

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2002-03-27

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2002-03-27 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines; Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Linda Iaconetti and Ghislaine Tanner, Parent Commissioners; and Dominic Martini, Director General.

Also present were: Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General; François Badin, Director of Human Resources; Jean-Guy Messier, Director of Information Services; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier and Mary Svtelis, Commissioners.

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

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

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Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2002/03/27-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a verbal notice Steve Kmec advised that on page 0650 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2002-02-27 under item 8.0, paragraph 3, 1st line after the word "...results..." the word "a" should be replaced by the word "of".

020327-CA-0085

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2002-02-27, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

Carried unanimously

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Stephen Mitchell, a parent from McCaig Elementary School, Peter Haldimand, a member of the Transportation Committee; advised that the committee had reviewed and discussed the request of the McCaig Elementary School Governing Board to revise the walking distances contained in the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's Transportation Policy. He went on to note that the committee felt that the walking distances prescribed by the policy are adequate and do not need to be adjusted.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Jean Roy, a representative of COBA, the Director General noted that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board would respect the termination clause in the contract with COBA.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman read thank you notes from Morten Schrier, Commissioner, and Dominic Martini, Director General.

He went on to advise that a letter had been received from the office of the Ministre de l'Éducation indicating that the board's request for two additional electoral divisions was being reviewed.

He also presented a letter from the former Ministre de l'Éducation, François Legault, expressing his gratitude for the harmonious relations with the board during his time as Ministre.

The Chairman commented on a meeting between representatives of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and the Ministre de l'Éducation noting that the following was discussed:

- School Success and School Board Accountability – the Ministre will be continuing along the same lines as his predecessor;
- The high level of school drop-outs – the Ministre indicated that special funding measures will be established for 2002-2003 and that a policy is being developed;
- Implementation of Reform – the Ministre intends to respect the implementation timetable;
- Salary Equity – the Ministre expressed a desire to settle with the teachers on this issue;
- Fiber Optics – the Ministre indicated that he intends to find some form of compensation for school boards who have already invested in setting up fibre optics infrastructures;
- School Board Elections – the Ministre acknowledged the concerns of the shortcomings in the electoral list for the English sector; and
- Recruitment of Teachers – the Ministre was made aware of the difficulties faced by the English sector in the recruitment of teachers and agreed to examine the results of study currently being conducted by the MEQ.

The Chairman announced that on 2002-04-19 the Chairs and Directors General will be meeting with the Ministre de l'Éducation, Sylvain Simard, to discuss the accountability of schools, school boards and the Ministère de l'Éducation to the general public for the management of resources.

He went on to advise the Council that a Special meeting of the Council would be held on 2002-04-03 at 20:00 hours to appoint the new Director General of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

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He also noted that the board would be establishing a Communications & Public Relations Committee comprised of Commissioners, the Deputy Director General and the Information Officer.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 QESBA / ADGESBQ Meeting with DGE:

The Director General commented on the meeting with the Directeur général des élections that he attended, in his capacity as President of the Association of Directors General of English School Boards of Québec, with the Executive Director of Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) to discuss various concerns which needed to be addressed prior to the 2003 school board elections, notably in the area of the permanent electoral list.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General noted that the government will not be assuming the expenses related to school board elections; the board is expected to do so from its operating budget.

In response to a question from Nancy Rupnik, the Director General advised that anyone wishing to find out if they are on the English or the French list of electors for school board elections can do so by contacting the Directeur général des élections.

5.2 Meeting with CS de Laval:

The Director General reported on a meeting he and the Deputy Director General had attended with the Commission scolaire de Laval to discuss the transfer of Jules Verne Elementary School, the land transfer for the bus ramp at John F. Kennedy Elementary School, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's interest in purchasing École St-Victor (Genesis Elementary School), the transfer of property at Sacred Heart Middle School / Laval Catholic High School to C.S. de Laval, and the Fibre Optic Network invoice.

5.3 Emergency Preparedness – School Plans:

In response to a request from Walter Fogel at the 2002-02-27 meeting of the Council, the Deputy Director General presented an outline of the status of Emergency Preparedness plans within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools.

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 Communications Ad Hoc Committee:

This item was addressed under item 4.0.

6.2 Performance Bonuses:

The Chairman advised that the performance bonuses for the Director General and the Deputy Director General were discussed at length at a recent caucus meeting of the Council.

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WHEREAS the Treasury Board announced on March 10, 1999 its decision to lift, as of 1998-99, the moratorium on the payment of lump sum bonuses to recompense the performance of management staff in the public and parapublic sectors in effect since 1992;

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WHEREAS the Minister of Education, by order-in-council dated August 12, 1999, amended the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards with respect to the payment of lump sum performance bonuses to directors general and assistant directors general;

WHEREAS the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards was further modified by order-in-council dated January 9, 2002;

WHEREAS the Director General will be retiring on April 2, 2002;

WHEREAS the regulation indicates that the Director General is eligible for a performance bonus if he has been in function for at least 6 months in the period between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted policy #2000-HR-03: Annual Evaluation of the Director General;

WHEREAS the procedures outlined in the policy have been followed;

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Chairman, the Council of Commissioners grant the Director General a performance bonus for 2001-2002 in accordance with the regulation to amend the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards in an amount equal to 6% of his salary on April 2, 2002.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, 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

The Director General thanked the Council for its generous recognition.

He went on to provide background on the duties of the Deputy Director General noting that Robert Vallerand has been an exceptional assistant in the daily activities of the board and in the handling of the dossiers assigned to him.

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WHEREAS the Treasury Board announced on March 10, 1999 its decision to lift, as of 1998-99, the moratorium on the payment of lump sum bonuses to recompense the performance of management staff in the public and parapublic sectors in effect since 1992;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education, by order-in-council dated August 12, 1999, amended the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards with respect to the payment of lump sum performance bonuses to directors general and assistant directors general;

WHEREAS the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards was further modified by order-in-council dated January 9, 2002;

WHEREAS the Director General will be retiring on April 2, 2002;

WHEREAS the Director General is the immediate superior of the Deputy Director General;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted policy #2000-HR-03: Annual Evaluation of the Director General;

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WHEREAS the procedures outlined in the policy have been followed;

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners grant the Deputy Director General a performance bonus for 2001-2002 in accordance with the regulation to amend the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards in an amount equal to 5% of his salary on June 30, 2002.

Carried unanimously

6.3 Meeting with Ville de Rosemère:

The Deputy Director General thanked the Council and the Director General for their support.

He went on to advise that he had attended a meeting with the Ville de Rosemère to discuss the landscaping of the Administration Centre, the transfer of playground equipment to McCaig Elementary School, and the sale of land on Roland-Durand.

The Council entered into discussion.

020327-CA-0088

WHEREAS the Ville de Rosemère has expressed an interest in purchasing parts of lots 26-40 to 26-42 and 27-132 (25 383sq/ft) situated on boulevard Roland-Durand in the Parish of Sainte-Thérèse;

WHEREAS the Ville Rosemère is prepared to zone this land as a permanent green space;

WHEREAS this proposal has been reviewed by the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee;

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Deputy Director General to enter into discussions with the Ville de Rosemère for the sale of parts of lots 26-40 to 26-42 and 27-132 (25 383sq/ft) situated on boulevard Roland-Durand in the Parish of Sainte-Thérèse.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Linda Gagnon

7.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

There was no business to be discussed.

8.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

8.1 Administrative Software:

The Director General provided background information on the COBA and GRICS management software systems noting that a study had been conducted by an external firm in order to evaluate which system would best suit the needs of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and to identify the costs involved if the decision was made to switch systems.

Peter Haldimand left the meeting

TIME: 20:38 hours

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Peter Haldimand returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:40 hours

He went onto advise that a letter had been received from several of the employees that will be effected by the change in system requesting that the services of COBA be maintained.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Edward Turchyniak, the Director General advised that the cost of switching systems would be included in the 2002-2003 budget.

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is considering the suitability of changing its administrative software from a Groupe Éducalivres Inc. (Division - COBA) platform to a Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS) platform;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wished to have an expert opinion on this project and contracted a study to TRILOGIE - Groupe Conseil;

WHEREAS this opinion recommends that a change from COBA to GRICS be implemented and that the relevant costs to change software and train employees can range from 206 000\$ to 280 000\$;

WHEREAS this recommendation has been reviewed and supported by the Information Technology Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Directorate;

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board undertake to enter into a protocol of service with **Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS)** in order to acquire and utilize its administrative software for Financial Resources, Human Resources, and Material Resources effective for the 2002-2003 school year.

AND THAT the Director General be mandated to advise Groupe Éducalivres Inc. (Division - COBA) that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will be terminating its contract for the use of its administrative software.

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 administrative software.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, 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

9.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

9.1 2002 – 2003 Budget Parameters:

The Director General presented the proposed Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board budget parameters for 2002-2003.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chairman and left the meeting. **TIME: 20:50 hours**

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The Council entered into discussion.

The Chairman returned to the meeting and assumed the chair. **TIME: 20:58 hours**

Ghislaine Tanner left the meeting. **TIME: 20:59 hours**

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chairman and left the meeting. **TIME: 21:04 hours**

Pierre Garofano left the meeting. **TIME: 21:04 hours**

Pierre Garofano returned to the meeting.
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TIME: 21:08

The Chairman returned to the meeting and assumed the chair.

TIME: 21:08 hours

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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 2002-2003, as contained in Document #SWLSB-2002/03/27-FR-001.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, 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

The Chairman called a 10-minute recess.

TIME: 21:15 hours

Ghislaine Tanner excused herself for the evening.

TIME: 21:15 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:28 hours

10.0 QESBA

10.1 QESBA 2002 Spring Conference:

The Director General explained the need to increase the stipend to cover expenses for the attendance of Commissioners at the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting.

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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 2002-05-09 to 2002-05-11;

William Pollock MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize Commissioners to attend the QESBA 2002 Annual Spring Conference and General Meeting from 2002-05-09 to 2002-05-11 in Quebec City, QC. AND authorize a maximum expenditure of 1 000\$ per Commissioner, to cover the cost of registration, accommodation and travel expenses.

Carried unanimously

Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:31 hours

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10.2 QESBA Voting Delegates – 2002 Annual General Meeting:

020327-CA-0092

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 2002-05-11;

Nancy Rupnik 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 2002-05-11; AND THAT the twelve votes be divided between them:

Natalie Auclair (6 votes)

Carolyn Curiale (6 votes)

AND THAT Steve Bletas 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 2002-05-11.

Carried unanimously

10.3 QESBA 2002-2003 Budget:

The Chairman advised that this was for information purposes only and that if any Commissioner had questions concerning the QESBA budget they could be addressed to either Natalie Auclair or Carolyn Curiale.

11.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Linda Iaconetti reported that there was no quorum at the 2002-03-16 meeting of the Parents Committee but that those present had enjoyed their day at the Arundel Natural Science Centre. She thanked William Pollock for his tour of the centre and commented on presentations on equity and equality by Augy Santini and special needs students by Stephanie Cocking.

In response to a question from Edward Turchyniak, the Deputy Director General agreed to contact the Coordinator of Special Education & Student Services as to the status of Ms Cocking's booklet on special needs.

The Director General and Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

TIME: 21:43 hours

12.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

12.1 Modification to Resolution:

020327-HR-0093

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board intends to hold a Special meeting on 2002-04-03;

WHEREAS the present Director General is retiring on 2002-04-02;

WHEREAS the Director General is a member of the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the present Director General is prepared to delay his retirement to take effect on 2002-04-04;

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Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board modify resolution #020114-HR-0222 adopted by the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board at its regular meeting of 2002-01-14 AND change the date of retirement for the Director General from 2002-04-02 to 2002-04-04.

Carried unanimously

12.2 Interim Director General:

020327-HR-0094

WHEREAS Dominic Martini, Director General, submitted his notice of retirement on December 16, 2001;

WHEREAS his retirement takes effect as of April 4, 2002;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has engaged the services of PricewaterhouseCoopers to conduct an executive search to replace the Director General;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will name a new Director General by mid-April, 2002 with the expectation that this individual will enter into office on July 1, 2002;

WHEREAS, in the interest of continuity and stability, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board foresees the need for a transitional period in which there will be an efficient and smooth transfer of mandates;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has asked Dominic Martini to remain in office as Interim Director General for this transitional period;

WHEREAS Dominic Martini has indicated that he is available to remain in office for a period beginning April 8, 2002 to June 30, 2002;

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Dominic R. Martini** Interim Director General for the period April 8, 2002 to June 30, 2002 in accordance with the Regulation respecting the Conditions of Employment of Management Staff of Schools Boards, the Management Policy of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, and his personal contract.

Carried unanimously

020327-CA-0095

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board delegate to the Interim Director General all the rights, powers and obligations of a Director General as conferred by the Education Act and by board policy.

Carried unanimously

The Director General and Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:45 hours**

13.0 USE OF SCHOOLS

13.1 New School in Mascouche:

The Director General provided background information on the board's quest to receive authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation to build a new school in Mascouche.

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020327-TS-0096

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

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

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is obligated to assure the transportation of these students thereby engendering additional costs in transportation, which are not subsidized;

WHEREAS Holy Rosary Elementary School has the capacity to accommodate 299 students but in fact has a current enrolment of 588 students from Kindergarten to grade 6 and 224 students in its MEQ day care service;

WHEREAS Holy Rosary Elementary School students are presently occupying four prefab units on private grounds adjacent to the school building engendering rental costs;

WHEREAS a further five groups of students from Holy Rosary are located in a nearby rented private building;

WHEREAS the rented facility is in the process of being sold;

WHEREAS the lease on the rented facility should normally expire on 30 June 2003;

WHEREAS the school board is an interested party in the litigation between the present owner and the potential buyer of the rental facility and has been served with a temporary interlocutory injunction preventing it from signing the renewal of its lease;

WHEREAS the 2002-2003 enrollment at Holy Rosary Elementary School is projected to be 594 students and will require the maintenance of the four (4) prefabs and the rental space to accommodate a further five (5) classes;

WHEREAS Lewis King Elementary School has the capacity to accommodate 108 students but has a current enrolment of 151 students from Kindergarten to grade 6 and 26 students in its MEQ day care service;

WHEREAS the enrolment at Lewis King Elementary School has required the addition of two (2) prefabs;

WHEREAS the enrollment at Lewis King Elementary School for 2002-2003 is projected to increase to 164 and will require the addition of one (1) prefab;

WHEREAS the Ville de Mascouche has served the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board notice to remove the existing prefabs at Holy Rosary and Lewis King;

WHEREAS the Ville de Mascouche has offered the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board a vacant lot for the purpose of building a school;

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WHEREAS the Ville de Mascouche has expressed an interest in using the new school for community activities and may be interested in adding community facilities to the building;

WHEREAS the building of a new school in Mascouche would permit the school board to provide educational services to all students under its jurisdiction as well as alleviate the overcrowded conditions at Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools;

Nick Milas 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 request that the Ministère de l'Éducation authorize the building of a new school in Ville de Mascouche in order to eliminate the necessity of renting a private building and prefab units and to offer educational services to all of the students on its territory in suitable school facilities.

AND that the Ministère de l'Éducation be informed that the need in student places will require a school to accommodate 420 students, namely 3 kindergarten and 15 classrooms plus space for a computer room, day care service, library, lunch room and gymnasium.

Carried unanimously

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General advised that the English Montreal School Board would like for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to maintain its interboard agreement whereby Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board students attend the McLearn School in Montréal but that it is in the best interest of the students and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to have all its students educated in the schools of the board.

13.2 Renovation & Enlargement of Joliette High School:

The Director General provided background information on Joliette High School.

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WHEREAS Joliette High School is presently overcrowded and uses all available space to provide for an enrollment which has increased each year and which stands at 218 for the 2001-2002 school year;

WHEREAS Joliette High School is projected to have an enrollment of 246 for the 2002-2003 school year and is projected to increase in enrollment over each of the next five years;

WHEREAS Joliette High School needs an additional six (6) classrooms in the short term;

WHEREAS the enclosed modular units which predate 1978 need to be replaced by a permanent installation;

WHEREAS the Ville de Joliette does not permit the use of prefabs;

Glen Haines 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 request that the Ministère de l'Éducation authorize the renovation and enlargement of Joliette High School through the addition of six (6) classrooms.

Carried unanimously

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13.3 Renovation & Enlargement of Joliette Elementary School:

The Director General provided background information on the need to renovate and enlarge Joliette Elementary School.

020327-TS-0098

WHEREAS Joliette Elementary School has the capacity for 165 students but has an enrolment of 272 in 2001-2002;

WHEREAS the enrolment for 2002-2003 is projected to be 244;

WHEREAS Joliette Elementary School has been overcrowded for several years;

WHEREAS the addition of six (6) prefab in the 1998-1999 school year and two (2) prefabs in 1999-2000 demonstrates the need for student places and the inadequacy of the existing facility;

WHEREAS Joliette Elementary School was built in 1954;

Glen Haines 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 funds to renovate Joliette Elementary School to meet present standards and to enlarge Joliette Elementary School through the addition of eight (8) classrooms and a gymnasium.

Carried unanimously

13.4 Purchase, Renovation & Enlargement of École St-Victor (Genesis):

The Director General noted that he had drawn attention to this matter in item 5.2.

020327-TS-0099

WHEREAS the lack of student places in the schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in Laval has required the use of École St-Victor to accommodate Genesis Elementary School;

WHEREAS École St-Victor is owned by the Commission scolaire de Laval;

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

WHEREAS increased enrollment in the eastern part of Laval will require additional student places as of 2002-2003, which will have to be satisfied;

WHEREAS the school board's other schools in Laval are presently at capacity and are projected to be at capacity in subsequent years;

WHEREAS École St-Victor is a school in excess to the needs of the Commission scolaire de Laval;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has informed the Ministère de l'Éducation of its interest in acquiring École St-Victor provided that the Ministère provides the funds to upgrade the building to meet present standards;

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WHEREAS the growing need in student places in Laval will require an additional seven (7) classrooms according to the norms used to determine the capacity of schools;

WHEREAS schools within a 20 kilometre radius will be unable to alleviate the need for student places at École St-Victor (Genesis);

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board inform the Commission scolaire de Laval of its interest in continuing to use École St-Victor for 2002-2003 in order to accommodate students assigned to Genesis Elementary School.

AND THAT the Commission scolaire de Laval be informed of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's interest in acquiring École St-Victor provided that the Ministère de l'Éducation authorizes the funds to upgrade the building to meet present standards.

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that the Ministère authorize the transfer of École St-Victor to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and provide the funds to renovate the building to meet present standards;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that the Ministère de l'Éducation authorize the enlargement of École St-Victor through the addition of seven (7) classrooms and a gymnasium.

Carried unanimously

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General noted that the funds received from the sale of the Prince Charles School would be used to purchase École St-Victor if absolutely necessary.

13.5 Enlargement of Jules Verne E.S. :

The Director General explained the reasons for requesting an enlargement of Jules Verne Elementary School.

020327-TS-0100

WHEREAS there is a lack of student places in the schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in Laval;

WHEREAS increased enrolment in the eastern part of Laval will require additional student places as of 2002-2003, which will have to be satisfied;

WHEREAS the enrolment capacity for Jules Verne Elementary School is limited to two hundred and fifty seven (257) students;

WHEREAS an additional three (3) classrooms at Jules Verne Elementary School would satisfy the forecasted needs;

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities, the Council of Commissioner of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that the Ministère de l'Éducation authorize funds to enlarge Jules Verne Elementary School by the of addition three (3) classrooms within the existing structure.

Carried unanimously

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13.6 Enlargement of Ste-Agathe Academy:

The Director General provided information on the need to request an enlargement of Ste-Agathe Academy.

020327-TS-0101

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engaged the services of a professional to undertake the evaluation of the capacity of its schools in light of the demographic projections by the Bureau des statistiques du Québec;

WHEREAS the demographic projections indicate an increased enrollment at the high school level over the next five years;

WHEREAS the capacity of its high schools reveals a deficit in the number of student places at Ste-Agathe Academy;

WHEREAS Ste-Agathe Academy presently enrolls 176 students in its high school and is projected to increase its enrollment to 204 students for the 2002-2003 school year;

WHEREAS Ste-Agathe Academy is already using all available space to provide for its students;

WHEREAS Ste-Agathe Academy is located 66 km away from Laurentian Regional High School, the nearest high school under the jurisdiction of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

William Pollock MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve a request to the Ministère de l'Éducation for an additional four (4) classrooms for Ste-Agathe Academy.

Carried unanimously

13.7 Consultative Committee on Attendance Zones:

Linda Iaconetti, as a member of the Consultative Committee on Attendance Zones, read for the Council a resolution adopted by the committee requesting that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board dissolve this committee as the members feel that they will not be able to meet the mandate assigned to them.

In consideration of the following facts:

- 1) *The Consultative Committee on Attendance Zones was set up by the Council of Commissioners as a sub-committee of the Committee on the Use of Schools. This was to permit representatives of the board, principals, commissioners and parents a forum to consult on some of the different problems in the Laval area. These problems included use of schools and transportation.*
- 2) *The committee members were appointed, or in the case of the parents, the parents Committee elected three of the participants to represent all the Laval parents and students.*
- 3) *The split vote at our last committee meeting, and the comments that followed, indicated that the results of the vote represented some individual school beliefs and did not represent the benefits to all concerned.*

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- 4) *The "in-camera" discussions were continued outside the meeting venue, giving some parents the idea that the ideas discussed were a "fait accompli".*

I, Jack Fitch, MOVE THAT the credibility and reason for the committee has been lost and that the Council of Commissioners should vote to disband the Consultative Committee on Attendance Zones as a sub-committee of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities. The reason being, failure to reach a consensus to date, and that discussion pertaining to other schools not represented, would be looked upon very negatively by those affected.

Carried: 3 Yea 1 Nay 2 Abstentions

Nick Milas MOVED that the Council go into committee.

TIME: 22:12 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 22:35 hours

020327-CA-0102

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until the agenda is completed.

Carried unanimously

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board created a Consultative Committee on Attendance Zones as per resolution #010228-TS-0137;

WHEREAS the majority of the members of this committee feel that they are unable to realize the mandate given to them by the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS at the 2002-03-26 meeting of the Consultative Committee on Attendance Zones a resolution was adopted requesting that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board disband the committee;

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation and by request of the Consultative Committee on Attendance Zones, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board agrees to disband the Consultative Committee on Attendance Zones, effective 2002-03-27.

The Chairman advised Mrs. Iaconetti that the Council would like the Consultative Committee on Attendance Zones to hold a special meeting to revisit its decision to request the Council to disband.

020327-TS-0103

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT the proposed resolution to disband the Consultative Committee on Attendance Zones be tabled.

Carried unanimously

14.0 TRANSPORTATION

There was no business to be concluded.

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

TIME: 22:40 hours

15.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

15.1 Policy #2002-ED-06: Services to Students with Special Needs:

The Deputy Director General advised that this policy has been rewritten as a result of recommendations received when first sent out for consultation and that it is recommended that it be distributed for a 60-day consultation one more time due to the substantive changes.

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The Chairman returned to the meeting and assumed the chair.

TIME: 22:43 hours

020327-ED-0104

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Special Education Advisory Committee and the Education Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle policy #2002-ED-06: Policy Outlining the Organization of Services for Students with Handicaps, Social Maladjustments or Learning Difficulties.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Steve Kmec

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the documents contained in the information section of the package.

18.0 VARIA

The Chairman advised those present that this evening was the last official meeting for Dominic Martini as Director General of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and invited those present to a small reception upon the adjournment of the meeting.

He went on to speak of the need to inaugurate new traditions and unveiled a portrait of Mr. Martini that will hang in the boardroom to honour his dedication to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Mr. Martini thanked the Council of Commissioners for this thoughtful gesture.

19.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Linda Gagnon MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:47 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2002-04-24

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman