

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2003-08-27**

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, 2003-08-27 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, 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; and Tina Pansieri, Administration Officer. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Mary Austin, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, and Nancy Rupnik, Commissioners.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:36 hours.

The absence of the recording secretary was explained to commissioners. Condolences were extended to Jocelyn Thompson-Ness on the loss of her father.

Walter Fogel advised the Council that Mike Kornecook, a former director of the Laurenval School Board, who had recently taken ill, was on the way to recovery.

**1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

**5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:**

5.7 Modification to Resolution to Daycare ..... RES

**7.0 QESBA**

6.7.2 Report from 2003 CSBA Conference ..... INFO

**11.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

11.2 Laptop Project ..... INFO

NOTE: Item numbering will change to reflect the amendments to the agenda.

**030827-CA-0001**

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #SWLSB-2003/08/27-CA-0001.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel

## 2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With reference to page 0895 of the 2003-06-18 minutes of Council, Commissioner Fogel had a question as to whether the criteria on awarding the contract was based on the price of complete meals as well as individual item prices. It was thought that the comparison was based on meal prices only. Commissioner Fogel felt that the comparison should have included individual item prices.

In response, Robert Vallerand mentioned that he had met with Fernand Lessard who had informed him that although the price of the meal was an important consideration in the tendering process, the prices of the “compléments à boîte à lunch”, or lunch box complements, were also taken into consideration when awarding the contract. Therefore, the criteria were two-fold: meal prices and item prices.

This precision should be reflected in the minutes of June 18, 2003.

### 030827-CA-0002

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2003-06-18, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as amended.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Steve Kmec, James McDougall, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Glen Haines, Grace Nesi

Steve Kmec indicated that the following correction should be made to the minutes of June 25, 2003, page 0907, item 6.3, “Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting” should read: Time: “20:44” and not “20:24”.

### 030827-CA-0003

Edward Turchniak MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2003-06-25, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Steve Kmec, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Natalie Auclair, Glen Haines

## 3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

## 4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reviewed the points in the attached letter from Marcus Tabachnick and Jeff Polenz reporting on a meeting with the Education Minister. See document: #SWLSB-2003/08/27-CA-0002.

### 4.1 *Recognition of Laval Catholic High School Handball Teams*

The Chairman commented on the numerous medals and trophies awarded to the Laval Catholic High School Handball Team over the years, and most notably, the teams' success at the international competition recently held in Puerto Rico. The Council recognized the achievements of the teams; the efforts of the coaches and parent volunteers were also recognized.

Awards were distributed to team members and photos were taken. A special dedication was made to the coaches, Tom Nagi and Jean-Paul Vanier. The pictures will be posted on the board's website.

## 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

### 5.1 *Ratification of Decisions Taken by the Executive Committee:*

The Deputy Director General explained that according to the By-law on the Delegation of Powers to the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may exercise all responsibility for the school board over the summer months, and that at the August meeting of the Council, the Council must ratify the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee.

#### 030827-CA-0004

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has exercised the functions and powers of the Council of Commissioners as delegated by resolution #010627-CA-0231, amended by resolution #030528-CA-0147 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 2003-07-08 and 2003-08-19;

Glen Haines 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 recommends that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board ratify the following resolutions:

#### 030708-CA-0003

*WHEREAS the Strategic Plan of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board calls for the provision of a wide variety of learning opportunities in its schools and centres in order that students may attain qualifications;*

*WHEREAS the Conseil regional de développement des Laurentides (CRD Laurentides) has formed a partnership with all school boards, as well as with Emploi-Québec, social affairs departments, and the two CEGEPS serving the Laurentian region;*

*WHEREAS this partnership seeks to ensure continuity of service to reduce the drop out rate in the Laurentian areas;*

*Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board agree to participate as one of the educational partners in an entente with the Conseil regional de développement des Laurentides (CRD Laurentides).*

*AND THAT an amount of 25 000\$, representing the financial contribution of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in this project, be set aside.*

*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**

#### 030708-HR-0004

*WHEREAS there were four vacant Vice-Principal positions to be filled;*

*WHEREAS a selection committee was formed for these positions made up of Commissioners, Directorate, Principals and parents;*

WHEREAS the Selection Committee was unanimous in its choice;

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Steve Bletas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the interim promotion of **Helen Kalipolidis** to the position of Vice-Principal, effective 2003-07-01, in accordance with Article 5-5.00 of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Collective Agreement and her individual contract; AND THAT she be assigned to **Terry Fox Elementary School**.

**Carried unanimously**

**030708-HR-0005**

WHEREAS there were four vacant Vice-Principal positions to be filled;

WHEREAS a selection committee was formed for these positions made up on Commissioners, Directorate, Principals and parents;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee was unanimous in its choice;

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Suzanne Longpré** to the position of Vice-Principal, effective 2003-07-01, in accordance with the Regulation Respecting the Conditions of Employment of Management Staff of School Boards and the Management Policy of the Board; AND THAT she be assigned to **Crestview Elementary School**.

**Carried unanimously**

**030708-HR-0006**

WHEREAS there were four vacant Vice-Principal positions to be filled;

WHEREAS a selection committee was formed for these positions made up on Commissioners, Directorate, Principals and parents;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee was unanimous in its choice;

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Darlene Miller**, as a replacement for Anne-Marie Breault, to the position of Vice-Principal, effective 2003-07-01 to 2004-06-30, in accordance with the Regulation Respecting the Conditions of Employment of Management Staff of School Boards and the Management Policy of the Board; AND THAT she be assigned to **McCaig Elementary School**.

**Carried unanimously**

**030708-HR-0007**

WHEREAS there were four vacant Vice-Principal positions to be filled;

WHEREAS a selection committee was formed for these positions made up on Commissioners, Directorate, Principals and parents;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee was unanimous in its choice;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the interim promotion of **Daniel Tremblay** to the position of Vice-Principal, effective 2003-07-01, 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 **St-Paul Elementary School**.

**Carried unanimously**

**030708-HR-0008**

WHEREAS there is a need to transfer a Principal and there is a need to fill a vacancy at Joliette High School and to maintain the current assignment of a Vice-Principal;

WHEREAS the Policy #2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrator's Association permits the Director General, as per sub-section 2.3.3, to fill vacancies after 1 May annually;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board modify resolution #030423-HR-0131 by removing the name of Robert Bennett; AND THAT **Douglas Morrison** be promoted to the position of Principal of Joliette High School, effective 2003-07-09.

AND THAT **Robert Bennett** be assigned as Vice-Principal at Laval Catholic High School, effective 2003-07-09

AND FURTHER THAT **Tony Sciaraffa** maintain his 2002-2003 assignment as Vice-Principal of Sacred Heart Middle School for the 2003-2004 school year

**Carried unanimously**

**030708-MR-0012**

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

WHEREAS it is necessary to demolish the existing portables at Joliette High School;

WHEREAS these portables have served as classrooms over the past 28 years and have no resale value;

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of Material Resources to proceed with the demolition of the portables at Joliette High School.

AND THAT the portables be removed from the buildings and equipment inventory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

**Carried unanimously**

**030708-IT-0016**

WHEREAS the council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has authorized a partnership with the Commission scolaire des Laurentides within the program "Villages branchés du Québec" for the addition of fibre links to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Fibre Network (resolution #021023-IT-025);

WHEREAS the construction is already completed within planned costs for Arundel elementary school, Sainte-Agathe Academy, Sainte-Adèle elementary school and Morin Heights elementary school, and furthermore that representatives of the Commission scolaire des Laurentides confirms that the small balance of the project will also be completed shortly within planned costs;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire des Laurentides has issued a preliminary invoice in the amount of 300 000\$ to be paid under the 2002-2003 budget, 200 000\$ being financed under the "Villages branchés" program and 100 000 \$ assumed by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec has already confirmed an amount of 215 558\$ as its related contribution to the project of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (reference: letter from Sylvain Simard to Steve Bletas, on 2003, March 26);

WHEREAS the required 2002-2003 budget has been reserved for the portion of the project to be assumed by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, that the Executive Committee accepts the preliminary invoice in the amount of 300 000\$ to be paid under the 2002-2003 budget, 200 000\$ being financed under the "Villages branchés" program and 100 000 \$ assumed by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

**Carried unanimously**

**030819-CA-0038**

Carolyn Curiale *MOVED THAT*, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board modify resolution #030618-CA-0184, adopted by the Council of Commissioners at its regular meeting held on 2003-06-18, by replacing the words "operating costs and administration costs" with the word "costs".

**Carried unanimously**

**030819-MR-0042**

*WHEREAS* the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to undertake a renovation/construction project at Joliette High School;

*WHEREAS* public tenders were called for architect services;

*WHEREAS* a selection committee has studied and evaluated all architectural tenders received and prepared a recommendation;

Mike Possian *MOVED THAT*, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of **Durand-Bergeron**, Architects, to prepare the architectural specifications, drawings, and tendering documentation for the Joliette High School renovation/construction project at the cost of 114,208\$, taxes included.

**Carried unanimously**

**030819-MR-0043**

*WHEREAS* the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to undertake a renovation/construction project at Joliette High School;

*WHEREAS* public tenders were called for consulting mechanical and electrical engineering services;

*WHEREAS* a selection committee has studied and evaluated all consulting engineer tenders received and prepared a recommendation;

Linda Iaconetti *MOVED THAT*, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of **Dessau Soprin**, consulting mechanical and electrical engineers, to prepare the mechanical and electrical engineering specifications, drawings, and tendering documentation for the Joliette High School renovation/construction project at the cost of 58 068\$, taxes included.

**Carried unanimously**

**030819-MR-0044**

*WHEREAS* the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to undertake a renovation/construction project at Joliette High School;

*WHEREAS* public tenders were called for consulting civil and structural engineering services;

*WHEREAS* a selection committee has studied and evaluated all consulting engineer tenders received and prepared a recommendation;

Edward Turchyniak *MOVED THAT*, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of **Pasquin St-Jean & Associés**, consulting civil and structural engineers, to prepare the civil and structural engineering specifications, drawings, and tendering documentation for the Joliette High School renovation/construction project at the cost of 40 984\$, taxes included.

**030819-MR-0045**

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 a general contractor for the construction project;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation regulations require that the general contractor 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 general contractor;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board call for public tenders for the services of a general contractor for the "Repentigny" Elementary School project.

Carried unanimously

**030819-IT-0050**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #021023-IT-0025 authorizing a partnership with the Commission scolaire des Samares within the program "Villages branchés du Québec" for the addition of fibre links to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Fibre Optic Network;

WHEREAS the preliminary analysis report for the construction of the Commission scolaire des Samares fibre network, including the service requests from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, has been submitted by XIT Telecommunications on June 7, 2003 and accepted by the Commission scolaire des Samares;

WHEREAS this preliminary analysis report respects the requirements of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to service Joliette Elementary School, Joliette High School and Rawdon Elementary and Middle School;

WHEREAS the total project value for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is estimated at 148 506\$ (excluding taxes);

WHEREAS the total project value excludes the purchase of telecommunication equipment (converters and switches) and the availability of fibre optic trunks required to link the Commission scolaire des Samares and the Commission scolaire des Affluents networks in order to link the schools of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to its corporate network;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is entitled to an allocation representing 66 2/3 % of the total cost under the program "Villages branchés du Québec", reducing the cost assumed by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to 49 502 \$ (excluding taxes);

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire des Samares is currently considering an exchange of fibres with the RISQ (Réseau d'Informations Scientifiques du Québec) in order to reduce construction costs, including the purchase of existing fibre optic trunks required to link the Commission scolaire des Samares and the Commission scolaire des Affluents networks;

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the preliminary analysis report approved by the Commission scolaire des Samares involving a financial participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board not exceeding 148 506 \$ (taxes excluded) for the construction of fibre optic links serving the three (3) schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board located on the Commission scolaire des Samares territory;

AND THAT the Commission scolaire des Samares be mandated to act as project manager for the construction of the fibre optic network, to prepare required tenders with respect to the new rules given by the government for the construction of such a fibre optic network and to finalize all required contracts;

AND THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board endorse the turnkey approach for the completion of the fibre optic network as proposed by the Commissions scolaire des Samares;

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AND FURTHER THAT the Commission scolaire des Samares be mandated to negotiate for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board the purchase of existing fibre trunks required to link the Commission scolaire des Samares and the Commission scolaire des Affluents networks in order to link the schools of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board with its corporate network.

**Carried unanimously**

**030827-CA-0005**

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the resolutions be separated and voted upon individually.

**THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

**NAY :** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Glen Haines, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST :** Linda Gagnon, Nick Milas

Vote on original motion 030827-CA-0004:

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY :** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

In response to a question from Walter Fogel with regard to resolution 030708-CA-0003, the Director General indicated that the 25 000 \$, which represents the financial contribution of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the project, would be set aside from the revised budget and would support the objectives of the Board's strategic plan.

In answer to a further question by WalterFogel regarding the same resolution, the Deputy Director General informed the Council that Mireille Ménard and he would represent the board as educational partners in an entente with the Conseil régional de développement des Laurentides (CRD Laurentides).

In reference to the resolution on the demolition of portables, Walter Fogel inquired as to the cost of the demolition of the portable units at Joliette High School. The Deputy Director General mentioned that it was a job that would be done in a very short period and the cost would be between 5 000\$ to 8 000\$. Furthermore, the cost would be integrated into a renovation grant of 2.5 million dollars authorized by the MEQ.

**5.2 Update on Holy Rosary Elementary School Septic System:**

In response to a question from a previous meeting regarding the septic tanks, the Director General explained that following verification with engineers, the present septic system was installed in 1992 and is good for a period of 25 to 30 years with a capacity for 450 people. Therefore, the capacity for the building and the tanks are within the norm. In addition, the tanks are serviced twice a year, in June and December, thus exceeding what is required by regulation or law. The septic system is operating at optimum capacity.

As for the odors in the area, there is no evidence of seepage or overflow from the school's septic system. The smell may come from other systems in the area. The stream behind the school may contribute to those odors.

**5.3 ACE Revenues:**

**5.4 Rules of Order and Procedure – Duration of Meetings:**

The Deputy Director General explained that Commissioner Fogel had suggested that the by-law regarding the duration of meetings be respected or that the Board amend it to include a later hour or keep the status quo. Robert Vallerand mentioned that amending the by-law at this point in time is not recommended as it becomes rather complicated given the time frame involved in order to give notice to the newspaper. Therefore, status quo will be maintained until the constitution of a new council of commissioners.

**5.5 Commissioners Workshop on Evaluation:**

The Director General explained that as this is a topic of information in order to promote awareness of MEQ and board policies on evaluation, it was preferable to postpone this item to after the school board elections in order to include new commissioners.

**5.6 Modification to Resolution - 030625-MR-0219 – Transfer of Land:**

The Deputy Director General spoke to this resolution. He explained that a number of meetings had been held to examine the protocol and to conclude the final agreement regarding the land behind Laval Catholic High School.

At the request of the Ministry of Education, the resolution should read “disposal of land” rather than “transfer of land”. An additional paragraph is to be added to resolution 030625-MR-0219 as per the Ministry’s request.

**030827-MR-0006**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has provided an opinion that the wording of resolution #030625-MR-0219 should read “disposal of property” rather than “transfer of property”;

WHEREAS the Ministry has also requested an additional paragraph requesting the school board to seek authorization from the Minister to proceed with the disposal of land to Commission scolaire de Laval for lot number 2 851 615, for a total surface area of 35 868,5 square meters, located east of Laval Catholic High School, as presented in Document #SWLSB-2003/06/25-MR-001. Such paragraph will read:

*“AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Deputy Director General request authorization from the Minister of Education to proceed with the disposal of the designated lots in favour of the Commission scolaire de Laval.”*

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT on the recommendation of the Directorate resolution #030625-MR-0219 be modified as per the revisions requested by the Ministry.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

**030625-MR-0219**

WHEREAS Provisional Council 50-05 (Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board) and 13-01 (Commission scolaire de Laval) respectively adopted resolutions #980217-0076 and CP-97/98-101 concerning the exchange of buildings;

WHEREAS Provisional Council 50-05 (Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board) and 13-01 (Commission scolaire de Laval) respectively adopted resolutions #971216-0043 and CP-97/98-2005 concerning the disposal of land attached to Laval Catholic High School;

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WHEREAS after a series of negotiations, an agreement in principle was reached between representatives of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and Commission scolaire de Laval concerning the division of a property located east of Laval Catholic High School;

WHEREAS this agreement represents a fair compromise between both parties;

WHEREAS the working group of the Council of Commissioners of Commission scolaire de Laval met on 2003-05-14 and supported the agreement;

Mike Possian MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board enter into an agreement with Commission scolaire de Laval for the **disposal** of lot number 2 851 615, for a total surface area of 35 868.5 square meters, located east of Laval Catholic High School, as presented in Document #SWLSB-2003/06/25-MR-001.

AND THAT this transaction be done without any equalization payment from either party.

AND THAT the Deputy Director General be mandated to proceed with the transaction and prepare all documents required for the registration of this **disposal**;

**AND THAT the Deputy Director General request authorization from the Minister of Education to proceed with the disposal of the designated lots in favour of the Commission scolaire de Laval;**

AND FURTHER THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this transaction.

#### **5.7 Modification to Resolution on Daycare :**

##### **030827-CA-0007**

Walter Fogel MOVED TO MODIFY resolution 030618-CA-0184 on page 0887 of the minutes of the June 18, 2003 Council meeting, by replacing the words "day care services" by "before and after school services".

##### **030827-CA-0008**

Edward Turchyniak MOVED TO TABLE this resolution to the September meeting.

**THIS MOTION TO TABLE WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING  
DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Glen Haines, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

Walter Fogel inquired as to the cost of the retirement dinner referred to on page 0891 of the June 18, 2003 Council minutes. This item will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting under the section "Business Arising".

## **6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

### **6.1 2004 QESBA/AAESQ Spring Conference:**

The Deputy Director General informed the Council that an agreement had been signed for Lorne Elliot and that a contract would be brought forward to the Board for signature regarding the Boogie

Woogie Wonder Band. A meeting will be scheduled for the 2004 Spring Conference Steering Committee some time in September.

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## **6.2 BBQ Update:**

The Director General reminded commissioners that invitations to the BBQ had been placed in their mail slots. The Mayor of Rosemère, Monique Richer, was expected to attend. The budget for this event was approximately 4 000 \$ and financial contributions received by suppliers were to be applied to the expenses incurred.

## **7.0 QESBA**

### **7.1 Report of the QESBA:**

There was no report as no meeting had yet been held.

### **7.2 Report from 2003 CSBA Conference:**

Carolyn Curiale commented on her trip to the CSBA Conference that was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba from July 3 to July 5, 2003. She reported on David Zinger, the July 4, 2003 Luncheon Speaker as well as the various workshops she attended. Her report was a partial one, as it was to be complemented by reports from various commissioners who attended different workshops.

The Council entered into discussion regarding the relevance and applications of distance education within our school board.

## **8.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES**

### **8.1 Update on Projects:**

The Director General commented on the summer projects and reported that they will be completed on time. A remaining few will be done in September with no impact on students or their schooling.

## **9.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

### **9.1 Update on Financial Turnaround Plan:**

The Director General informed the Council that both the Director of Finance and himself had met with representatives from the Ministry's Financial Resources in order to discuss elements of the financial turnaround plan and to understand the Board's commitment to that plan. Subsequent to this meeting, the Board received confirmation that the MEQ will pay 100% of the consultant's fees and not 75% as previously agreed to. Total fees amounted to 165 758 \$. The Finance Department indicates that the plan is on track so far and the board needs to build on that practice throughout the year.

The Director of Finance informed the Council that the auditors will begin their audit in September.

A revised budget will be prepared based on the September 30<sup>th</sup> enrolment figures.

## **10.0 HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **10.1 Engagement of Director of Material Resources:**



William Pollock MOVED THAT, on recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board promote temporarily **Luciana Cifarelli** to the position of Interim Vice-Principal (for the duration of the absence of the Vice-Principal), effective 2003-08-18, in accordance with Article 5-5.00 of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Collective Agreement and her individual contract; AND THAT she be assigned to **Laval Catholic High School**.

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THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: **Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Glen Haines, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Edward Turchyniak**

NAY : **Walter Fogel**

ABST: **Morten Schrier**

## **11.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **11.1 Advisory Committee on Special Education:**

#### **030827-ED-0012**

WHEREAS the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Services to Handicapped Students and Students with Social Maladjustments or Learning Difficulties has requested that parent alternates be named so as to ensure good parental participation;

WHEREAS it is within the purview of the Council of Commissioners to set the members of this committee, as prescribed by sections 185 and 186 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter 1-13.3);

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board amend resolution #980401-0104, adopted by the Provisional Council of English Language School Board 50-05, by adding at the end of the resolution the following:

*“AND THAT the parent members may be replaced by parent alternates as chosen by the Parents’ Committee;*

*AND FURTHER THAT the parent alternates will sit on the committee with full voting privileges when replacing a parent member.”*

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Walter Fogel MOVED TO AMEND the resolution so that the last paragraph reads: *AND FURTHER THAT the parent alternates will sit on the committee ~~with~~ and will have full voting privileges when replacing a parent member.”*

Grace Nesi accepted the amendment.

**Carried unanimously as amended.**

Mr. Richard Perrier also requested that the existence of the Advisory Committee on Services to Handicapped Students and Students with Social Maladjustments or Learning Difficulties be posted on the board’s Web site.

### **11.2 Laptop Project:**

Steve Kmec questioned the validity of the project since laptops cannot be taken home at the present time due to the fact that they are not yet insured off-premises. To date, no insurance company has been found to insure the laptops.

Commissioners entered into discussion regarding whether or not the computers should be taken home regardless of whether or not they were insured off-premises.

Commissioners were reminded that many objectives of the laptop project remain pertinent and are not compromised by whether or not the students are allowed to bring the laptops home.

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The Director General informed commissioners that the 3-day electrical shut-down in Ontario affected the delivery date for the computers as IBM was inoperative during that time. The delivery will be delayed by approximately 2 weeks and should be delivered around September 12<sup>th</sup>.

A further report on the laptop project will be presented at the next meeting of the Executive Committee and a discussion and possible direction on the "taking the computers home" will take place at the next meeting of the Information Technology Committee.

## **12.0 USE OF SCHOOLS**

### **12.1 Update on 2003-2004 Enrolment:**

The Deputy Director General drew the Council's attention to the latest enrolment figures that were included in the handouts. Enrolment exceeds projections despite falling birth rates. This will have an eventual impact on our physical plants as current registration is over 14 000 students. So far, the schools can manage in terms of space; however, certain classes will be over maximum.

In response to a question from Carolyn Curiale, the Director General explained that the figures indicated for Phoenix Alternative School are misleading as approximately 50 students are not yet registered in the program but are in the board's other secondary schools at the present time. We would like to avoid double counting of these students.

## **13.0 PARENTS' COMMITTEE**

### **13.1 Parents' Committee Report:**

There was no report as no meeting had yet been held.

## **14.0 TRANSPORTATION**

### **14.1 STL Service in Laval West:**

The Deputy Director General explained that changes to the bus routes had affected service for Sacred Heart Middle School students west of Autoroute 13. A solution had been found that required an additional bus for the Laval-sur-le-Lac and Laval West sectors and a second bus for the Ste-Dorothee sector. Students residing in the Ste-Rose Boulevard corridor of the Fabreville Sector between Arthur Sauvé Boulevard and Autoroute 13 will use bus 53, which is a direct line to the Carrefour terminal located behind the school. All parents concerned were contacted by the board on August 26<sup>th</sup>, and were informed of the new busing arrangements. Parents responded that this procedure did not present a problem.

## **15.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

There was no business to be concluded.

#### **16.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

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#### **17.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

Walter Fogel drew the Council's attention to the letter from the Ville de Mascouche dated July 18, 2003. The Deputy Director General informed the Council that a meeting was scheduled for September 16 with the Director General of the Ville de Mascouche to discuss the matter.

#### **18.0 VARIA**

There was no business to be concluded.

#### **19.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Mike Possian MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 22:02 hours.**

**NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2003-09-24**

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**Robert Vallerand, Secretary General**

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**Steve Bletas, Chairman**