

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE FIRST SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2007-11-14

A first special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2007-11-14 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Commissioners Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; and Lisa Chartier, Parent Commissioner; and Anne-Marie Lepage, Director General.

Also present were: Alain Guay, Assistant Director General; Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; François Badin, Director of Human Resources; Johanne Brabant, Interim Director of Adult & Vocational Education; Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology; Heather Halman, Director of Educational Services; Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; George Paquette, Director of School Organization; Robert Vallerand, Returning Officer, and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Parent Commissioner Luc Samson.

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

1.0 ELECTIONS:

1.1 Report of the Returning Officer:

Robert Vallerand, Returning Officer, presented his election report noting that the overall turnout for English school elections on 2007-11-04 was higher than the turnout in the French sector. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board had the highest overall voter turnout in the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière regions. Electoral divisions 8 and 10 of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board had the highest voter turnout of approximately 36%.

He went on to note that there are still challenges concerning the English list of electors. He recommended that the Quebec School Boards Association (QESBA) be advised that this issue has still not been resolved to the satisfaction of the English community.

He extended his appreciation to the election team, to the **Direction** général des Élections du Québec for its support, as well as the support received from staff of the Administration Centre of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

The Director General expressed the school board's appreciation to the elections team for a job well done.

1.2 Nomination of Chair of Elections:

The Director General called for nominations to the position of Chairperson for Elections.

Commissioner Steve Bletas nominated the Secretary General to the position of Chairperson for Elections. The Secretary General accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-071114-CA-0039

Commissioner Steve Bletas MOVED THAT the Secretary General be appointed Chair of Elections.

Carried unanimously

1.3 Nominations for Scrutineers for Elections:

The Secretary General called for nominations to the positions of scrutineers.

Commissioner Walter Fogel nominated the Director General and Assistant Director General to the positions of Scrutineers for the elections. The Director General and Assistant Director General accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-071114-CA-0040

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

CC-071114-CA-0041

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Director General and the Assistant Director General be appointed as the Scrutineers for the Elections.

Carried unanimously

1.4 Elections Procedures:

The Secretary General reviewed the election procedures and inquired if the Council wished to vote by a show of hands or secret ballot.

CC-071114-CA-0042

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT voting be by secret ballot.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Mike Pizzola
Commissioners voting NAY:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

CC-071114-CA-0043

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT voting be by a show of hands.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Mike Pizzola

CC-071114-CA-0044

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the election procedures be accepted as presented in procedure #P2007-CA-15: **Council Election Procedures**.

AND THAT the voting process be conducted as a show of hands.

Carried unanimously

1.5 Nominations & Election of the Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners:

The Secretary General called for nominations to the position of Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak nominated Commissioner Steve Bletas to the position of Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Commissioner Bletas accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-071114-CA-0045

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

CC-071114-CA-0046

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT Commissioner Steve Bletas be named as Chairman of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Mike Pizzola

Commissioner Steve Bletas assumed the chair and thanked the Council for its vote of confidence.

The Director General thanked the Secretary General for acting a Chair of Elections.

1.6 Nominations & Election of the Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners:

The Chairman called for nominations to the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Albina Pace nominated Commissioner Carolyn Curiale to the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Commissioner Curiale accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-071114-CA-0047

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

CC-071114-CA-0048

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT Commissioner Carolyn Curiale be named as Vice-Chairman of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Mike Pizzola

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale assumed the Vice-Chair position at the table and thanked everyone for their support.

2.0 NOMINATION & ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**2.1 Composition of the Executive Committee:**

The Chairman reviewed the options for the composition of the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale recommended that the Executive Committee be composed of seven (7) Commissioners including the Chairman of the Council of Commissioners.

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WHEREAS section 179 of the Education Act requires that the Council of Commissioners establish an Executive Committee of from five (5) to seven (7) of its members entitled to vote, in addition to the Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners and any Commissioner representing the Parents' Committee;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners determines the term of office of the members of the committee;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish an Executive Committee composed of seven (7) of its members entitled to vote, including the Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners and Parent Commissioners.

Carried unanimously

2.2 Term of Office of the Executive Committee:

The Chairman advised the Council that the term of the Executive Committee could be between 1 and 4 years.

CC-071114-CA-0050

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT the term of office of the Executive Committee be a one (1) year mandate.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Steve Mitchell, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola
Commissioners voting NAY:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

Commissioner Nick Milas proposed that the term of office of the Executive Committee be set at two (2) years.

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that in order to become familiar with being a member of the Executive Committee more than one year is required.

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Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the term of office for the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be a two (2) year mandate.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Mike Pizzola

2.3 Reaffirmation Procedure #P2000-CA-07: Executive Committee Election Procedures:

The Council entered into discussion and Commissioner Peter MacLaurin recommended that voting for seats on the Executive Committee would be by a show of hands.

CC-071114-CA-0052

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reaffirm procedure #P2000-CA-07: Executive Committee Elections Procedures.

AND THAT the voting process be conducted as a show of hands.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Mike Pizzola

2.4 Nominations & Election to the Executive Committee:

Commissioner Walter Fogel nominated the Chairman of the Council of Commissioners to the position of Chair of Elections and Commissioner Nick Milas nominated the Director General and the Assistant Director General as Scrutineers. The Chairman, the Director General and the Assistant Director General accepted the nominations.

There were no further nominations.

CC-071114-CA-0053

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Chairman of the Council of Commissioners be appointed Chair of Elections; AND THAT the Director General and the Assistant Director General be appointed as Scrutineers.

Carried unanimously

The Chairman of Elections called for nominations for seat #1 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino nominated Commissioner Edward Turchyniak. Commissioner Turchyniak accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-071114-CA-0054

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

CC-071114-CA-0055

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT Commissioner Edward Turchyniak be named to Seat #1 of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Mike Pizzola

The Chairman of Elections called for nominations for seat #2 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Albina Pace nominated Commissioner Nick Milas. Commissioner Milas accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Steve Kmec nominated Commissioner Walter Fogel. Commissioner Fogel accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-071114-CA-0056

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

In response to a request from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, Commissioners Walter Fogel and Nick Milas spoke on their respective experiences as members of a school board.

The Chairman of Elections called the vote for the first nominee for seat #2.

CC-071114-CA-0057

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT Commissioner Nick Milas be named to Seat #2 of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Steve Mitchell, Mike Pizzola

The Chairman of elections advised that given that Commissioner Nick Milas received a majority of the votes for Seat #2 of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee that a vote for the second nominee was not required.

The Chairman of Elections called for nominations for seat #3 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Nick Milas nominated Commissioner Nancy Rupnik. Commissioner Rupnik accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Steve Kmec nominated Commissioner Walter Fogel. Commissioner Fogel accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-071114-CA-0058

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Walter Fogel
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Mike Pizzola

The Chairman of Elections called the vote for the first nominee for seat #3.

CC-071114-CA-0059

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT Commissioner Nancy Rupnik be named to Seat #3 of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Mike Pizzola

The Chairman of Elections advised that given that Commissioner Nancy Rupnik received a majority of the votes for Seat #3 of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee that a vote for the second nominee was not required.

The Chairman of Elections called for nominations for seat #4 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik nominated Commissioner Grace Nesi. Commissioner Nesi accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-071114-CA-0060

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

CC-071114-CA-0061

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT Commissioner Grace Nesi be named to Seat #4 of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Walter Fogel, Mike Pizzola

The Chairman of Elections called for nominations for seat #5 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak nominated Commissioner Mario Di Domenico. Commissioner Di Domenico accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-071114-CA-0062

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT nominations cease.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Mike Pizzola

CC-071114-CA-0063

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT Commissioner Mario Di Domenico be named to Seat #5 of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Mike Pizzola

The Chairman of Elections called for nominations for seat #6 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner William Pollock nominated Commissioner Robert Dixon. Commissioner Dixon accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-071114-CA-0064

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel, Mike Pizzola

CC-071114-CA-0065

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT Commissioner Robert Dixon be named to Seat #6 of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel, Mike Pizzola

CC-071114-CA-0066

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the following be named to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Executive Committee:

Steve Bletas
Mario Di Domenico
Robert Dixon
Nick Milas
Grace Nesi
Nancy Rupnik
Edward Turchyniak

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Mike Pizzola
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec

3.0 INFORMATION**3.1 Reaffirm BL#2000-CA-05: Date, Time & Place of Council Meetings:**

In response to a question from Commissioner Grace Nesi, the Chairman advised that religious holidays are taken into account when establishing the annual calendar of regular meetings of the Council.

CC-071114-CA-0067

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reaffirm by-law #2000-CA-05: Date, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

CC-071114-CA-0068

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reaffirm resolution #CC-070627-CA-0211, concerning the date, time and place of regular meetings of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

3.2 Commissioners Information Session:

The Director General advised the Council that an information session will be held for Commissioners on 2007-11-21 at 19:30 hours. This session will provide an overview of the role of the Commissioner and how each department of the school board functions.

3.3 Date of First Executive Committee Meeting:

The Chairman advised that the first meeting of the Executive Committee would take place on 2007-12-11.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mike Pizzola, the Chairman noted that all Commissioners are invited to attend and participate in the meetings of the Executive Committee but that only those elected to the Executive Committee are eligible to vote.

4.0 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT the meeting be concluded.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:34 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2007-11-28

Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman