

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2007-04-25

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, 2007-04-25 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Natalie Auclair, 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; and Lisa Chartier and Tom Mouhteros, Parent Commissioners; and Anne-Marie Lepage, Interim Director General/Interim Secretary General.

Also present were: François Badin, Interim Assistant Director General/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; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioner Georges Benoit.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:34 hours.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence to remember the students and staff of Virginia Tech who were injured or died during the tragic event of 2007-04-16.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following addition and change to the agenda was proposed:

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

5.2 2007-2008 School Calendars RES

6.0 HUMAN RESOURCES:

6.3 Retirement RES

6.4 Promotions RES

6.5 Assignment & Transfer of In-School Administrators RES

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

7.3 Commissioners Professional Development RES

8.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES:

8.3 Rate of Interest on Unpaid Taxes 2007-2008 RES

9.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES:

9.2 Call to Tender - Access Controls RES

11.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

11.2 Engagement of Supplier - Interactive Whiteboards RES

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Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as corrected in document #SWLSB-2007/04/25-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**CC-070425-CA-0131**

Commissioner David McKinley MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2007-03-28, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

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

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Debbie Howell-Ratsch, a parent from Twin Oaks Elementary School, the Chairman advised that the school board has recently distributed its proposed 2007-2011 Strategic Plan for consultation. This plan is based on input received from focus groups comprised of parents, administrators, unions, associations and students. The plan is now out for consultation and schools are invited to provide feedback on how the four strategic goals could be formulated and achieved.

Commissioner Walter Fogel entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:40 hours

In response to an additional question from Ms. Howell-Ratsch, the Interim Director General noted that during the consultation period on the 2007-2011 Strategic Plan all of the early literacy programs offered by the school board will be reviewed. If certain programs are **no longer maintained**, support will be given to the schools, through consultants and materials, for the implementation of other programs.

Ms. Howell-Ratsch presented a petition to the Council signed by parents who would like to have the "Sessions" intensive intervention program maintained.

In response to a question from Marysia Kohut, Chair of the Twin Oaks Elementary School Governing Board, the Interim Director General advised that the results of the various literacy **programs** within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have been measured through CAT 3 testing and that the results are positive as the majority of the students are able to read at the end of **cycle one**.

Commissioners Nancy Rupnik and Morten Schrier entered the meeting. **TIME: 19:45 hours**

In response to a question from Mary Delle Donne, Chair of the Souvenir Elementary School Governing Board, the Interim Director General noted that the "Sessions" intensive intervention program is very costly and that the school board must consider **equitable distribution of resources** when planning its budget so that all students can benefit.

She also noted that a breakdown of the costs of the "Sessions" program **would soon be available**.

Ms. Delle Donne submitted a petition from Souvenir Elementary School urging the Council of Commissioners to retain the "Sessions" intensive intervention program.

In response to a question from Sylvia Christou, a parent from Souvenir Elementary School, the Interim Director General indicated that the school board is aware of the motivation created with the "Sessions" program in both students and teachers but that it must be understood that other literacy support programs are also very motivating **for the schools using them**. The "Sessions" program does not allow for diversity within the program, **some sections** cannot be used **independently from others**.

Peter Di Loreto, Parents' Committee Delegate from Souvenir Elementary School, in lieu of his question, implored the Council to continue to support the "Sessions" program as it has proven to be successful in the five schools that currently use it and would be beneficial to all the schools. He noted that there is no price that can be put on literacy.

In response to a question from Tiziana Velasco, a parent from Souvenir Elementary School, the Interim Director General advised that the school board is trying to find a solution that will **take into account the preoccupations raised**. **She further commented on the professional support given to this program, three consultants** providing literacy support in five elementary schools and **one** consultant providing the same support in the other 21 schools. **This raises some questions**.

In response to a question from Maria Gergiou, a parent from Souvenir Elementary School, the Interim Director General noted that the school board's goal is success and not failure and it would not provide a service to students that would set them up to fail. Students are at the center of the decision making process. The school board acknowledges the successes achieved with the "Sessions" program but the program **could not be applicable to all schools, nor sustainable**.

In response to an additional question from Ms. Gergiou, the Interim Director General advised that Governing Boards are currently being consulted **on the proposed** 2007-2011 Strategic Plan and **that the school board** is open to all feedback.

She went to note that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board did a pre-consultation with a focus group and **that** most school boards do not seek any input from **their** stakeholders prior to drafting a Strategic Plan. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board focus group met twice over the past year to review what was achieved with the 2003-2007 Strategic Plan and provide ideas as to the direction the school board should take for the 2007-2011 Strategic Plan.

The Chairman advised that the Education Committee would be holding a special meeting to review all of the literacy support initiatives and programs offered by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. He also indicated that the results of the consultation on the 2007-2011 Strategic Plan would be **made available at the time of the** adoption of the final version of the Strategic Plan.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4.1 Chairman's Report:

The Chairman noted that he had attended the "I am Safe" Conference in Ottawa and that very useful information was received on bullying. A report will be made on the conference and the information will be distributed to the schools.

Commissioner Walter Fogel noted that he had attended the "Violence in Schools" Conference in Toronto, where he also received extensive information on bullying and other acts of aggression that occur in schools. The information from this conference can also be made available to the schools.

The Chairman advised the Council of Commissioners that this week is "Earth Week" and that Mountainview elementary School is holding a tree planting event on 2007-04-26 to celebrate and that all Commissioners are invited to attend.

4.2 *Report of the Director General Selection Committee:*

The Chairman advised that on 2007-04-14 interviews were held for the position of Director General of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and that five applications were received of which three candidates were interviewed, two internal and one external. The Selection Committee is unanimous in its recommendation.

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WHEREAS the position of Director General is currently vacant;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners formed a Selection Committee comprised of the Commissioner members of the Executive Committee and the Chairs of the Standing Committees to interview and recommend a Director General to the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee conducted interviews on Saturday, 2007-04-14;

WHEREAS the members of the Selection Committee were unanimous in its recommendation for the position of Director General;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint **Anne-Marie Lepage** to the position of Director General, effective 2007-04-26.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Natalie Auclair, 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
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Albina Pace

The newly appointed Director General thanked the Council for its vote of confidence and noted that she is honoured to be working with such a dedicated team.

The Chairman advised that the position of Assistant Director General would be posted internally and externally and will close on 2007-05-09.

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WHEREAS the Assistant Director General has been named to the position of Director General;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the posting of the position of Assistant Director General, as of 2007-04-26.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Natalie Auclair left the meeting.

TIME: 20:29 hours

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 *Safety & Security:*

The Interim Director General noted that the Safety & Security Committee has not met but advised the Council that the teachers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, in light of the tragedy at Virginia Tech, have been provided with useful tips for helping students who may be experiencing difficulties.

Commissioner Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:31 hours

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Chairman agreed that there should be a Commissioner on the Safety & Security Committee and asked Commissioner Fogel if he would be willing to sit on this committee. Commissioner Fogel agreed to represent the Council of Commissioners on the Safety & Security Committee. **The Chairman indicated that he would also be sitting on this committee.**

5.2 2007-2008 School Calendars:

The Director of Human Resources presented the 2007-2008 school calendars with the exception of the calendar for Rawdon and Joliette elementary and high schools, as the Commission scolaire des Samares has not yet approved its final calendar. He will contact that school board and inquire as to the status of the calendar. Responses to the consultation were received, in writing, from the ACSQ and the Parents' Committee and verbally from the Laurier Teachers Union.

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;

WHEREAS various partners were consulted and did not provide feedback;

WHEREAS the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec (ACSQ) Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents' Committee were consulted and endorse the proposed calendars for the 2007-2008 school year;

Commissioner Natalie Auclair 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 the 2007-2008 school calendars, as presented in the following documents:

- Document #SWLSB-2007/04/25-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-2007/04/25-ED-002 for Arundel Elementary School and Ste-Agathe Academy.**
- Document #SWLSB-2007/04/25-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-2007/04/25-ED-002 for Arundel Elementary School and Ste-Agathe Academy.**

The Council entered into discussion and Commissioner Walter Fogel recommended that the resolution be split in two so that the calendars for Adult & Vocational Education are separate from the youth sector.

Commissioner Natalie Auclair accepted Commissioner Fogel's recommendation.

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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;

WHEREAS various partners were consulted and did not provide feedback;

WHEREAS the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec (ACSQ) Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents' Committee were consulted and endorse the proposed calendars for the 2007-2008 school year;

Commissioner Natalie Auclair 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 the 2007-2008 school calendars, as presented in the following documents:

- Document #SWLSB-2007/04/25-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-2007/04/25-ED-002 for Arundel Elementary School and Ste-Agathe Academy.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Natalie Auclair, 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
Commissioners voting NAY:	Walter Fogel

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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;

WHEREAS various partners were consulted and did not provide feedback;

WHEREAS the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec (ACSQ) Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents' Committee were consulted and endorse the proposed calendars for the 2007-2008 school year;

Commissioner Walter Fogel 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 the 2007-2008 school calendars, as presented in the following documents:

- Document #SWLSB-2007/04/25-ED-003 for Adult Education – General Education in Chomedey & Lachute Centres.
- Document #SWLSB-2007/04/25-ED-004 for Adult Education – Vocational Education in Chomedey & Lachute Centres.

Carried unanimously

The Chairman announced that the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière region has fared very well in the appointments to the new Liberal Government Cabinet: Michelle Courchesne, Member of the Québec National Assembly for Fabre, has been appointed as Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), and David Whissell, Member of the Québec National Assembly for Argenteuil, has been appointed Ministre du Travail. He also noted that François Desrochers, Education Critic for the Action démocratique, is from Mirabel.

6.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

6.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

There was no report.

6.2 *Engagement of a Replacement Assistant Director of Human Resources:*

The Director of Human Resources advised that the Assistant Director of Human Resources will be going on maternity leave beginning on 2007-05-11 and that a replacement position was posted and interviews were held. The Director of Human Resources noted that the individual selected has eighteen years experience working in education. This recommendation is supported by the Selection Committee.

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WHEREAS the Assistant Director of Human Resources will be on maternity leave, effective 2007-05-11;

WHEREAS it is necessary to replace the Assistant Director of Human Resources for the period of her maternity leave;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Stéphane Boulanger** as a replacement Assistant Director of Human Resources, as per the conditions of Employment of the Management Staff of School Boards and as per the terms of the individual's contract, effective 2007-05-28.

Carried unanimously

6.3 *Retirement:*

The Director of Human Resources advised that Council that a notice of retirement has been received from the Assistant Director of Educational & Complimentary Services.

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Parent Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the notice of retirement, effective 2007-08-27, received from **Anna Ciccotosto**, Assistant Director of Educational & Complementary Services, and extend best wishes to her.

Carried unanimously

6.4 *Promotions:*

The Interim Director General presented and reviewed the promotions to the position of Principal, effective 2007-07-01.

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council go "in camera". **TIME: 20:55 hours**

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 21:50 hours**

The Chairman called for a five minute break **TIME: 21:50 hours**

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 21:55 hours**

Commissioners Walter Fogel, Peter MacLaurin and Grace Nesi returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:57 hours

6.5 Assignment & Transfer of In-School Administrators:

The Interim Director General reviewed the assignments and transfers for the 2007-2008 school year.

CC-070425-HR-0138

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Director General to recommend to the Council of Commissioners the assignment of the in-school and centre administrators prior to May 1 annually in accordance with the Management Policy adopted by the board;

WHEREAS principals and vice-principals have submitted their career plans for 2007-2008 to the Director General as requested;

WHEREAS the career plans all of the in-school Administrators have been reviewed by the Interim Director General;

WHEREAS some meetings were held with the individuals involved in the changes of assignment;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association was consulted on the assignment and transfer of in-school Administrators;

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Interim Director General and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the assignment of the in-school and centre administrators, effective 2007-07-01:

ELEMENTARY	PRINCIPAL	VICE-PRINCIPAL
ARUNDEL (60%)	Carole Léger	
CRESTVIEW	Mary Lazaris	
FRANKLIN HILL	Cliff Buckland	
GENESIS	Serge Édouard Jeannot	
GRENVILLE (with LES)	Tina Korb	
HILLCREST ACADEMY	Doug Clarke	
JOHN F. KENNEDY	Daniel Temblay	
JOLIETTE	Paul Fogel	
JULES VERNE	Carmela Sacco	
LAURENTIA	Darlene Reeves	
LAURENTIAN	Tina Korb	
McCAIG	Fred Greschner	Tina Miscio
MORIN HEIGHTS	Anne Poland	
MOUNTAINVIEW	Darlene Miller	
OUR LADY OF PEACE	John McGrail	
PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU	VACANT	
PINEWOOD	André Gionet	
RAWDON ELEM. (with Rawdon Middle)	Louise McLaughlin	
SOUVENIR	Stephanie Krenn	Luciana Cifarelli
STE-ADELE (with Batshaw)	Grace Courey	
STE-AGATHE	Josée Côté	
ST-JUDE	Gaëlle Absolonne	
ST-PAUL	Linda DiDomenico	VACANT
ST-VINCENT	Helen Kalipolidis	
TERRY FOX	Therese Dufresne	Connie Larosa
TWIN OAKS	Hazel Milley	

SECONDARY	PRINCIPAL	VICE-PRINCIPAL
BATSHAW (with Ste-Adèle)	Grace Courey	
JOLIETTE HIGH	VACANT	
LAKE OF TWO MOUNTAINS	VACANT	Aimee-Elizabeth Parsons
LAURENTIAN REGIONAL	Laird Bracken	Marisa Goffredo
LAURIER SENIOR HIGH	Glenn Cuggy	Robert Bennett, Natalie Rollin
LAVAL JUNIOR	Ann Cohen	Josée Yelle
LAVAL LIBERTY	Eric Ruggi	Gina Persechino Chris Roblin
MOTHER TERESA JUNIOR	Karen Moore	Anna Villalta
PHOENIX	Jennifer Kurta	
RAWDON MIDDLE (with Rawdon Elem.)	Louise McLaughlin	
ROSEMERE HIGH	Scott Traylen	Richard Mason, Karen Lorenz, David Mitchell
STE-AGATHE ACADEMY (with above)	Josée Côté	
CENTRE	CENTRE DIRECTOR	CENTRE
CHOMEDEY EDUCATION CENTRE	Alain Guay	Elaine Brunette, Assistant Centre Director Johanne Brabant, Assistant Centre Director

INTERIM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES	Judy Freedman	
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THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Tony De Lauri, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, David McKinley, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY	Walter Fogel, Merle Parkinson
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Albina Pace, William Pollock

Parent Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:59 hours

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

7.1 Report of the Committee Chairperson - Communications & Public Relations:

Commissioner Natalie Auclair, Chair of the Communications & Public relations Committee, advised that at its last meeting the committee discussed the cost of redesigning the corporate Web site, the construction of a portable kiosk for use by the various services when representing the school board at events and the steps being taken to obtain a permanent injunction for persons who are repeat trespassers on school board property.

She also noted that ticket sales for Sir Wilfrid Laurier "Game Nite" with the Montréal Impact are going very well with 2 000 tickets sold to date.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chair and left the meeting. **TIME: 22:03 hours**

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Assistant Director General noted that the process of permanent injunction is used by other school boards with positive results and it was recommended as a security precaution.

7.2 SWL Foundation:

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak noted that ticket sales for the “Lobster Quest” are going well and that tickets are available from Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation members and the Coordinator of Communications & Public Relations.

7.3 Commissioners Professional Development:

Commissioner Robert Dixon excused himself from the table for the vote.

CC-070425-CA-0139

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, the Chairman and two Commissioners unless the Chairman is unable to attend and cedes his place to another Commissioner;

WHEREAS the Chairman will be exercising his right to attend the 2007 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) Seminar being held from 2007-07-15 to 2007-07-18 in Phoenix, Arizona, as per section 3.2 of the Professional Development Guidelines of Policy #2005-CA-11: Professional Development for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Steve Bletas** at the 2007 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) in Phoenix, Arizona from 2007-07-15 to 2007-07-18.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 3 000,00\$ Canadian.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Carolyn Curiale, 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, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Natalie Auclair

CC-070425-CA-0140

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, the Chairman and two Commissioners unless the Chairman is unable to attend and cedes his place to another Commissioner;

WHEREAS two Commissioners have each submitted a request to attend the 2007 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) Seminar being held from 2007-07-15 to 2007-07-18 in Phoenix, Arizona;

Commissioner Tony De Lauri MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Edward Turchyniak** at the 2007 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) Seminar in Phoenix, Arizona from 2007-07-15 to 2007-07-18.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 3 000,00\$ Canadian.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Carolyn Curiale, 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, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Natalie Auclair

CC-070425-CA-0141

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, the Chairman and two Commissioners unless the Chairman is unable to attend and cedes his place to another Commissioner;

WHEREAS two Commissioners have each submitted a request to attend the 2007 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) Seminar being held from 2007-07-15 to 2007-07-18 in Phoenix, Arizona;

Commissioner 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 2007 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) Seminar in Phoenix, Arizona from 2007-07-15 to 2007-07-18.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 3 000,00\$ Canadian.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Carolyn Curiale, 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, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Natalie Auclair

Commissioner Robert Dixon returned to the table.

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:13 hours

8.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

8.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

Commissioner Merle Parkinson, Chair of the Financial Resources Committee noted that at its last meeting the energy project was reviewed and it was noted that the initial investment in the project was approximately 1 100 000\$ and that with grants and special programs the final cost to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board **will be** 200 000\$. The annual cost of the Fibre Optic Network was also discussed and it was noted that the average annual cost of the network is 167 000\$.

The Chairman resumed the chair.

Commissioner Morten Schrier left the meeting.

TIME: 22:15 hours

8.2 Engagement of Auditors:

The Director of Financial Resources advised the Council that the audit for the 2006-2007 school year is the option year of the three-year contract negotiated in 2003. The relationship with the current auditor has been very good and the Financial Resources Committee recommends that the firm of Roy Brunet Dubé be engaged to perform the 2006-2007 audit. A tender will be called for the services of an auditor in the 2007-2008 school year.

CC-070425-FR-0145

WHEREAS section 284 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) stipulates that for each fiscal year, every school board shall appoint an external auditor who shall file a report of his audit of the financial transactions of the school board;

WHEREAS during the 2003-2004 school year, public tenders were called for auditing services for a three year period, with an option for an additional year;

WHEREAS the appointment of an auditor is approved annually after examination of the services rendered;

WHEREAS the Financial Resources Committee has reviewed the services rendered and recommends that the current auditor be appointed for an additional year;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage the firm of **Brunet Roy Dubé** to conduct auditing services for the 2006-2007 school year.

Carried unanimously

8.3 Rate of Interest on Unpaid Taxes 2007-2008:

The Director of Financial Resources noted that this is an annual request as the information is required in order to print the tax bills.

In response to a concern expressed by Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director of Financial Resources noted her research shows that the majority of school boards charge a rate 15% on unpaid taxes.

CC-070425-FR-0142

WHEREAS section 316 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) stipulates that interest is payable on school taxes at the rate fixed by the school board;

WHEREAS this rate applies to any tax unpaid at the time it is fixed, from the date on which the tax became due;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the **rate of interest on unpaid taxes be set at 15%** per annum for the school year 2007-2008.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, 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, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec

8.4 School Tax Payments by Installments:

The Director of Financial Resources reviewed the proposed process for the payment of tax accounts noting that the Financial Resources Committee is recommending that the tax accounts for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be paid in two equal instalments, in accordance with the process set out in the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

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WHEREAS Bill 43, An Act to amend the Education Act and the Act respecting municipal taxation was passed on 2006-12-14;

WHEREAS section 315 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) was amended to allow taxpayers to pay the school tax in two equal instalments if it exceeds 300 \$;

WHEREAS the first instalment is due 31 days after the sending of the tax bill and the second instalment is due 121 days after the sending of the tax bill;

WHEREAS if the first instalment is not made within the prescribed period of 31 days, the entire tax bill becomes payable immediately;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that if the first instalment is not made within the period prescribed, as per section 315 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), the entire tax bill becomes payable immediately.

AND THAT this method of payment be applied to school taxes for the 2007-2008 school year.

Carried unanimously

Due to the absence of the Director of Material Resources from the table, item 9.0 was deferred until after item 11.0.

10.0 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

10.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

The Director of School Organization, in the absence of the committee chairperson, advised that Council that there will be a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Transportation on 2007-05-07. He also noted the annual review of bus routes for the 2007-2008 school year and the recent daycare workshop.

10.2 2007-2008 Enrollment Figures:

The Director of School Organization reviewed the current enrollment figures pointing out the increased enrollment at Grenville and Ste-Adèle Elementary Schools. He also noted that kindergarten enrollment continues to increase at Terry Fox Elementary School and a solution is being sought for the accommodation of these students.

10.3 Sport-études:

The Director of School Organization advised the Council that Laval Junior High School, with the assistance of the Québec Soccer Federation, has been able to recruit the twenty-five students **required** to make an application to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to establish a sport-études program with a soccer concentration.

Commissioner Morten Schrier returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:27 hours

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director of Educational Services advised that a school can modify the time allocation for a program but it cannot alter the credits given for the program. In the case of a soccer concentration 30% of the time allocation will be spent on the sport and the remainder on academics.

TIME: 22:30 hours

CC-070425-MR-0144

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

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

TIME: 22:32 hours

The Council entered into discussion and the Interim Director General noted that the contract for the soccer concentration program at Laval Liberty High School is a standard Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) contract.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:33 hours

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of Educational Services advised that the agreement for the soccer concentration program is for three years.

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Director of School Organization advised that the education portion of a sport-études program is free and all other costs are borne by the parents of the students registered in the program.

Commissioner Morten Schrier excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22: 36 hours

Commissioner Walter Fogel recommended that section 6 of the "Memorandum of Understanding" between Laval Junior High School and the Québec Soccer Federation be amended to include the following: "*and for which an advance notice of at least 48 hours is required. Said notice may be waived upon agreement by all parties.*"

The Council entered into discussion.

Commissioner Merle Parkinson excused herself for the evening.

TIME: 22:37 hours

CC-070425-ED-0149

WHEREAS Laval Junior High School has successfully recruited twenty-five (25) students to participate in a Sport étude program with the Québec Soccer Federation;

WHEREAS these twenty-five (25) students meet the minimum requirements to apply to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for funding for this Sport étude program;

WHEREAS Laval Junior High School and the Québec Soccer Federation have now come to agreement that will permit them to make a formal application to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for funding;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Director General and the Principal of Laval Junior High School to sign the **amended** "Memorandum of Understanding" between Laval Junior High School and the Québec Soccer Federation.

AND THAT this "Memorandum of Understanding" be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for its approval.

FURTHER THAT this "Memorandum of Understanding" be considered as an official request to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for funding.

Carried unanimously

10.4 Proposed Policy #2007-TS-02: Closure of Schools:

The Director of School Organization presented and reviewed proposed policy #2007-TS-02: *Policy Concerning the Continued Operation or Closure of Schools and Any Modifications Pertaining to Educational Services.*

Commissioner Walter Fogel recommended that section 7.5 of the proposed policy be amended to include at the end of the paragraph the following: "As well, any commissioner of the school board may **attend this public assembly.**"

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin left the meeting.

TIME: 22:40 hours

CC-070425-TS-0150

WHEREAS Bill 32 amended section 212 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) which now makes it obligatory for a school board to adopt a policy on the continued operation or closure of schools and any modifications pertaining to Educational Services provided by a school;

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle **the amended** proposed policy #2007-TS-02: *Policy Concerning the Continued Operation or Closure of Schools and Any Modifications Pertaining to Educational Services.*

AND THAT this proposed policy be subject to a sixty-day consultation from 2007-04-26 to 2007-06-26.

Carried unanimously

11.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

11.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

There was no report.

11.2 Engagement of Supplier - Interactive Whiteboards:

The Director of Information Technology reviewed the tenders received for the interactive whiteboards noting that one of the bids was non-conformable. She also indicated that it might be possible to negotiate a lower delivery cost.

CC-070425-IT-0146

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received the funds from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation for the purchase of 40 interactive whiteboards for its schools and centres;

WHEREAS a public tender was called for the interactive whiteboards and subsequently opened on 2007-04-23;

WHEREAS the tenders have been evaluated according to the selection criteria and technical specifications of the call to tender;

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the purchase of 40 Smartboard interactive whiteboards from **Duocom** at a maximum cost of 93 666,90 \$, all taxes included.

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

9.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

9.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

Commissioner David McKinley, Chairman of the Material Resources Committee, noted that at its last meeting the committee discussed **various projects:** safety and security, the aquatic centre proposal and the start of the Competency Development Centre (CDC) Laurier renovation/construction project.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin returned to the meeting. **TIME: 22:48 hours**

9.2 Call to Tender - Access Controls:

The Chairman advised the Council that it is the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the resolution on access controls be tabled to the 2007-05-23 meeting of the Council.

CC-070425-MR-0147

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the resolution for the “Call to Tender - Access Controls” be tabled to the 2007-05-23 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

Carried unanimously

9.3 Call to Tender - Window & Roofing Projects:

The Director of Material Resources noted that the specifications for the various window and roofing projects are nearing completion and a call to tender for the services of general contractors is now required.

Commissioner Walter Fogel left the meeting. **TIME: 22:51 hours**

CC-070425-MR-0148

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution # CC-070328-MR-0129 approving the engagement of architects for window projects at Crestview, St-Paul and Twin Oaks elementary Schools, as well as roofing projects at Morin Heights Elementary School and Phoenix Alternative School;

Commissioner David McKinley 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 approve calls to tender for the services of general contractors for window projects at Crestview, St-Paul and Twin Oaks elementary Schools, as well as roofing projects at Morin Heights Elementary School and Phoenix Alternative School.

Carried unanimously

9.4 Transfer of Property - CDC Laurier:

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that the renovation/construction project at the Competency Development Centre (CDC) Laurier has begun and this resolution is to provide the notary with the documentation required to officially transfer the property to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

CC-070425-MR-0154

WHEREAS enrollment in the Vocational Education sector of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has increased considerably and can no longer be accommodated at 3200, boul. Souvenir O., Laval, due to increased space requirements in order to support current programs;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de Laval has agreed to transfer an existing building, École Saint-Christophe in Pont-Viau, to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the sum of 1,00\$, in order to create a Vocational Education Centre;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), has authorized this transfer of property for the creation of a Vocational Education Centre;

Commissioner Natalie Auclair 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 approve the transfer of École Saint-Christophe from the Commission scolaire de Laval to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the sum of 1,00\$, effective 2006-07-01.

Carried unanimously

9.5 Aquatic Centre - Feasibility Study:

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been approached to participate in a feasibility study for an aquatic centre in Laval. The cost to the school board to participate in this feasibility study would be 5 000\$. The location proposed for this centre is on a portion of the property located at 2323 boulevard Daniel-Johnson, which would be discussed in greater detail if the feasibility study provides a positive recommendation.

CC-070425-MR-0155

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources was approached by the Executive Committee of the Laval Aquatic Centre Project, representing associations and clubs regrouping all aquatic activities in Laval, to participate in an aquatic centre project;

WHEREAS this project is supported by the Ville de Laval and has a total value of 20 000 000\$;

WHEREAS this centre would be located on the land of 2323 Daniel-Johnson in Laval;

WHEREAS a feasibility study will be conducted, of which the estimated cost is 60 000\$ and for which the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was asked to contribute to a maximum amount of 5 000\$;

WHEREAS the commitment of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is limited to a financial contribution to a maximum amount of 5,000\$ for the feasibility study, as well as an agreement in principle to consider the centre to be built on the land of 2323 Daniel-Johnson in Laval;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, authorize the Director of Material Resources to engage 5,000\$ from the 2007-2008 school year budget for the feasibility study and to continue discussions on this project and bring more details for further consideration by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:53 hours

9.6 Confirmation of Tender - Energy Project:

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that the proposed resolution on the energy project will provide the authorization required in order to present the project to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for approval.

CC-070425-MR-0151

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #060927-MR-0029, approving the engagement of Ecosystem to perform a detailed feasibility study;

WHEREAS the original construction cost of the project was estimated at 1 036 031\$;

WHEREAS the final construction cost of the feasibility study is 1 063 572\$;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee reviewed and evaluated the results of the feasibility study;

WHEREAS the total project cost is to be at 1 426 420\$ including other fees as follows:

Construction cost	1 063 572\$
Detailed feasibility study	58 000\$
Work management	37 490\$
Project management and administration of the contract	60 000\$
Training program	8 000\$
Communication & awareness	15 000\$
Monitoring and post-implementation services	112 358\$
Performance guarantee	72 000\$
Total	1 426 420\$

WHEREAS the total project is subject to approval from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, for a ten-year loan to be paid back from the annual energy savings;

Parent Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Director of Material Resources to proceed with the energy project as per the feasibility study at a cost of 1 426 420\$ excluding taxes;

FURTHER THAT upon receipt of authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), 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 energy project.

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

9.7 2007-2008 Insurance:

The Director of Material Resources presented the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee to maintain the services of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's insurance provider for the 2007-2008 school year due to the fact that the number of insurance providers that insure school boards is limited. The school board will go to tender in the 2007-2008 school year for insurance for 2008-2009.

CC-070425-MR-0157

WHEREAS the number of insurance providers in the Province of Québec that are willing to insure school boards is very small;

WHEREAS invitational tenders were called for the 2006-2007 school year and only two companies had submitted a proposal;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee had recommended that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder, Lemieux, Ryan & Ass.;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee is recommending that the current insurance provider Lemieux, Ryan & Ass. be retained as the insurance provider for the 2007-2008 school year at a lower cost than the 2006-2007 insurance package;

WHEREAS Lemieux, Ryan & Ass. have agreed to provide insurance for the amount of 84 596,36\$ compared to 90 908,62\$ in the 2006-2007 insurance package;

Commissioner Grace Nesi 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 authorize the administration to enter into an insurance agreement for the 2007-2008 school year for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's insurance needs with the firm Lemieux, Ryan & Ass. for a total premium of 84 596,36\$, 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 Interim Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this policy.

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

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Director of Material Resources noted that a letter to the Ville de Rosemère concerning the need to extend the use of portables at McCaig Elementary School is being prepared.

12.0 ADULT & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:

12.1 *Report of Committee Chairperson:*

Commissioner Nazario Facchino, Chairman of the Adult & Vocational Education Committee, noted that at its last meeting the committee discussed the decision of the service to offer courses in English only, so as to better serve the English community. The student population enrolled in Adult & Vocational **Education courses** that are currently being provided in French will receive assistance in integrating into programs at Commission scolaire de Laval or another educational facility.

He went on to note that in conjunction with the CEGEP Montmorency and the Commission scolaire de Laval, a "Regional Prior Learning Project" was submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and the MELS had approved the project with an allocation of 100 000\$ for start up costs. The sustainability of the project will depend on its ability to self-finance.

Commissioner Robert Dixon left the meeting.

TIME: 22:57 hours

He continued noting that Laval Junior and Laval Liberty High Schools will need the space at 3200, boul. Souvenir O. earlier than anticipated, therefore, Adult General Education must to be relocated. The Director of Adult & Vocational Education has found a potential rental property close to the Competency Development Centre (CDC) Laurier but it will require some renovation.

Commissioner Robert Dixon returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:59 hours

The Director of Material Resources noted that if a lease was to be signed for the rental property the cost of renovations to this property would be less than if renovations were made at 3200, boul. Souvenir O. to accommodate Adult General Education.

The Council entered into discussion and the Chairman recommended that the need to rent space for Adult General Education be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Material Resources Committee.

The Director of Material Resources advised that preliminary discussions with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) concerning the need to rent space for Adult General Education in Laval have been positive.

13.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

13.1 *Parents' Committee Report:*

The Chairman thanked the Parent Commissioners for their written report.

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier extended thanks to the Director of Financial Resources for her informative presentation of the budget building process made to the Parents Committee at its last meeting.

She went on to note that several schools indicated at the last meeting that Governing Board approval had not been sought for the mobile computer lab project.

In response to a question from Commissioner Nick Milas, the Director of Information Technology noted that all of the Principals indicated that Governing Board approval had been received for the mobile computer lab project prior to the purchase.

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that when the school board enters into a partnership with a school and a third party a resolution from the Governing Board is always required and this should also be the case in a cost sharing project.

In response to a question from Commissioner Albina Pace, Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier noted that she had spoken with the Director of Educational Services and that students who are not participating in a field trip are to be accommodated at the school unless the parents decide to keep the student at home.

14.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

14.1 Report of Committee Chairperson:

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin, Chairman of the Education Committee, advised that the committee did not meet in April. The next meeting will be held on 2007-05-02 and at this meeting the "Sessions" and other programs will be discussed at length and all Commissioners are invited to attend. Commissioners are also invited to attend a meeting at Mother Teresa Junior High School on 2007-05-07 at 19:00 hours, where an overview of the music program will be presented.

The Director of Material Resources noted that the next meeting of the Material Resources Committee has been changed to 2007-05-03.

The Director of Educational Services advised the Council that Anne Clément, kindergarten teacher at Laurentian Elementary School, has been named Chairperson of the Association d'éducation préscolaire du Québec (AEPQ) Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière section. This is the first time that an employee of an English school board has held this post.

The Chairman asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mme Clément.

She went on to comment on the progress of the Tel-jeunes project noting that there have been some road blocks but that they are being resolved.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Director of Educational Services indicated that the official launch of the Tel-jeunes English service will be before the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

15.0 QESBA

15.1 Report of the QESBA:

There was no meeting.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale reminded everyone of the 2007 Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Spring Conference that is being held in Québec from May 10 -12, 2007.

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the correspondence contained in the meeting package noting specifically the letter from the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) to Michelle Courchesne, Member of the Québec National Assembly for Fabre congratulating her on her nomination as Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board letters of congratulation to Mme Courchesne and David Whissell, Member of the Québec National Assembly for Argenteuil and newly named Ministre du Travail, a letter from the school board to the president of Virginia Tech and the useful tips for observing students who may be experiencing difficulties.

18.0 VARIA

There was no varia.

19.0 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:18 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ 2007-05-23

Anne-Marie Lepage, Interim Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman