

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2007-01-24

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, 2007-01-24 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Commissioners 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, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, and Nancy Rupnik, Commissioners; Lisa Chartier 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: Commissioners Grace Nesi, Morten Schrier and Edward Turchyniak.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:51 hours.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS:

6.4	<i>Bill 32: Amendments to Education Act & School Elections Act.....</i>	<i>INFO</i>
6.5	<i>Commissioners Professional Development</i>	<i>RES</i>
6.6	<i>SWL Foundation Membership - Resolution #041124-CA-0062</i>	<i>INFO</i>

8.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES:

8.3	<i>Three-Year Investment Plan (PTI).....</i>	<i>RES</i>
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13.0 ADULT & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:

13.2	<i>Professional Exploration Centre of Expertise</i>	<i>RES</i>
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Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as corrected in document #SWLSB-2007/01/24-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC-070124-CA-0089

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2006-12-13, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved.

Carried unanimously

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4.1 *Chairman's Report:*

The Chairman presented his monthly report noting his recent attendance at a press conference for the launch of the annual Jeune Entrepreneurs du Québec contest, a meeting with the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport concerning Adult & Vocational Education, future plans for joint projects with the French sector in Vocational Education in the Laurentians, the preparation for the revision/renewal of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's Strategic Plan, and the promotion of English public education through an advertising campaign by the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

The Director General elaborated on the review/renewal of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's Strategic Plan noting that a meeting is being planned for 2007-02-22 with the school board's stakeholders to review the current Strategic Plan in preparation for the the 2007 - 2011 revised plan. Data on the current Strategic Plan is being processed to see if the goals have been achieved. It is hoped that the revised Strategic Plan will be available for approval in principle at the 2007-03-28 meeting of the Council of Commissioners, as it is subject to a 60-day consultation period. The final version of the Strategic Plan will be brought to the June, 2007 meeting of the Council of Commissioners for final adoption.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners go into committee.

TIME: 20:08 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 20:20 hours

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 *Safety & Security:*

The Director General provided an update on the work of the Safety & Security Committee noting that a representative of the Parents' Committee has been invited to join. Topics discussed were crisis intervention, access controls, and the training of school staff. Recommendations will be brought forward to the 2007-01-31 Management meeting for consideration. Some of its recommendations include the establishment of a crisis intervention team within each school and centre. The access control measures would be costly and a partnership is being considered among the school, school board and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation.

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that some crisis intervention training has already been received by the schools through the Emergency Preparedness policy.

On a "point of order", Commissioner Walter Fogel inquired about a motion tabled on page 1627 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2007-12-13, concerning the eligibility of students for English education.

The Chairman advised that the matter was referred to the School Organization Committee for further study but that the committee did not meet in January. The matter will be addressed at its February meeting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Albina Pace, the Chairman advised that 400 000\$ of funding has been received from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to cover the school board's investment in mobile computer labs.

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 *Report of Communications Committee Chairperson:*

Commissioner Natalie Auclair, Chair of the Communications & Public Relations Committee, noted that at its last meeting the committee discussed the distribution of the promotional pamphlets for Grenville and Ste-Adèle Elementary Schools and Ste-Agathe Academy to local daycares, the establishment of criteria for the Laurier Gala, and the December issue of the Laurier News. The next meeting will be held on 2007-02-08.

6.2 *SWL Foundation:*

The Chairman advised that the 2007-01-11 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Gala was a success with approximately 88 000\$ raised. These funds, combined with those raised at the 2006-06-08 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Lobster Fest, will enable the Foundation to purchase an interactive white board for each school and centre.

6.2.1 *SWL Foundation Membership - Resolution #041124-CA-0062:*

Commissioner Natalie Auclair tendered her resignation as one of the representatives of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation, effective immediately. She thanked the Council for the opportunity to sit on the Foundation.

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners go into committee.

TIME: 20:37 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 20:43 hours

6.3 *Administrative Assignments:*

The Director General advised that some changes to the administrative assignments are required as a Vice-Principal is returning from parental leave and the Principal of Phoenix will now act as supervisor of the Cartier Centre.

The Council entered into discussion on the administrative assignments.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director General advised that the only costs that will be incurred with the assignment of the Vice-Principal is that of the salary for the position.

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WHEREAS the Vice-Principal assigned to McCaig Elementary School will be returning from parental leave on 2007-02-16;

WHEREAS Policy #2006-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association permits the Director General, as per sub-section 2.3.3, to fill vacancies after May 1 annually;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board modify resolution #060426-HR-0186 by transferring **Nunziatina Miscio** to the temporary position of Vice-Principal at Pinewood Elementary School, effective 2007-02-19 to 2007-06-30.

AND THAT **Marissa Goffredo** be promoted to the position of Vice-Principal of McCaig Elementary School, effective 2007-02-19.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik
Commissioner voting NAY:	Natalie Auclair, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Merle Parkinson
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Albina Pace

6.4 Bill 32: Amendments to Education Act & School Elections Act:

The Secretary General reviewed presented her review of Bill 32: *An Act to Amend the Act Respecting School Elections and the Education Act*, noting that it was adopted by the National Assembly in late December, 2006. She went on to highlight some of the changes.

She also noted that as a result of Bill 32's passage, some of the practices of the school board will have to be revised.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chair and left the meeting. **TIME: 20:58 hours**

The Chairman returned to the meeting and resumed the chair. **TIME: 21:02 hours**

The Council entered into discussion on the changes that will need to be addressed with the adoption of Bill 32.

Commissioner Natalie Auclair and Parent Commissioner Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 21:10 hours

Commissioner Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:12 hours

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier left the meeting.

TIME: 21:12 hours

Commissioner Walter Fogel thanked the Secretary General for her clear presentation of the changes to the *Act Respecting School Elections and the Education Act*.

6.5 Commissioners Professional Development:

The Secretary General reviewed the requests for Commissioner's professional improvement.

The Chairman noted that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) covers the cost of Commissioner Carolyn Curiale's attendance at the 2007 Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Conference.

Parent Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:13 hours

Commissioner Robert Dixon excused himself from the table.

CC-070124-CA-0091

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 2007 Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Conference **being** held from 2007-07-03 to 2007-07-05 in Calgary, Alberta;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Carolyn Curiale** at the 2007 Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Conference in Calgary, Alberta from 2007-07-03 to 2007-07-05.

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

Carried unanimously

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:15 hours

CC-070124-CA-0092

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 2007 Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Conference in being held from 2007-07-03 to 2007-07-05 in Calgary, Alberta;

Commissioner Tony De Lauri MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Merle Parkinson** at the 2007 Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Conference in Calgary, Alberta from 2007-07-03 to 2007-07-05.

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

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Robert Dixon returned to the table.

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to conference reports contained in the meeting package.

CC-070124-CA-0093

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 one Commissioner has submitted a request to attend the 3rd Annual Preventing Violence in Schools Conference in being held from 2007-03-27 to 2007-03-29 in Toronto, Ontario;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Walter Fogel** at the 3rd Annual Preventing Violence in Schools Conference in Toronto, Ontario from 2007-03-27 to 2007-03-29.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 2 600,00\$ Canadian.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Nick Milas

CC-070124-CA-0094

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 one Commissioner has submitted a request to attend the New England Society of American Foresters 87th Annual Winter Meeting with the Northeast Forest Pest Council being held from 2007-03-20 to 2007-03-23 in Fairlee, Vermont;

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **William Pollock** at the New England Society of American Foresters 87th Annual Winter Meeting with the Northeast Forest Pest Council in Fairlee, Vermont from 2007-03-20 to 2007-03-23.

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

Carried unanimously

7.0 ADULT & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:

7.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

Commissioner Nazario Facchino, Chairman of the Adult & Vocational Education Committee, noted that at its last meeting the committee discussed the results of the PROCEDE Conference, the development of the Career Exploration Centre, the five-year plan for Vocational Education and the progress of the renovation project at the Competency Development Centre (CDC) Laurier. He noted that the exterior of the CDC Laurier will be renovated for the Fall 2007.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 21:18 hours

7.2 Career Exploration Centre:

The Director of Adult & Vocational Education informed the Council that the development of a Career Exploration Centre will be a great addition to the service's plans to raise its visibility and public image. The service is also on a campaign to raise awareness, at both the elementary and secondary levels, that Adult & Vocational Education is a viable option.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:21 hours

He went on to note that a visit was made to the exploration lab at Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles (CSSMI) and that the visit was very impressive. Every lab is different and allows for the youth sector to experiment with what Vocational Education has to offer them in the way of a career. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will be submitting a project to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) that is different from that of the CSSMI so as to try not to duplicate services on the territory.

Confirmation of participation in the Career Exploration Centre has been received from the following groups: Conseil régionale des élus, the Cosmodôme, l'Institut national de recherche scientifique (INRS) and Leading Education and Resource Network (LEARN).

Commissioner Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

TIME: 21:23 hours

The Assistant Director of Adult & Vocational Education presented a brief PowerPoint presentation on the concept of a Career Exploration Lab. An English version of the project is currently being prepared.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:26 hours

8.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

8.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

Commissioner David McKinley, Chairman of the Material Resources Committee, commented on the most recent meeting of the committee noting that the department's capital budget, the renovation of the Competency Development Centre (CDC) Laurier, Measure 50690, and Joliette Elementary School were discussed.

8.2 Mandate to Approach the Ville de Joliette:

The Director of Material Resources reviewed the request for a mandate to approach the Ville de Joliette concerning the land adjacent to Joliette High School and the future potential of this land for the school board.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion and it was noted that the school board needs to be specific as to what future need it sees for this land.

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

Commissioner Steve Bletas noted that he understands the concerns expressed by members of the Council concerning the possible purchase of the land next to Joliette High School but indicated that the current situation at Joliette Elementary School makes it necessary to review all options that might be available for the relocation of the school from its current location. The Commission scolaire des Samares has advised the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board that it will not have any buildings available for lease/purchase for several years.

The Chairman resumed the chair.

Discussion continued with several Commissioners stating that the school board needs to take immediate action on the conditions at Joliette Elementary School.

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WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board that the piece of land at the south-east end of Joliette High School (lot #2903119, area 49,500 square feet) is currently for sale;

WHEREAS this land, adjacent to Joliette High School, may be of interest to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in order to meet its needs for future years in the Joliette area;

WHEREAS the Ville de Joliette may have an interest in ensuring that the land adjacent to Joliette High School be used for school-related purposes;

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of Material Resources to approach the Ville de Joliette about the possibility of acquiring lot #2903119, adjacent to Joliette High School.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik
Commissioners NAY:	Walter Fogel

8.3 Three-Year Investment Plan (PTI):

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council of Commissioners that a request has been received from Gilles Marchand, Directeur de l'équipement scolaire, for a clarification of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requests for the "Plan triennal".

Commissioners Georges Benoit, Tony De Lauri and Parent Commissioner Tom Mouhteros left the meeting. **TIME: 21:44 hours**

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion on how the plan was prioritized.

Commissioner Tony De Lauri and Parent Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:51 hours**

CC-070124-MR-0096

WHEREAS resolution #060620-MR-0280 approved that a request be made to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for authorization to engage funds to undertake the immediate renovation of École St-Christophe into a new Vocational Education Centre (Competency Development Centre (CDC) Laurier);

WHEREAS there is a need to further define the priorities of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board with respect to the 2007-2010 Three-Year Investment Plan (PTI) approved by the Council of Commissioners in resolution #CC-060927-MR-0033;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the priorities set out in the 2007-2010 Three-Year Investment Plan (PTI) approved by resolution #CC-060927-MR-0033, be clarified as follows:

- Priority #1: Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for the renovation of École St-Christophe, building #831-056 of the Commission scolaire de Laval, into a new Vocational Education Centre, in the amount of 3 414 389\$
- Priority #2: Financing from the MELS for the renovation of École Notre-Dame, building #831-041 of the Commission scolaire de Laval, now known as St-Vincent Elementary School, in the amount of 316 775\$.
- Priority #3: Financing from the MELS for the construction of a new school in Joliette in order to relocate Joliette Elementary School, building #885-040, in the amount of 3 500 000\$.
- Priority #4: Financing from the MELS for the enlargement of McCaig Elementary School, building #885-003, by adding two classrooms and a gymnasium, in the amount of 1 190 366\$.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel

The Chairman called for a ten minute break.

TIME: 21:53 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 22:03 hours

Commissioner Georges Benoit returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:03 hours

9.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

9.1 Report of Committee Chairman:

Commissioner Nick Milas, reporting on behalf of the **Chairperson of the Human Resources Committee**, advised that at the last meeting of the Human Resources Committee, it was noted that 562 employees participated in the flu shot program at a cost of approximately 11 000\$. Also discussed was the receipt of a waiver for non-qualified teachers from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), the draft of the 2007-2008 school calendars, and the French test for new employees, which will now be given by the Competency Development Centre (CDC) Laurier.

9.2 2007-2008 School Calendars:

The Director of Human Resources presented the draft 2007-2008 school calendars noting that the calendar for Joliette Elementary School, Rawdon Elementary & Middle School and Joliette High School has not yet been received from the Commission scolaire des Samares. These calendars will be subject to a 60-day consultation with the unions and the Parents' Committee.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion on the placement of some of the pedagogical days.

Commissioner Walter Fogel suggested that the resolution be split in two to represent the youth and adult education sectors individually. Commissioner Carolyn Curiale accepted Commissioner Fogel's suggestion.

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WHEREAS the school calendar is the responsibility of the school board;

WHEREAS the Laurier Teachers' Union and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board were able to negotiate and agree on a draft proposal;

WHEREAS the Directorate has endorsed the proposed calendar for presentation to the Council of Commissioners for approval;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Human Resources and the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the 2007-2008 school calendars, as presented in the following documents:

- Document #SWLSB-2007/01/24-ED-001 for all schools except Arundel Elementary School, Joliette Elementary School, Rawdon Elementary & Middle School, Joliette High School and Ste-Agathe Academy.

- Document #SWLSB-2007/01/24-ED-002 for Arundel Elementary School and Ste-Agathe Academy.

AND THAT these calendars be used for consultation purposes.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Natalie Auclair, Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel

CC-070124-ED-0098

WHEREAS the school calendar is the responsibility of the school board;

WHEREAS the Laurier Teachers' Union and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board were able to negotiate and agree on a draft proposal;

WHEREAS the Directorate has endorsed the proposed calendar for presentation to the Council of Commissioners for approval;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Human Resources and the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the 2007-2008 school calendars, as presented in the following documents:

- Document #SWLSB-2007/01/24-ED-003 for Adult Education – General Education in Chomedey & Lachute Centres.
- Document #SWLSB-2007/01/24-ED-004 for Adult Education – Vocational Education in Chomedey & Lachute Centres.

AND THAT these calendars be used for consultation purposes.

Carried unanimously

10.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

10.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik, Chair of the Information Technology Committee, noted that at its last meeting the committee discussed various ongoing projects, the call to tender for refurbished desktop computers, and the plans for an additional computer workshop for Commissioners. A very informative presentation on portals was given by Sylvie Legault, Analyst.

10.2 Extension of Contract - Qualified Laptop Supplier:

The Director of Information Technology advised the Council of Commissioners that the contract for the qualified laptop supplier will expire on 2007-01-31 and that the Information Technology Committee recommends that the contract be extended until 2007-06-30, as the school board is satisfied with the equipment being supplied.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director of Information Technology advised that approximately 50 laptops will be purchased between now and the end of June, 2007.

CC-070124-IT-0099

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Schools Board has designated INSO/Lenovo as a qualified laptop computer supplier per resolution #060125-IT-0123 for a period ending 2007-01-31;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is currently satisfied with the products, services and prices offered by the present supplier;

WHEREAS INSO/Lenovo has made a proposal for to extension of this contract;

Parent Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the extension of the contract and designate **INSO/Lenovo** as the qualified laptop computer supplier for a period ending 2007-06-30.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel

10.3 Call to Tender - Refurbished Desktop Computers:

The Director of Information Technology reviewed the request for a call to tender for refurbished desktop computers noting that it is in the best interest of the school board to ensure that the computers in its schools are of a Pentium IV or higher quality. There is a Measure that will assist with the cost of this project.

The Information Technology department has called an invitational tender for demos so as to assess the quality of these refurbished computers, found them to be in good shape and recommended to the Information Technology Committee that it give this project consideration. These computers also come equipped with **monitors**.

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is planning the purchase of up to 1000 refurbished desktop Pentium IV computers to replace obsolete desktop computers in its schools and centres;

WHEREAS the funding for this project is provided by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) special measure 50670 for the purchase and replacement of computers and peripherals;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that public tender be called for the purchase of up to 1000 refurbished desktop computers, as per the tender specifications contained in document #SWLSB-2007/01/24-IT-001.

Carried unanimously

11.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT**11.1 Parents' Committee Report:**

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier advised that at its last meeting, the focus of the Parents' Committee was on its plan of action for the 2006-2007 school year.

Parent Commissioner Tom Mouhteros advised the Council of Commissioners that the Parents' Committee is extending to them an open invitation to attend its meetings on the first Thursday of each month, unless otherwise advised.

Commissioner Natalie Auclair left the meeting.

TIME: 22:27 hours

In response to a request from Parent Commissioner Tom Mouhteros, the Chairman advised that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) would be asked to provide copies of the report of the Advisory Committee on English Education for the use by the Parents' Committee.

12.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

12.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin, Chairman of the Education Committee, advised that at its last meeting, a presentation was made on the possible implementation of a sports study program at Franklin Hill Elementary School. This program has potential and will be explored further.

TIME: 22: 30 hours

CC-070124-CA-0101

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

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin also noted that the contribution of Educational Services to the annual report was also discussed.

Commissioner Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 22:31 hours

In response to a question from Commissioner Albina Pace, the Director of Educational Services advised that the Mother Teresa Junior High School music program was a recent topic at the Education Committee meeting. The Principal of the school has agreed that there is a need to be accountable for this program and is agreeable to the measurement of its success.

Commissioners Natalie Auclair and Nick Milas returned to the meeting. **TIME: 22:34 hours**

The Director of Educational Services also indicated that the initial investment in the music program at Mother Teresa Junior High School was significant and that a program is being developed to ensure that there is a comparable music program for students who complete their senior education at Laurier Senior High School.

12.2 *Update on Tel-jeunes:*

The Director of Educational Services noted that the project is proceeding well and expressed her appreciation to Commissioner David McKinley for all of his assistance with this project.

13.0 QESBA

13.1 *Report of the QESBA:*

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale presented her report on the recent activities of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) noting a meeting of the Constitution Committee, the QESBA Long Service Award, the QESBA Award of Merit, discussions on the rumours of the elimination of school boards in Québec, the campaign to promote English public school in Québec, and the development of an action plan to follow-up on the report of the Advisory Council on English Education.

14.0 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION**14.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:**

There was no report.

15.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**15.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:**

Commissioner Merle Parkinson, Chair of the Financial Resources Committee, noted that at its last meeting, the committee reviewed the auditor's letter in detail. She also noted that the tax department is preparing the second billing for those school tax accounts that remain unpaid.

15.2 Auditor's Observation Letter:

The Director of Financial Resources presented the final auditor's letter for the 2005-2006 financial statements noting that the auditor was very impressed with the fact that all departments have listened to the advice given in previous years and implemented checks and balances to ensure that all of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) audit requirements are met.

The Chairman extended congratulations to all of the departments.

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

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

18.0 VARIA

There was no varia.

19.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Commissioner Natalie Auclair MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:52 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ 2007-02-28

Josephine Battista, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman