

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2003-05-28

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, 2003-05-28 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; William Pollock, Vice-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.

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

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

~~6.7 Sale of Land – Laval RES~~

15.0 HUMAN RESOURCES:

15.1 Abolition of Position – Support Staff RES
 15.2 Creation of Position – Support Staff RES
 15.3 Staffing Plan – Maintenance Personnel RES
 15.4 Abolition of Positions – Non-Teaching Professionals RES
 15.5 Non Re-engagement – Non-Teaching Professionals RES
 15.6 Creation of Position – Non-Teaching Professional RES
~~15.7 2003-2004 Organizational Chart & Staffing Plan RES~~

13.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES:

13.4 Project Selection Committee - Repentigny RES

030528-CA-0143

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2003/05/28-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**030528CA-0144**

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT on page 0855 of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on 2003-04-23 the following should be inserted after the 12th paragraph:

“Walter Fogel attempted unsuccessfully to be recognized and obtain the floor as the Chairman refused to recognize him.”

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AND THAT on page 0857 of the same minutes the following should be added after the 5th paragraph:

“Walter Fogel attempted unsuccessfully to be recognized and obtain the floor as the Chairman refused to recognize him.”

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Mary Austin, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Carolyn Curiale, Nick Milas

030528-CA-0145

Glen Haines MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2003-04-23, 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, 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, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a request from Cliff Buckland, representing the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association, the Chairman indicated that Walter Fogel has not yet extended an apology to the Principal of Souvenir Elementary School for his remarks made at the 2003-04-23 meeting of the Council.

The Chairman asked Mr. Fogel if he wished to extend an apology.

Mr. Fogel indicated that he had made no remarks directed towards an individual and stands by his statement of administrative abuse by the Principals as directed by the senior administration, therefore, there is no need to apologize.

Mr. Buckland expressed his disappointment in not receiving an apology for the Principal of Souvenir Elementary School noting that as a Principal working for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, he is responsible for all public comments that he makes and he assumed that all members of the Council are held to the same high standard.

In response to a request from Susan Bourque, a parent from Lake of Two Mountains High School, the Chairman indicated that the Council could reconsider the reassignment of the current Vice-Principal but that it was unlikely as the resolution adopting the transfer and reassignment of in-school administrators had been carried unanimously.

In response to a question from Joan Routliffe, a parent from Lake of Two Mountains High School, the Deputy Director General advised that section 79 (2) of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) covers the involvement of the Governing Board in the selection of a Principal. He also noted that a letter is sent annually to the Chairs of the Governing Board requesting their respective school to submit their “Criteria for the Selection of a Principal”. He further noted that part of the criteria is subject to the Ministère de l’Éducation’s regulation governing management personnel.

In response to a question from Joy Lerner, President of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Non-Teaching Professionals Union, the Director General advised that the non-teaching professional positions being reduced had been funded by a three-year plan and that if the board could maintain the positions it would but under the current financial restraints it is not possible.

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 19:55 hours

In response to an additional question from Mrs. Lerner, the Director General noted that there have been reductions in many areas and that the services will be reviewed and organized within the resources available to provide the best services possible to students.

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:00 hours

In response to a final question from Mrs. Lerner, the Director General noted that a "Guidance Oriented School" is not yet mandated by the Ministère de l'Éducation.

In response to questions from Valerie Trudel, a parent from Holy Rosary Elementary School, the Chairman advised that the location of the new school for the lower Lanaudière area was not a part of the consultation but that Mascouche had been the first municipality to show an interest in the project followed by the municipalities of Repentigny and Terrebonne.

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 20:09 hours

The Director General further commented on Mrs. Trudel's question indicating that during the consultation period various proposals and opinions were received but that while the board considers the requests of the parents it must also look at the long term plans of the board with respect to balancing the educational services for its clientele.

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:11 hours

He went on to note that the Ministère de l'Éducation analysed the offers of land received by the board and selected the site in Repentigny. The site in Repentigny will provide added value with the addition of a gym, as well as a guarantee that the school will be ready for September 2004.

Mrs. Trudel asked the Council of Commissioners to reconsider the choice of Repentigny for the site of the new school for the lower Lanaudière region.

The Director General stated that it sounds simple to reconsider a decision but that it is not because if the board requests a change of this magnitude the entire project could be jeopardized.

Mrs. Trudel submitted a community survey on the location of the new school for the lower Lanaudière region to the Chairman.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised the Council that the new Ministre de l'Éducation is Pierre Reid.

He went on to note that the President of Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), Marcus Tabachnik, has met with the new Ministre and that the Ministre will meet separately with English school boards to discuss the following: the 2003-2004 school board budgets, funding of school elections, transportation funding, NTIC and Fibre Optic Networks, building maintenance, special needs students,

small schools, technical vocational programs in the English sector, and the need for greater flexibility in the Teachers' Collective Agreement with respect to the mobility of personnel.

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He also provided the timeline for the 2003-2004 budget parameters noting that the parameters are expected to be received by school boards on 2003-06-11. The 2003-2004 Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board budget will be presented to Council at the 2003-06-25 meeting as budgets must be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation by 2003-06-30.

The Deputy Director General commented on the various events that have taken place in Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools during the last month:

- Dr. Therese Dufresne, Principal of Terry Fox Elementary School, was one of 12 international researchers asked to attend and present at the *International Workshop on Literacy and Writing Systems* at the University of Essex, Colchester, England.
- Mireille Ménard, Centre Director of Adult Education, was named as 1st Vice-President of the Conseil régional des partenaires du marché du travail de Laval (Emploi-Québec), as well as a delegate to the Conseil d'administration du Conseil régional de développement de Laval.
- Prizes won :
 - ❖ John F. Kennedy E.S. Handball Team – won 4 medals (2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze) at the Provincial Tournament.
 - ❖ Young Entrepreneurs of Laval – Laval Catholic H.S. won 1st prize for its IRS Productions, Western Laval H.S. won 2nd prize for Robotics and the Mayor's Special Award for its Food Drive Project.
 - ❖ Dimitris Topaloglou, student at Western Laval H.S., won a silver medal at the Festival des Jeunes Musiciens des Laurentides.
 - ❖ Alida Klein, student at Ste-Agathe Academy, won a bronze medal in her age category at a provincial gymnastics competition.
 - ❖ Lake of Two Mountains Boys Badminton Team won the GMAA Championships.
- Holy Rosary E.S. raised over 3 500\$ for its French Music Program by holding a Music Fundraiser Concert.
- Phoenix Alternative School will be holding a reunion on 2003-06-12.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Financial Turnaround Plan:

The Director General noted that a special meeting had been held prior to the meeting of the Council to review the Financial Turnaround Plan as prepared with the assistance of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, Accountants.

He extended sincere thanks to the Director of Financial Resources and her staff, Directors, Principals and Coordinators for all of their input and work.

He commented that the goals of the plan are attainable without too much adversity on the services.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General advised that he was not sure what would occur should the Ministère de l'Éducation not accept the Financial Turnaround Plan but that trusteeship was an option, although it is not frequently used.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General advised that the reduction in non-teaching professional positions would become effective on 2003-07-01.

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030528-FR-0146

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board desires to manage its financial resources efficiently in order to resolve its deficit situation;

WHEREAS the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) requires a school board to present a balanced budget and to seek Ministère de l'Éducation authorization in the event of a deficit;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has approved the 2002-2003 budget of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board contingent upon the board obtaining the external services of a firm to assist in the establishment of a financial turnaround plan;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation is prepared to lend assistance to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in seeking a solution to its accumulated deficit situation;

WHEREAS the Financial Resources Committee recommended that an external firm be retained to examine the financial situation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the firm of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton was engaged to assist in the establishment of a financial turnaround plan;

WHEREAS Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton has completed a thorough investigation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's financial practices and procedures;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board **Financial Turnaround Plan**, document #SWLSB-2003-/05/28-FR-001, as prepared by Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton.

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, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

5.2 Strategic Plan:

The Director General advised the Council that the consultation on the Strategic Plan had been based on eight goals selected by the Focus Group and that from the responses received the board has selected four main goals and collapsed the remaining goals to be used as guidelines. The final plan will be presented to Council at the 2003-06-25 meeting.

5.3 Reaffirmation of a Resolution:

Walter Fogel withdrew his proposed motion.

5.4 By-Law #BL2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers to the Executive:

The Deputy Director General reviewed the changes to the delegation of functions and powers to the Executive Committee.

030528-CA-0147

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to by-law #BL2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee at the meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

**Carried unanimously
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5.5 Secondary Reform Conference:

The Deputy Director General presented, as per a previous request from Walter Fogel, a breakdown of the cost of the workshop on Secondary Reform held in St-Sauveur in February.

5.6 Insurance Claims:

The Deputy Director General presented, as per a previous request from Walter Fogel, a breakdown of the insurance claims against the board.

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 Nomination to CRD Laurentides:

The Deputy Director General explained the role of the Conseil regional de développement des Laurentides and the importance of the board being represented at this table.

The Council entered into discussion and agreed to table this issue to the meeting of 2003-06-18.

6.2 2003-2004 School Calendars:

The Deputy Director General presented and reviewed the proposed school calendars for the 2003-2004 school year noting that they conform to the Provincial and Local Collective Agreements.

The Council entered into discussion.

Natalie Auclair left the meeting.

TIME: 21:10 hours

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General explained that at the high school level formal teaching ceases on the Friday before the start of Provincial examinations.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Chairman advised that the regional health board would require the school board to close down schools should an outbreak such as SARS occur.

Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:13 hours

030528-CA-0148

WHEREAS the school calendar is the responsibility of the school board;

WHEREAS the Laurier Teachers Union and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board were able to negotiate and agree on a draft proposal;

WHEREAS the Parents' Committee has been consulted on the proposed calendar for 2003-2004;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Educational Services Committee have endorsed the proposed calendar for the presentation to the Council of Commissioners for approval;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2003-2004 school calendar, as presented in Document #SWLSB-2003/05/28-ED-001 for all of its schools except Arundel Elementary School, Holy Rosary Elementary School, Joliette Elementary School, Lewis King Elementary School, Rawdon Elementary & Middle School, Joliette High School and Ste-Agathe Academy.

Carried unanimously

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030528-CA-0149

WHEREAS several schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board use the transportation services of a French school board within their sector of the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière territory;

WHEREAS the school calendars of the French school boards involved determine the availability of the transportation to various schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire des Laurentides has established its calendar for the 2003-2004 school year which establishes the operation of their transportation system for their schools, thereby determining the availability of transportation to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools using these buses;

WHEREAS these calendars have been adapted where possible to bring them in line with the calendar governing the majority of the schools within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the school calendar for the 2003-2004 school year for Arundel Elementary School and Ste-Agathe Academy, as per Document #SWLSB-2003/05/28-ED-002.

Carried unanimously

030528-CA-0150

WHEREAS several schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board use the transportation services of a French school board within their sector of the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière territory;

WHEREAS the school calendars of the French school boards involved determine the availability of the transportation to various schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire des Affluents has established its calendar for the 2003-2004 school year which establishes the operation of their transportation system for their schools, thereby determining the availability of transportation to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools using these buses;

WHEREAS these calendars have been adapted where possible to bring them in line with the calendar governing the majority of the schools within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the school calendar for the 2003-2004 school year for Holy Rosary Elementary School and Lewis King Elementary School, as per Document #SWLSB-2003/05/28-ED-003.

Carried unanimously

030528-CA-0151

WHEREAS several schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board use the transportation services of a French school board within their sector of the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière territory;

WHEREAS the school calendars of the French school boards involved determine the availability of the transportation to various schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire des Samares has established its calendar for the 2003-2004 school year which establishes the operation of their transportation system for their schools, thereby determining the availability of transportation to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools using these buses;

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WHEREAS these calendars have been adapted where possible to bring them in line with the calendar governing the majority of the schools within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the school calendar for the 2003-2004 school year for Joliette Elementary School, Rawdon Elementary & Middle School and Joliette High School, as per Document #SWLSB-2003/05/28-ED-004.

Carried unanimously

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the fact that all of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools have Spring Break from 2004-03-01 to 2004-03-05.

030528-CA-0152

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the calendar for the Adult Education Centres (General Education) located in Chomedey and Lachute for the 2003-2004 school year, as per Document #SWLSB-2003/05/28-ED-005.

Carried unanimously

030528-CA-0153

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the calendar for the Professional Education Centres located in Chomedey and Lachute for the 2003-2004 school year, as per Document #SWLSB-2003/05/28-ED-006.

Carried unanimously

6.3 2003 CSBA Conference:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on this conference.

The Council entered into discussion.

030528-CA-0154

MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Carolyn Curiale** at the Canadian School Boards Association Congress 2003 from July 3 – 5, 2003 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. AND THAT a budget of 2 500\$ be approved to cover travel, accommodations and meals.

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 MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

6.4 **Remuneration of Electoral Personnel:**

The Deputy Director General reviewed the remuneration of election personnel.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General noted that Mr. Fogel is correct in indicating that it is not necessary for the board to provide a 2% cost of living increase on the base hourly rate for electoral personnel remuneration, but given that the board has accorded its employees this increase it would only seem fair to provide the same to the election personnel.

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030528-CA-0155

WHEREAS section 30 of "An Act respecting school elections" requires a school board to fix the tariff of remuneration and expenses of election personnel;

WHEREAS this remuneration cannot exceed that which has been decreed by the government for the Election Act;

WHEREAS the Gouvernement du Québec has decreed a 2% increase in salary scales for all public service employees, effective 2003-04-01, such personnel including those required for holding school board elections;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has approved a policy on travel and expenses for its employees, which may be amended from time to time;

Mary Austin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Chief Returning Officer and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the salary scales found in document #SWLSB-2003/05/28-CA-002 be increased by 2% and be applicable to all personnel engaged for the purpose of school board elections.

AND THAT any expenses incurred by persons engaged as election personnel in the discharge of their office be reimbursed in accordance with policy #99-FR-01: Travel and Representation Expenses Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, as it applies for 2003-004.

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, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Morten Schrier

6.5 **2003 Summer School Principal:**

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the following resolution.

030528-HR-0156

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Denis Lapierre** as Principal for the 2003 Summer School, effective 2003-07-02 to 2003-08-13. AND THAT he be paid in accordance with his personal contract. AND THAT the Deputy Director General be mandated to sign the contract.

AND 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 project.

Carried unanimously

6.6 “What’s Up After School?”:

The Deputy Director General explained the basis of the “*What’s Up After School?*” program commenting its relationship to the board’s Strategic Plan.

In response to a question from Carolyn Curiale, the Deputy Director General noted that the program was conceived by the Parti Québécois and given that there is now a Liberal government the funds may be diverted to another educational project.

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030528-HR-0157

WHEREAS, through its plan of action Horizon 2005, the Gouvernement du Québec made a commitment to transform secondary schools;

WHEREAS within the framework of the plan of action Horizon 2005, the Minister of State for Education and Employment and the Minister Responsible for Youth, Tourism, Recreation and Sport announced the implementation of the What’s Up After School program;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is pleased with the commitment of the Ministère de l’Éducation to invest in the What’s Up After School program and intends to put everything in action to ensure that the program meets the expectations of its communities and the needs of its students;

WHEREAS all activities must be planned in partnership with at least two community organizations committed to funding 20% of the cost of the extracurricular activities;

WHEREAS, to this day, very few partners have been made aware of the program and that the Sir Wilfrid School Board covers the territory of seven French language school boards and that such partnerships are all the more difficult for principals to conclude;

WHEREAS the extracurricular activities must be part of a three-year plan approved by the Governing Board and integrated in the success plan of the school, which is also approved by the Governing Board;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the new provisions of the Education Act (Bill 124, sanctioned on 2002-12-18), the School Board, its schools and centres must develop and adopt a strategic plan as well as revise and update the educational projects and success plans of the schools and centres;

WHEREAS in a letter dated 2003-02-14, Sylvain Simard, Minister of State for Education and Employment, insisted on the importance of this joint effort and postponed the deadline for the adoption of the strategic plan or the educational project, whichever the case may be, to the first months of the following school year;

WHEREAS in a letter dated 2003-03-10, Robert Bisailon, Assistant Deputy Minister to Preschool Education and Elementary Education, advised school boards that each secondary school had to adopt a three-year plan for the What’s Up After School program and submit it to the School Board on or before 2003-05-15;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l’Éducation has now modified the submission deadline to 2003-06-15 for 2003-2004 projects;

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board advise the Minister of Education that school principals will be unable to meet the 2003-06-15 deadline and that this requirement does not comply with the provisions of the Education Act concerning the delegation of powers to governing boards.

AND request the Minister of Education to postpone the deadline for the presentation of the three-year plan for extracurricular activities approved by governing boards from 2003-06-15 to November 2003.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Education, the Direction régionale de Laval, des Laurentides et de Lanaudière, the Members of Parliament of the territory, the Quebec English School Board Association and the other English school boards of Quebec.

**Carried unanimously
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The Chairman called for a 10 minute recess.

TIME: 21:34 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:49 hours

7.0 TRANSPORTATION

There was no business to be concluded.

8.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

8.1 Parents' Committee Report:

Linda Iaconetti commented that the Parents Committee had supported the proposed 2003-2004 school calendars, extended thanks to Educational Services for its informative presentations on bullying, taxing and report cards and reminded everyone that the meetings of the Advisory Committee on Special Needs are open to the public.

9.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Deputy Director General reminded the Council of the invitation received from Adult Education to tour its Wood Shop program at Laval Catholic High School on 2003-06-09.

10.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

10.1 Qualified Cabling Supplier:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the following resolution.

The Council entered into discussion.

Glen Haines suggested that for future renovation projects that the cost of cabling for computers use be included in the price of the renovation as it would cost less.

030528-IT-0158

WHEREAS it is stipulated in Policy #99-MR-01: Supply of Goods and Services that public tenders must be called for any purchase over 50 000\$;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must authorize on a regular basis cabling projects to fulfill the needs of schools, centres and services;

WHEREAS the public tenders were opened on 2003-03-27;

WHEREAS the Information Technology Committee recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

WHEREAS the Cablage du Nord, has presented the lowest conformable bid in the amount of \$3,505.00, before taxes;

Mike Possian MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for qualified cabling supplier to **Câblage du Nord** for the period ending June 30, 2004, AND subject to a renewal clause if both parties agree.

Carried unanimously

Linda Gagnon returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:58 hours

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10.2 Storage Area Network (SAN):

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that the current computer back-up system is not longer adequate, therefore, it would be prudent to invest in a system more suited to the board's needs.

The Council entered into discussion.

Pierre Garofano suggested that the issue be returned to the Information Technology Committee for further review and that the item be placed on the 2003-06-18 meeting of the Council.

The Director of Information Technology explained that if the purchase of the Storage Area network is prolonged some of the proposals contained within the project would cease.

030528-IT-0159

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT the proposed resolution on Storage Area Network (SAN) be tabled to the 2003-06-18 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Mary Austin, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: James McDougall

10.3 Participation of Secondary Schools in Laptop Experimental Project:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the Laptop Experimental Project.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Director General noted that the high schools had submitted some very interesting proposals and that Rawdon Middle School had made a proposal that met all the parameters of the project.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Chairman advised that the project would be for one year unless a special Measure is developed by the Ministère de l'Éducation.

030528-IT-0160

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has approved by resolution #021211-IT-0068 that a laptop computer experimental project be developed to experiment a one-to-one wireless laptop computer model in a class environment for one secondary 1 school group;

WHEREAS on the recommendation of the evaluation committee, Rawdon Middle School has presented the most conformable pedagogical project amongst the four proposals received from Rawdon Middle School, Western Laval High School, Sacred Heart Middle School and Sainte Agathe Academy;

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology, Educational Services and Executive Committees, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board select Rawdon Middle School for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Laptop Experimental Project.

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, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

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10.4 Qualified Supplier for Laptops:

The Deputy Director General reviewed the following resolution.

The Council entered into discussion.

030528-IT-0161

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has approved by resolution #021211-IT-0068 that a call for public tenders be held to qualify a supplier for laptop computer purchases;

WHEREAS the public tenders were opened on 2003-02-21;

WHEREAS the IBM-INSO proposal is the best conformable solution, including a contribution made of products and services evaluated to 285 000\$;

WHEREAS IBM has proposed a partnership that goes far beyond a simple hardware proposal and that the Information Technology Committee has authorized negotiations to be held with IBM in order to finalize a pedagogical and technical partnership;

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for qualified laptop computer supplier to IBM-INSO for the period ending June 30, 2004 AND subject to a renewal clause if both parties agree;

AND THAT the laptop computers and other equipment required for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Laptop Experimental project be purchased using the Information Technology 2002-2003 budget reserved for this project.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin

ABST: Glen Haines

11.0 USE OF SCHOOLS

There was no business to be concluded.

12.0 QESBA

12.1 Report of the QESBA:

Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) had elected a new Board of Directors noting that Marcus Tabachnik of the Lester B. Pearson School Board was elected as President, Aline Visser of the Central Quebec School Board was elected as Vice-President, and Steve Bletas of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, Ian MacWhirter of the Western Quebec School Board, Joan Rothman of the English Montreal School Board and John Ryan of the New Frontiers School Board were all elected as Members-at-Large.

Walter Fogel, on a “point of order”, indicated that the time limit of the meeting had expired.

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030528-CA-0162

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

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, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Mary Austin, Walter Fogel James McDougall, Morten Schrier

Morten Schrier excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:31 hours

The Chairman advised that he had been elected to sit on the QESBA Finance Committee.

Mary Austin and Peter Haldimand excused themselves for the evening. **TIME: 22:35 hours**

13.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

13.1 Call to Tender – Architect for Joliette High School:

The Deputy Director General presented the following resolutions concerning the services of an architect and consulting engineer.

The Director General advised that the tenders for this project have already been called and that the omission of the following resolutions from last month’s meeting were an oversight.

Walter Fogel excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:40 hours

030528-MR-0163

WHEREAS the Ministère de l’Éducation has authorized the construction/renovation of Joliette High School;

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

William Pollock 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 call for public tenders for the services of an architect for Joliette High School construction/renovation project.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Natalie Auclair, Linda Gagnon, Nancy Rupnik

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13.2 Call to Tender – Engineer for Joliette High School :

030528-MR-0164

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has authorized the construction/renovation of Joliette High School;

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

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 Material Resources Committee 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 Joliette High School construction/renovation project.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Natalie Auclair, Linda Gagnon, Nancy Rupnik

13.3 MEQ Authorization for the Design of the New School in Repentigny :

The Director General requested that this proposed resolution be tabled and presented at the 2003-06-18 meeting of the Council.

Glen Haines excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:44 hours

13.4 Project Selection Committee – Repentigny:

030528-MR-0165

WHEREAS public tenders have been called for the services of an architect and consulting engineer for the new school in Repentigny and the construction/renovation of Joliette High School;

WHEREAS it is necessary to establish a selection committee for these projects;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish a selection committee for the selection of architects and consulting engineers to prepare all drawings, specifications and any other necessary documentation required for the new school in Repentigny and construction/renovation of Joliette High School.

AND THAT the following be named to the selection committee:

Chairman of the Council of Commissioners
Chairman of the Executive Committee
Chairman of Material Resources Committee

Director General
Deputy Director General
Director of Material Resources

**Carried unanimously
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14.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

14.1 Rate of Interest on Unpaid Taxes:

The Deputy Director General commented on the rate of interest on unpaid taxes.

030528-FR-0166

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, and in accordance with Article 316 of the Education Act, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the rate of interest on unpaid taxes be set at 15% per annum for the school year 2003-2004.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Steve Kmec

14.2 Write-Off of Tax Accounts:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the write-off of taxes.

Peter MacLaurin left the meeting.

TIME: 22:45 hours

Peter MacLaurin returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:48 hours

030528-FR-0167

WHEREAS an analysis has been conducted on the tax accounts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS certain tax accounts have been deemed as non-existent;

WHEREAS it has been recommended by the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee that the taxes be written off;

WHEREAS the amount of the taxes plus interest to be written off totals 2 216,94\$;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the write off of the accounts for a total of 2 216,94\$.

Carried unanimously

030528-FR-0168

WHEREAS an analysis has been conducted on the tax accounts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the tax accounts have been deemed prescribed;

WHEREAS it has been recommended by the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee that the taxes be written off as the amounts are under 50,00\$;

WHEREAS the amount of the taxes plus interest to be written off totals 15 507,12\$;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the write off of the accounts for a total of 15 507,12\$.

**Carried unanimously
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030528-FR-0169

WHEREAS an analysis has been conducted on the tax accounts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the tax accounts have been deemed immaterial;

WHEREAS it has been recommended by the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee that the taxes be written off as the amounts are between -1,00\$ and 1,00\$;

WHEREAS the amount of the taxes plus interest to be written off totals 601,78\$;

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the write off of the accounts for a total of 601,78\$.

Carried unanimously

14.3 Modification to Resolution:

The Director General advised that the modification to the resolution engaging Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton is necessary as it was an omission on the original resolution.

In response to a question from Nick Milas, the Director of Financial Resources advised that the portion of the cost for the services of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton to be covered by the Ministère de l'Éducation will be reimbursed by the end of the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

030528-FR-0170

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board modify resolution #021023-FR-0026, the engagement of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, by adding the following at the end of the resolution:

“AND THAT the fees for this service not exceed 140 000\$ plus out-of-pocket costs and all applicable taxes.”

Carried unanimously

14.4 Day Care Services:

The Director General advised the Council that a meeting with the private day cares has been set for 2003-06-05 and that he would present a report on the outcome of the meeting at the 2003-06-18 Council meeting.

15.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

15.1 Abolition of Position – Support Staff:

The Director of Human Resources reviewed the process for the abolition of positions.

030528-HR-0171

WHEREAS the Administrative Support Staff local union has been consulted on the effects of the modified requirements of its schools and offices;

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James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board abolish the following position, effective on 2003-07-01, as per Article 7-3.00 of the FTQ Local 57 Collective Agreement covering support staff:

POSITION	HRS/WK	LOCATION
Data Processing Technician	35	Adult Education - Chomedey

Carried unanimously

15.2 Creation of Position – Support Staff:

030528-HR-0172

WHEREAS the Administrative Support Staff local union has been consulted on the effects of the modified requirements of its schools and offices;

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board create the following position, effective on 2003-07-01:

POSITION	HRS/WK	LOCATION
Data Processing Technician	25	Adult Education - Chomedey

Carried unanimously

15.3 Staffing Plan – Maintenance Personnel:

The Director of Human Resources reviewed the staffing plan for maintenance workmen noting that this global staffing plan was prepared at the request of the CSN.

030528-HR-0173

WHEREAS the Maintenance Support Staff local union has been consulted on the effects of the modified requirements of its schools and offices;

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, as per Clause 7-3.07 of the Maintenance Support Staff Collective Agreement (CSN-S18), approve Document #SWLSB-2003/05/28-HR-001, the 2003-2004 Staffing Plan for Maintenance Personnel,

Carried unanimously

15.4 Abolition of Positions – Non-Teaching Professionals:

The Director of Human Resources reviewed the abolition of Non-Teaching Professional positions.

Linda Gagnon stated that she would like the Council to guarantee that Mrs. Lerner's concerns, presented under item 3.0, are considered.

030528-HR-0174

WHEREAS the Non Teaching Professionals local union has been consulted on the effects of the modified requirements of its schools and offices;

Mike Possian MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board abolish the following positions, effective on 2003-07-01, as per Article 5-6.04 of the Union of Professionals Collective Agreement (CSQ).

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POSITION	PERCENTAGE	LOCATION
Spiritual Care Animator	100%	Multiple Schools
Spiritual Care Animator	100%	Multiple Schools
Spiritual Care Animator	40%	Multiple Schools
Information Officer	50%	Western Laval High School

Carried unanimously

15.5 Non-Re-Engagement – Non-Teaching Professionals:

The Director of Human Resources advised that those non-reengaged will be on a recall list for their respective categories.

030528-HR-0175

WHEREAS the Non Teaching Professionals local union has been consulted on the effects of the modified requirements of its schools and offices;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board abolished positions of Spiritual Care Animator and consequently, in accordance with Articles 5-06.04b) and 5-9.01, of the Union of Professionals Collective Agreement (CSQ), the board shall non-re-engage non-tenured full-time regular professionals within the category of Spiritual Care Animator according to the inverse order of seniority;

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the non re-engagement for reason of surplus the Spiritual Care Animators named below, effective 2003-06-30:

Name	School
Bruce Hebert	Multiple Schools
Angelo Vierroni	Multiple Schools

Carried unanimously

15.6 Creation of Position – Non-Teaching Professional:

WHEREAS the Non Teaching Professionals local union has been consulted on the effects of the modified requirements of its schools and offices;

William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board create the following position, effective on 2003-07-01:

POSITION	PERCENTAGE	LOCATION
Academic & Vocational Information Counsellor	60%	Educational Services

Carried unanimously

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16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the various reports and documents in the meeting package.

18.0 VARIA

There was no business to be concluded.

19.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Nancy Rupnik MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:16 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2003-06-18

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman