

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2007-11-28**

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, 2007-11-28 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Georges Benoit, 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 and Luc Samson, Parent Commissioners; 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; 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; Johanne Brabant, Interim Director of Adult & Vocational Education; Robert Vallerand, Returning Officer, and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:35 hours.

**1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

The following additions to the agenda were proposed:

**6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:**

6.5 *Nominations to SWL Foundation*..... RES

**10.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES:**

- 10.2 *Synthetic Playing Field Project – Change Orders*..... RES
- 10.3 *Modification to Resolution – Hillcrest Academy Bus Loading Zone*..... RES
- 10.4 *Purchase & Installation of Digital Wireless Communication System*..... RES
- 10.5 *Purchase Order – Books – MTJHS* ..... RES

**CC-071128-CA-0069**

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as corrected in document #SWLSB-2007/11/28-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**CC-071128-CA-0070**

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2007-09-26, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

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

CC-071128-CA-0071

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT the minutes of the FIRST SPECIAL meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2007-11-14, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

Carried unanimously

### 3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

### 4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

#### 4.1 Chairman's Report:

"Good evening,

*We are here tonight as a team of elected commissioners for the SWLSB. We have earned that right to call ourselves commissioners and we are here to represent the school board as a whole no matter where our representation comes from. In the past 9 years we had set objectives and met them. We should be proud of our accomplishments.*

*We have developed many partnerships for the benefit of our students, parents, employees **as well as the community**. Some of the partnerships developed over the years are;*

- **LEARN** (Leading English Education and Resource Network which is an on-line resource for homework assistance tutoring and distance education for students, parents and staff)
- **Tel-Jeunes** (telephone and on-line counselling services for young people that are now offered in English)
- **PREL** (Partenaires pour la réussite éducative des jeunes dans les Laurentides that creates programs to reduce the dropout rate and encourage youths to stay in school)
- **Centre de bénévolat de Laval** (teaches citizenship values to our students)
- **AVEC** (Avenir Viable École Communautaire, a program to help young people develop a sense of eco-citizenship)
- **Community Learning Centres**
- **The Foster Pavillon** that offer drug abuse and counselling services
- **Musée Armand Frappier** which offers bioscience related activities for our students
- **Forum Jeunesse de Laval**
- **Forum Jeunesse des Laurentides**

*We believe in involving parents as well as the community in many of our efforts. We have held various focus groups to assure that we were on the right track. Education is a team effort and it involves many different stakeholders. A result of these focus groups is the schools board's strategic plan. **Together, with students, parents, employees, community members and administrators we came up with four goals that have become our focus.***

**Literacy:** Support the development of literacy for students of all ages  
**Diversity:** Provide students and employees with a wide variety of learning opportunities  
**Harmony:** Promote healthy, safe and caring school environments  
**Participation:** Promote active participation of students and employees in their own learning

*We believe in integrating more and more technology into the learning environments of our students. Already, we have added more computer labs in our schools; have supplied every school with multimedia projectors and interactive whiteboards through a generous donation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation, introduced wireless technology, developed computerized music labs, introduced paperless meetings and developed fibre-optic networks linking our schools and centres.*

We have had to face a unique context that most school boards don't have these days, **the one of growth**. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has gone from a student population of **12, 051 in 1998 to 14,690 in 2007** and its still growing. **We opened 11 schools in the past 9 years;**

1. Rawdon Elementary and Middle School
2. John F. Kennedy Elementary School
3. Jules Verne Elementary School
4. Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School
5. Franklin Hill Elementary School
6. Genesis Elementary School
7. Saint-Vincent Elementary School
8. Laurier Competency Development Centre Vimont,
9. Laurier Competency Development Centre Pont-Viau
10. Laurier Competency Development Centre Boisbriand and the
11. Laurier Competency Development Centre Repentigny

**We've also expanded 5 schools;**

1. Laurier Competency Development Centre Lachute
2. Sainte Agathe Academy
3. Laval Liberty High School
4. Terry Fox Elementary School
5. Joliette High School

**We have also renovated the Arundel Nature Centre** so that students could benefit from quality outdoor educational services and ideal facilities.

Of course all this was done in a responsible way which has certainly demonstrated our fiscal responsibility without cutting services to our schools and centres.

The **recognition of success** has always been of great importance for the SWLSB which is why the Laurier Gala was created in 2005. It is a great way of honouring students. Council meetings have also been a place where we felt important to recognize students as well as employees as you witnessed tonight. It is because of the **dedication and enthusiasm** that all of these projects have come to life. **It starts with a dream and then slowly with hard work, passion and perseverance it becomes real.** It's no wonder the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is one of the best school boards in the province.

**We need to give students what they need to succeed. We need to support excellence in education.**

**What this school board needs is the direction to keep raising the bar to be the leader it has become among all the other school boards in the education of our children.**

**We value our students, our teachers, our staff, and our entire community**

**We promised, we delivered!**

For this next mandate we need to set new objectives. To do that we need a strong group of individuals that will come together as a team to bring forward change where it's necessary and continue what has been successful in leading the SWLSB to the top of the mountains where it belongs. Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. It is the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives.

Teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to obtain uncommon results. There is a myriad of talent around this table; people from the educational sector and the business sector. As we have a directorate that is second to none, starting with our Director General and Assistant Director General, and I'm proud to say it!

Thank you."

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson entered the meeting.

**TIME: 19:42 hours**

#### **4.2 Anti-Bullying Presentation:**

The Chairman advised that in the spring of 2007 several members of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, including himself, attended the "I am Safe" Conference in Ottawa, Ontario. The conference was very informative and moving. After every conference a Commissioner must make a report and in this case, the group who attended the conference felt that a DVD report would be the best method of providing an overview of what was learned at this particular conference.

After the DVD presentation, the Council entered into discussion and it was noted that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has several programs in place to address issues associated with bullying.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mario Di Domenico, the Chairman advised that the issue of having the programs concerning bullying available to the elementary sector should be brought to a meeting of the Education Committee for discussion.

The Director of Educational Services indicated that all schools are encouraged to address the issue of bullying starting at the Kindergarten level.

Discussion continued and it was noted that feedback should be sought of the programs currently in place in order to ensure that the programs the school board is supporting are effective.

### **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING**

#### **5.1 Update on Safety & Security:**

The Director of Material Resources provided an update on the Safety & Security Project noting that a tender for cameras has been drafted, meetings with the high schools are ongoing in order to designate where the cameras will be installed and how many will be required and a meeting is scheduled with the Ville de Laval Police to gain its input for the Laval high schools. Plans to meet with the Police, in the locations of the school board's other high schools, are being organized.

The Council entered into discussion on the recommendations of the Pegasus Emergency Management Consortium.

Commissioner Walter Fogel indicated that in his opinion the Pegasus report is very extensive and that the installation of cameras and access measures are only a small part of the project. He noted that the project is more than just hardware but a need to educate so that a culture is established. He recommended that the Emergency Preparedness Committee be re-established.

Discussion continued and it was noted that Educational Services has taken several steps to educate students on safety and security. Perhaps this proposal from Commissioner Walter Fogel is premature and that the project should be reviewed by the Material Resources Committee.

Commissioner Nick Milas left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:26 hours**

### **CC-071128-CA-0072**

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish an Emergency Preparedness Committee comprised of Commissioners, Directors, Principals, Governing Board members, teachers, parents, unions, and associations; AND a mandate to implement all of the recommendations contained in the report received from Pegasus Emergency Management Consortium on safety and security.

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

The Chairman asked the Director of Material Resources to place the Safety & Security Project on the next agenda of the Material Resources Committee.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of Material Resources indicated that there will be a report on the renovations to the CDC Laurier-Pont-Viau at the 2007-12-12 meeting of the Council.

In response to an additional question from Commissioner Kmec, the Director of Adult & Vocational Education advised that she will contact the CDC Laurier-Lachute to confirm if the information concerning vocational education has been submitted to the local employment centre.

Commissioner Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:28 hours**

In response to a question from Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier, the Director of Material Resources indicated that if a school wishes to install more cameras it is free to purchase additional units from its own budget.

On a "point of business arising" concerning page 1752 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2007-09-26, Commissioner Walter Fogel inquired what had been done concerning the request of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) with respect to the reimbursement of certain expenses.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised that SEAC feels that the issue has not been rectified to its satisfaction and will be requesting a meeting with the Director General and the Assistant Director of Educational & Complementary Services to further discuss its position.

In response to an additional question from Commissioner Fogel concerning the same page of the minutes, the Director of Financial Resources advised that the Laval tax bills were corrected prior to the second billing.

On an additional "point of **business arising**" from Commissioner Walter Fogel concerning page 1772 of the above minutes, Commissioner Carolyn Curiale noted that she had brought the issue of "Commissioners Certification" to the Quebec School Boards Association (QESBA) and this program will be further discussed in the New Year.

## **6.0 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

### **6.1 Secretary General's Report:**

The Secretary General commented on her monthly report noting the drafting of a protocol of agreement with the Ville de Laval for the use of the synthetic field at Laval Liberty High School, the engagement of a Documentation Technician, the cleanup of the corporate Web site, and various workshops attended.

She went on to comment on land located at 2323 boulevard Daniel-Johnson.

The Council entered into discussion

## 6.2 SWL Foundation:

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak reminded the Council that the next Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Gala would be held on 2008-01-10 at the Château Royal and that the tickets are 250\$. Jacques St-Laurent, President of Bell Helicopter/Textron Canada, will be the Honorary Chairman of the event.

He further noted that since the establishment of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation, it has been able to donate 231 000\$ to the schools.

## 6.3 Nominations & Election to Statutory Committees:

The Director General and the Assistant Director General were asked to act as scrutineers in case a ballot vote is required for the statutory committees.

### 6.3.1 Ethics Review Committee:

The Director General provided background information on the statutory committees prescribed by the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) noting that the Council is obliged to have these committees.

Commissioners Carolyn Curiale, Walter Fogel and Peter MacLaurin expressed an interest in being on the Ethics Review Committee and Commissioner MacLaurin volunteered to act as the alternate.

#### CC-071128-CA-0073

WHEREAS the Provisional Council of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted a Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Commissioners (by-law 3-1997) on January 20, 1998 in accordance with section 175.1 of the Education Act (R.S.Q.c.I-13.3);

WHEREAS in keeping with said by-law 3-1997, the Council of Commissioners must each year set up a Review Committee comprised of two (2) Commissioners, the Director General (co-ordinator), and one (1) substitute Commissioner to act as replacement in case of absence;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Commissioners Carolyn Curiale and Walter Fogel** to the Ethics Review Committee for the 2007-2008 school year; AND THAT **Commissioner Peter MacLaurin** be named as Alternate to the Ethics Review Committee for the 2007-2008 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

### 6.3.2 Advisory Committee on Transportation:

The Director General provided the Council with an overview of the Advisory Committee on Transportation noting that it is made up of two Commissioners, one parent named by the Parents Committee, the Société de transport de Laval (STL) and any other school board that may provide transportation to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. This committee meets approximately once a year and discusses transportation contracts and school bus organization.

Commissioners George Benoit, Robert Dixon, Steve Mitchell and Merle Parkinson volunteered to sit on the Advisory Committee on Transportation for the 2007-2008 school year. Commissioners Robert Dixon and Merle Parkinson agreed to act as alternates.

#### CC-071128-CA-0074

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Commissioner George Benoit and Steve Mitchell** to the Advisory Committee on Transportation for the 2007-2008 school year; AND THAT **Commissioners Robert Dixon and Merle Parkinson** be named as Alternates to the Advisory Committee on Transportation for the 2007-2008 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.3.3 Appeals Review Committee:**

The Director General explained the purpose of the Appeals Review Committee in accordance with sections 9 through 12 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3). The committee looks into due diligence in the process and makes a recommendation to the Council. It meets on an as needs basis.

#### **CC-071128-CA-0075**

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reaffirms resolution #990120-CA-0176 establishing an Appeals Review Committee.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.3.4 Nomination & Election to Appeals Review Committee:**

Commissioners Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Nick Milas, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak all expressed an interest in sitting on the Appeals Review Committee.

The Council entered into discussion and it was agreed that a ballot vote would be taken.

#### **CC-071128-CA-0076**

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT the Director General and the Assistant Director General act as scrutineers for the elections to the Appeals Review Committee

**Carried unanimously**

The Director General and the Assistant Director General left the meeting to tabulate the ballots.

### **6.4 Rescind Resolutions – Use of Schools Committee:**

The Chairman advised the Council that the time has come to open this committee to all who wished to participate.

#### **CC-071128-CA-0077**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to review the criteria for the composition of the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners feels that regional representation is no longer required;

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind resolutions #991124-CA-0081 and #991124-CA-0082 on the establishment and composition of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation.

AND THAT the School Organization Committee be given the mandate of the former Use of Schools and Other Facilities / Transportation, effective 2007-11-29.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairman called for a 5 minute break.

**TIME: 20:58 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 21:10 hours**

Commissioner Mike Pizzola entered the meeting.

**TIME: 21:10 hours**

### 6.3.4 Nomination & Election to Appeals Review Committee (con't):

#### CC-071128-CA-0078

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT the following Commissioners be named to the Appeals Review Committee:

Carolyn Curiale  
Nazario Facchino  
Nick Milas  
Albina Pace

Merle Parkinson  
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, 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-071128-CA-0079

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the ballots for the elections to the Appeals review Committee be destroyed.

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

### 6.5 Nomination of Commissioners to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation:

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak provided the Council with an overview of the role of a Commissioner on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation.

Commissioners William Pollock and Edward Turchyniak volunteered to sit on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation.

#### CC-071128-CA-0080

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has established the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation has established its by-laws;

WHEREAS these by-laws state that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation requires the membership of two Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board named by the Council of Commissioners;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Commissioners William Pollock and Edward Turchyniak** to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation for the period 2007-11-29 to 2011-11-23.



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, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel

## 7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### 7.1 Director's Report:

The Director of Financial Resources commented on her monthly report noting the 2006-2007 audit, the correction of the tax bills for Laval, the creation of categories in order to match expenses to a specific funding source and the revised budget.

The next meeting of the Financial Resources Committee will be held on 2007-12-05.

## 8.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

### 8.1 Director's Report:

The Director of Human Resources presented his monthly report noting the success of the 2007-2008 flu vaccine program, an analysis of preventative, maternity and parental leaves, an orientation session for new teachers, a workshop for school administrators and the negotiation of Local Agreements.

The next meeting of the Human Resources Committee is on 2008-01-08 at 18:00 hours.

### 8.2 Assignment / Engagement of Principal:

The Director of Human Resources advised that the Principal of Terry Fox Elementary School would be retiring on 2007-11-30 and that a Selection Committee was established and interviewed candidates. The Selection Committee unanimously recommends Tina Korb.

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:21 hours**

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

### CC-071128-HR-0081

WHEREAS the current Principal of Terry Fox Elementary School has advised the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board of his intention to retire as of 2007-11-30;

WHEREAS the position of Principal of Terry Fox Elementary School will be vacant as of 2007-12-03;

Commissioner Steve Bletas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board assign **Tina Korb** to the position of Principal, effective 2007-12-03, in accordance with Article 5-5.00 of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Collective Agreement and her individual contract; AND THAT she be assigned to **Terry Fox Elementary School**.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairman resumed the chair.

### 8.3 *Assignment / Engagement of Vice-Principal:*

The Director of Human Resources advised the Council that the Selection Committee met and interviewed six candidates for the position of Vice-Principal at Laval Liberty High School and unanimously recommend that Charles Chagnon be appointed to this position.

#### CC-071128-HR-0082

WHEREAS a current Vice- Principal of Laval Liberty High School has been promoted to the position of Principal, effective 2007-10-22;

WHEREAS a position of Vice-Principal of Laval Liberty High School is currently vacant;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board promote temporarily **Charles Chagnon** to the position of Vice-Principal, effective 2007-11-29, in accordance with Article 5-5.00 of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Collective Agreement and his individual contract; AND THAT he be assigned to **Laval Liberty High School**.

AND THAT this promotion be subject to a one-year probationary period.

**Carried unanimously**

## 9.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

### 9.1 *Director's Report:*

The Director of Educational Services commented on her monthly report noting the new report card, the 2007-10-05 board-wide pedagogical day, a visit by Justin Trudeau to a Laval Liberty High School (LLHS) ethics class and the launch of the 2007-2008 Law Initiative. The first Moot Court at LLHS was held on 2007-11-22.

### 9.2 *Modification to Resolution:*

The Director of Educational Services advised the Council that the following resolution needs to be revised due to an additional student.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin excused himself from the table for the vote due to a conflict of interest.

#### CC-071128-ED-0083

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-070926-ED-0024, authorizing the payment of services from the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf for 14 integrated students of the school board;

WHEREAS a revised invoice was received as 1 student was omitted from the original invoice;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Educational Services, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve a modification to resolution #CC-070926-ED-0024 by changing the total amount of the resolution from 68 600,00\$ to 77 340,00\$, all taxes included.

**Carried unanimously**

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin returned to the table.

## 10.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

### 10.1 *Director's Report:*

The Director of Material Resources presented his monthly report noting an update of the 2007-2008 capital projects, the preparation of detailed final reports on various projects recently completed, planning for the installation of cameras and access systems in the high schools, sharing of the Pegasus report with the Laval Police that will lead to future discussions, a new appraisal for the land on Roland-Durand in Rosemère which gives the land a current market value of 315 000\$, and a report on the 2007-11-14 fire at Lake of Two Mountains High School.

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:27 hours**

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Director of Material Resources advised that the original bidder on the land on Roland-Durand has been advised of the new evaluation price and of the expiry date of the current evaluation.

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that an offer of 1 800\$ has been received on a 10 000 sq/ft piece of land in Lachute and that the Material Resources Committee has reviewed the offer and is recommending that it be sold and that all legal fees be at the expense of the bidder. The land is in the middle of a larger property that has already been sub-divided.

The Council entered into discussion.

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the sale of part of lot P-1940 for 1 800\$.

Discussion continued.

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the sale of part of lot P-1940 be tabled to the 2007-12-12 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

Commissioner Albina Pace accepted this recommendation.

In response to a question from Parent Commissioner Luc Samson, the Director of Material Resources advised that the fire at Lake of Two Mountains High School was caused by overheated breakers on the main electrical panel while work was being done on the heating ventilation system. The damage caused by the fire is estimated at 50 000\$, of which the school board pays 15 000\$ and the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) covers the balance. The necessary paperwork is being prepared for submission to the MELS.

The Council entered into discussion and the Director of Material Resources noted that a more detailed report on the fire would be brought to the 2007-12-12 meeting of the Council.

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico excused himself for the evening.

**TIME: 21:37 hours**

### 10.2 *Synthetic Playing Field Project – Change Orders:*

The Director of Material Resources presented the change orders for the Synthetic Playing Field Project noting that the overrun is 22 898\$.

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that these change orders should be reviewed by the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee before being presented for approval.

**CC-071128-MR-0084**

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the resolution concerning the change orders for the Synthetic Playing Field Project be tabled to the Material Resources Committee for further discussion.

**Carried unanimously**

**10.3 Modification to Resolution – Hillcrest Academy Bus Loading Zone:**

The Director of Material Resources withdrew this resolution.

**10.4 Purchase & Installation of Digital Wireless Communication System:**

The Director of Material Resources provided background information noting that the current microphone system in the boardroom operates on an intermittent basis.

The Chairman asked the members of the Executive Committee if they would object to this resolution being presented as it was not seen by the Executive Committee prior. The members of the Executive Committee indicated that the resolution should be presented.

**CC-071128-MR-0085**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to purchase a Digital Wireless Communication System for the Boardroom of the Administrative Centre as part of the 2007-2008 capital projects;

WHEREAS invitational tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2007-11-26;

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

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the purchase and installation of a Digital Wireless Communication System for the Boardroom of the Administrative Centre to **Duocom** for a total cost of 38 270,18\$, all taxes included.

**Carried unanimously**

**10.5 Purchase Order – Books – Mother Teresa J.H.S.:**

The Director of Material Resources withdrew this resolution.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Chairman noted that the books were **purchased** on consignment and are already in the school, so delaying the payment will not jeopardize anything.

**11.0 QESBA****11.1 Report of the QESBA:**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised that there have been no meetings.

### 11.2 2007-2008 QESBA Membership Fees – Balance:

#### CC-071128-CA-0086

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #EC-070711-CA-0005 authorizing the payment of the provisional Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) membership fee;

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has submitted an invoice for the balance of the 2007-2008 membership fee;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the payment of the balance of the 2007-2008 Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) membership fee in the amount of 25 058,32\$

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

### 11.3 Nomination of Directors to QESBA for 2007-2008:

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin nominated Commissioners Steve Bletas and Carolyn Curiale. Mr. Bletas and Mrs. Curiale accepted the nominations.

#### CC-071128-CA-0087

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

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Commissioners Steve Bletas** and **Carolyn Curiale** to the Board of Directors of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for 2007-2008.

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

### 11.4 Nominations to QESBA Executive 2007-2009:

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin nominated Commissioner Carolyn Curiale. Mrs. Curiale accepted the nomination.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, Commissioner Carolyn Curiale noted that a person **could** only be nominated for one position at a time on the QESBA Executive.

**CC-071128-CA-0088**

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board nominate **Commissioner Carolyn Curiale** for the position of Vice-President on the Executive of the QESBA for 2007-2008.

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

**12.0 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION****12.1 Director's Report:**

The Director of School Organization commented on his monthly report noting that the enrolment on 2007-09-30 was 14 622. He also commented on the workshops for bus drivers, a craft workshop for schools and day cares, the first reimbursement of bus pass fees to parents in Laval, and an upcoming workshop for mini-van drivers who transport special needs students.

The next meeting of the School Organization Committee will be held on 2008-01-08.

**13.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY****13.1 Director's Report:**

The Director of Information Technology presented her monthly report noting that the department has been very involved with the implementation of the new report card, the Community Learning Centre at Laval Liberty High School, the work that is being planned for the new Community Learning Centre at Laurentian Regional High School, the installation of the necessary equipment at the CDC Laurier-Pont-Viau and the reconfiguration of the network at 3200 boulevard Souvenir for the space vacated with the move of Adult & Vocational Education to other locations.

The next meeting of the Information Technology Committee will be held on 2008-01-14.

**14.0 ADULT & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:****14.1 Director's Report:**

The Director of Adult & Vocational Education commented on her monthly report noting the activities of the department, highlighting the inaugurations of the CDC Laurier-Vimont and the CDC Laurier-Pont-Viau, attendance at Career Fairs, and the needs analysis of the English population in the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière regions.

The next Adult & Vocational Education Committee meeting will be held on 2008-01-16

## 15.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

### 15.1 Parents' Committee Report:

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier commented on the monthly report of the Parent Commissioners noting the safety and security project, concerns about the poor results of the June 2007 Mathematics exams, the Collective Agreement for noon-hour supervisors and that the members of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is not satisfied with the structure set out by the school board for the reimbursement of expenses.

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson noted that although there was no vote taken by the Parents Committee concerning the reimbursement of expenses structure for the SEAC, the consensus was that the Parents Committee supports SEAC. He also noted that there were some concerns expressed over the early start time for some high schools.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Secretary General advised that 24 Governing Board members had attended the workshop given on 2007-11-26.

The Council entered into discussion on the start times of the high schools and it was noted by the Director of School Organization that the school sets the start time taking into account transportation, as there is a lot of shared bussing with other school boards and the Société de transport de Laval (STL).

## 16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

## 17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the correspondence in the package noting the letters received from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for funding of CDC Pont-Viau and St-Vincent Elementary School.

## 18.0 VARIA

The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the Communications & Public Relations Committee will be held on 2007-12-10.

In response to a question from Commissioner Peter MacLaurin, the Chairman provided an overview of the timeline associated with the land located at 2323 boulevard Daniel-Johnson.

## 19.0 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the meeting be concluded.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 22:14 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2007-12-12**

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Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

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Steve Bletas, Chairman