

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2003-03-26

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, 2003-03-26 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines; Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Linda Iaconetti and Mike Possian, Parent Commissioners; and Giordano Rosa-del-Vecchio, Director General.

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

Absent: Mary Austin, Carolyn Curiale and Pierre Garofano, Commissioners.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:33 hours.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

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Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2003/03/26-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to a secretarial error the page numbers in the minutes of the meeting held on 2003-02-26 were changed to read 0816 through 0828.

In a verbal notice, Steve Kmec advised that on page 0816 (old page 0768) of the minutes of the meeting held on 2003-02-26, the first word in the last paragraph should be changed to read "He" not "Ha".

In a written notice, Carolyn Curiale noted that on page 0817 (old page 0769) under item 4.0 in the 2nd paragraph the word “*onto*” should be written as “*on to*”.

In a verbal notice, Walter Fogel advised that on page 0818 (old page 0770) in resolution #030226-CA-0093, in the 2nd line the word “*table*” should be replaced by the words “*carry forward*”.

Mr. Fogel further noted that on page 0819 (old page 0771) in resolution #030226-CA-0094, in the 2nd line the word “*table*” should be replaced by the words “*carry forward*”.

He went on to note that on page 0822 (old page 0774) in the last line on the page the word “*assumed*” should be replaced with the word “*resumed*”.

030326-CA-0108

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2003-02-26, 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, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Natalie Auclair, Peter Haldimand

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to questions raised by Pina Di Medio, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, the Chairman advised that the core courses at the elementary level being taught in English are English Language Arts and Mathematics and that the balance of the courses are taught in the language adopted by the Governing Board of a school.

The Council entered into discussion and the Chairman called Walter Fogel to order on inappropriate comments directed at “in-school” administrators.

In response to an additional question from Mrs. Di Medio, the Director General noted that with respect to the proof of identity of parents registering their child(ren) in the schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board the board must assume that the people are honest and are providing proof of their true place of residence. He advised that if there are any questions brought forward concerning the validity of an address it will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Mrs. Di Medio continued with a further question to which the Director General advised that the board has oversized classes due to permission being granted for siblings to remain together in schools. He continued noting that once the registration process has been completed requests of such nature will be looked at on an individual basis.

Edward Turchyniak, on a “point of order”, advised that Walter Fogel had defamed an “in-school” administrator of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and requested that the Chairman demand an apology.

The Chairman concurred with Mr. Turchyniak and asked Mr. Fogel to apologize to the “in-school” administrators.

Walter Fogel stated that he would not apologize or retract his comments.

In response to a question from Silvana Rothsching, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, the Director General advised that the enrollment criteria had given priority to students zoned for a school prior to those who are already enrolled in the school as per a recommendation made to the Council by the Parents’ Committee.

Linda Iaconetti noted that the Parents Committee had made its recommendation to the Council on the priority of the enrollment criteria in order to support the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

In response to an additional question from Mrs. Rothsching, the Director General advised that requests for enrollments for out of zone students who currently attend a particular school will be looked at once the enrollment process is completed during the week of 2003-05-23 and that parents will be advised before the end of the school year if their child will be allowed to stay in their current school.

In response to questions from David Modlin, a parent from Rosemere High School, the Chairman advised that there is no policy on guest speakers. He also advised Mr. Modlin that the board has made a request for a new school in for the lower Lanaudière region and not specifically Mascouche, in spite of what he may have read in the local paper.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reminded the Council of the 2003 QESBA/AAESQ Spring Conference and Annual General meeting that will take place from 2003-05-07 to 2003-05-10 in Québec City and the need to register as soon as possible.

He also noted the English and French Literary Journal Award presentations being made during the month of April at Rosemere High School.

Walter Fogel left the meeting.

TIME: 20:22 hours

He further commented on various aspects of the newly tabled Québec budget noting that no measure was included to assist those school boards who had invested in Fibre Optic Networks prior to the "Villages branchés" project. Discussions have been ongoing with several boards that made pre-project investments in order to formulate a resolution to lobby the Ministère de l'Éducation to keep its promise to provide financial assistance to boards investing in Fibre Optics Projects.

Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:25 hours

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 *Focus Session Report:*

The Director General advised the Council that the consultation on the Strategic Plan is now in the schools and that when feedback is received a comprehensive plan will be formulated.

5.2 *Amendment to QESBA Constitution:*

The Chairman provided background information as to why it was necessary to revisit the proposed amendment to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Constitution.

The Council entered into discussion.

William Pollock suggested that the words "*for consideration by that committee*" be added at the end of the last paragraph of the resolution. The Chairman accepted this recommendation.

Linda Gagnon suggested that the board's representatives to the QESBA put forth the suggestion that Chairs of the schools boards be included as voting members in addition to the two Directors appointed by each member board.

Discussion ensued.

Edward Turchyniak called for the vote.

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James McDougall MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board support the recommendation of the English school board Chairs to have item 6 (1) of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Constitution amended to read:

“The voting members shall elect two Directors from among the Commissioners of each member board, one of whom shall be the board Chairman.”

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and the Chair of the Constitution Committee for consideration by that committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA:	Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
NAY:	Walter Fogel
ABST:	Natalie Auclair, Peter Haldimand, Morten Schrier

5.3 By-Law #BL2002-CA-09: Delegation of Powers to the Director General:

The Deputy Director General reviewed the proposed by-law with the various changes that had been suggested.

030326-CA-0110

WHEREAS section 174 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) states that the Council of Commissioners of a school board may, by by-law, delegate some of its functions and powers to the Director General;

Whereas the notice of adoption of by-law was published in Le Courrier Laval on 2002-12-08;

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve by-law #BL2002-CA-09: Delegation of Powers to the Director General.

Carried unanimously

5.4 Call to Tender – Secondary Cafeteria Services:

The Deputy Director General reviewed the dossier on cafeteria services.

The Council entered in to discussion.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General advised that there is a clause in the contract that allows for both parties to cancel if the agreement is not operating effectively.

The issue of the length of a contract was discussed and the Director General advised that few companies tender on cafeteria services in high schools, therefore, it is beneficial to the students and the school board if the length of the contract is three years rather than one year.

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WHEREAS high school cafeteria contracts expire on 2003-06-30;

WHEREAS the Directorate recommends that public tenders be called for the following high school cafeteria services;

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board call for public tenders for cafeteria services for the following high schools for a three-year period commencing 2003-2004:

Secondary
Lake of Two Mountains Laval Catholic / Sacred Heart Rosemere Western Laval

Carried unanimously

5.5 Cafeteria Surcharges:

Linda Iaconetti noted that when the issue of cafeteria services was discussed it was indicated that a deposit (200\$ - 600\$) would be requested from the service provider for equipment repairs. She inquired as to why such a surcharge would be implemented when some of the equipment in the schools is owned by the home and school.

Glen Haines left the meeting.

TIME: 20:59 hours

The Council entered in to discussion.

In response to concerns raised by Walter Fogel, the Chairman asked the Deputy Director General to investigate the ownership of equipment in the schools, if purchased by the home and school.

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 2004 QESBA / AAESQ Spring Conference:

The Deputy Director General provided an update on the planning of the 2004 QESBA/AAESQ Spring Conference noting that a theme had been adopted, a graphic artist has been engaged to prepare art work representing the selected theme, and the upcoming meetings of the various sub-committees.

Glen Haines returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:02 hours

6.2 Amendment to By-Law #BL2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers to Executive:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that due to the adoption of by-law #BL2002-CA-09: *Delegation of Powers to the Director General*, certain changes will need to be made to by-law #BL2000-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers to the Executive Committee*. He went on to review the necessary changes.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Chairman indicated that the Council is aware that it is not necessary to follow the by-law process as laid out in section 392 of the Education Act

(R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) when it refers to the powers of the Council of Commissioners, but in order to remain transparent the process will be followed and the necessary notices and distribution of the documents will take place.

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030326-CA-0112

WHEREAS section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) stipulates that the school board must send a draft by-law to all Governing Boards for information purposes;

Mike Possian MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle to amend by-law #BL2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee at the meeting of the Council of Commissioners to be held on 2003-05-28.

Carried unanimously

6.3 Deeds of Establishment & Three-Year Plan:

The Deputy Director General reviewed the various changes to proposed policy #2003-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment & Three-Year Plan.

Morten Schrier left the meeting.

TIME: 21: 19 hours

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WHEREAS section 211 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-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;

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle proposed policy #2003-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables.

Carried unanimously

The Chairman called for a ten minute recess.

TIME: 21:21 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:39 hours

Morten Schrier returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:39 hours

6.4 Nominations to RRSSS – Lanaudière:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that a seat on the Board of Directors of the Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux de Lanaudière (RRSSS – Lanaudière) had become vacant and that a letter had been received requesting nominations.

The Chairman inquired if either Natalie Auclair or Glen Haines would be interested in having their name put forth as a candidate for this seat. Both Mrs. Auclair and Mr. Haines declined.

The Deputy Director General will advise the RRSSS – Lanaudière that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board did not have any candidates at this time but that the board would be interested in presenting names for nomination when future seats become available.

6.5 Update on School Activities:

The Deputy Director General, as per a request from Peter MacLaurin at the 2003-02-26 meeting of the Council, presented an update on the various activities of the schools as follows:

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- Robotics Competition - Rosemere and Western Laval High Schools participated placing 4th and 12th respectively.
- Bell Science Fair - Lake of Two Mountains, Rosemere and Western Laval High Schools participated winning 2, 3 and 5 medals respectively. Rosemere High School was selected to participate in the draw for the Merck Frosst Minds Award worth 2 000\$.
- First Provincial Cross Country Skiing Championships for Schools – Morin Heights Elementary School participated winning two gold medals.
- 3rd Regional Alpine Skiing & Snowboarding Championships – Morin Heights Elementary School participated winning one gold, one silver and three bronze medals.
- Citizenship Court & Heritage Day – McCaig Elementary School hosted this assembly seeing nineteen persons sworn in as new Canadians.
- 2003 Canada Games – Two gold medals in Judoka were won by a student at Laurentian Regional High School.

In response to a question from Peter Haldimand, the Director General advised that he had sent a letter to David Lim, a former student of Laurentian Regional High School, congratulating him on receiving an Award of Excellence from the Chinese Catholic community.

Peter Haldimand advised the Council that Laurentian Regional High School Alumni Fund had received a gift of 20 000\$ from a retired teacher, Firoz Iichaporia, who passed away recently.

6.6 Provincial Elections:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that 2003-04-14 will be a pedagogical day for all Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools and centres due to the provincial elections.

6.7 Executive Committee Minutes of 2003-01-14:

In response to a question from Walter Fogel concerning the minutes of the 2003-01-14 meeting of the Executive Committee, the Deputy Director General advised that the school board has three years in which to initiate proceedings to recuperate legal costs incurred on the Robwood / Unitatox case.

6.8 Administrative Abuse of Power:

Walter Fogel expressed his individual concerns over the recent adoption of the “Use of Schools for 2003-2004” document at the 2003-01-22 regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners noting that he believes that the recommendation adopted is good but that as a school board we are not empowered by the method in which the Régime pédagogique is to be implemented. He went on to note that sections 84, 85 and 210 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) and section 24 of the Régime pédagogique indicate that these sections empower the Governing Board of a school to approve its educational approach and that it appears as though the Principals of the board are not relaying that information to the Governing Boards.

The Council entered into discussion.

Glen Haines, on a “point of order”, asked how Mr. Fogel could make a statement on behalf of the Governing Boards without a mandate.

Discussion continued.

Walter Fogel proposed a resolution to reaffirm the decision taken on 2003-01-22.

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Nick Milas left the meeting. **TIME: 22:05 hours**

Discussion ensued.

Nick Milas returned to the meeting. **TIME: 22:09 hours**

The Chairman MOVED THAT the Council go “in camera”. **TIME: 22:10 hours**

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 22:18 hours**

Morten Schrier excused himself for the evening. **TIME: 22:18 hours**

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board re-affirm that the recommendations in resolution #030122-TS-0075 are just that; AND THAT the Governing Boards, in conformity with sections 84 and 85 of the Education Act are the only bodies empowered to accept or reject these recommendations as they are proposed by the school principals as representatives of the school board administration.

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William Pollock MOVED THAT the proposed resolution concerning the re-affirmation of resolution #030122-TS-0075 be tabled.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel

7.0 USE OF SCHOOLS

7.1 2003-2004 Registration Update:

The Director General provided an update on registration noting that at this time there has been an overall increase of 220 students over the registration calculated on 2002-09-30 and that the process seems to have been successful although some areas have experienced some difficulty. Registration has increased at the high school level and has experienced a decline at the elementary level.

8.0 QESBA

8.1 2003 QESBA /AAESQ Spring Conference:

The Deputy Director General commented on the 2003 QESBA / AAESQ Spring Conference being held from 2003-05-08 to 2003-05-10 at the Château Frontenac in Québec City.

The Director General left the meeting.

TIME: 22:20 hours

In response to a request from Walter Fogel, the Chairman asked the Deputy Director General to provide a breakdown of the 2002 Spring Conference expenses to Mr. Fogel in writing.

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030326-CA-0115

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 2003-05-08 to 2003-05-10;

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize Commissioners to attend the QESBA / AESQ 2003 Annual Spring Conference and General Meeting from 2003-05-08 to 2003-05-10 in Quebec City, QC. AND authorize a maximum expenditure of 1 000\$ 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, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Steve Kmec

The Director General returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:25 hours

8.2 Nomination to QESBA Executive for 2003-2004:

The Chairman asked for nominations to the position of Member-at-Large to the QESBA Executive.

Peter Haldimand nominated Carolyn Curiale in abstentia. The Chairman stated that Mrs. Curiale had advised him that she did not want her name put forward for this position.

Edward Turchyniak nominated Steve Bletas. Mr. Bletas accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, William Pollock closed nominations and declared Steve Bletas nominated.

030326-CA-0116

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board nominate **Steve Bletas** for the position of Member-at-Large on the Executive of the QESBA for 2003-2004.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Walter Fogel

9.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

9.1 Letter from the Ministre de l'Éducation – New School in Lanaudière:

The Chairman advised that Council that on 2003-03-07 the Director General, the Deputy Director General and himself had met with the Ministre de l'Éducation to discuss the need for space within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

The Director General advised that he has called a meeting with parents from the lower Lanaudière region to discuss the need for space to house the Holy Rosary Annex as the current site must be vacated by 2003-06-30.

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030326-CA-0117

William Pollock MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until the completion of the agenda.

The Deputy Director General reviewed the short and long term solutions for the Holy Rosary Annex, as contained in document #SWLSB-2003/03/26-CA-002, noting that this project has been submitted to the Ministre de l'Éducation and Gilles Labbé, député de Masson, for consideration.

Nazario Facchino left the meeting. **TIME: 22:35 hours**

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chairman and left the meeting.
TIME: 22: 35 hours

Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting. **TIME: 22:37 hours**

The Council entered into discussion.

The Chairman returned to the meeting and resumed the chair. **Time: 22:40 hours**

Edward Turchyniak asked that recognition be given to all the time and effort given to this dossier by various Commissioners, the Director General, the Deputy Director General and the Director of Material Resources.

Discussion continued on alternate sites for the Holy Rosary Annex.

030326-CA-0118

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the "Project submitted to the Ministre de l'Éducation and Mr. Gilles Labbé for Short and Long Term Solutions for the Holy Rosary Annex" as contained in document #SWLSB-2003/03/26-CA-002.

Carried unanimously

In response to a question from Edward Turchyniak, the Director General advised that a consultant is working on assembling the land bank of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

In response to an additional question from Mr. Turchyniak, the Deputy Director General noted that the land on Roland-Durand has been staked, a new description is expected shortly and that a request for a new cadastre number has been submitted to Québec.

10.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

10.1 Update on Financial Turnaround Plan / 2002-2003 Revised Budget:

The Deputy Director General introduced Donna Abel, Coordinator of Financial Resources, to the members of the Council.

The Director of Financial Resources review the interim report of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton.

The Director General left the meeting. **TIME: 22:55 hours**

The Director of Financial Resources reviewed the 2002-2003 revised budget.

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The Director General returned to the meeting. **TIME: 23:00 hours**

Peter MacLaurin left the meeting. **TIME: 23:06 hours**

Linda Iaconetti left the meeting. **TIME: 23:08 hours**

Linda Iaconetti returned to the meeting. **TIME: 23:10 hours**

Peter MacLaurin returned to the meeting. **TIME: 23:11 hours**

Mike Possian left the meeting. **TIME: 23:11 hours**

Mike Possian returned to the meeting. **TIME: 23:15 hours**

Edward Turchyniak extended congratulations to the Director of Financial Resources, the staff and the external auditors for all the work done to assist in finding solutions for the deficit situation.

Glen Haines left the meeting. **TIME: 23:22 hours**

030326-FR-0119

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the **revised budget for 2002-2003**.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Steve Kmec

Glen Haines returned to the meeting. **TIME: 23:24 hours**

10.2 Fees for Tax Receipts:

The Director of Financial Resources reviewed the following resolution noting that other boards within Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière charged between 3,00\$ and 20,00\$ for the issuance of a tax receipt.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director of Financial Resources advised that the Ville de Laval charges 15,00\$.

030326-FR-0120

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that a 10,00\$ service fee be charged for taxpayers requesting a tax receipt.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Steve Kmec

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10.3 Seizure of Property:

The Director of Financial Resources provided background information on the proposed seizure.

030326-FR-0121

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has exhausted all regular procedures for collecting the school taxes for the following property:

Municipal Roll #	Name & Address	Property Address	Amount
076035-3569-99-95600	McGaw Charles et Fraser Barbara Jean 178 Louisa Road Lachute, QC J8H 3W8	178 chemin Louisa Wentworth Township (Québec)	1 006,02\$

WHEREAS Saulnier Robillard Lortie, Huissiers de Justice, have indicated that they cannot proceed with the recovery of these taxes unless specifically authorized by the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the total amount of outstanding school taxes is 1 006,02\$;

WHEREAS the next step is to commence proceedings for the seizure of moveable property for the non-payment of these school taxes;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissions of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director General, in accordance with sections 325 to 330 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), to proceed with the seizure of the moveable property belonging to the taxpayer.

AND THAT the property owner assumes all legal costs related to this seizure.

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 seizure.

Carried unanimously

11.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

There was no business to be concluded.

12.0 TRANSPORTATION

There was no business to be concluded.

13.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

13.1 *Parents' Committee Report:*

Linda Iaconetti advised that due to lack of quorum the March meeting of the Parents' Committee was not convened.

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14.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Director of Educational Services provided background information on the following resolution.

030326-ED-0122

Peter Haldimand 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 in his absence or with his knowledge, the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this program.

Carried unanimously

15.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

15.1 *Delegate to GRICS:*

The Deputy Director General reviewed the following resolution.

030326-IT-0123

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS);

WHEREAS the membership agreement stipulates that the school board must name an official delegate to act on its behalf;

Glen Haines MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Robert Vallerand**, Deputy Director General, as the official delegate of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS) **for the 2003 Annual General Meeting** "in-school" administrators and to exercise the powers inherent;

AND THAT if the official delegate is absent or unable to act, **Jean-Guy Messier**, Director of Information Technology, be named as alternate delegate of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS) for the 2003 Annual General Meeting.

AND THAT this resolution cancel and replace any other resolution naming an official delegate to the general assembly of the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS).

Carried unanimously

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The chairman drew the Council's attention to the reports contained in the meeting package.

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18.0 VARIA

18.1 *Schools and the War in Iraq:*

In response to a concern expressed by Steve Kmec, the Director General advised that there had been a student walkout in protest of the war in Iraq and that the students involved had received a two-day suspension which had been supported by their parents.

The Deputy Director General advised that the high school students at Ste-Agathe Academy are planning one with the Polyvalente des Monts on 2003-03-28 and that the students have asked the permission of the school administration and the Governing Board.

19.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Nick Milas MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:36 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2003-04-23

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman