

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2004-03-24

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, 2004-03-24 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, 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: Sandra Rouleau, Parent Commissioner

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

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

7.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

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| 7.6 | <i>Authorization to Transmit Statistical Data to QESBA</i> | RES |
| 7.7 | <i>CRDL Table de l'Éducation</i> | RES |

14.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:

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| 14.1 | <i>June 2003 Examination Results & Graduation Rates</i> | INFO |
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18.0 VARIA:

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| 18.1 | <i>Presentation</i> | INFO |
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Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #SWLSB-2004/03/24-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a verbal notice, Walter Fogel advised that in the minutes of the regular meeting held on 2004-02-25, on page 1014, item 6.1, 2nd line the following should be added after the word "students", "...residing in Laval and attending..."; and in the last line of the same paragraph the words "to continue" should be replaced by the word "for".

In a verbal notice, Morten Schrier advised that on page 1015 of the same minutes, that the vote on resolution #040225-CA-0127 should read that he voted "YEA" and that Walter Fogel abstained "ABST".

Mr. Fogel further noted that on page 1017, under item 6.7, 6th paragraph, last line, that the words "...to English education and request that it be brought to the attention ..." should be inserted after the word "accessibility".

040324-CA-0143

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2004-02-25, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

Carried unanimously

3.0 MUSIC PRESENTATION

The Chairman welcomed Ken Prokosh, Principal of Sacred Heart Middle School, and Jacques Tardif, music teacher at the school.

Mr. Prokosh explained the premise of the music program at Sacred Heart Middle School noting that this project has been presented to the board in various forms over the past five years and that the school has invested 100 000\$ in the project. He noted that in order to continue with the project and additional investment of 375 000\$ would be required to purchase computers and software over the next three years.

He went on to invite Mr. Tardif to present the "Quantum Leap Project" featuring the students demonstrating the computer equipment used in the music program.

Mr. Tardif advised the Council that this project has been very motivational and allows the students to integrate computer skills, math, science and English with music.

He continued noting that the computer platform used for the Sacred Heart Middle School music program is Apple as it is more compatible with the arts.

Mr. Tardif asked that the Council of Commissioners seriously consider investing in the Sacred Heart Middle School project so that the school can continue to have a music laboratory.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Prokosh and Mr. Tardif for the presentation noting that the project will be taken into consideration when developing the 2004-2005 school board budget, as the focus of the Council of Commissioners is to give the students of the board as much as possible in order for them to achieve their goals.

4.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Carol Ann Demontigny, a parent from Lewis King Elementary School, the Director General advised that as of today the registration of Kindergarten students without siblings at Holy Rosary Elementary School is 27.

In response to an additional question from Mrs. Demontigny, the Director General noted that the transfer of students from Holy Rosary Elementary School to Lewis King Elementary School would only occur if more than forty Kindergarten students registered at Holy Rosary and that only those students without siblings would be transferred. He indicated that at this time it is unlikely that this scenario would take place as Holy Rosary has not reached its capacity.

5.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reminded the Council that the board is hosting the Bell Montréal Regional Science & Technology Fair at Western Laval High School from March 28 – 30, 2004 noting that it would be appreciated if Commissioners would attend.

The Director General advised that elementary schools would be participating in the fair on Sunday, March 28 only and that if any Commissioner planned on attending the fair at any time to please advise Line Desgroseilliers, Information Officer.

The Chairman advised the Council that the Ministère de l'Éducation has postponed the extension of the elementary school day and has injected additional funding into school transportation.

He went on to advise that the injection of funding into school transportation would not have happened without the efforts of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and asked the Deputy Director General to send a letter of thanks to the Chairman and the Executive Director of the QESBA.

In closing, the Chairman noted that the Chairpersons and Directors General of school boards will be meeting prior to the 2004 QESBA/AAESQ Spring Conference to discuss issues that need to be brought to the attention of the Ministre de l'Éducation.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Chairman advised that the funding injected into school transportation will mean an additional 252 000\$ annually for two years.

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 *Proposed Policy #2004-CA-10: Role of the Chairman:*

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that some feedback had been received on the proposed policy concerning the role of the Chairman, therefore, a section entitled "Role of the Chairman During Elections" has been incorporated.

The Chairman asked Robert Dixon if he would move the resolution on proposed policy #2004-CA-10: Role of the Chairman of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, and Mr. Dixon agreed.

In response to a request from Steve Kmec, the Deputy Director General noted that the concern about the chair speaking on behalf of the board had been addressed and that the role of Chairman is still active during an election period when it is necessary to deal with urgent issues that arise, as the Council of Commissioners is not reconstituted until the election has been declared by the Returning Officer.

Linda Iaconetti left the meeting.

TIME: 20:33 hours

The Council entered in to discussion

Linda Iaconetti returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:35 hours

In response to a request from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General noted that while many believe that an election is declared the day following polling day it is in fact not true as an election is

declared only after the period to request a judicial recount has expired, which is five days after election day.

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Robert Dixon accepted the suggestion of Mr. Fogel to remove the words "...which is normally five days after polling day." from the section on "The Role of the Chairman During School Elections" in proposed policy #2004-CA-10.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Chairman advised that all organization and participation in conferences by the Chairman or Commissioners is approved by the Council of Commissioners.

Discussion continued and Walter Fogel suggested another amendment to the proposed policy on the role of the Chairman.

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

Robert Dixon indicated that he does not accept this amendment.

040324-CA-0144

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the proposed policy #2004-CA-10: Role of the Chairman of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be amended by adding the following line to the clause concerning "The Role of the Chairman as Planner"

"Any such activity organized by the Chairman and the cost there from must be approved by the Council of Commissioners."

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Morten Schrier

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

040324-CA-0145

Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Ethics Review Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #2004-CA-10: Role of the 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, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Merle Parkinson

In response to a question from Walter Fogel concerning page 1022 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2004-02-25, under item 10.0; Peter MacLaurin, Chairman of the Financial Resources Committee, advised that the list of monthly disbursements is available to any Commissioner who wishes to examine them and that a hard or e-mail copy should be requested from the Director of Financial Resources.

In response to a further question from Mr. Fogel concerning page 1025 of the above mentioned minutes, under item 13.2; the Chairman noted that if during the consultation on the organization of Laval high schools one of the recommendations received from the groups being consulted is status quo that requests will be reviewed but that at this time the status quo appears not to be working and a change is needed.

Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 20:53 hours

The Director General advised that if the status quo was working the issue of reorganizing high schools in Laval would not have been presented for consideration.

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Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:55 hours

Nancy Rupnik advised that perhaps the word "would" is to be replaced by the word "should" under item 13.2, 2nd paragraph, 2nd line. This correction was accepted.

7.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

7.1 2004 QESBA/AAESQ Spring Conference:

The Deputy Director General advised that the Steering Committee and all sub-committees would be meeting on 2004-03-25 to review any last minute logistics for the conference. The contract for the hotel has been signed and the conference information has been mailed out to all Administrators and Commissioners of groups affiliated with the spring conference.

7.2 Report on 2004 ASCD Annual Conference:

The Chairman requested that this item be tabled to the 2004-04-28 meeting of the Council.

7.3 Delegate to GRICS:

The Deputy Director General advised that the following is an annual request received for the appointment of voting delegates for the 2004 GRICS Annual General Meeting.

Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

TIME: 21:00 hours

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chair and left the meeting. **TIME: 21:01 hours**

040324-IT-0146

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS);

WHEREAS the membership agreement stipulates that the school board must name an official delegate to act on its behalf;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Robert Vallerand**, Deputy Director General, as the official delegate of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS) for the **2004 Annual General Meeting** and to exercise the powers inherent;

AND THAT if the official delegate is absent or unable to act, **Jean-Guy Messier**, Director of Information Technology, be named as alternate delegate of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS) for the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

AND THAT this resolution cancel and replace any other resolution naming an official delegate to the general assembly of the Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS).

Carried unanimously

7.4 Wilderness Risk Management Workshop:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the "*Wilderness Risk Management Workshop*" noting that the workshop would benefit the board as it is on risk assessment.

Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:03 hours

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Walter Fogel left the meeting.

TIME: 21:03 hours

In response to a question from Nick Milas, the Deputy Director General advised that the information is available on the Sedburgh School Web site and that a copy can be made available to him.

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:04 hours

Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:04 hours

040324-CA-0147

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners authorize **William Pollock** to attend the *Wilderness Risk Management Conference for Educators in Canada* at Sedburgh School Montebello, Québec from March 26 - 28, 2004 and accept to defray his costs for registration, travel and other related expenses to a maximum amount of 600,00\$.

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

ABST: Walter Fogel, Albina Pace

The Chairman resumed the Chair.

7.5 Amendments to the Act respecting school elections:

The Deputy Director General presented and reviewed the seven changes made by the Directeur général des élections to the "*Act respecting school elections*" during the recent school elections. He noted that the Directeur général des élections is empowered to amend this Act if the need arises and that these changes must be reported to the Assemblée Nationale and the Ministère de l'Éducation.

Linda Iaconetti left the meeting.

TIME: 21:06 hours

Linda Iaconetti returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:08 hours

7.6 Authorization to Transmit Statistical Data to QESBA:

The Deputy Director General provided background on the request of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for data noting that the type of information that would be transmitted would be statistical and that it would be in the best interest of the board to supply this information as it will assist the QESBA in its lobbying tactics with government agencies.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General noted that the Directorate had also expressed concern over the request to provide student data and has since discovered that there will be no nominative information data transferred only numbers.

In response to an additional question from Mr. Fogel, the Deputy Director General indicated that the data could in fact include statistical data on special needs students.

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040324-CA-0148

WHEREAS there is a growing need for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) to develop and maintain a databank to support its interventions with the government on behalf of member school boards;

WHEREAS the nine English language school boards currently compile data regarding its student population and its human resources and forwards the same on an annual and periodic manner to the Ministère de l'Éducation;

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the annual and periodic electronic transmission of updated Image student data to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for the purposes of statistical analysis.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

ABST: Nazario Facchino

040324-CA-0149

WHEREAS there is a growing need for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) to develop and maintain a databank to support its interventions with the government on behalf of member school boards;

WHEREAS the nine English language school boards currently compile data regarding its student population and its human resources and forwards the same on an annual and periodic manner to the Ministère de l'Éducation;

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the electronic transmission of Image data for the years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for the purposes of statistical analysis.

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, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Walter Fogel

040324-CA-0150

WHEREAS there is a growing need for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) to develop and maintain a databank to support its interventions with the government on behalf of member school boards;

WHEREAS the nine English language school boards currently compile data regarding its student population and its human resources and forwards the same on an annual and periodic manner to the Ministère de l'Éducation;

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Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the annual electronic transmission of PERCOS data to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for the purposes of statistical analysis.

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, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Walter Fogel

040324-CA-0151

WHEREAS there is a growing need for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) to develop and maintain a databank to support its interventions with the government on behalf of member school boards;

WHEREAS the nine English language school boards currently compile data regarding its student population and its human resources and forwards the same on an annual and periodic manner to the Ministère de l'Éducation;

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the electronic transmission of PERCOS data for the years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for the purposes of statistical analysis.

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, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

ABST: Walter Fogel

7.7 CRDL Table de l'Éducation – Appointment of Replacement:

The Director General provided background information on the table d'éducation of the Conseil régional de développement de Laval (CRDL).

The Council entered into discussion and it was suggested that a Commissioner residing in Laval be selected as the board's representative.

Carolyn Curiale nominated Steve Bletas. Mr. Bletas accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

040324-CA-0152

WHEREAS resolution #020925-CA-0016 named Pierre Garofano as a representative of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on the Table d'Éducation of the Conseil régionale de développement de Laval (CRDL) for 2002-2003 and through to 2003-11-16;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board deem it important to name to this Table a Commissioner representing an electoral division in Laval;

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Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Steve Bletas** as the school board's representative to the Table d'Éducation of the Conseil régionale de développement de Laval (CRDL) or its successor body.

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, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

8.0 USE OF SCHOOLS / TRANSPORTATION

8.1 Update on 2004-2005 Enrollment:

The Coordinator of School Organization & Transportation presented and reviewed the latest enrollment figures for the 2004-2005 school year noting that at this time enrollment is lower than 2003-2004. The numbers will increase between now and August 2004 as the enrollment process will continue and schools will release enrollments that are currently missing required enrollment documentation.

8.2 Organization of High Schools in Laval for 2005-2006

The Coordinator of School Organization & Transportation advised the Council that there was a good turnout for the launch of the consultation on the "Organization of Laval High Schools". Initial discussions indicated that the community is happy with the status quo but they have been asked to examine potential organizational models or develop their own solutions for consideration. A meeting will be held on 2004-03-31 at John F. Kennedy Elementary School at 19:30 hours to provide the Governing Boards with more information on the consultation.

8.3 2004-2005 Transportation Subsidies:

The Coordinator of School Organization & Transportation advised that over the years the reduction in the transportation grants received from the Ministère de l'Éducation has greatly reduced the quality of transportation offered by school boards. The Ministère de l'Éducation has recently announced that it is recommending that a reinvestment of funds be made in school transportation over the next two years.

He went on to note that the board will benefit from the injection of these funds of approximately 505 000\$ over two years. He provided a detailed explanation of the benefits of this funding.

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 21:22 hours

8.4 Reaffirmation of Resolution – Lanaudière:

The Director General provided the background information that will lead to the merger of Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools noting that the target number of enrollments for Lewis King

The Chairman asked Georges Benoit if he would move the resolution on proposed policy #2004-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment & three-year Plan, and Mr. Benoit agreed.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel, the Deputy Director General noted that when the Ministère de l'Éducation announces plans for a new elementary school there is always space set aside for day care services and that whether the service is MEQ funded day care or private day care is at the discretion of the Governing Board.

Walter Fogel recommended that this reference to MEQ day care be stricken from the deed for the new school in Repentigny.

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Georges Benoit did not accept this recommendation.

040324-CA-0154

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT proposed policy #2004-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment & Three Year Plan be amended by removing the reference to MEQ day care from the deed of establishment for the new school in Repentigny.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Tony De Lauri, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Albina Pace, 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, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

040324-CA-0155

WHEREAS section 211 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) requires the school board each year establish a three-year plan of allocation and destination of its immovables;

WHEREAS section 211 also requires the school board to draw up, in accordance with the plan, a list of its schools and of its vocational training and adult education centres and issue a deed of establishment to them;

Georges Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle proposed policy #2004-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY: Tony De Lauri, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Albina Pace, Morten Schrier

The Chairman called for a 10 minute break.

TIME: 21:50 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 22:00 hours

040324-CA-0156

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is consulting the Holy Rosary Elementary School Governing Board in view of resolution #040212-TS-0122, as per section 40 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3);

WHEREAS resolution #040324-TS-0153 reaffirms the decision of the Council of Commissioners to merge Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools as of the 2004-2005 school year;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Director General to formally advise the Holy Rosary Elementary School Governing Board of its intent to revoke the *Deed of Establishment* of Holy Rosary Elementary School, effective 2003-06-30;

AND THAT a new *Deed of Establishment* be issued upon its merge with Lewis King Elementary School, effective 2004-07-01;

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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, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik

NAY Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting;

TIME: 22:04 hours

040324-CA-0157

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is consulting the Lewis King Elementary School Governing Board in view of resolution #040212-TS-0122, as per section 40 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3);

WHEREAS resolution #040324-TS-0153 reaffirms the decision of the Council of Commissioners to merge Holy Rosary and Lewis King Elementary Schools as of the 2004-2005 school year;

Tony De Lauri MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Director General to formally advise the Lewis King Elementary School Governing Board of its intent to revoke the *Deed of Establishment* of Lewis King Elementary School, effective 2003-06-30;

AND THAT a new *Deed of Establishment* be issued upon its merge with Holy Rosary Elementary School, effective 2004-07-01;

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, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

9.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

9.1 Parents' Committee Report:

Linda Iaconetti, on behalf of the Parents Committee, thanked Educational Services and Information Technology for the informative presentation on computers in the schools. She also extended appreciation to the Director of Financial Resources for her presentation on how the school board budget functions.

The Director General noted that while Educational Services and Information Technology participated in the presentation on computers in the school much of the credit should go to Peter

Bilodeau, Educational Consultant (RÉCIT), who played a major role in gathering all the necessary information.

10.0 QESBA

10.1 Report of the QESBA :

Carolyn Curiale commented on the QESBA documents contained in the meeting package noting that several English school boards are in the process of making their respective web sites bilingual in order to conform to the Office de la langue française (OLF). *"In the unlikely event that a school or Governing Board's web site is targeted by the Office de la langue française (OLF), the school should immediately contact the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA)."*

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10.2 2004 QESBA/AAESQ Spring Conference – Participation:

The Deputy Director General commented that this is an annual resolution approving the attendance of Commissioners at the QESBA/AAESQ Spring Conference & Annual General Meeting and that he hoped that attendance by Commissioners would be high as the Sir Wilfrid Laurier school Board is the host of this year's conference.

040324-CA-0158

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting during the 2004 QESBA / AAESQ Spring Conference at the Manoir St-Sauveur, St-Sauveur, QC from 2004-05-06 to 2004-05-08;

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize Commissioners to attend the QESBA / AAESQ 2004 Annual Spring Conference and General Meeting from 2004-05-06 to 2004-05-08 in Saint-Sauveur, QC. AND authorize a maximum expenditure of 725,00\$ per Commissioner, to cover the cost of registration, accommodation and travel expenses.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

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

NAY Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

10.3 Nominations to the QESBA Board of Directors for 2004-2005:

The Deputy Director General advised that a request for nominations to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Board of Directors has been received.

William Pollock nominated Carolyn Curiale and Steve Bletas. Mrs. Curiale and Mr. Bletas accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

040324-CA-0159

WHEREAS the Chair of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Nominations Committee has requested member boards to advise the Association of their delegates to the Board of Directors of the QESBA;

William Pollock MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Carolyn Curiale** and **Steve Bletas** to the Board of Directors of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for 2004-2005.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley,

NAY: Walter Fogel

ABST: Morten Schrier

11.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

11.1 *Update on Projects:*

David McKinley, Chairman of the Material Resources Committee, noted that the renovation/construction project at Joliette High School is two weeks ahead of schedule and that the new school in Repentigny is close to being on schedule. He circulated pictures of the projects noting that the next step at Repentigny is to lay the concrete slab but only when the ground is thawed enough.

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The Chairman informed the Council that representatives from the Direction générale du financement et de l'équipement of the Ministère de l'Éducation would be visiting Joliette Elementary School on 2004-03-26 to evaluate the board's request for a new English elementary school in that region.

In response to a question from Edward Turchyniak, Mr. McKinley advised that the land bank is almost completed and that only one title is still being searched and that once the search is completed and any necessary action taken a comprehensive report on the school board's land bank will be distributed.

12.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

12.1 *Cost of Phone Services:*

Peter MacLaurin, Chairman of the Financial Resources Committee, presented an analysis of the board's basic telephone expenses pointing out that the use of IP telephones has contributed to the decrease in telephone expenses.

He noted that a request has also been received concerning the cost of Professional Improvement over the past two years and that an analysis will be presented at the 2004-04-28 meeting of the Council.

Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:23 hours

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, Mr. MacLaurin advised that the board had switched from a logic telephone system to an internet protocol (IP) telephone system when the board became involved with the Fibre Optic Network. The analysis of the IP telephone system was prepared in order to show the benefits of the schools being on this type of telephone system and to show how quickly the capital expense can be recouped through the savings achieved by using these telephones.

In response to a question from Edward Turchyniak, the Director General noted that requests to become part of the IP telephone system began at the school level, as it is the school that is responsible for telephone management.

He continued noting that it would be sensible to install the IP telephone systems in new schools and to look at the possibility of overhauling telephone systems in schools that do not currently have IP telephones. The issue needs to be discussed at length as it would be a large investment for a school and for the school board.

Morten Schrier excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:27 hours

040324-CA-0160

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until the completion of the agenda.

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, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

The Council entered into discussion on the IP telephone system.

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12.2 Approval of Disbursements:

The Director of Financial Resources advised the Council that the committee had held its meeting after the Executive Committee and that in order to keep the board running smoothly the Council is being requested to approve the disbursements.

040324-CA-0161

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the power delegated to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, by the Council of Commissioners, concerning accounts payable be withdrawn for the following resolution.

Carried unanimously

040324-FR-0162

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the disbursements listed in the List of Cheques dated 2004-01-30 to 2004-02-27 as follows:

OPERATING CHEQUES	#114742 to 115579	3,897,669.71\$
SCHOOL CHEQUES	#48106 to 48151	13,360.91\$
LESS: Cancelled cheques for prior months	#112947,113784,114495,114508	(1,082.30)\$
PLUS: Deductions at Source and Payroll	FEBRUARY 2004	5,476,880.41\$
FOR A TOTAL OF:		9,386,828.73\$

Carried unanimously

On a "point of order", Walter Fogel indicated that reinstating the powers to the Executive Committee is not necessary under Robert's Rules.

040324-CA-0163

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the power delegated to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, by the Council of Commissioners, concerning accounts payable be reinstated.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley,

ABST:

Walter Fogel

13.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

Nazario Facchino, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, reported on the recent meeting of the committee noting that access to employment, a three-year plan for equal employment access by women, natives, visible and ethnic minorities; teacher staffing for 2004-2005, the proposed policy on harassment, the committee for filling positions, the proposed policy on employment verification, and the allocation for professional development for teachers and support staff were discussed.

Walter Fogel excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:34 hours

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13.1 *Principal – New School in Repentigny:*

The Director General advised the Council that in order to begin the process of a provisional Governing Board for the new school in Repentigny a Principal needs to be selected. He commented that once the Principal has been selected that person will be given release time authorized by the Director General to work on setting up the new school for 2004-07-01.

He went on to note that a current Principal has been recommended for the position and that this recommendation is supported by the Executive Committee.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General noted that all administrators were advised of the opening in Repentigny and that two had submitted their names for consideration.

040324-HR-0164

WHEREAS the new school in Repentigny will be operational for the 2004-2005 school year;

WHEREAS the Administrators of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have been advised that the position of Principal of the new school in Repentigny needs to be filled;

WHEREAS two Administrators have indicated an interest in the position;

WHEREAS the Director General may transfer a Principal to a position prior to 1 May annually, as per the Management Policy of the Board;

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the transfer of **Clifford Buckland** from Principal at Hillcrest Academy to Principal of the new school in Repentigny, effective 2004-07-01, in accordance with the Politique administrative et salariale and the Management Policy of the Board.

Carried unanimously

13.2 *Proposed Policy 2004-HR-05: Criminal Record & Employment Verification:*

The Director of Human Resources presented and explained the proposed policy on criminal record and employment verification.

In response to a question from Peter MacLaurin, the Director of Human Resources advised that the proposed policy has not been reviewed by lawyers but that it is based on documents issued by the Human Rights Commission and the Ministère de l'Éducation.

In response to an additional question from Mr. MacLaurin, the Director of Human Resources indicated that the issue of terrorism has been discussed.

040324-HR-0165

Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle proposed policy #2004-HR-05: Criminal Record & Employment Reference Verification.

Carried unanimously

13.3 Proposed Policy #2004-HR-06: Harassment:

The Director of Human Resources commented on the proposed policy on harassment.

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The Council entered into discussion.

040324-HR-0166

Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle proposed policy #2004-HR-06: Harassment.

Carried unanimously

Steve Kmec excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:45 hours

14.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Carolyn Curiale, Chair of the Education Committee, noted that at the last meeting of the committee presentations were made on students working on situational math exam problems and the Rawdon Laptop Project.

14.1 June 2003 Examination Results & Graduation Rates:

The Chairman advised the Council that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has again achieved number one status for its examination results among the schools in the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière region.

The Director of Educational Services commented that Laurentian Regional and Western Laval High Schools have shown a significant improvement over the June 2002 examination results.

The Chairman extended congratulations to the staff and students for their achievements.

The Director General noted that the 2003 June examination results will be discussed at length at the next Education Committee. He also drew the Council's attention to the graduation rates by cohort noting that the board needs to improve in the area of graduating more students as 25% are currently leaving without graduating.

15.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Peter MacLaurin, Chairman of the Information Technology Committee, commented on a recent survey done with the schools to find out what they require in terms of computers and software, and the approval of a Net PC project at a school to be selected on 2004-03-25.

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman referred to correspondence in the meeting package.

In response to a question from Natalie Auclair, the Deputy Director General noted that the Holy Rosary Parish has not responded to the board's offer to purchase the church next to Holy Rosary Elementary School.

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The Director General advised that the Executive Director of the QESBA has advised him that the Ministère de l'Éducation is considering re-opening the dossier on *Villages branchés* in order to compensate school boards that invested in fibre optics prior to the launch of *Villages branchés*.

The Deputy Director General advised the Council that he, the Chairman and Robert Dixon had met with David Whissell, Member of the Assemblée Nationale for Argenteuil, concerning the suspension of *Villages branchés* and the affect it has had in the Laurentians. The suspension of the program is creating a two-tiered system for many school boards with schools in rural and urban areas.

He went on to extend his appreciation to Mr. Whissell for the interest he has shown in the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and for his letter to the Ministre de l'Éducation on the board's behalf.

18.0 VARIA

Grace Nesi presented the Chairman with a small gift from the recent Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Conference.

Edward Turchyniak extended best wishes for s speedy recovery to the Chairman who will be having knee surgery in the next few weeks.

William Pollock advised the Council that the cross-country ski loppet planned for the Arundel Natural Science Centre had to be moved to Morin Heights due to lack of snow. Over 90 elementary school students participated in the event.

19.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Merle Parkinson MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:00 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ 2004-04-28

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman