chairman returned to the meeting and assumed the chair.

Time: 20: 58 hours

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WHEREAS section 211 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter F-13.3) requires the school board each year establish a three-year plan of allocation and destination of its immovables;

WHEREAS section 211 also requires the school board to draw up, in accordance with the plan, a list of its schools and of its vocational training and adult education centres and issue a deed of establishment to them;

Peter Haldimand 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 proposed policy #2001-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables.

Carried unanimously

7.7 Conseil régional de développement de Laval (CRDL):

The Director General explained the role of the Conseil régional de développement de Laval (CRDL).

He went on to report on a meeting which he and the Chairman had attended with chairpersons and Directors General of the Commission scolaire de Laval and CEGEP Montmorency to look at the role of the CRDL and how to best have everyone represented on this board. Discussions resulted in an agreement to form a tripartite committee to ensure that concerns of the educational sector are considered at the CRDL.

The Chairman called for nominations to the Conseil régional de développement de Laval.

Glen Haines nominated Linda Gagnon. Mrs. Gagnon accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations the Chairman declared Mrs. Gagnon nominated.

010328-CA-0156

Glen Haines MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Linda Gagnon** as the representative of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the electoral college of the education sector for the purpose of electing a representative of the education sector to sit on the Conseil régional de développement de Laval.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel

7.8 Tripartite Committee:

The Director General provided the Council with a brief history of the tripartite agreement between the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord, the Ville de Lachute and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on the management and use of the indoor swimming pool on the shared campus of Polyvalente Lavigne and Laurentian Regional High School and the need to have two Commissioner representatives on this committee.

The Chairman called for nominations to the Tripartite Committee.

Grace Nesi nominated Peter Haldimand. Mr. Haldimand accepted the nomination.

Peter Haldimand nominated Peter MacLaurin, in abstentia.

There being no further nomination the Chairman declared Peter Haldimand and Peter MacLaurin elected to the Tripartite Committee.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General advised that the yearly cost of participation in this agreement is approximately 50 000\$.

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WHEREAS the support staff needs are being re-adjusted at the secondary level;

WHEREAS the recommendations received from the Principals of Sacred Heart Middle School and Laval Catholic High School have been approved by the Directorate and the Human Resources Committee;

Ghislaine Tanner MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee and the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board create one position of School Organization Technician for both Sacred Heart Middle School and Laval Catholic High School, effective 2001-04-01.

Carried unanimously

9.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Director General advised that the provincial budget would be presented on 2001-03-29.

10.0 USE OF SCHOOLS / TRANSPORTATION:

10.1 Request for Schools:

The Director General reviewed the need for additional students places in the Lanaudière region of the board noting that Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools cannot be enlarged as neither school has sufficient property for expansion.

He went on to note that what the board really requires is two small schools located at either end of Lanaudière, Terrebonne and Repentigny, to accommodate the students who live in these areas but attend either Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools and in order to repatriate students that currently attend the McLearn School in Montréal.

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WHEREAS the new maximum class sizes for kindergarten and cycle 1 to be implemented over the next three years will increase the need for student places;

WHEREAS the new maximum class sizes for kindergarten and cycle 1 will reduce the functional capacities of schools;

WHEREAS Holy Rosary Elementary School will have the capacity to accommodate 299 students but has an enrolment that is projected to increase to 618 for 2001-2002;

WHEREAS Holy Rosary Elementary School students are presently occupying four prefab units on the school grounds and a further five groups are located in a nearby rented private building;

WHEREAS Lewis King Elementary School will have the capacity to accommodate 108 students but has an enrolment that is projected to be 132 for 2001-2002;

WHEREAS there is a need to add prefabs to Lewis King Elementary School in order to accommodate its present needs;

WHEREAS McCaig Elementary School will have the capacity to accommodate 439 students but has a projected enrolment of 578;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board presently has an inter-board agreement with English Montreal School Board to provide elementary education to 101 students from Repentigny for which it should be providing educational services in its own schools;

WHEREAS the above-mentioned schools are in areas where future growth is predicted;

Nazario Facchino 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 authorize the building of one or more new schools to address the obvious need for additional student places in the Lanaudière region of the board.

AND FAILING THAT authorize the enlargement of Holy Rosary Elementary School or Lewis King Elementary School in order to address the need for student places in the Lanaudière region of the board and eliminate the necessity of renting a private building and prefab units, and provide students with suitable school facilities.

Carried unanimously

010328-TS-0161

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board presently has an inter-board agreement with English Montreal School Board to provide elementary education to 101 students from LeGardeur, Repentigny and surrounding area at McLearn School in Montreal;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board should be providing such services to its students on its own territory;

WHEREAS 104 students from Repentigny are also registered in its own schools;

WHEREAS the building of a new school in Repentigny would permit the school board to provide educational services to all students under its jurisdiction as well as alleviate the overcrowding of its schools in Mascouche;

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities, that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that the Ministère de l'Éducation authorize the building of a new school in Repentigny or the surrounding area.

AND THAT failing such authorization, the Minister transfer a school in Repentigny, which has been declared excess by the Commission scolaire des Affluents on condition that the Minister authorizes the funding required to renovate the school to meet present standards.

Carried unanimously

Walter Fogel left the meeting.

TIME: 21:39 hours

11.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

11.1 Summer School:

The Director General commented on the proposed Summer School program for 2001 at Laval Catholic High School.

In response to a question from Peter Haldimand, the Director General indicated that Laurentian Regional High School is considering offering a tutorial program at the school if there is sufficient interest.

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Morten Schrier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve a secondary I to V Summer School Program to be located at Laval Catholic High School from 2001-07-09 to 2001-07-27, as per document #SWLSB-2001/03/28-ED-001.

Carried unanimously

Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:42 hours

12.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

12.1 T.H. Bowes & Prince Charles:

The Director General advised the Council that he expects that the sale of T.H. Bowes will be finalized tomorrow and went on to review the conditions of the sale.

Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

TIME: 21:43 hours

He went on to note that École Notre-Dame de Nareg cannot afford to purchase Prince Charles at this time and has agreed to present an offer to purchase before 2001-12-31. If École Notre-Dame de Nareg does not purchase Prince Charles the school board could decide to have it remain as Phoenix Alternative or consider other offers to purchase.

He advised that the funds from this sale would allow the board to purchase Genesis and "Duvernay" Elementary Schools as the law now requires schools boards to purchase property from each other.

Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:45 hours

010328-MR-0163

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board resolved by resolution #000223-MR-0173 to sell T.H. Bowes Elementary School and Prince Charles Elementary School to École Notre-Dame-de-Nareg;

WHEREAS authorization to sell the above named schools has been received from the Ministère de l'Éducation;

WHEREAS École Notre-Dame-de-Nareg is able at this date to purchase only T.H. Bowes Elementary School for the originally agreed sum of 700 000\$;

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept to sell T.H. Bowes Elementary School to École Notre-Dame-de-Nareg for the sum of 700 000\$ and the following terms:

- ❖ École Notre-Dame-de-Nareg will have the use of the land between T.H. Bowes and Prince Charles Elementary Schools with the exception of an area reserved for parking, at no additional cost for the period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

- ❖ École Notre-Dame-de-Nareg accepts T.H. Bowes Elementary School in its present condition.

- ❖ École Notre-Dame-de-Nareg agrees not to sell T.H. Bowes Elementary School for at least 15 years unless there is an agreement with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.
- ❖ École Notre-Dame-de-Nareg accepts all legal and notarial fees related to the sale.

AND THAT the Director General seek the appropriate authorization from Ministère de l'Éducation to complete the sale of T.H. Bowes Elementary School to École Notre-Dame-de-Nareg.

Carried unanimously

010328-MR-0164

WHEREAS École Notre-Dame-de-Nareg continues to express its interest in purchasing Prince Charles Elementary School for the sum of 500 000\$, said sum payable July 1, 2002;

WHEREAS authorization to sell Prince Charles Elementary School to École Notre-Dame-de-Nareg has been received from the Ministère de l'Éducation;

WHEREAS the sale of Prince Charles Elementary School will require the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to relocate the Phoenix Alternative School;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept to sell Prince Charles Elementary School to École Notre-Dame-de-Nareg under the same terms which applied to the sale of T.H. Bowes Elementary School provided that the offer to purchase is signed by December 31, 2001.

Carried unanimously

13.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

There was no report.

14.0 QESBA

Walter Fogel excused himself from the table.

TIME: 21:51 hours

14.1 QESBA Budget 2001-2002:

William Pollock commented on the proposed Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) budget for 2001-2002.

The Council entered into discussion.

Walter Fogel returned to the table.

TIME: 21:55 hours

15.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Mike Pizzola, a parent from Holy Rosary Elementary School, advised the board that it might want to consider calling the Municipalité de Mascouche as he has heard that they may have some land that would be of interest to the board to solve its overcrowding problem in the area.

In response to several questions from Maria Olivier, the Director General noted that the Ville de Blainville had not yet completed the sale of the land for the Blainville School.

He also noted that the Budget Parameters for 2001-2002 will be sent out for consultation at the end of April.

16.0 CORRESPONDENCE

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

17.0 VARIA

The Chairman advised the Council that a special meeting will be held on 2001-04-10 at 18:30 hours in the library of Rosemere High School.

In response to a request from Edward Turchyniak, the Chairman agreed that a regular report on legal fees should be presented on a monthly basis.

In response to a question from Peter Haldimand, the Director General advised that it is anticipated that the move to the new Administration Centre will take place in the middle of May.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Walter Fogel MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:01 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ SPECIAL ⇨ 2001-04-10

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman