

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2002-08-28

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, 2002-08-28 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

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

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

Absent: William Pollock, Vice-Chairman, and Mary Austin, Commissioner

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

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

5.2 *Emergency Preparedness*.....INFO

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

6.5 *Legal Update*INFO

020828-CA-0001

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2002/08/28-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**020828-CA-0002**

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2002-06-26, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

Linda Gagnon entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:35 hours

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3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed the new Director General, Giordano Rosa-del-Vecchio, to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

He went on to note that the employee barbeque held on 2002-08-27 was a great success and extended appreciation, on behalf of the Council of Commissioners, to all the people who helped organize the event.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General advised that the Council will be advised when the final cost of the barbeque is tabulated.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 *Ratification of Decisions Taken by Executive Committee:*

The Director General reviewed the resolutions adopted during the summer months by the Executive Committee that require ratification by the Council.

020828-CA-0003

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has exercised the functions and powers of the Council of Commissioners as delegated by resolution #010627-CA-0231 and in conformity with by-law #BL2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee adopted the following resolutions at its meetings of 2002-07-09 and 2002-08-20;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, in accordance with by-law #BL2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board recommend that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board ratify the following resolutions:

020709-CA-0010

WHEREAS the former Laurenval School Board had adopted by resolution a protocol of agreement between itself and the Ville de Laval;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is legally responsible for protocols adopted by its predecessor boards;

WHEREAS the Ville de Laval has informed the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board that the protocol was never officially signed;

WHEREAS the Ville de Laval has invested 41 210,00\$ to install this parc-école on property assigned to Irving Bregman School (Hillcrest Academy);

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve a protocol of agreement between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Ville de Laval for the parc-école at Irving Bregman School (Hillcrest Academy) for a period of ten-years, effective on the date of signing.

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 the preliminary planning of this protocol of agreement.

Carried unanimously

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020709-M R-0018

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board planned to correct a water infiltration problem at Arundel Elementary School estimated to cost 16 000,00\$ within the terms of Measure 50620;

WHEREAS the tenders received far exceed the original estimate;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is engaged in other projects for which it is absorbing alone the costs which exceed the original estimates by 74 183,08\$;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board inform the Ministère de l'Éducation that it is withdrawing this improvement project submitted under Measure 50620.

AND THAT authorization from the Ministre de l'Éducation be requested to apply the amount reserved for this project (16 000,00\$) to the following project:

Rosemere High School Window Project

Carried unanimously

020709-ED-0019

WHEREAS various school boards have adopted resolutions supporting the report presented by the Association régionale du sport étudiant de Laval (ARSEL) during the consultation of the Ministère des Affaires Municipales on the regional reorganization of leisure and sport in 1995;

WHEREAS the situation of Laval, comprising one island, one city, one regional leisure and sport union, one French school board and part of one English school board, is particular;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of ARSEL has initiated the creation of a strategic alliance with Commission Sport Laval (CSL);

WHEREAS this project will promote physical activities in the elementary and secondary schools of Laval and have a positive impact on the young people of Laval;

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the direction taken by the Board of Directors of the Association régionale du sport étudiant de Laval in view of the amalgamation of Association régionale du sport étudiant de Laval and Commission Sport Laval, while preserving their respective mission, in order to offer the best possible services to our students.

Carried unanimously

020820-HR-0053

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board promote temporarily **Jennifer Kurta** to the position of Vice-Principal, effective 2002-07-01, in accordance with Article 55.00 of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Collective Agreement and her individual contract; AND THAT she be assigned to **St-Paul Elementary School**.

Carried unanimously

020820-HR-0054

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board promote temporarily **André Gionet** to the position of Interim Vice-Principal (For the duration of the absence of the Vice-Principal), effective 2002-07-01, in accordance with Article 5-5.00 of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Collective Agreement and his individual contract; AND THAT he be assigned to **Holy Rosary Elementary School**.

Carried unanimously

020820-M R-0067

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to undertake the partial rebuilding of the Jules Verne Elementary School roof;

WHEREAS the invitational tenders were opened on 2002-08-19;

WHEREAS it is recommended that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

Steve Bletas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the partial rebuilding of the roof at Jules Verne Elementary School to **Enterprises Cloutier & Gagnon Ltée** for a total cost of 24 442,81\$, taxes included.

Carried unanimously

Carried unanimously

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5.2 Emergency Preparedness:

Walter Fogel recommended to the Council that the issue of Emergency Preparedness be reviewed as the safety and security of the students and employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board should not be overlooked.

Linda Iaconetti entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:50 hours

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, in the absence of the Vice-Chairman, in order to participate in the discussion.

Discussion continued.

The Chairman returned to the chair.

Discussion continued.

Natalie Auclair left the meeting.

TIME: 20:01 hours

On a "point of order", Carolyn Curiale noted that the Council was debating the issue and recommended that it be discussed at another date and time.

Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:05 hours

020828-CA-0004

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the following resolution, tabled at the 2002-06-26 meeting of the Council of Commissioners, be brought back to the table for further discussion:

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Emergency Preparedness Committee be reconstituted as a separate committee outside the existing guidelines as they relate to other board committees and that its composition be decided on at a later date.

AND THAT the Emergency Preparedness training course for Principals initiated in 2000-2001 be completed.

FURTHER THAT the Principals be required to see to the completion a comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan for their respective school in accordance with their responsibility for security in their schools as laid out in the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Carolyn Curiale, Glen Haines, Nick Milas

The Council returned to its discussions on Emergency Preparedness.

Linda Gagnon noted that the issue of Emergency Preparedness should be explored more thoroughly as the Council should not give the impression that it is remiss on the issue of the safety and security of students and employees.

Discussion continued.

Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

TIME: 20:11 hours

Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:13 hours

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Peter Haldimand left the meeting.

TIME: 20:14 hours

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 20:15 hours

Peter Haldimand returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:15 hours

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Chairman of the Executive Committee in order to participate in the discussion.

Discussion continued.

The Chairman returned to the chair.

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:17 hours

Pierre Garofano called for a vote.

020828-CA-0005

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Emergency Preparedness Committee be reconstituted as a separate committee outside the existing guidelines as they relate to other board committees and that its composition be decided on at a later date.

AND THAT the Emergency Preparedness training course for Principals initiated in 2000-2001 be completed.

FURTHER THAT the Principals be required to see to the completion a comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan for their respective school in accordance with their responsibility for security in their schools as laid out in the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Morten Schrier

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

As a result of the discussions, the Council recommended that the issues of Emergency Preparedness and the Emergency Preparedness Committee be referred to the Material Resources Committee for a thorough study and that a report be made to the Council at a future date.

020828-CA-0007

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT the issue of Emergency Preparedness and the Emergency Preparedness Committee be referred to the Material Resources Committee, that all aspects related be revisited, and that a report to the Council of Commissioners be made at a future date.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 Boundaries of Electoral Divisions:

The Deputy Director General commented on the meeting held on 2002-08-19 to review the proposed distribution of electoral divisions, noting that the Directeur général des Élections has approved the proposed distribution with some modifications.

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The Chairman turned the chair over to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and left the meeting with the Director General.

TIME: 20:29 hours

Walter Fogel left the meeting.

TIME: 20:31 hours

The Chairman and the Director General returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:32 hours

Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:33 hours

Peter MacLaurin proposed the following amendment to paragraph 7 of the proposed resolution and that it read as:

WHEREAS section 7.5 of the Act requires school boards to adopt a division proposal, as contained in document #SWLSB-2002/08/28-CA-002 (Option "A" proposal), for the purposes of the election prior to 1 November of the year preceding school elections;

The Council entered into discussion.

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council go into committee.

TIME: 20:38 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:00 hours

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Deputy Director General explained that if anyone had an objection to the proposed distribution of electoral divisions, they must submit that objection in writing to the Director General. He added that in order for the proposal to be reviewed at a public meeting, a total of 165 written objections would have to be received for the entire 19 electoral divisions.

020828-CA-0008

WHEREAS the *Act respecting school elections (R.S.Q., chapter E-2.3)* was modified and approved by the Assemblée Nationale on 2001-12-11;

WHEREAS this law has been further modified in that school elections are now scheduled for the 1st Sunday in November (2003-11-02);

WHEREAS the Directeur général des élections has advised the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board that for the purposes of the distribution of electoral divisions a provisional electoral list of 33 336 electors has been recognized for the board;

WHEREAS section 6 of the Act assigned 17 electoral divisions for school boards with more than 30 000 but less than 40 000 electors;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board petitioned the Ministre de l'Éducation to derogate from section 6 and authorize the board 19 electoral divisions;

WHEREAS the Ministre de l'Éducation authorized 19 electoral divisions under an "Avis" published in the Gazette Officielle on 2002-04-24 for the November 2003 school elections;

WHEREAS section 7.5 of the Act requires school boards to adopt a division proposal, as contained in document #SWLSB-2002/08/28-CA-002 (Option "A" proposal), for the purposes of the election prior to 1 November of the year preceding school elections;

WHEREAS section 9 of the Act requires school boards to consult the general population on the division proposal within 15 days of its adoption;

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Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the distribution of electoral divisions as contained in document #SWLSB-2002/08/28-CA-002.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Carolyn Curiale, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Steve Kmec, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

020828-CA-0009

WHEREAS the *Act respecting school elections (R.S.Q., chapter E-2.3)* was modified and approved by the Assemblée Nationale on 2001-12-11;

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WHEREAS section 7.5 of the Act requires school boards to adopt a division proposal, as contained in document #SWLSB-2002/08/28-CA-001 (original proposal), for the purposes of the election prior to 1 November of the year preceding school elections;

WHEREAS section 9 of the Act requires school boards to consult the general population on the division proposal within 15 days of its adoption;

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the distribution of electoral divisions as contained in document #SWLSB-2002/08/28-CA-001.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Glen Haines, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall

6.2 Amendment to By-Law #2000-CA-05: Date, Time & Place of Meetings:

The Deputy Director General reviewed the need to amend by-law #2000-CA-05: Date, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board since the Council had decided to include an additional regular meeting during the month of June.

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020828-CA-0010

WHEREAS section 162 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter F-13.3) indicates that a date, time and place of regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners must be fixed by by-law;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the amendment to by-law #BL2000-CA-05: Date, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

6.3 November Council Retreat:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that he had been mandated by the Executive Committee to organize a Fall Retreat for Commissioners which will be held on 2002-11-02 and 2002-11-03 at Le Grand Lodge du Lac-Quimet in Mont-Tremblant.

He went on to note that Universalis will again animate the workshop and the themes for the retreat will be School Success Plans and Accountability.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General advised that the retreat would cost in the neighbourhood of 25 000\$ based on all Commissioners attending. This would include animation, accommodations, meals and mileage.

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 21:21 hours

6.4 Management Indicators:

The Deputy Director General briefly reviewed the management indicators for 2000-2001, noting that if the Council wished to have a more elaborate explanation, the subject could be placed on a future agenda.

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:24 hours

6.5 Legal Update:

The Director General reviewed the ruling on the case of Baumholtz et als. vs Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, commenting that the judge had ruled in favour of the plaintiffs on the issue of the board charging a 15% fee to day care services for the use of school facilities.

He further noted that on the issue of time allocations, the judge would not rule on a power granted the school board under the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

He went on to recommend that a meeting be scheduled between the plaintiffs and the board to review the judgement and discuss how the issue can be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.

In response to a request from Steve Kmec, the Director General advised that a copy of the judgement would be forwarded to him.

7.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

There was no business to be discussed.

8.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

There was no business to be discussed.

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9.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

There was no business to be discussed.

10.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

There was no business to be discussed.

11.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

There was no business to be discussed.

The Chairman called for a 10 minute recess.

TIME: 21:33 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:43 hours

12.0 USE OF SCHOOLS

12.1 Consultation on the Use of Schools:

The Director General reviewed the consultation document on the "Use of Schools for 2003-2004: All elementary schools in the City of Laval, Holy Rosary & Lewis King Elementary Schools and students attending McLearon School", noting that all parties involved with this consultation must have to have a clearly defined role within the process.

The Chairman extended appreciation on behalf of the Council to those who had worked on this project.

020828-TS-0006

Glen Haines MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities, the Council of Commissioners approve in principle the consultation document on the Use of Schools, as outlined in document #SWLSB-2002/08/28-TS-001.

Carried unanimously

Walter Fogel excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 21:59 hours

13.0 TRANSPORTATION

There was no business to be discussed.

14.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

There was no business to be discussed.

15.0 QESBA

There was no business to be discussed.

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16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the reports contained in the meeting package and asked if there were any questions.

In answer to a question from James McDougall, the Director General advised that a letter had been sent to David Whissell, Député d'Argenteuil, to respond to his concerns over extra curricular activities at Laurentian Regional High School.

The Chairman reminded the Council of the upcoming Arundel Natural Science Centre (ANSC) Trail Dedication that will take place on Saturday, 2002-09-14 at ANSC.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Peter Haldimand advised the Council that Laurentian Regional High School is holding a golf tournament on Saturday, 2002-09-28 and anyone interested in participating is welcome to contact the school.

18.0 VARIA

There was no varia.

19.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Peter Haldimand MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:12 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2002-09-25

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman