

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2002-09-25

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, 2002-09-25 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines; Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Morten Schrier, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; and Giordano Rosa, Director General.

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

Absent: William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Mary Austin, Nancy Rupnik, Commissioners; and Linda Iaconetti and Ghislaine Tanner, Parent Commissioners.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:32 hours.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

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| 6.5 | <i>Sale of Land – Ville de Rosemère</i> | RES |
| 6.9 | <i>RRSSSL Liaison Committee – Appointment of a Replacement</i> | RES |
| 6.10 | <i>CRDL Table d'Éducation – Appointment of a Replacement</i> | RES |

020925-CA-0011

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2002/09/25-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a verbal notice Carolyn Curiale advised that on page 0741 and 0742 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2002-08-28, in resolution #020828-CA-0008, 9th paragraph, 1st line, the words “*on the recommendation of the Executive Committee,*” are to be removed.

020925-CA-0012

James McDougall MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2002-08-28, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

Carried unanimously

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

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4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented thank you notes received from Dawn Haines and Nancy Rupnik.

He went on to comment on a caucus meeting held on 2002-09-23 where the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board involvement in the 2004 Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) / Association of Administrators of English Schools of Quebec (AAESQ) Spring Conference was discussed at length.

He announced that the following Commissioners had volunteered to assist with the conference planning: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, and Edward Turchyniak.

The Chairman advised that the opening of the 2002-2003 school year had gone smoothly.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

In response to a request from Steve Kmec, the Director General noted that he did not yet have the final figure on the cost of the employee barbeque and would advise the Council when it was available.

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 Student Fees:

The Director General announced that the Ministre de l'Éducation was allocating 15 000 000\$ to help offset the cost of student fees and that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board would receive approximately 192 000\$.

He went on to advise that the allocation would be distributed in accordance with a per capita split between elementary and high school and then with a formula favouring schools within the 7, 8 and 9 categories of the socio-economic index..

6.2 November Retreat:

The Deputy Director General provided the Council with an update on the planning of the retreat noting that interviews and a one-day planning session with various participants had been completed and that upon reviewing the comments from the interviews it was decided that a full day would be spent on governance.

6.3 QESBA Workshop:

The Director General reminded the Council of the QESBA Workshop being held on Saturday, 2002-09-28.

Walter Fogel entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:50 hours

6.4 2004 QESBA / AAESQ Spring Conference:

The Director General commented on the first meeting of the planning committee for the 2004 QESBA / AAESQ Spring Conference noting that the first priorities are to select the dates for the conference and invite a keynote speaker. The next meeting of the planning committee will be on 2002-10-09.

6.5 Sale of Land – Ville de Rosemère

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the land located on boulevard Roland-Durand.

The Council entered into discussion.

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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 will zone this land as a permanent green space;

WHEREAS the Deputy Director General has met with the Mayor and the Director General of the Ville de Rosemère, as per his assigned mandate;

WHEREAS the Ville de Rosemère has confirmed its intention to purchase 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 for an amount of 95 000\$;

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

Pierre Garofano 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 proceed with 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 to the Ville de Rosemère as per the agreement negotiated by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the following conditions:

- ❖ The Ville de Rosemère agrees not to revoke the zoning of permanent green space or to sell parts of lots 26-40 to 26-42 and 27-132 for at least 15 years unless there is an agreement with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.
- ❖ The sale of land is to be completed within 30 days of the adoption of this resolution.
- ❖ The Ville de Rosemère accepts all legal and notarial fees related to the sale.

Carried unanimously

6.6 Protocol with Ville de Laval:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that a formula has been developed to calculate the distribution of the operating costs per square meter for the use of facilities at Laval Catholic and Western Laval High Schools by the Ville de Laval.

Natalie Auclair entered the meeting.

TIME: 20:04 hours

The method of calculation has been reviewed by an accounting firm and involves the costs for energy and maintenance of the buildings.

The Council entered into discussion on the various aspects of the protocol with the Ville de Laval for the use of facilities.

A resolution will be brought to Council when the negotiations have been completed with the Ville de Laval.

6.7 Amendment to 2002-2003 School Calendars:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the need to amend the school calendar for Arundel Elementary School and Ste-Agathe Academy.

WHEREAS Arundel Elementary School and Ste-Agathe Academy use the transportation services of Commission scolaire Des Laurentides and also follow its school calendar;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire Des Laurentides has amended its calendar for the 2002-2003 school year;

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Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board amend resolution #020626-ED-0193 as it pertains to document #SWLSB-2002/06/26-ED-003; AND THAT it be replaced by document #SWLSB-2002/09/25-ED-001.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Walter Fogel

6.8 Landscaping of Administration Centre:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that the Ville de Rosemère had commenced the landscaping of the Administration Centre grounds and that it will be completed before Thanksgiving.

Morten Schrier entered the meeting.

TIME: 20:18 hours

6.9 RRSSSL Liaison Committee – Appointment of Replacement:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that a request had been received from Linda Gagnon to be replaced on the Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux – Laval (RRSSSL) Liaison Committee and the Table d'Éducation of the Conseil régionale de développement de Laval (CRDL).

The Chairman called for nominations.

Linda Gagnon nominated Grace Nesi. Mrs. Nesi accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the Chairman declared Mrs. Nesi nominated to the Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux – Laval (RRSSSL) Liaison Committee

WHEREAS resolution #990519-CA-0266 named Linda Gagnon to represent the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on the Liaison Committee of the Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux – Laval (RRSSSL);

WHEREAS a request to have a replacement named has been received;

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Grace Nesi as the replacement to the Liaison Committee of the Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux – Laval (RRSSSL).

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

6.10 CRDL Table d'Éducation – Appointment of Replacement:

The Chairman called for nominations.

Linda Gagnon nominated Pierre Garofano. Mr. Garofano accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared Mr. Garofano nominated to the Table d'Éducation of the Conseil régionale de développement de Laval (CRDL).

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WHEREAS resolution #020424-CA-0112 named Linda Gagnon to represent the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on the Table d'Éducation of the Conseil régionale de développement de Laval (CRDL) for 2002-2003;

WHEREAS a request to have a replacement named has been received;

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Pierre Garofano as the replacement to the Table d'Éducation of the Conseil régionale de développement de Laval (CRDL).

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

7.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

There was no business to be concluded.

8.0 QESBA

Natalie Auclair encouraged Commissioners to attend the workshop being held on 2002-09-28 and commented on the postponed hearings by the government on the Auditor General's Report dealing with the organization of day care services in schools.

Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that Linda Gagnon has agreed to sit as a representative of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on the Professional Development Committee of the QESBA and that William Pollock would sit as a representative to the Constitutional Committee.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec on the board's input to the brief presented by the QESBA on Bill 104: *An Act to amend the Charter of the French Language*, the Chairman noted that the board has two representatives on the QESBA to speak on behalf of the board and that emergency meetings on the brief had been held by the QESBA during the summer months.

9.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES**9.1 Tripartite Agreement – LRHS:**

The Director General commented on the following proposed resolution noting that that project was completed during the summer months and that the funding of the project was included in the 2002-2003 budget.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General noted that the Ministère de l'Éducation was not involved in this project and cost of the roof repair would come from the board's capital budget.

020925-MR-0017

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board participates in a Tripartite Agreement with the Ville de Lachute and the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord;

WHEREAS the Polyvalente Lavigne / Laurentian Regional High School swimming pool roof needs to be rebuilt;

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WHEREAS the swimming pool is managed and operated through this Tripartite Agreement whereby the Ville de Lachute contributes 40%, Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord contributes 30% and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board contributes 30% of the related costs;

WHEREAS the total cost of this project is 175 000\$;

WHEREAS the share of the cost of the project to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is estimated at 52 500\$;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee recommends that this payment be authorized;

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the payment of 52 500\$ to the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord for its share of the project to rebuild the swimming pool roof at Polyvalente Lavigne / Laurentian Regional High School.

Carried unanimously

9.2 Portables at Holy Rosary:

The Director General informed the board that the deadline for the installation of the new portables at Holy Rosary Elementary School had been met and that some finishing work was completed after the start of school.

He further advised that a letter has been received from the Ville de Mascouche requesting that the portables be removed by the end of June 2003, as portables are prohibited by the Ville's by-laws.

In response to a request from Walter Fogel, the Chairman noted that the issue of an independent study on heating costs would be added to the next agenda of the Material Resources Committee.

10.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

10.1 Telephone Services:

The Director General commented on the recent concerns expressed about the efficiency of the board telephone system noting that a meeting was held with the staff to solicit feedback on the telephones. A committee was formed to look into and report on how the telephones can be used more efficiently.

11.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

11.1 Conflict of Interest:

The Director General asked that Council members remit the forms distributed earlier in the evening concerning Conflict of Interest, as this is a yearly requirement of the by-law adopted by the Provisional Council.

The Council entered into discussion and it was agreed that the by-law adopted by the Provisional Council should be reviewed.

12.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

There was no business to be concluded.

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13.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

There was no business to be concluded.

14.0 USE OF SCHOOLS

14.1 Update on Consultation Meetings:

The Director General provided the Council with an update on the consultation on the "Use of Schools for 2003-2004" noting that the meetings held on September 4, 18 and 19, 2002 had gone well and those involved seemed to be pleased with the approach of the board to the issue and being included in the problem solving process. The next meeting for the Laval area will be at 19:30 hours on 2002-10-02 at Laval Catholic High School.

The Chairman invited all Commissioners to attend these meetings on the consultation noting that although the process does not involve all areas of the board the Council members should be available for any scheduled meetings so as to be up to date on how the consultation is progressing as this information will be invaluable when the time comes to review proposals.

15.0 TRANSPORTATION

There was no business to be concluded.

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the correspondence section of the package noting the judgement on rentals and time allocations.

Walter Fogel excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 20:55 hours

18.0 VARIA

In response to a question from James McDougall on the QESBA Steering Committee, Carolyn Curiale advised that the committee has not yet completed its study on the future course of QESBA.

19.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Glen Haines MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:57 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2002-10-23

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman