

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2003-11-26

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, QC on Wednesday, 2003-11-26 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Linda Iaconetti, Parent Commissioner; and Giordano Rosa-del-Vecchio, Director General.

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

Absent: William Pollock, Commissioner.

The Secretary General called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

7.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

7.5 *New Election – Electoral Division #11*INFO

8.0 TRANSPORTATION:

8.1 *Attendance Zones – Holy Rosary, Lewis King & 'Repentigny' Elementary Schools*RES

031126-CA-0035

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #2003/11/26-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 REPORT OF RETURNING OFFICER

Robert Vallerand, Returning Officer, presented his election report to the new Council of Commissioners noting that five electoral divisions were elected by acclamation and fourteen held elections. The election process resulted in thirteen Commissioners being elected.

He went on to advise that there was a tie in electoral division #11. A recount was held by the Returning Officer in the presence of both candidates, their representatives, the Assistant Returning Officer and the Secretary of Elections on the night of the election and the results were still a tie. A request for a judicial recount was submitted to the Cour du Québec in Laval on 2003-11-20 and accepted by the judge. The judicial recount was held on 2003-11-24 at the Cour du Québec in Laval and the judge ruled that the electoral tie was to be maintained.

As per section 156 of "An Act respecting school elections" the Returning Officer informed the Council that a new election would be held on Sunday, 2004-02-01.

He went on to note that a public notice on the declaration of election would be appearing in the Montreal Gazette on 2003-11-27 and in local newspapers in the week of 2003-11-24.

He stated that all members of the Council of Commissioners had made their respective oath of office and signed their respective declaration of interest forms all in accordance with "An Act respecting school elections" and the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

He advised the Council that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board had the highest voter turnout in the Greater Montreal area.

The Returning Officer extended his appreciation to all members of the elections staff noting specifically Eddy McGrath, George Paquette, Augy Santini, Michael Stirrup, Jocelyne Thompson-Ness and the staff of Information Technology.

He extended his congratulations to all the newly elected Council members and to all others who ran as candidates to support the democratic process.

He asked the new Council to introduce themselves to all present.

He also introduced the Directors, the Principals present, the Information Officer, the President and Executive of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association, the President of the Laurier Teachers' Union and the Chairman of the Parents Committee.

In closing, the Returning Officer reminded the Council and all candidates the all election expenses must be submitted within 90 days after the elections, therefore, expense reports are due no later than 2004-02-14.

3.0 ELECTIONS

3.1 *Nomination of Chairperson – Returning Officer for Elections:*

The Deputy Director General called for nominations to the position of Chairperson/Returning Officer for Elections.

Walter Fogel nominated Robert Vallerand to the position of Chairperson/Returning Officer for Elections. Mr. Vallerand accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

031126-CA-0036

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

031126-CA-0037

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT Robert Vallerand be appointed Chairperson/Returning Officer of Elections.

Carried unanimously

3.2 *Nominations for Scrutineers for Elections:*

Mr. Vallerand called for nominations to the positions of scrutineers.

Steve Kmec nominated Effie Maniatis and George Paquette to the positions of Scrutineers for the elections. Mrs. Maniatis and Mr. Paquette accepted the nomination.

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There were no further nominations.

031126-CA-0038

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

031126-CA-0039

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT Effie Maniatis and George Paquette be appointed as the Scrutineers for the Elections.

Carried unanimously

3.3 Elections Procedures:

Mr. Vallerand reviewed the election procedures and inquired if the Council wished to vote by a show of hands or secret ballot.

031126-CA-0040

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the voting process be conducted as a secret ballot.

Carried unanimously

031126-CA-0041

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the election procedures be accepted as presented in document #SWLSB-2003/11/26-CA-002.

Carried unanimously

3.4 Nominations & Election of the Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners:

Mr. Vallerand called for nominations to the position of Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Edward Turchyniak nominated Steve Bletas to the position of Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Mr. Bletas accepted the nomination.

Steve Kmec nominated Walter Fogel to the position of Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Mr. Fogel accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

031126-CA-0042

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

031126-CA-0043

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT Steve Bletas be named as Chairman of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri,

ABST:

Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

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Mr. Bletas assumed the chair and thanked the Council for its vote of confidence.

3.5 Nominations & Election of the Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners:

The Chairman called for nominations to the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Peter MacLaurin nominated Carolyn Curiale to the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Mrs. Curiale accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

031126-CA-0044

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

The Chairman declared Mrs. Curiale elected to the position of Vice-Chair by acclamation.

031126-CA-0045

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT Carolyn Curiale be named as Vice-Chair of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

ABST:

Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

Mrs. Curiale assumed the Vice-Chair position at the table and thanked everyone for their support.

4.0 NOMINATION & ELECTION OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

4.1 Composition of the Executive Committee:

The Deputy Director reviewed the options for the composition of the Executive Committee.

031126-CA-0046

WHEREAS section 179 of the Education Act requires that the Council of Commissioners establish an Executive Committee of from five (5) to seven (7) of its members entitled to vote, including the Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners and any Commissioner representing the Parents' Committee;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners determines the term of office of the members of the committee;

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish an Executive Committee composed of seven (7) of its members entitled to vote, including the Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners and Parent Commissioners.

Carried unanimously

4.2 Term of Office of the Executive Committee:

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that the term of the Executive Committee could be between 1 and 4 years.

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The Council entered into discussion.

Merle Parkinson suggested that the term of the Executive Committee be on a rotational basis like the Governing Boards.

Discussion continued.

031126-CA-0047

Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT the term of office for the Executive Committee be on a rotational basis; AND THAT three Commissioners be elected as members for one year and the other three Commissioners be elected as members for a two year term with annual rotation.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Merle Parkinson, Morten Schrier

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

031126-CA-0048

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the term of office for the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be a two (2) year mandate.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony de Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

4.3 Reaffirmation Procedure #P2000-CA-07: Executive Committee Election Procedures:

The Council entered into discussion and it was agreed that voting for seats on the Executive Committee would be by secret ballot.

031126-CA-0049

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reaffirm resolution # 000620-CA-0289 adopting procedure #P2000-CA-07: Executive Committee Elections Procedures.

Carried unanimously

4.4 Nominations & Election to the Executive Committee:

Walter Fogel nominated Robert Vallerand to the position of Returning Officer for Elections and Effie Maniatis and George Paquette as Scrutineers. Mr. Vallerand, Mrs. Maniatis and Mr. Paquette accepted the nominations.

There were no further nominations.

031126-CA-0050

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

**Carried unanimously
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031126-CA-0051

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT Robert Vallerand be appointed Returning Officer of Elections; AND THAT Effie Maniatis and George Paquette be appointed as Scrutineers.

Carried unanimously

031126-CA-0052

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT a vote on the cease of nominations be abandoned.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Tony De Lauri, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier
NAY: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

Mr. Vallerand advised the Council that he had received a letter from William Pollock, who could not be present this evening, indicating that if his name was put forth to the Executive Committee or any of the Statutory Committees of the board that he would accept these nominations in abstentia.

Robert Vallerand called for nominations for seat #1 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

David McKinley nominated Edward Turchyniak. Mr. Turchyniak accepted the nomination.

Georges Benoit nominated Natalie Auclair. Mrs. Auclair accepted the nomination.

Steve Kmec nominated Walter Fogel. Mr. Fogel accepted the nomination.

Carolyn Curiale nominated Nancy Rupnik. Mrs. Rupnik accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

031126-CA-0053

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony de Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak
NAY: Walter Fogel

031126-CA-0054

David McKinley MOVED THAT Edward Turchyniak be named to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony de Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY:

Walter Fogel

ABST:

Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

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Mr. Vallerand called for nominations for seat #2 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Georges Benoit nominated Natalie Auclair. Mrs. Auclair accepted the nomination.

Steve Kmec nominated Robert Dixon. Mr. Dixon declined the nomination.

Walter Fogel nominated Merle Parkinson. Mrs. Parkinson declined the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

031126-CA-0055

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY:

Walter Fogel

ABST:

Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

Mr. Vallerand declared Natalie Auclair elected to seat #2 of the Executive Committee by acclamation.

031126-CA-0056

Georges Benoit MOVED THAT Natalie Auclair be named to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY:

Walter Fogel

ABST:

Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

Mr. Vallerand called for nominations for seat #3 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Peter MacLaurin nominated Grace Nesi. Mrs. Nesi accepted the nomination.

Morten Schrier nominated Walter Fogel. Mr. Fogel declined the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

31126-CA-0057

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT nominations cease.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony de Lauri,

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

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Mr. Vallerand declared Grace Nesi elected to seat #3 of the Executive Committee by acclamation.

031126-CA-0058

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT Grace Nesi be named to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony de Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

Mr. Vallerand called for nominations for seat #4 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carolyn Curiale nominated Nancy Rupnik. Mrs. Rupnik accepted the nomination.

Morten Schrier nominated Steve Kmec. Mr. Kmec declined the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

031126-CA-0059

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT nominations cease.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

Mr. Vallerand declared Nancy Rupnik elected to seat #4 of the Executive Committee by acclamation.

031126-CA-0060

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT Nancy Rupnik be named to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

Mr. Vallerand called for nominations for seat #5 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Edward Turchyniak nominated William Pollock. Mr. Pollock accepted the nomination in abstentia.

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In response to a question from Walter Fogel, Mr. Vallerand advised that Mr. Pollock had taken his oath of office on Monday, 2003-11-24.

In response to a statement from Steve Kmec, Mr. Vallerand noted that in accordance with the law it is necessary for a newly elected Commissioner to take an oath of office within thirty days of being elected but it does not state where that Commissioner should take this oath.

Morten Schrier nominated Walter Fogel. Mr. Fogel declined the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

031126-CA-0061

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT nominations cease.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony de Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

Mr. Vallerand declared William Pollock elected to seat #5 of the Executive Committee by acclamation.

031126-CA-0062

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT William Pollock be named to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony de Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

Mr. Vallerand called for nominations for seat # 6 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Nazario Facchino nominated Nick Milas. Mr. Milas accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

031126-CA-0063

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

ABST: Steve Kmec

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Mr. Vallerand declared Nick Milas elected to seat #6 of the Executive Committee by acclamation

031126-CA-0064

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT Nick Milas be named to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

ABST: Steve Kmec

031126-CA-0065

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the ballots be destroyed.

Carried unanimously

031126-CA-0066

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the following be named to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee:

Natalie Auclair
Steve Bletas
Nick Milas
Grace Nesi
William Pollock
Nancy Rupnik
Edward Turchyniak

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

4.5 Proposed Procedure #P2003-CA-08: Standing Committee Procedures:

The Deputy Director General reviewed the proposed procedure for the Standing Committees of the Council of Commissioners noting that these committees contribute to the overall efficiency of the school board.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General advised that the parents of the school board do have representation on the Executive Committee through the Elementary and Secondary Parent Commissioners.

Natalie Auclair and Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 20:39 hours

Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:40 hours

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031126-CA-0067

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the sub-committees of the Executive Committee be stricken from the proposed procedure.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

NAY: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon

031126-CA-0068

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT section 2.0 of the proposed procedures be amended by adding the Adult Education & Technical Vocational Education Committee and Communications & Public Relations Committee to the list of Standing Committees of the Council of Commissioners.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

NAY: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Merle Parkinson

031126-CA-0069

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve Procedure #2003-CA-08: Standing Committee Procedures.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony de Lauri, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Steve Kmec

ABST: Robert Dixon, Walter Fogel, Merle Parkinson, Morten Schrier

Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:43 hours

4.6 Nominations & Election to Statutory Committees:

4.6.1 Ethics Review Committee:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the statutory committees prescribed by the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

In response to a request from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General advised that he had stated with respect to the Ethic Review Committee '...that the Ethics Review Committee looks into items referred to it by the Council of Commissioners'.

031126-CA-0070

WHEREAS the Provisional Council of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted a Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Commissioners (by-law 3-1997) on January 20, 1998 in accordance with section 175.1 of the Education Act (R.S.Q.c.I-13.3);

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WHEREAS in keeping with said by-law 3-1997, the Council of Commissioners must each year set up a Review Committee comprised of two (2) Commissioners, the Director General (co-ordinator), and one (1) substitute Commissioner to act as replacement in case of absence;

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Peter MacLaurin and William Pollock to the Ethics Review Committee for the 2003-2004 school year; AND THAT Carolyn Curiale be named as Alternate to the Ethics Review Committee for the 2003-2004 school year.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

ABST: Steve Kmec

4.6.2 Advisory Committee on Transportation:

The Coordinator of School Organization and Transportation provided the Council with an overview of the Advisory Committee on Transportation noting that it is made up of two Commissioners, one parent named by the Parents Committee, the STL and any other school board that the board may provide transportation. This committee meets once a year and discusses transportation contracts and school bus organization.

The Deputy Director General noted that this committee is very different from the Use of Schools & Other Facilities/Transportation Committee which looks at transportation issues versus organization.

031126-CA-0071

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Georges Benoit and Robert Dixon to the Advisory Committee on Transportation for the 2003-2004 school year; AND THAT Natalie Auclair and David McKinley be named as Alternates to the Advisory Committee on Transportation for the 2003-2004 school year.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

ABST: Steve Kmec

4.6.3 Appeals Review Committee:

The Deputy Director General explained the purpose of the Appeals Review Committee in accordance with sections 9 through 12 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

Natalie Auclair excused herself for the evening.

TIME: 20:55 hours

Nancy Rupnik left the meeting.

TIME: 20:55 hours

031126-CA-0072

Tony De Lauri MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reaffirms resolution #990120-CA-0176 establishing an Appeals Review Committee.

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THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Robert Dixon

Nancy Rupnik returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:57 hours

4.6.4 Nomination & Election to Appeals Review Committee:

031126-CA-0073

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the following Commissioners be named to the Appeals Review Committee:

Nazario Facchino
Peter MacLaurin
David McKinley
Nick Milas

Merle Parkinson
Nancy Rupnik
Edward Turchyniak

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

4.7 Establishment of Standing Committees:

The Deputy Director General explained the role of the Standing Committees of the Council of Commissioners, in particular that of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation.

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 21:01 hours

In response to a question from Linda Iaconetti, the Chairman advised that all commissioners are encouraged to attend meetings of the Standing Committees even if they are not a member of a particular committee.

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:03 hours

031126-CA-0074

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reaffirm resolution #991124-CA-0081 on the establishment and composition of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon,
Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David
McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward
Turchyniak

ABST: Morten Schrier

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031126-CA-0075

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish the following Committees:

Educational Services
Financial Resources
Human Resources
Information Technology
Material Resources
Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation

Carried unanimously

The Chairman called for nominations to the two seats on the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation for the Laval region.

Carolyn Curiale nominated Nick Milas. Mr. Milas accepted the nomination.

Nancy Rupnik nominated Grace Nesi. Mrs. Nesi declined the nomination.

Nancy Rupnik nominated Nazario Facchino. Mr. Facchino accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared Mr. Facchino and Mr. Milas appointed to the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation.

The Chairman called for nominations to the two seats on the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation for the Laurentian region.

Nazario Facchino nominated Edward Turchyniak. Mr. Turchyniak accepted the nomination.

Nick Milas nominated Georges Benoit. Mr. Benoit accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared Mr. Benoit and Mr. Turchyniak appointed to the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation.

The Chairman called for nominations to the seat on the Committee on the Use of Schools & Other Facilities / Transportation for the Lanaudière region.

Grace Nesi nominated Merle Parkinson. Mrs. Parkinson accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared Mrs. Parkinson appointed to the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation.

The Chairman called for nominations to the seat on the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation for the Deux-Montagnes region.

Carolyn Curiale nominated Nancy Rupnik. Mrs. Rupnik accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared Mrs. Rupnik appointed to the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation.

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The Chairman asked Linda Iaconetti as the only Parent Commissioners currently sitting on Council if she would sit as the Parent representative on the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation. Mrs. Iaconetti accepted the position.

031126-CA-0076

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has reaffirmed resolution #991124-CA-0081 on the establishment and composition of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities/Transportation;

Robert Dixon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the following commissioners to the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation:

- ◆ **Two(2) Commissioners representing Laval: N. Facchino, N. Milas**
- ◆ **Two(2) Commissioners representing the area north of the Mille Isles River: G. Benoit, E. Turchyniak**
- ◆ **One(1) Commissioner representing the Lanaudière region: M. Parkinson**
- ◆ **One(1) Commissioner representing the Lake of Two Mountains region: N. Rupnik**
- ◆ **One(1) Parent Commissioner: L. Iaconetti**

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

The Chairman inquired if the Council would accept the addition to the agenda of a Chairman's Report and a Director General's Report at this point in the meeting.

031126-CA-0077

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the agenda be amended to reflect the addition of a Chairman's Report and a Director General's Report.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

4.8 Chairman's Report:

The Chairman extended his thanks to the Council of Commissioners on his re-election to the chair of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and congratulated everyone on their election to the Council of Commissioners.

He went on to present several items of correspondence to the Council.

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He commented that much has transpired during the election period and noted that several election documents circulated during the election period have been referred to the school board lawyer as these electoral documents contained several defamatory allegations. The school board lawyer has advised that these electoral documents do indeed contain libellous material that discredits the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

He continued noting that the following persons had received a lawyer's letter requesting a written apology for the libellous election material: Walter Fogel, Ann Gillard, Edward Hale, Matthew Makridis, Graziella Manno and Albina Pace.

The Chairman read the lawyer's letter in to the minutes of the school board, as per document #2003-11-26-CA-002.

4.9 Director General's Report:

The Director General extended his congratulations to the Council of Commissioners, to Steve Bletas and Carolyn Curiale on their respective election as Commissioner, Chairman and Vice-Chair.

He went on to note that he is looking forward to having a productive term of office with the newly elected Council.

The Director General commended the Deputy Director General for all of his efforts in his assignment as Returning Officer for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in the recent election. He also commended all those involved who not only maintained their regular work load but also that of being electoral staff.

He went on to give his own views and opinions of his first year as Director General noting the following:

- that the Council of Commissioners governs while the Directorate executes;
- that in order to get things done for the future the cost is assumed in the present;
- that Commissioners and Directors sometimes go away to conferences in order to gain knowledge to be used to better the education of the students;
- that, although, people insinuate that the board does not consult, it is fact that the board has gone way beyond what has been required of it in its consultation procedure;
- that the board does not spend frivolously on things such as fibre optic networks and a new head office, as the students would not have the benefits of the information highway without the fibre

optic network and the employees of the Administrative Centre would not provide the exemplary work if housed in inadequate conditions;

- that he is grateful for the support of the Council;
- that he appreciates that opinions are placed on the table and discussed;
- that the school board does not need political wrangling, that cooperation and discussion is better in order to achieve what the students need.

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The Chairman advised the Council that a workshop would be held on Monday, 2003-12-08 to allow everyone to be brought up to speed on the work of each service, the Strategic Plan and other issues.

The Deputy Director General presented several noteworthy events that had taken place since the last meeting of the Council on 2003-09-24, such as:

- a second place win for a student at Genesis Elementary School, in a French writing contest sponsored by the Ville de Laval;
- the successful Terry Fox Runs throughout the school board;
- the achievements of the Morin Heights Elementary School cross-country team;
- the fashion show and the win of the Regional Championship by the juvenile boys soccer team at Laval Catholic High School;
- Western Laval High School presented a new award at its graduation, the 'Nicolas Makrozonaris Award' which was presented by the man it is named after; and
- the graduation of the first class of students to complete the cabinet making course at the Adult Education & Technical Vocation Centre in Laval.

5.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Linda Gagnon, a tax payer, on the issue of 'grandfathered' students at Lake of Two Mountains High School and the fact that they do not receive a subsidy for their transportation like other students who live in the Ville de Laval, the Director General advised that there may be some merit to her question on this issue and that he would look into the implications and cost and advise the Council.

The Chairman recognized Mike Possian and extended his appreciation on behalf of the Council for his participation during the 2002-2003 school year as Secondary Parent Commissioner.

The Chairman called for a ten minute recess.

TIME: 21:40 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 22:00 hours

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING

The was no business to be concluded.

7.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

7.1 Reaffirm By-Law #BL2000-CA-05: Date, Time & Place of Council Meetings:

The Deputy Director General reviewed By-Law #BL2000-CA-05: Date, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners.

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031126-CA-0078

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reaffirm by-law #2000-CA-05: Date, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, as adopted by resolution #000126-CA-0130 and amended by resolutions #010523-CA-0184 and #021127-CA-0041.

Carried unanimously

031126-CA-0079

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the Council meeting for the month of December be set for 2003-12-10, in accordance with 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

031126-CA-0080

Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be held at 19:30 hours in the Boardroom of the Administration Centre located at 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec on the following dates for the balance of the 2003-2004 school year:

2003-12-10	2004-01-28
	2004-02-25
	2004-03-24
	2004-04-28
	2004-05-26
	2004-06-23
	2004-06-30

Carried unanimously

7.2 Reaffirm By-Law #BL2000-CA-01: Functions & Powers to the Executive Committee:

The Deputy Director General reviewed By-Law #BL2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers to the Executive Committee.

031126-CA-0081

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reaffirm By-Law #BL2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers to the Executive Committee.

Carried unanimously

7.3 Reaffirm Policy #2000-CA-04: Rules of Order & Procedure for Council:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on Policy #2000-CA-04: Rules of Order & Procedure for Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carolyn Curiale proposed that resolutions 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 be combined.

On a 'point of information', Walter Fogel advised that when 'Robert's Rules of Order' were originally adopted by the Provisional Council when they had no other rules, therefore, it is not necessary for the Council to reaffirm the use of 'Robert's Rules of Order' as they have been replaced by a policy.

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The Council entered into discussion and agreed that it was not necessary to reaffirm the use of 'Robert's Rules of Order' as the policy uses them as a basis and refers to them as a reference for areas not covered by the policy. The resolution was withdrawn.

031126-CA-0082

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reaffirm resolution #000126-CA-0127 adopting policy #2000-CA-04: Rules of Order & Procedure for the Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

7.4 Nomination of a Returning Officer:

The Director General reminded the Council of the report of the Returning Officer made earlier in the meeting and the fact that it is necessary to run a new election in electoral division #11, therefore, he recommends that Robert Vallerand be appointed as Returning Officer for the new election.

Mr. Vallerand accepted the appointment.

031126-CA-0083

WHEREAS on November 16, 2003 in Electoral Division #11 there was a tie between candidates Linda Gagnon and Albina Pace with 157 votes each;

WHEREAS following the recount of the ballots by the Returning Officer the results remain unchanged;

WHEREAS following a judicial recount at the Cour du Québec in Laval (Québec) the results remain unchanged;

WHEREAS section 156 of "An Act respecting school elections" requires the Returning Officer to a set a date for a new election (by-election) to fill the vacant seat;

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Robert Vallerand** as Returning Officer for the new election in electoral division #11 at a date to be determined.

Carried unanimously

7.5 New Election – Electoral Division #11:

The Returning Officer reviewed the new election calendar and the notice of election noting that 'An Act respecting school elections' was amended on 2003-11-26 to allow for a new election period of

twenty-two days where a new election is necessary shortly after a regular school election. The law will apply as it does for a regular school elections, therefore, the electoral list will again be revised and a revision committee will be formed.

He went on to advise that he is recommending that the new election take place on Sunday, 2004-02-01 and that revision, advance polling and polling take place at Hillcrest Academy and Twin Oaks Elementary School.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Returning Officer advised that the law states that a returning officer must set the date thirty days following a judicial recount and that 2004-02-01 is the earliest date following the holiday season.

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In response to an additional question from Mr. Fogel, the Returning Officer advised that section 30.8 of 'An Act respecting school elections' empowers the Directeur général des élections to amend the law.

8.0 TRANSPORTATION

8.1 Attendance Zones – Holy Rosary, Lewis King & 'Repentigny' Elementary Schools:

The Coordinator of School Organization and Transportation presented the proposals for the attendance zones for Holy Rosary, Lewis King and 'Repentigny' Elementary Schools noting that the zones need to be in place before registration in February 2004.

He provided a brief overview of the three proposals for consultation noting that a new organizational structure will be looked at for Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chair and left the meeting. **TIME: 22:29 hours**

Steve Kmec left the meeting. **TIME: 22:30 hours**

Walter Fogel advised that it was 22:30 hours.

031126-CA-0084

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the meeting be extended for fifteen minutes.

Carried unanimously

Steve Kmec returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:32 hours

The Coordinator of School Organization & Transportation continued noting that a meeting will be held on 2003-12-03 with the Governing Boards of Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools and the representatives of the Repentigny parents. He also advised that on 2004-02-12 a special meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held to adopt the new attendance zone for the three schools. Registration will take place the week of 2004-02-16.

The Council entered into discussion.

031126-TS-0085

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has authorized the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to construct an English elementary school in Repentigny;

WHEREAS the functional capacity for that school has been established at a maximum of 454 students;

WHEREAS the "Repentigny" Elementary School is scheduled to open for the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year;

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle, options 1, 2 and 3 for the establishment of attendance zones for Holy Rosary, Lewis King and "Repentigny" Elementary Schools subject to a 60-day public consultation period to take place between November 27th, 2003 and February 10th, 2004 at which time comments, suggestions and reactions from all interested parties will be received.

**Carried unanimously
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9.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

9.1 Villages Branches:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the Villages branchés project with Commission scolaire des Samares.

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:39 hours

The Council entered into discussion.

On a "point of order", Walter Fogel advised that revisiting the issue of extending the meeting for an additional period was not permitted within the same meeting.

031126-CA-0086

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the meeting extended for an additional fifteen minutes.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Steve Kmec

ABST: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Deputy Director General advised that the funds for this Villages branchés project with Commission scolaire des Samares had been budgeted within the capital budget.

On a 'point of order', Nick Milas called for the vote.

031126-IT-0087

WHEREAS the original call for tenders based on a turnkey approach proposed by Commission scolaire des Samares for the construction of the fibre optic network was cancelled because of the decision of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission CRTC 2003-59 «directing Bell Canada to apply the terms and conditions of the general tariff, when approved, in its customer-specific special facilities tariffs for dark fibre projects»;

Georges Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board confirm that the mandates given to Commission scolaire des Samares, by resolution # 030819-IT-0050 adopted by the Executive Committee, are maintained;

AND THAT Commission scolaire des Samares be mandated to proceed with the various calls for tenders and the awarding of contracts required for the realisation of the project as per an engineering construction process and in keeping with the regulations in effect for all projects submitted under program "Villages branchés du Québec", understanding that the Commission scolaire des Samares, in case of cost overrun, will inform the Commission scolaire Sir Wilfrid Laurier in a timely manner.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Steve Kmec

ABST: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

The Chairman resumed the chair.

TIME: 22:49 hours

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10.0 QESBA

10.1 Report of the QESBA :

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the October 2003 highlights of the Québec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and advised that its next meeting would be in January 2004.

10.2 QESBA Insurance:

The Deputy Director General advised that if any Commissioner was interested in the QESBA insurance package to complete the memo attached to the insurance information and return it to Jocelyne Thompson-Ness as soon as possible.

11.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

The Director of Material Resources circulated pictures of the construction of the new school in Repentigny.

The Chairman advised the Council that the ground-breaking ceremony for the new school in Repentigny would take place on Thursday, 2003-12-11 at 14:00 hours.

12.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

12.1 Update on Financial Turnaround Plan:

The Director of Financial Resources advised that that audit has been completed, the revised budget will be ready for presentation in January 2004 and that the turnaround plan is operating as planned.

12.2 2002-2003 Financial Statements & Auditors Report:

The Director of Financial Resources noted that the 2002-2003 Financial Statements would be presented at the 2003-12-10 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

13.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

There was no business to be concluded.

14.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

There was no business to be concluded.

15.0 USE OF SCHOOLS

There was no business to be concluded.

16.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

16.1 Parents' Committee Report:

Linda Iaconetti report on the 2003-11-06 meeting of the Parents Committee noting that she had been re-elected as Elementary Parent Commissioner.

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She went on to advise the Council that the Secondary Parent Commissioner has not yet been elected as all of the secondary delegates are new to the position, but it is hoped that one will be elected at the 2003-12-04 meeting of the committee.

Morten Schrier excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:53 hours

Mrs. Iaconetti reported that the Parents Committee had elected nine parents and three alternates to the Advisory Committee on Special Education. She advised that the Parents Committee has passed a resolution, which she read that requests the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to provide a separate budget to the Advisory Committee on Special Education. It also adopted resolutions to continue sponsoring its 'Outstanding Effort Award' to the schools and its donation to the library of each school, that the committee has asked for and received an extension on the consultation on the 2004-2005 enrollment criteria, and that there will be a sub-committee with Educational Services to study student fees.

In response to a concern expressed by Walter Fogel on the enrollment criteria, the Director General stated that it was necessary for him to go ahead with the process as there has not been a Council meeting since September and in order to meet the registration deadline the process had to commence.

The Council entered into discussion.

The Chairman requested that the 2004-2005 enrollment criteria be sent out to all Council members on 2003-11-27.

Walter Fogel excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 23:01 hours

17.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

18.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reminded the Council of the workshop for commissioners on 2003-12-08.

19.0 VARIA

There was no varia.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Merle Parkinson MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:02 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2003-12-10

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman