

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2001-04-25

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, 2001-04-25 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, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, 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: Glen Haines and Morten Schrier, Commissioners.

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

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

**5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:**

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

**6.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES:**

6.2 *Auditors Report*.....INFO

**7.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:**

7.3 *High School Newsletters*.....INFO

**13.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES:**

13.1 *Emergency Preparedness*.....INFO

**16.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

16.1 *Letter* .....INFO

**010425-CA-0170**

William Pollock MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2001/04/25-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following secretarial error was noted on page 0517 of the minutes of the regular meeting held on 2001-03-28, in resolution #010328-CA-0148 the name of Walter Fogel should be removed from the "ABST" section as he had not yet entered the meeting.

**0536**

Walter Fogel, via telephone, advised that in the same minutes on page 0518 the following should be inserted after the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph *"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."*

He further advised that under item 4.0 on page 0518 the following should be added at the end of the paragraph *"...and she expects that it will be passed at that time."*

#### **010425-CA-0171**

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2001-03-28, 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, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Steve Kmec

**ABST:** Carolyn Curiale, Mary Svtelis

#### **010425-CA-0172**

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2001-04-10, 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, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Carolyn Curiale, Pierre Garofano, Mary Svtelis

### **3.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

In response to concerns expressed by Michael Di Girolamo, a parent from Genesis Elementary School, the Director General advised that the funding granted for the renovation and construction of the "Duvernay" Elementary School is strictly for that purpose and that the renovations needed to prepare the current Administration Centre to accommodate the students until the Duvernay school is ready would be paid for from the board's contingency budget.

He also noted that there would be some services not readily available to the students of the "Duvernay" Elementary School while housed at the current Administration Centre but that the students would only be at this location for a short period of time.

Nazario Facchino entered the meeting.

**TIME: 19:46 hours**

In response to a question from David Modlin, a parent from Lewis King Elementary School, the Chairman advised that the legal costs to the board were discussed publicly in response to a question from a Commissioner and in an effort to be more transparent about this type of expense.

In response to an additional question from Mr. Modlin, the Chairman advised that the money spent on legal fees is for legal work of a corporation but also to defend the interests of the board in lawsuits.

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#### **4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman presented a letter of thanks from William Pollock for the gift presented to him at the last meeting of the Council of Commissioners for his years of service with the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

In response to a "point of order" by Walter Fogel, the Chairman advised that he had received two requests from persons in the audience to be heard during question period and that both requests had been honoured. He noted that any additional questions could be addressed during the second question period.

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the upcoming Literary Journal Awards and the Laurentian Regional High School graduation ceremonies.

He also noted that he had spoken with Henri-Paul Chaput, Sous-ministre, Ministère de l'Éducation, on the tenders which had been opened recently for the renovation and construction of the new elementary school in Duvernay and that he had requested additional funding given that the budget awarded was insufficient.

#### **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING**

##### **5.1 Interest Rate:**

In response to a question asked at a previous meeting by Steve Kmec, the Deputy Director General advised that the interest rate on the long-term loan has been set at 4,94%.

In response to an observation from Peter Haldimand, the Deputy Director General noted that the Ministère de l'Éducation will cover the interest cost on this loan.

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

Steve Kmec requested that the Council rescind the motion implementing French Immersion at Twin Oaks Elementary School because he did not believe that the community had been properly consulted.

The Council entered into discussion.

#### **010425-TS-0173**

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT resolution #010328-CA-0149 approving the implementation of a French Immersion program at Twin Oaks Elementary School be rescinded.

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

<b>YEA:</b>	<b>Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec</b>
<b>NAY:</b>	<b>Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak</b>
<b>ABST:</b>	<b>Mary Svotelis</b>

#### **6.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

##### **6.1 Budget Parameters 2001 – 2002:**

The Director General presented the 2001-2002 budget parameters highlighting the draft Ministère de l'Éducation budgetary rules, the school board's financial situation, and the budget priorities for 2001-2002.

The Council entered into discussion.

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**010425-FR-0174**

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the budget parameters for schools and centres for 2001-2002, as contained in Document #SWLSB-2001/04/25-FR-001.

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

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

**NAY:** Walter Fogel

**6.2 Auditors Report:**

In response to a question from Steve Kmec on the management letter received from the board's auditors, referred to in the monthly report of the Director of Financial Resources, the Director General indicated that the letter had been deposited with the Financial Resources Committee for review.

The Chairman called for a ten-minute recess.

**TIME: 21:05 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 21:10 hours**

**7.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**7.1 By-Law #2000-CA-05: Date, Time & Place of Meetings:**

The Deputy Director General reviewed the proposed change to by-law #BL2000-CA-05: Date, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board noting that the proposed change is the relocation of regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners to the new Administration Centre at 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec, as of 2001-06-27.

**010425-CA-0175**

WHEREAS section 162 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter F-13.3) indicates that a date, time and place of regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners must be fixed by by-law;

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the amendment to by-law #BL2000-CA-05: Date, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

**Carried unanimously**

**7.2 QESBA Award of Merit:**

**010425-CA-0176**

WHEREAS Mr. Ron Edward has been involved in education Québec for over 30 years;

WHEREAS Mr. Ron Edwards has been Chairman of the former Laurensval School Board, Laurensval School Board and North Island Regional School Board;

WHEREAS Mr. Ron Edwards has been involved with the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), Quebec School Boards Association, and Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards and has acted as Chairman for these associations;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board nominate Mr. Ron Edwards for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Award of Merit.

**Carried unanimously**

### **7.3 High School Newsletters:**

In response to a request from Peter Haldimand, the Deputy Director General noted that he would advise the Principals that the Council of Commissioners would like to receive their respective school's newsletter on a regular basis.

## **8.0 QESBA**

There was no report.

## **9.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

Linda Iaconetti commented on the last meeting of the Parents Committee noting that a presentation on special needs made by Angie Gaulin, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Special Needs; Mario DiDomenico, President of the Laurier Teachers Union; Wilma Goodman, Special Education Consultant; Howard Shapiro, Coordinator of Special Education; and Laiq Hanafi, Director of Educational Services; had been informative and well received by the group.

She went on to advise that the recommendation of the Parents Committee concerning the implementation of French Immersion at Twin Oaks Elementary School had not been changed.

## **10.0 HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **10.1 Transfer & Re-Assignment of In School Administrators:**

The Director General reviewed the recommendations for the transfer and re-assignment of in-school Administrators.

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council go into committee.

**TIME: 21:32 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 21:39 hours**

### **010425-HR-0177**

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Director General to recommend to the Council of Commissioners the assignment of the in school and centre administrators in accordance with the Management Policy adopted by the board;

WHEREAS Principals and Vice Principals submitted their career plans to the Director General;

WHEREAS these have been reviewed by the Director General and taken into consideration;

WHEREAS the Director General presented his recommendations to the Human Resources Committee for its review;

Mary Sotelis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners approve the assignment of the in-school and centre administrators, effective 2001-07-01, as per document #SWLSB-2001/04/25-HR-001.

**STAFFING > SCHOOL AND CENTER ADMINISTRATION  
2001-2002**

<b>ELEMENTARY:</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>VICE-PRINCIPAL</b>
ARUNDEL	Bob Berry (50%)	
BLAINVILLE (NEW)	Karen Moore	
CRESTVIEW	Effie Maniatis	Heather Halman
DUVERNAY (NEW)	Frederic Greschner	
GENESIS	Hélène Coupal	
GRENVILLE	Bob Berry (50%)	
HILLCREST ACADEMY	Cliff Buckland	
HOLY ROSARY	Stephanie Krenn	YVACANCY
JOHN F. KENNEDY	Linda DiDomenico	Saverio Mirarchi
JOLIETTE	Norma Moussa	
LAURENTIA	Anne Poland	
LAURENTIAN	Gary Thomas	
LEWIS KING	Thérèse Dufresne (80%)	
McCAIG	Doug Clarke	John McGrail
MORIN HEIGHTS	Bill MacLeod	
MOUNTAINVIEW	Laird Bracken	
OUR LADY OF PEACE	Carole Léger	
RAWDON	YVACANCY	
SOUVENIR	Charlotte Dennick	J. Bourdon/R. KazdanH
STE-ADELE	Josée Côté (50%)	
STE-AGATHE	Johanne Vallerand	
ST-JUDE	Bob Bennett	
ST-PAUL	Mary Sorrentino	YVACANCY
TERRY FOX	Elizabeth Clarke	Gloria Kadonoff
TWIN OAKS	Judy Freedman	
<b>SECONDARY:</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>VICE-PRINCIPAL</b>
BATSHAW	Hazel Milley	
JOLIETTE HIGH	Bruce Scott	
LAKE OF TWO MTNS	Les Harding	Doug Morrison
LAVAL CATHOLIC	Willy Speeckaert	Chris Roblin
LAURENTIAN REGIONAL	Glenn Cuggy	Scott Traylen
PHOENIX	Anne-Marie Roigt (30%)	
ROSEMERE HIGH	Alain Guay	Don Muir
SACRED HEART	YVACANCY	Tony Sciaraffa
STE-AGATHE ACADEMY	Johanne Vallerand	
WESTERN LAVAL	Eric Ruggi	Johanne Brabant
<b>CENTER :</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b>	<b>ASST. CENTER DIR.</b>
COMMERCIAL EDUC CTR	Mireille Ménard	Marité Perron

H retiring December 31, 2001

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

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

**ABST:**

Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec

## 10.2 *Creation of Positions:*

The Director General reviewed the positions to be created.

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### **010425-HR-0178**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is opening two new Elementary Schools for the school year 2001-2002.

WHEREAS these creations have been discussed at the Human Resources Board Committee.

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the creation of the following full-time positions:

- ❖ School Secretary at the Blainville Elementary School as of July 1, 2001.
- ❖ School Secretary at the Duvernay Elementary School as of July 1, 2001.
- ❖ Caretaker – Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Administrative Centre, Rosemere as of May 14, 2001.

**Carried unanimously**

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

There was no report.

## **12.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **12.1 *Summer Works Project:***

### **010425-ED-0179**

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Education Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the decision of the Directorate to make application to Human Resources Development Canada for approval of summer work projects under the "Placement carrière-été" program. AND THAT the Director General and the Director of Educational Services be authorized to sign all documents concerning this program.

**Carried unanimously**

## **13.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES**

### **13.1 *Emergency Preparedness:***

In response to statements expressed by Walter Fogel, the Director General explained that final session of the Emergency Preparedness workshop has been delayed at the request of in-school Administrators as they have been occupied with many pressing issues such as curriculum reform, school success plans, preparation for Governing Board on school policies, the daily aspects of school life and had recently participated in a two-day leadership workshop.

He further noted that the Principals are concerned about the safety of their students and have implemented their own internal procedures on how to handle an emergency situation and continue to follow the emergency policy from a predecessor board.

The Council entered into discussion.

*James McDougall MOVED THAT that the original resolution creating the Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness be rescinded.*

Carolyn Curiale suggested that the motion to rescind be tabled to another meeting.

Mr. McDougall accepted to table his motion to rescind.

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Walter Fogel suggested that the original resolution creating the committee be amended to allow schools to participate if they wish to while noting that they are under no obligation to do so.

Mr. Fogel presented the following notice of motion :

*WHEREAS the base document relating to Emergency Preparedness was developed and approved by the former Laureval School Board over seven years ago;*

*WHEREAS the document has not since that time been revised;*

*WHEREAS under normal conditions such documents should be revised every 2 – 3 years;*

*WHEREAS potential risks have come to light that did not exist or were not considered when the document was originally developed;*

*WHEREAS, to date, efforts over the last two years to form a committee to meet and revise the document have failed due to conditions set for size and composition;*

*WHEREAS the present committee which reports to the Material Resources Committee has only four members committed to participate, one Commissioner and three parents;*

*WHEREAS effective emergency planning can only be achieved where input is available from a broad cross section of the community for which it is intended;*

*WHEREAS the committee as it presently exists is not adequate to the task to be performed;*

*\_\_\_\_\_ MOVED THAT the Advisory Sub-Committee on Emergency Preparedness be expanded to permit a broader based representation by opening places on it to each Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board school that may wish to participate as well as members of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board unions and associations and Commissioners.*

*AND THAT should the number on the committee become too cumbersome the committee could form a steering committee and delegate specific or general tasks to smaller groups drawn from it.*

Mary Sotelis excused herself for the evening.

**TIME: 22:00 hours**

Peter Haldimand commented that when the resolution to create the Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness was originally presented the Council expressed concerns over its size not its mission as student safety is a priority.

Linda Gagnon supported Mr. Haldimand's comments and stated that she felt that it was necessary for the Council to state that it does not support Mr. Fogel's proposal but that the Council and the Principals do care about student safety.

#### **14.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

There was no report.

#### **15.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

The Chairman advised the Council that the ACE Program had produced a PowerPoint presentation to promote their new student identification program and invited Jack Fitch, a technician in the program, to explain the project.



Mr. Fitch advised that the students had become involved in a program to create identification cards and they will be operating it as a small business.

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**16.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

In response to a request from Steve Kmec, the Chairman noted that he was not in possession of the letter in question and suggested that Mr. Kmec contact the Chairman of the Parents Committee to obtain the letter.

**17.0 VARIA**

In response to a question from Walter Fogel concerning the Executive Committee minutes from the 2001-03-13, the Deputy Director General advised that it is within the functions and powers of the Executive Committee to hire project managers.

The Chairman advised the Council that the contractor had begun work on the new elementary school in Blainville and noted that the sod turning ceremony for the new elementary school in Blainville was well attended.

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Natalie Auclair MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 22:17 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2001-05-23**

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**Robert Vallerand, Secretary General**

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**Steve Bletas, Chairman**