

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2003-04-23

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, 2003-04-23 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Mary Austin, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, 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; François Badin, Director of Human Resources; Effie Maniatis, Director of Educational Services; Mireille Ménard, Centre Director Adult Education; 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: William Pollock, Vice-Chairman

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

1.0 ROBOTICS PRESENTATION:

The Chairman welcomed students from Rosemere and Western Laval High Schools and invited them to present their prize winning robotic creations.

The students from Western Laval High School presented their project explaining how the robot was created, what was required for the robotic competition, and provided a short demonstration.

The students from Rosemere High School explained that one of the elements of the robotic competition was to create a short video explaining the process of the development of their robot. They went on to show their video, briefly described their robot, and presented a short demonstration.

The Chairman thanked the schools for their presentations and presented the students and teachers involved with certificates of achievement.

The Deputy Director General advised that Jonathan Kekarainen-Cicioli, a student at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School, had won first prize in the under 12 years category of the "Royal Commonwealth Essay Competition" and that his essay would be sent to London, England for the international competition.

The Chairman presented Mr. Kekarainen-Cicioli with a certificate of achievement and commended Karen Moore, Principal of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, on her student's achievement.

030423-CA-0124

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Robotics Presentation and achievement awards be considered as item 1.0 of the agenda and that the numbering of the agenda be changed accordingly.

Carried unanimously

2.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

1.0 Presentation by Students of Rosemere and Western Laval High SchoolsINFO

NOTE: due to the addition of this item subsequent agenda numbering will change accordingly

030423-CA-0125

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2003/04/23-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the corrections to the minutes submitted by Walter Fogel.

Walter Fogel, on a "point of order", stated that neither the Chairman nor Edward Turchyniak speak on behalf of the Council of Commissioners; only a resolution does.

030423-CA-0126

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT item 3.0, 2nd paragraph of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on 2003-03-26 be corrected to read:

"The Council entered into discussion and the Chairman called Walter Fogel to order on, in his opinion, inappropriate comments directed at "in-school" administrators."

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel

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

ABST: Mary Austin, Carolyn Curiale, Pierre Garofano, Morten Schrier

030423-CA-0127

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT item 3.0, 5th paragraph of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on 2003-03-26 be corrected to read:

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

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel

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

ABST: Mary Austin, Carolyn Curiale, Pierre Garofano, Morten Schrier

In a verbal notice, Walter Fogel advised that on page 0835, item 6.8, 1st paragraph, 3rd line, the word “good” should be replaced with the word “proper”. In the 7th line the word “approach” should be replaced with the word “project” and the following words should be inserted after the word “and” – “the approach for the implementation of the Basic School Regulation” and the word “that” should be replaced by “as”.

Mr. Fogel further noted that on page 0836 the motion of re-affirmation should appear just after the reference to Nick Milas leaving the meeting.

He went on to note that on page 0838, item 10.1, 2nd paragraph, the word “review” should be replaced by “reviewed”.

Due to a secretarial error on page 0838, resolution #030423-CA-0117 the vote was omitted and should read as follows:

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: *James McDougall*

030423-CA-0128

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2003-03-26, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved with the accepted corrections.

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, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak**

NAY: **Walter Fogel**

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

4.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to questions from Josée Estelle Parent, a parent from Joliette Elementary School, the Director General noted that the board is aware of the needs of Joliette Elementary School but it must also consider the needs of all its schools.

He went on to advise that the schools have been asked to submit to the board their priority needs; these needs will be presented to the Council of Commissioners for approval, after which a request will be made to the Ministère de l'Éducation for funding.

The Chairman noted that a meeting with the Directeur général du financement et de l'équipement is scheduled for 2003-05-08 in Québec to discuss the needs of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

The Deputy Director General advised that the board will need to work in partnerships with municipalities in order to have land on which to build and that a letter has been sent to the Ville de Joliette inquiring about available sites for a new school.

In response to a suggestion from Mrs. Parent, the Chairman asked that Mrs. Parent provide the Deputy Director General with the names of municipalities in the Joliette area that could be approached to consider providing a site for a new school.

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In response to a question from Pina Del Sorro, a parent, the Director General advised that the parents who have made out-of-zone applications for their child (ren) will be advised during the week of 2003-05-25 at the latest, if their request for out of zone has been granted or refused.

In response to an additional question, the Director General noted that all schools but one have made the decision as to their language of instruction.

In response to a further question, the Director General commented that a school, within the parameters of Council resolution #030122-TS-0074, could change its language of instruction annually, but a school also strives for stability, so it is probable that any changes made to the language of instruction would be minimal.

In response to a question from Valerie Trudel, a parent from Holy Rosary Elementary School, the Chairman advised that the Ministère de l'Éducation selected the location of the new school for the lower Lanaudière region and that the board had agreed with its selection of Repentigny.

The Director General commented that the community will be consulted in the fall of the 2003-2004 school year on the new school. He advised that if negotiations were to be reopened on the location a school would not be available for September 2004.

In response to an additional question from Mrs. Trudel, the Chairman noted that the Ministère de l'Éducation received the consultation binder that had been distributed to all schools at the completion of the consultation.

The Director General suggested that the Governing Board Chairs of the lower Lanaudière region invite the board representatives to a meeting to explain the events leading to the decision to construct the new school in Repentigny.

In response to a question from Cheryl Haw, a parent, the Chairman advised that Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools will be overcrowded for the next school year; however, once the new school is completed, there will be 450 student places which will alleviate the overcrowding situation.

5.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised the Council that on 2003-04-02, the board had received confirmation of a new school in Repentigny, funding for renovations to Joliette High School and approval of the "Villages branches" project.

Walter Fogel left the meeting.

TIME: 21:10 hours

Nick Milas, on a "point of order", inquired if the board's portion of the "Villages branches" project would become part of the board's deficit.

The Director General advised that it would not as it had been included in the board's budget.

Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:12 hours

The Deputy Director General drew the Council's attention to various events that had taken place in the schools during the past month as contained in "Noteworthy Events for March 15 to April 22, 2003".

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The Chairman advised that he had received a letter from the president of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) concerning the conduct of a Commissioner at the 2003-03-26 meeting of the Council.

6.0 REPORT OF THE ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Deputy Director General presented the letter received from the President of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) concerning the conduct of a Commissioner.

The Chairman advised the Council on the course of action taken since the receipt of the letter, noting that the letter had been presented at the 2003-04-09 Executive Committee meeting where it was referred to the Ethics Review Committee which met on 2003-04-16 to make a recommendation to the Council of Commissioners. He also noted that he had written to Walter Fogel, the Commissioner in question, and read the letter into the record.

April 11, 2003

*Mr. Walter Fogel, Commissioner
1124, Shorecrest
Laval (Québec)
H7W 1R6*

Dear Mr. Fogel,

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter that I recently received from our administrators' association with regard to the topic 'Administrative Abuse of Power' that you requested be added to the agenda at the March meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

As you will no doubt understand, the members of the association were unanimous in deploring the comments that you made both during the public question period and later in the meeting when your agenda item was addressed.

At the Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee held April 9, the letter from the Association was referred to the Board's Ethics Review Committee for its recommendation at the April meeting of the Council.

The members of the Council of Commissioners must act with honesty and loyalty, and always in the interest of the school board and its population. Over the years, this board has forged a strong and positive bond with its employee groups and professional associations. Your remarks during the question period as well as your preamble to the resolution that you proposed only serve to jeopardize this positive relationship.

I would suggest if you have any reason to question the motives and/or procedures used by any employee of this board that you advise the director general of this fact prior to making any statements in a public assembly. This course of action would have been far preferable than bringing into question the actions of a fine group of professional educators.

I would hope that between now and the Council meeting on April 23, you would reflect on the statements that you made and the negative impact that such statements carry. Furthermore, I would expect you to either retract or apologize to the people in question and that any similar concerns that might arise in the future would be brought to the attention of the senior executive group.

I trust that I will be able to count on your collaboration at the April meeting in order to bring closure to this unfortunate incident.

Sincerely,

*Steve Bletas, Chairman
Council of Commissioners*

encl.: (letter)

c.c.: G. Rosa, R. Vallerand, P. Haldimand, P. MacLaurin, W. Pollock, Council of Commissioners

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The Chairman called upon Walter Fogel to comply with the request and extend an apology to the SWLAA and the Principal of Souvenir Elementary School.

Walter Fogel stated that the letter from the Chairman is of no value as his authority is only valid at Council meetings.

Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 21:25 hours

He went on to advise that he had never referred to any specific administrator and that he never made disparaging remarks about the Principal of Souvenir Elementary School.

The Chairman repeated his request to Mr. Fogel to apologize.

Walter Fogel indicated that there would be no apology.

The Chairman called upon Peter Haldimand, Chairman of the Ethics Review Committee, to present the report of the Committee.

Walter Fogel, on a "point of order", stated that the Ethics Review Committee is a creature of the Council of Commissioners; the delegation of authority to the Executive Committee does not include the Ethics Review Committee and items subject to consideration by the Ethics Review Committee do not include the current matter.

The Chairman asked that it be recorded that Walter Fogel refused to apologize or retract statements about the SWLAA and the Principal of Souvenir Elementary School.

The Chairman of the Ethics Review Committee presented the report of the committee.

Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:30 hours

The Council entered into discussion.

Pierre Garofano called for the vote.

Peter MacLaurin, on a "point of order", stated that Walter Fogel was challenging the decision of the Chairman and asked if the Council supported this challenge.

030423-CA-0129

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the challenge of Walter Fogel of the Chairman be supported by the Council of Commissioners.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA:

Walter Fogel

NAY:

Natalie Auclair, Mary Austin, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

In response to a question from Carolyn Curiale, the Deputy Director General reviewed the meaning of censure.

030423-CA-0130

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board hold duly constituted public meetings;

WHEREAS these public meetings are attended by members of the general public, students, parents and employees of the board;

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WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have adopted *Policy #2000-CA-04: Rules of Order and Procedure for Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* for the manner in which the Council conducts the said public meetings;

WHEREAS at several of the these public meetings, namely 2002-08-28, and more recently 2003-03-26, Walter Fogel, Commissioner, has demonstrated through his actions that he is unable or unwilling to comply with the above mentioned policy, in particular, sub-sections 3.9, 3.12 and 4.2.3;

WHEREAS Mr. Fogel has uttered allegations that in-school administrators are abusing their power;

WHEREAS Mr. Fogel was cautioned by the Chairman of the Council of Commissioners in the correspondence of 2002-08-30 with regard to his conduct at the meetings of the Council;

WHEREAS Mr. Fogel has demonstrated a lack of respect for the authority of the Chairman of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS Mr. Fogel has, through his actions and statements at public meetings of Council, demonstrated his lack of respect for the authority of the Council of Commissioners, and the general public, students, parents and employees of the board;

WHEREAS Mr. Fogel has been repeatedly advised of his inappropriate behaviours at duly constituted public meetings of the Council of Commissioners and has refused to refrain from such unacceptable and disrespectful actions;

Peter Haldimand, NOTWITHSTANDING section 1.4 of Policy #2000-CA-04: Rules of Order and Procedure for Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Ethics Review Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board censure Walter Fogel, Commissioner, for his allegations at the meeting of 2003-03-26; AND THAT the Council reaffirm its rejection of any and all allegations made by Mr. Fogel and directed to employees of the board at the 2003-03-26 meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Morten Schrier

The Chairman called for a 5 minute recess. **TIME: 21:50 hours**

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 21:55 hours**

Natalie Auclair and Carolyn Curiale excused themselves for the evening. **TIME: 21:55 hours**

Edward Turchyniak suggested that item 8.3 be moved to this point in the agenda due to the large presence of in-school and centre administrators.

8.3 Assignment & Transfer of In-School Administrators:

The Director General reviewed the assignment and transfer of in-school administrators for the 2003-2004 school year, noting that the process had been conducted in conformity with the management policy.

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030423-HR-0131

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 prior to May 1 in accordance with the Management Policy adopted by the board;

WHEREAS Principals and Vice-Principals have submitted their career plans for 2003-2004 to the Director General;

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

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners approve the assignment of the in-school and centre administrators, effective 2003-07-01:

ELEMENTARY	PRINCIPAL	VICE-PRINCIPAL
ARUNDEL	Bob Berry (50%)	
CRESTVIEW	Gloria Kadonoff	OPEN POST
GENESIS	Hélène Coupal	
GRENVILLE	Bob Berry (50%)	
HILLCREST ACADEMY	Cliff Buckland	
HOLY ROSARY	Stephanie Krenn	André Gionet
JOHN F. KENNEDY	John McGrail	
JOLIETTE	Bruce Scott	
JULES VERNE	Mark Massarelli	
LAURENTIA	Bill MacLeod	
LAURENTIAN	Frédéric Greschner	
LEWIS KING	Darlene Reeves	
McCAIG	Doug Clarke	Anne-Marie Breault
MORIN HEIGHTS	Anne Poland	
MOUNTAINVIEW	Laird Bracken	
OUR LADY OF PEACE	Carole Léger	
PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU	Karen Moore	
RAWDON	Ann Cohen	
SOUVENIR	Linda DiDomenico	Jeanne Bourdon
STE-ADELE	Josée Côté (50%)	
STE-AGATHE	Johanne Vallerand	
ST-JUDE	Don Muir	
ST-PAUL	Mary Sorrentino	Jennifer Kurta
TERRY FOX	Therese Dufresne	OPEN POST
TWIN OAKS	Judy Freedman	
SECONDARY	PRINCIPAL	VICE-PRINCIPAL
BATSHAW	Josée Côté (50%)	
JOLIETTE HIGH	Robert Bennett	
LAKE OF TWO MOUNTAINS	Johanne Brabant	Serge-Édouard Jeanniton
LAVAL CATHOLIC	Willy Speeckaert	Tony Sciaraffa
LAURENTIAN REGIONAL	Glenn Cuggy	Scott Traylen
PHOENIX	Anne-Marie Roigt (60%)	
ROSEMERE HIGH	Alain Guay	Chris Roblin, Gaëlle Absolonne
SACRED HEART	Ken Prokosh	Doug Morrison
STE-AGATHE ACADEMY	Johanne Vallerand	
WESTERN LAVAL	Eric Ruggi	Hazel Milley

CENTRE	DIRECTOR	ASST. CENTRE DIRECTOR
HOMEDEY EDUCATION CENTRE	Mireille Ménard	Marité Perron

**Carried unanimously
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7.0 BUSINESS ARISING

The Chairman introduced Mireille Ménard, Centre Director for Adult & Vocational Education.

7.1 Strategic Planning Report:

The Director General advised the Council that the deadline for feedback on the strategic plan questionnaire is 2003-04-28, at which time the results will be compiled for use in preparing a final strategic plan. The focus group will meet to review the results of the process in May 2003 in order to present a final strategic plan to the Council of Commissioners in June.

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, the Chairman turned the chair over to Pierre Garofano, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and left the meeting.

TIME: 22:05 hours

7.2 Ownership of Equipment in Schools:

In response to a request from Edward Turchyniak for a legal opinion, the Deputy Director General advised that equipment purchased outside the school board remains the property of the donor unless wholly given over.

7.3 Reaffirmation of a Resolution:

The Deputy Director General referred to the reaffirmation of a resolution presented by Walter Fogel at the 2003-03-26 meeting of the Council, noting that there is a question concerning the reference to the resolution to be reaffirmed.

Mr. Fogel agreed to review the resolution and bring it back to the 2003-05-28 meeting of the Council.

The Chairman returned to the meeting and assumed the chair.

TIME: 22:11 hours

Walter Fogel referred to page 0835 of the minutes of the meeting of 2003-03-26 inquiring about the 20 000\$ gift received by Laurentian Regional High School (LRHS).

Peter Haldimand advised that it was not the school that had received the bequeath but the LRHS Alumni Fund which is a legally constituted fund.

8.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

8.1 Recognition of Employees:

The Chairman provided the Council of Commissioners with a list of the board's achievements over the past four years that could not have been accomplished without the dedicated employees of the board.

In response to a question from James McDougall, the Chairman of the Ethics Review Committee advised that the following resolution is the initiative of the committee due to the negative remarks made at the 2003-03-26 meeting of the Council and the need to reinforce how the Council of Commissioners feels about the employees of the board.

030423-CA-0132

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was constituted with the amalgamation of seven school boards;

WHEREAS it has been a priority of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to form a strong alliance between the constituent partners of the school board;

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WHEREAS all employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have recognized and have worked diligently in a most professional manner to ensure that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board become a cohesive and effective leader for the education of the youth and adult population of the Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière regions;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to recognize the excellence of the work accomplished to date and is confident of the employees' future contributions to the success of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board recognize and extend its appreciation for the manner in which the employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have discharged their duties and responsibilities and have made a lasting contribution to ensuring that this board fulfills its mandate towards its partners in education, specifically students, parents and the general public.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Mary Austin, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Steve Kmec, James McDougall, Morten Schrier

8.2 2004 QESBA / AAESQ Spring Conference:

The Deputy Director General advised that the steering committee has met and progress is being made with the keynote speakers, the development of a theme "Harmonizing the Human Spirit" and a logo. A short PowerPoint "tickler" presentation to introduce the theme and location of the 2004 conference will be made at the 2003 QESBA / AAESQ Spring Conference.

8.3 Assignment & Transfer of In-School Administrators:

This item was discussed under item 6.0.

8.4 Labour Relations:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the following resolution, noting that it dates back to the 1983 teachers' strike.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General advised that there will be no cost to the board for CPNCA negotiating this outstanding case.

030423-CA-0133

WHEREAS the Gouvernement du Québec and the Fédération des syndicats de l'enseignement and the teacher associations it represents have agreed to settle out of court any dispute resulting from the 1983 teachers' strike;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request and empower Ben Huot, Director of Labour Relations for CPNCA, to negotiate the terms and conditions for settling all outstanding grievances resulting from the 1983 teachers' strike.

Carried unanimously

Peter Haldimand left the meeting.

TIME: 20:34 hours

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030423-CA-0134

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until the completion of the agenda.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: James McDougall

ABST: Mary Austin, Walter Fogel

Peter Haldimand returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:36 hours

8.5 Uniatox Lease:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that the Director General and he had met with representatives of Uniatox and that the group is willing to lease the Holy Rosary Annex to the board for the 2003-2004 school year. The lease arrangements are expected to be received shortly.

8.6 Adult Education 2001-2002:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that additional funding has been received to cover the excess costs of Adult Education during the 2001-2002 school year due to the high demand for services that resulted in a student population that exceeded the Ministère de l'Éducation's ceiling for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

He noted that a meeting had been held with the Ministère de l'Éducation to petition for additional funding. He congratulated Mireille Ménard, Centre Director for Adult Education, for all of her efforts in obtaining the additional funding.

9.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director of Educational Services noted that the conference in St-Sauveur was held to launch Secondary Reform with teams from each high school.

In response to a request from Walter Fogel, the Director General noted that a report on the cost of the Secondary Reform Conference would be provided at the next meeting.

10.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

10.1 Villages Branchés Allocation:

The Director of Information Technology advised the Council that the Ministère de l'Éducation would be contributing 215 558\$ to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board "Villages branchés" project with the Commission scolaire des Laurentides for fibre optics networks at Arundel, Morin Heights and Ste-Adèle Elementary Schools, Ste-Agathe Academy and Mountainview High School (Batshaw).

11.0 USE OF SCHOOLS

The was no business to be concluded.

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12.0 QESBA

12.1 *Report of the QESBA:*

Due to the absence of QESBA delegates, a report will be presented at the next regular meeting.

13.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

13.1 *Letter from the Ministre de l'Éducation – New School & Renovations:*

This was addressed under item 5.0.

13.2 *Call to Tender – Architect for School in Repentigny:*

The Director General commented on the call to tender, noting that it is necessary for the board to move quickly in order to have the new school in Repentigny ready for September 2004.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General indicated that the board cannot automatically duplicate Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School as the government has norms for tendering a large project that must be met and that the architect who completed that school is more than welcome to tender on this project.

030423-MR-0135

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has authorized the construction of a new elementary school in Repentigny;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires the services of an architect for the construction project;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation regulations require that the architect be selected by a call for public tenders within the budget range of the project;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Executive Committee recommend that public tenders be called for the services of an architect;

Glen Haines 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 the services of an architect for the Repentigny Elementary School project.

Carried unanimously

13.3 *Call to Tender – Engineer for School in Repentigny:*

030423-MR-0136

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has authorized the construction of a new elementary school in Repentigny;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires the services of an consulting engineer for the construction project;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation regulations require that the consulting engineer be selected by a call for public tenders within the budget range of the project;

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WHEREAS the Directorate and the Executive Committee recommend that public tenders be called for the services of a consulting engineering;

Linda Iaconetti 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 the services of a consulting engineer for the Repentigny Elementary School project.

Carried unanimously

13.4 Call to Tender – Insurance 2003-2004:

The Director General reviewed the insurance requirements for the 2003-2004 school year.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a request from Nick Milas, the Director General noted that the total insurance claims to date for 2002-2003 date would be provided for the next meeting.

In response to a suggestion from Walter Fogel, the Director of Material Resources advised that going to public tender for insurance is not worthwhile as there are approximately four insurance companies who will insure school boards in Québec; therefore, the Material Resources Committee recommends that invitational tenders be called.

030423-MR-0137

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the proposed resolution for an “invitational” call to tender for the insurance needs of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the 2003-2004 school year be amended to read a “public” call to tender.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier
NAY:	Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
ABST:	Mary Austin, Nick Milas

Discussion continued.

030423-MR-0138

WHEREAS the insurance policy of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board expires on 2003-06-30;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee recommends that an invitational tender be called for insurance services;

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board call for invitational tenders for insurance services for the 2003-2004 school year.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Mary Austin, Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

James McDougall and Morten Schrier excused themselves for the evening. **TIME: 23:00 hours**
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In response to questions from Walter Fogel concerning Emergency Preparedness, the Chairman advised that binders are being prepared for each school that include the necessary information.

Mr. Fogel stated that the current plans are not of any value.

Discussions ensued.

The Chairman advised Mr. Fogel that he would not recognize him for the remainder of the meeting.

Peter MacLaurin, on a "point of order", stated that Walter Fogel is challenging the Chairman's decision.

030423-CA-0139

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board uphold the decision of the Chairman "not" to recognize Walter Fogel for the remainder of the meeting.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec

14.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

14.1 Update on Financial Turnaround Plan:

The Director of Financial Resources advised that the turnaround plan indicates that the board will have a break-even budget by the 2005-2006 school year. Work on the final recovery plan is going well and it will be presented at the 2003-05-28 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

14.2 Engagement of Auditors:

The Director of Financial Resources advised that 2002-2003 is the last year of a 5-year contract with Gagnon Roy Brunet and that tenders will be called in the next school year for auditing services.

She advised that the Ministère de l'Éducation has issued a document that will increase the workload of the auditors; therefore, an increase in cost is expected.

The Council entered in to discussion.

In response to a question, the Director of Financial Resources advised that if additional work is required by the auditors, the firm will present a proposal of the cost which will be brought forth to Council.

030423-FR-0140

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage the firm of **Gagnon Roy Brunet** at a cost of **15 873,00\$ including taxes** to conduct auditing services for the **2002-2003** school year.

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THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: **Mary Austin, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak**

ABST: **Walter Fogel**

14.3 Rescind of Seizure of Property:

The Director of Financial Resources advised the Council that the property owner on the seizure-of-property resolution approved on 2003-03-26 had paid the outstanding account prior to the request for seizure being sent to the bailiff; therefore, the Financial Resources Committee recommends that the original motion be rescinded.

030423-MR-0141

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved resolution #030326-FR-0120, a seizure of moveable property for the non-payment of school taxes;

WHEREAS the owner of the property to be seized paid the outstanding school taxes on 2003-03-31;

Mike Possian MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind resolution #030326-FR-0120.

Carried unanimously

15.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

In response to a question from Peter MacLaurin, the Director General noted that there was a calendar committee for the 2003-2004 school calendar made up of the administration and the Laurier Teachers Union.

Discussion ensued and comments were made.

Peter MacLaurin, on a "point of order", commented that Walter Fogel was again challenging the Chairman.

030423-CA-0142

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board uphold the decision of the Chairman "not" to recognize Walter Fogel for the remainder of the meeting.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: **Mary Austin, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak**

NAY: **Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec**

16.0 TRANSPORTATION

There was no business to be concluded.

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17.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

17.1 Parents' Committee Report:

Mike Possian advised the Council that at its last meeting, the Parents' Committee requested a special budget information session for Governing Boards and that this session will be held on 2003-04-29 at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School at 19:30 hours.

18.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Silvana Rothsching, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, the Chairman noted that the doors had been kept open this evening as per a request based on previous experience with a larger-than-expected audience and that in the future the board will try to maintain the fire code.

In response to an additional question from Mrs. Rothsching, the Director General commented that the QESBA / AAESQ Spring Conference is an annual event that brings together Commissioners and Administrators for professional improvement and that this expense is included in the budget.

In response to a question from Pina Di Medio, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, the Director General noted that the education system in Québec is designed so that an Anglophone family can send their child (ren) to either an English or a French school, and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board does meet the requirement of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) for English education.

In response to an additional question from Mrs. Di Medio, the Director General noted that the board did consider designating English and French Immersion schools within each cluster, but the consultation did not provide a clear consensus upon this model.

Mrs. Di Medio stated to the Council that she has been present at several meetings where she has not felt well received or respected by the Council.

The Chairman reiterated that parents are always welcome and have been well received and will continue to be received properly and professionally.

19.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the Canadian School Boards Association's annual conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba in July, noting that the QSBA covers the cost of registration. He noted that Carolyn Curiale was interested in attending.

20.0 VARIA

There was no varia.

21.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Pierre Garofano MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST:

Walter Fogel

TIME: 23:29 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2003-05-28

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman