

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2004-02-12

A Special 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 Tuesday, 2004-02-12 at 20:00 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Natalie Auclair, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, and Morten Schrier, Commissioners; Linda Iaconetti and Sandra Rouleau, 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; 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: Georges Benoit, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Merle Parkinson and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:42 hours.

The Chairman welcomed Albina Pace, the new Commissioner for electoral division 11.

1.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

1.1 *Report of the Returning Officer:*

The Returning Officer advised the Council of the election results of the 2004-02-01 poll noting that Albina Pace had been elected by a majority vote. He went on to state that Mrs. Pace was sworn in prior to the meeting, and that she is not in conflict of interest nor is she associated with any Governing Board of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Nick Milas entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:45 hours

2.0 USE OF SCHOOLS / TRANSPORTATION

2.1 *School Attendance Zones for Lanaudière South:*

The Chairman advised that the consultation on the use of the schools in Lanaudière south had been entered into on 2003-11-27 and went on to review the timeline that had been followed citing the various meetings with the stakeholders and the Council of Commissioners.

The Chairman advised that he had received a petition from stakeholders at Lewis King Elementary School and gave the document to the Director General.

The Director General presented the following eight main recommendations received from the consultation:

- Recommendation #1 ► Create three distinct independent schools
- Recommendation #2 ► Create one school with two campuses in the Mascouche region (Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools)
- Recommendation #3 ► Remove the portables at Holy Rosary

- Recommendation #4 ► Create three distinct attendance zones
- Recommendation #5 ► Modify recommendation #2 and keep Mascouche students in Mascouche and send Terrebonne (Lapinière) students to Repentigny.
- Recommendation #6 ► Satellite day care service in Mascouche for the Repentigny school.
- Recommendation #7 ► Create three distinct day care services in each designated school
- Recommendation #8 ► That the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board provide its own bussing for Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools and the new school in Repentigny.

He went on to note that the Administration has examined the actual effect these eight recommendations would have on the existing schools and the new school.

He advised that recommendation #6 can be achieved and that recommendation #8 is to be implemented for the 2004-2005 school year.

He went on to comment on the meetings held with the stakeholders and the discussions of the Council noting that the resolutions being proposed this evening represent a fair solution that will satisfy the majority of the stakeholders affected by this consultation and alleviate the overcrowding situation.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Carolyn Curiale, the Director General advised that there are 30 students in the Lapinière area of Terrebonne.

The following resolution was read by the Deputy Director General as the proposal for the zone for the new school in Repentigny.

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has authorized the construction of a new school in Repentigny in order to resolve the overcrowding at Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools and retrieve approximately 80 students living in Repentigny and currently attending McLearn School in Montreal;

WHEREAS on November 27th, 2003 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board entered into public consultation with the school communities affected to solicit recommendations on the use of the three schools and possible attendance zones for Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools and the new school in Repentigny;

WHEREAS a series of meetings were held with the various stakeholders to discuss the process and possible directions to be taken;

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on February 3rd, 2004 to permit interested stakeholders to present their briefs to the Commissioners;

WHEREAS the stakeholders have submitted their briefs outlining their recommendations;

WHEREAS public consultation ended February 10th, 2004;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Council of Commissioners have reviewed all the briefs and other information submitted;

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approves the following attendance zone for the new school in Repentigny;

Starting from a point located at the intersection of the northern boundary of the Municipality of Mascouche and the property line behind and including Chemin St-Henri, this property line, Chemin Ste-Marie, Montée Masson, Autoroute 25, Chemin Gascon to 1425 Chemin Gascon, an imaginary line from this address to the extension of rue Pépinière, this extension, rue Pépinière, the southern boundary of the Municipality of Terrebonne, the Municipality of Charlemagne, the Municipality of Repentigny, the

Municipality of Le Gardeur, the northern boundary of the Municipality of Terrebonne to the point of departure.

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AND THAT bussing will be organized and provided by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Steve Kmec requested that the resolution concerning two schools one zone for the Mascouche schools be presented for consideration prior to the resolution for attendance zones for the new school in Repentigny.

Natalie Auclair did not accept this request.

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Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the resolution concerning two schools one zone for the Mascouche schools be presented for consideration prior to the resolution for attendance zones for the new school in Repentigny.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA:	Steve Kmec
NAY:	Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik
ABST:	Albina Pace, Morten Schrier

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WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has authorized the construction of a new school in Repentigny in order to resolve the overcrowding at Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools and retrieve approximately 80 students living in Repentigny and currently attending McLearn School in Montreal;

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WHEREAS a public hearing was held on February 3rd, 2004 to permit interested stakeholders to present their briefs to the Commissioners;

WHEREAS the stakeholders have submitted their briefs outlining their recommendations;

WHEREAS public consultation ended February 10th, 2004;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Council of Commissioners have reviewed all the briefs and other information submitted;

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approves the following attendance zone for the new school in Repentigny;

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AND THAT bussing will be organized and provided by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik

NAY: Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

ABST: Albina Pace

The Director General commented on the two schools one zone scenario.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chair in order to speak to the following resolution.

In response to a question from Steve Bletas, the Director General noted that once the kindergarten classes at Holy Rosary Elementary School are filled any additional registrations would be sent to Lewis King Elementary School.

The Chairman returned to the chair.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General advised that Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools will only be merged together if Lewis King cannot attain an enrollment of 110 in-zone students by 2004-03-19. If it is necessary to merge the two schools the administration and the staff of each school would have to work together to create an academic environment that would work well for all involved.

In response to a question from Linda Iaconetti, the Director General noted that the school board must demonstrate the use of its building capacities with respect to the attendance zone of the building and that this cannot be done if out-of-zone students are considered prior to in-zone students. He also noted that the deadline for Lewis King Elementary School to register the required 110 in-zone students may seem short but that it is necessary as the board must proceed with staffing for the 2004-2005 school year in order to meet deadlines established by the teachers' collective agreement.

In response to a question from Robert Dixon, the Coordinator of School Organization & Transportation advised that currently the student registration between Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools is 440 students and that the building capacity for Holy Rosary is 299.

In response to a question from Natalie Auclair, the Director General noted that it should not be a problem for Lewis King Elementary School to achieve the enrollment of 110 in-zone students as the school will also be accepting overflow registrations from Holy Rosary Elementary School.

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In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General reminded the Council that parents are entitled to select what they deem as the best education for their child(ren) but that it is the school board that manages the buildings in order to meet the building capacity requirements set out by the Ministère de l'Éducation.

Steve Kmec proposed that the resolution concerning two schools one zone for the Mascouche schools be amended by striking the reference to the minimum registration number.

David McKinley did not accept this amendment.

040212-TS-0121

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the resolution concerning two schools one zone for the Mascouche school be amended by striking the reference to the minimum registration number of 110 in-zone students at Lewis King Elementary School.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Kmec

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik

ABST: Albina Pace, Morten Schrier

040212-TS-0122

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has authorized the construction of a new school in Repentigny in order to resolve the overcrowding at Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools and retrieve approximately 80 students living in Repentigny and currently attending McLearn School in Montreal;

WHEREAS on November 27th, 2003 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board entered into public consultation with the school communities affected to solicit recommendations on the use of the three schools and possible attendance zones for Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools and the new school in Repentigny;

WHEREAS a series of meetings were held with the various stakeholders to discuss the process and possible directions to be taken;

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on February 3rd, 2004 to permit interested stakeholders to present their briefs to the Commissioners;

WHEREAS the stakeholders have submitted their briefs outlining their recommendations;

WHEREAS public consultation ended February 10th, 2004;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Council of Commissioners have reviewed all the briefs and other information submitted;

David McKinley MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approves that Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools share the same territory;

AND THAT registration of new students at either Holy Rosary or Lewis King Elementary Schools will be on a first come first served basis according to the 2004-2005 enrollment criteria;

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AND THAT any new registrations without siblings will be registered at the school where space is available;

AND THAT kindergarten registration will be capped at two classes at Holy Rosary Elementary School and one class at Lewis King Elementary School in conformity with each school's functional capacity;

AND THAT bussing will be organized and provided by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

AND THAT from the total number of students entitled to attend either Holy Rosary or Lewis King Elementary Schools, a minimum of 110 in zone students will be required to be enrolled at Lewis King Elementary School for the 2004-2005 school year;

AND THAT if a minimum registration of 110 in zone students at Lewis King Elementary School for the 2004-2005 school year is not achieved by March 19th, 2004 the School Board will merge Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools into one school with two buildings;

AND THAT in the event that the schools are merged, the new school will be given a new name;

FURTHER THAT the attendance zone for Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools will be as follows:

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THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik

NAY: Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

ABST: Albina Pace

William Pollock MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:57 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ 2004-02-25

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman