

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2006-08-23

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, 2006-08-23 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, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Linda Iaconetti and Tom Mouhteros, Parent Commissioners; and Effie Maniatis, Director General.

Also present were: Anne-Marie Lepage, Assistant Director General; Josephine Battista, Secretary General; François Badin, Director of Human Resources; Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology; Alain Guay, Director of Adult & Vocational Education; Heather Halman, Director of Educational Services; Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; George Paquette, Director of School Organization & Transportation; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Walter Fogel and Albina Pace, Commissioners.

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

The Chairman welcomed the new Director General, Assistant Director General, Secretary General and Director of Educational Services to their first Council of Commissioners meeting. He noted that this meeting is a **some what** historic event in that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board now has a full-time Secretary General.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

6.5 *Derogation from Graphic Norms - St-Vincent E.S.RES*

060823-CA-0001

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as corrected in document #SWLSB-2006/08/23-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2006-06-28 were corrected as follows:

- Page 1541, resolution #060628-TS-0278, the school year “2006-207” is to be changed to “2006-2007”.
- Page 1543, Resolutions #060628-IT-0281 & 0282, paragraph 7, the words “...on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Directorate, the Executive Committee”, are to be changed to read “on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners”.
- Page 1537, resolution #060628-ED-0270, at the end of the resolution the signing clause is to be added:

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

060823-CA-0002

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2006-06-28, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

Carried unanimously

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised that a meeting will be held with Michelle Courchesne, Member of the National Assembly for Fabre, to discuss the Competency Development Centre (CDC) Laurier project and also the need to increase the number of "Equivalent temps plein (ETP - full-time equivalent)" in Adult & Vocational Education, since some evening classes will have to be suspended due to insufficient funding.

Peter MacLaurin entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:38 hours

The Chairman went on to note that the school board has still not received any response from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) on its request for funding for the mobile computer labs and that this issue will also be discussed with Mrs. Courchesne. Mrs. Courchesne has been very supportive of the requests of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board over the years, so it is hoped she will be able to provide some assistance with this project.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion and a request was made for the financial figures relating to the mobile computer lab project.

The Assistant Director General noted that it might be possible for Mrs. Courchesne to assist English education within the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière sectors by supporting shared services between the French and English Adult & Vocational Education. Commission scolaire des Affluents and Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles have already contacted the school board to discuss shared services.

The Director General drew the Council's attention to an article from "Today's Parent" entitled "Great Schools - Making the Grade" on thirty schools in Canada that are making a difference. Two schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board are honoured in this article, Mountainview Elementary School for its services to special needs students and Souvenir Elementary School for its focus on peace, cooperation and community involvement.

The Chairman asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to the principals of Mountainview and Souvenir Elementary Schools.

He further noted an article in the Montreal Gazette on St-Vincent Elementary School and that CTV news would be coming to interview him and the Director General on enrollment within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

The Chairman advised the Council that the "Courier Laval" confirmed that all of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools in Laval will receive copies of the newspaper. He extended thanks to John Fasciano for his assistance in this matter.

He went on to inform the Council that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) is revamping its web site and that when it is launched, its constitution and by-laws will be posted.

5.1 *Ratification of Decisions:*

The Assistant Director General provided background information on the ratification of the decisions taken by the Executive Committee during the summer months in accordance with the powers delegated to it under by-law #2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers to the Executive Committee.

060823-CA-0003

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has exercised the functions and powers of the Council of Commissioners as delegated by resolution #010627-CA-0231, amended by resolution #030528-CA-0147, reaffirmed by resolution #031126-CA-0081 and in conformity with by-law #BL2000-CA-01: Delegation of Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee;

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

- #060713-CA-0003: Proposed Policy #2006-ED-07: School Field Trips
- #060713-CA-0004: Proposed Policy #2006-CA-13: Use of Tobacco
- #060713-HR-0005: Reclassification of Information Officer
- #060713-HR-0006: Abolishment of the position of Information Officer
- #060713-HR-0007: Reclassification of Coordinator of Human Resources
- #060713-HR-0008: Abolishment of the position of Coordinator of Human Resources
- #060713-HR-0009: Modifications to the 2006-2007 Administrative Organizational Chart
- #060713-CA-0010: Commissioners' Professional Development
- #060713-CA-0012: Modifications to Deeds of Establishment for LJHS & LLHS
- #060713-CA-0014: Creation of Standing Committees
- #060713-CA-0015: Modifications to 2006-2007 Remuneration of Commissioners
- #060713-CA-0017: LRHS Alumni Corporation
- #060713-HR-0023: Extension of Local Arrangements
- #060713-MR-0028: Rental of Building
- #060713-MR-0029: Call to Tender - School Yard Projects

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Tony De Lauri, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock

5.2 *Update on Tel-jeunes:*

The Chairman advised that the tenders for the translation of the Tel-jeunes services have been opened and a firm engaged. The launch of the English version of Tel-jeunes will take place in the fall and the Communications & Public Relations Committee will coordinate this event.

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 *Report of Communications Committee Chairperson:*

Natalie Auclair informed the Council that the next meeting of the Communications & Public Relations Committee would be on 2006-08-31.

6.2 SWL Foundation:

Edward Turchyniak advised the Council that the tickets for the next Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Gala will be 225\$ and it will be held on 2007-01-11 at the Château Royal in Laval. The Honorary Chairman for the event is Mike Bossy.

6.3 Commissioners' Professional Development:

Robert Dixon excused himself from the table.

060823-CA-0004

WHEREAS policy #2005-CA-11: Professional Development for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires approval of the Council of Commissioners for Commissioner attendance at conferences;

WHEREAS this policy sets a ceiling of three delegates from the Council of Commissioners to any one conference;

WHEREAS two Commissioners have submitted requests to attend the 2006 Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) Annual Conference being held from 2006-10-15 to 2006-10-17 in St-John's, Newfoundland;

Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Nancy Rupnik** at the 2006 Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) Annual Conference in St-John's, Newfoundland from 2006-10-15 to 2006-10-17.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 2 500,00\$ Canadian.

Carried unanimously

Robert Dixon returned to the table.

6.4 2007 School Election Timeline:

The Director of School Organization commented on the timeline for the 2007 school elections noting that the consultation on the division of territory must be completed and submitted to the Directeur général des élections du Québec by December, 2006. A meeting will be held prior to the 2006-09-27 Council meeting to review the proposed electoral divisions.

6.5 Derogation from Graphic Norms - St-Vincent E.S.:

Natalie Auclair, Chair of the Communications & Public Relations Committee, advised the Council that there is a problem with the exterior signs for St-Vincent Elementary School in that the colours mandated by the Graphic Norms of the school board are not visible on the exterior brick. A derogation from the colours set out in the Graphic Norms will be required in order to have a visible sign erected on the exterior wall of St-Vincent Elementary School. Any future requests for a derogation from the Graphic Norms will be reviewed on an individual basis.

060823-CA-0005

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved policy #2006-CA-14: Graphic Norms by resolution #060628-CA-0267;

WHEREAS there is a need to ensure clear and adequate identification of all schools and centres of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the policy specifies criteria for identification of schools and centres;

WHEREAS the graphic norms as described in the policy would not ensure adequate identification of the new St-Vincent Elementary School;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board recommends to derogate from the policy #2006-CA-14: Graphic Norms for that school;

Tony De Lauri MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve a derogation from policy #2006-CA-14: Graphic Norms, for the installation of the school board logo on the exterior building wall of St-Vincent Elementary School.

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources be mandated to purchase an exterior sign that allows for clear identification on the brick wall (white lettering and the coloured logo).

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

NAY: **Steve Kmec, Merle Parkinson**

7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

7.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

There was no report.

8.0 QESBA

8.1 *Report of the QESBA :*

Carolyn Curiale advised that at the next meeting of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), the issue of increased municipal taxation and its effect on school boards will be discussed. The next QESBA Professional Development Workshop will be held on October 13 & 14, 2006 at the Plaza Valleyfield.

8.2 *Nomination to QESBA Executive:*

Carolyn Curiale provided background information on the election process of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) noting that all elections will now take place at the Annual General Meeting held each fall.

Mrs. Curiale **recommended that** Steve Bletas **be nominated** for the position of Vice-President of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Executive. Mr. Bletas accepted the nomination.

060823-CA-0006

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board nominate **Steve Bletas** for the position of Vice-President on the Executive of the QESBA for 2006-2007.

Carried unanimously

060823-CA-0007

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has advised that it will be presenting its *"Recognition of Service Award"* at the Professional Development Seminar scheduled for 2006-10-14 to Commissioners with twelve or more years of service;

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has asked its member boards to submit the names of Commissioners eligible to receive the *"Recognition of Service Award"*,

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board submit the name of **Nancy Rupnik** to receive the Quebec English School Boards Association's (QESBA) *"Recognition of Service Award"*.

Carried unanimously

8.3 QESBA Voting Delegates for 2006-2007 Annual General Meeting:

060823-CA-0008

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has assigned thirteen votes to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for its Annual General Meeting being held on 2006-10-14;

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the following as voting delegates for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Annual General Meeting to be held on 2006-10-14; AND THAT the thirteen votes be divided among them:

Steve Bletas (7 votes)
Carolyn Curiale (6 votes)

AND THAT **David McKinley and Edward Turchyniak** respectively be named as alternate voting delegates for each of the named Commissioners at the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Annual General Meeting to be held on 2006-10-14.

Carried unanimously

9.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

9.1 Parents' Committee Report:

On behalf of the Parents' Committee, Linda Iaconetti inquired if a Governing Board can enter into a contract with a supplier, and if so, can it be for more than one year.

The Chairman asked that the Secretary General look into this question and provide Mrs. Iaconetti with a response.

10.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

10.1 Report of Committee Chairman:

There was no report.

11.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**11.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:**

There was no report.

12.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES**12.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:**

There was no report.

12.2 Rental Agreement for CDC Repentigny:

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that a suitable location has been found in Repentigny to house the Adult & Vocational Education Centre formerly located in Charlemagne.

060823-MR-0009

WHEREAS the Adult & Vocational Education **service** currently leases space in Charlemagne;

WHEREAS the space leased in Charlemagne is no longer conducive to the education of adult students;

WHEREAS the Adult & Vocational Education Sub-Committee has been advised of the need for space to house the services currently provided in Charlemagne;

WHEREAS the Adult & Vocational Education Sub-Committee recommends that the effectiveness of opening an Adult Education & Vocational Centre in the Repentigny area be investigated;

WHEREAS Material Resources has looked into locations in the Repentigny area;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Department has reviewed the proposed locations and recommends that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board enter into a five-year lease agreement, with a renewal option, with IMMODEV Courtier Immobilier agréé;

Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board enter into a five-year lease agreement, with a renewal option, with IMMODEV Courtier Immobilier agréé for the rental of space at 454, rue Saint-Paul, Repentigny, QC, to establish an Adult & Vocational Education Centre.

AND THAT the lease amount of 32 823,60\$, all taxes included, (1 920 sq/ft x 15,00\$ sq/ft, plus taxes) for the 2006-2007 school year be approved.

FURTHER THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this lease agreement.

Carried unanimously

Nancy Rupnik left the meeting.

TIME: 20:36 hours

12.3 Call to Tender - Renovation of CDC Repentigny:

The Director of Material Resources advised that in order to accommodate a learning environment, renovations will have to be made to the new Adult & Vocational Education Centre in Repentigny. The lease on the new facility is for five-years.

060823-MR-0010

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has entered into a 5-year lease agreement with IMMODEV Courtier Immobilier agréé for the lease of property located at 454, rue Saint-Paul, Repentigny;

WHEREAS this property is not currently designed to accommodate an Adult & Vocational Education Centre;

WHEREAS this project will be completed in two phases and cost approximately 40 000\$, taxes excluded;

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources is recommending that tenders be called;

Linda Iaconetti MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve a call to tender for the services of a contractor to complete the two phase renovation project at 454, rue Saint-Paul, Repentigny, QC (Competency Development Centre (CDC) Repentigny).

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

Carried unanimously

12.4 School Yard Projects:

The Director of Material Resources provided background information on the various school yard projects.

Nancy Rupnik returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:37 hours

060823-MR-0011

WHEREAS the Executive Committee approved resolution #060516-MR-0250 authorizing a shared cost school yard (parc-école) project between Ste-Adèle Elementary School and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the Ste-Adèle Elementary School is agreeable to a shared cost project with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Ville de Ste-Adèle, divided as follows:

• Ste-Adèle Elementary School & Community =	20 871\$
• Ville de Ste-Adèle =	10 000\$
• Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board =	<u>30 000\$</u>
TOTAL :	= 60 871\$

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2006-08-03;

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the engagement of **Équipements récréatifs Jambette** to supply and install the playground equipment for the Ste-Adèle Elementary school yard (parc-école) project, in the amount of 60 871,59\$, all taxes included.

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

Carried unanimously

060823-MR-0012

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has authorized a partnership with school boards for the renovation of school yards (parc-école);

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has only authorized one school yard (parc-école) project for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the McCaig Elementary School has submitted a project to renovate its school yard (parc-école) but it was not retained by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS);

WHEREAS the McCaig Elementary School is agreeable to a shared cost project with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Ville de Rosemère, divided as follows:

• McCaig Elementary School	=	35 125\$
• Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board	=	15 000\$
• Ville de Rosemère	=	<u>12 000\$</u>
		62 125\$

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2006-08-03;

WHEREAS the Directorate recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

WHEREAS the bids received for this project have made it necessary to divide the tender between two conformable bidders;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the engagement of:

• Équipements récréatifs Jambette	▶	28 715,85\$, all taxes included
• Entreprises Formes & Jeux	▶	33 399,89\$, all taxes included

to supply and install the playground equipment for the McCaig Elementary school yard (parc-école) project.

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

Carried unanimously

12.5 Engagement of Contractor - Terry Fox School Yard Project:

The Director of Material Resources provided background information on the Terry Fox Elementary School yard project.

The Council entered into discussion on the school yard project.

060823-MR-0013

WHEREAS the Executive Committee approved resolution #060713-MR-0029 authorizing a call to tender for a school yard (parc-école) project for Terry Fox Elementary School;

WHEREAS this school yard project will be totally funded by Terry Fox Elementary School and "Projet AVEC";

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2006-07-31;

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the engagement of **CPL Multisport Inc.** to supply and install the school yard project (mini soccer field) for Terry Fox Elementary School, in the amount of 89 800,00\$, all taxes included.

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

Carried unanimously

12.6 Purchase Order - LRHS Heating for 2005-2006:

The Director of Material Resources noted that this is the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's portion of the 2005-2006 heating bill for Laurentian Regional High School which shares a campus/building with the Polyvalent Lavigne of the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord.

060823-MR-0014

WHEREAS Laurentian Regional High School shares a heating system with the Polyvalent Lavigne of the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord;

WHEREAS the heating costs are billed to the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord invoices the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the heating costs incurred by Laurentian Regional High School;

Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the payment of the invoice received from Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord for heating costs at Laurentian Regional High School for the 2005-2006 school year, in the amount of 92 553,22\$, taxes included.

Carried unanimously

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Chairman noted that the **opening of** Ste-Agathe Academy **would be delayed** eight days due to the damage caused by the recent inclement weather.

13.0 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

13.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

There was no report.

The Director of School Organization advised that there have been some last **minute** out-of-zone requests that have been reviewed and parents have been advised of the decision taken. Transportation information has also been distributed.

In response to several questions concerning transportation, the Chairman suggested that Commissioners interested in the transportation dossier should attend the meetings of the School Organization Committee.

In response to a question from Linda Iaconetti, the Director of School Organization noted that he would look into the matter of students at Laval Liberty High School not receiving the necessary transportation information from the Société de transport de la Ville de Laval (STL).

Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

TIME: 20:51 hours

The Director General reminded the Council that the additional 90 minutes of classroom time at the elementary level has made for many changes within the school transportation system.

Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:53 hours

13.2 *Update on 2006-2007 Enrollment:*

The Director of School Organization presented the most current enrollment figures noting that the numbers are up by 66 over 2005-2006. There will be five Kindergarten classes at Terry Fox Elementary School for the 2006-2007 school year and if this trend continues, student places will become an issue that will have to be examined. Enrollment continues to be low at Franklin Hill, Grenville and Ste-Adele Elementary Schools and Ste-Agathe Academy and a promotional campaign is being planned to try to increase the numbers at these schools.

14.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

14.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

Nancy Rupnik noted that the next meeting of the Information Technology Committee would be 2006-09-11.

The Director of Information Technology informed the Council that the inclement weather over the summer months has also effected the Information Technology department. One of the main components of the information system was so severely damaged that a new unit had to be ordered and installed immediately. Robin Bennett, Analyst, is to be commended for his work in sustaining the entire information system during this period, as valuable information could have been lost. The installation of the generator will be very beneficial for the information system.

St-Vincent Elementary School will open with all of its technology systems fully operational. A special thanks to the Information Technology staff and Telus.

14.2 *GRICS Annual Invoice:*

The Director of Information Technology advised that the annual invoice received from GRICS for the 2006-2007 school year has increased by approximately 20 000\$ from 2005-2006 due to the increase in the number of systems that the school board uses and the increase in enrollment.

060823-IT-0015

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has a Protocol of Service with Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS);

WHEREAS GRICS invoices the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for various services and support provided on an annual basis;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the payment of the invoice received from Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS) in the amount of 292 139,85\$, all taxes included.

Carried unanimously

15.0 ADULT & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:

15.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

There was no report.

The Assistant Director General advised that the first meeting of the Adult & Vocational Education Committee would be 2006-08-20 at 19:30 hours.

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the correspondence included in the meeting package.

18.0 VARIA

William Pollock asked that his vote on item 5.1 be changed to "YEA".

19.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Natalie Auclair MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:04 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2006-09-27

Josephine Battista, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman