

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2008-04-23

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2008-04-23 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Georges Benoit, Mario Di Domenico, 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; Parent Commissioners Lisa Chartier and Luc Samson; 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 & Complimentary 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; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioner Robert Dixon.

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

The Chairman asked that a moment of silence be held in memory of Colombe Guilbert, a teacher at Arundel Elementary School, and Rachel Moore, a student at Laurentian Elementary School (LES) and the niece of Commissioner Robert Dixon, Dick Moore, Printer at Laurentian Regional High School and Joan Moore, teacher at LES.

He asked that a letter of condolence be sent to both families on behalf of the school board.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following additions to the agenda were proposed:

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

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| 5.4 | Mediation on Legal Case..... | RES |
| 5.5 | Incident at 2008-03-26 Council Meeting..... | INFO |

6.0 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

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| 6.4 | Court Challenge Program of Canada | RES |
| 6.5 | Communications..... | INFO |

11.0 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION:

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| 11.4 | STL Contract 2008-2013..... | RES |
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Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #SWLSB-2008/04/23-CA-001.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, 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 voting NAY:	Walter Fogel

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC-080423-CA-0151

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2008-03-26, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

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

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4.1 *Chairman's Report:*

The Chairman commented on the recent Focus Session noting that it was a very positive workshop that provided Commissioners and Administrators with information for new directions.

He went on to advise the Council of recent announcements from the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) concerning 17 000 000\$ in funding for school boards, over three years, to assist with the issue of violence in schools. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has already implemented several aspects of what was contained in the MELS announcement, such as the access controls at the elementary schools, the partnership with Tel-jeunes in English, psychologists, peer mediation, etc.

He further noted that discussions took place at the Focus Session on how to create a safe learning environment, the teaching of respect and leading by example. It is the intent of the school board to hold Town Hall meetings on Safety & Security in order to receive feedback on the issue and on the steps that have been taken to date towards a safer learning environment, from its stakeholders. The Parent Commissioners were asked to report these plans to the Parents Committee.

Commissioner Walter Fogel noted that he had recently viewed a movie on bullying from a child's point of view that was very powerful. A trailer for the movie can be viewed at www.benx.be/eng/defilm.asp.

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to a recent article in Le Devoir on the school board's promotional campaign "MOI? J'apprends in English". The person who was interviewed for this article felt that the school board was mocking both languages. This article resulted in subsequent interviews with the media, whereby he advised that the advertising campaign was vetted through the Québec Office de la langue française, which approved the ad, prior to it being implemented.

4.2 *Resignation:*

The Assistant Director General addressed his resignation as Director of Adult & Vocational Education noting that he is very pleased with his new position and thanked the Council and the Director General for the confidence extended to him.

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Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the notice of resignation effective 2008-06-30 received from **Alain Guay**, from his position as Director of Adult & Vocational Education and extend best wishes to him in his position as Assistant Director General.

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

4.3 *Assignment & Transfer of In-School Administrators:*

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council go "in camera".

TIME: 19:56 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 20:23 hours

The Director General presented and reviewed the recommendations for the 2008-2009 assignment and transfer of in-school Administrators noting that she had met with all the Principals to discuss their respective career plans.

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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 2008-2009 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 George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the assignment of the in-school and centre administrators, effective 2008-07-01:

ELEMENTARY	PRINCIPAL	VICE-PRINCIPAL
ARUNDEL (100% Principal post with 50% teaching responsibilities)	Vacant	
CRESTVIEW	Mary Lazaris	
FRANKLIN HILL	Paul Fogel	
GENESIS	Serge Édouard Jeanniton	
GRENVILLE (100% Principal post with 50% teaching responsibilities)	Vacant	
HILLCREST ACADEMY	Doug Clarke	
JOHN F. KENNEDY	Daniel Temblay	
JOLIETTE	Louise McLaughlin	
JULES VERNE	Carmela Sacco	
LAURENTIA	Darlene Reeves	
LAURENTIAN	Karen Moore	
McCAIG	Fred Greschner	Marissa Goffredo
MORIN HEIGHTS	Grace Courey	
MOUNTAINVIEW	Darlene Miller	
OUR LADY OF PEACE	John McGrail	
PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU	Lisa Verrall	
PINEWOOD	André Gionet	
RAWDON ELEM. (with Rawdon Middle)	Vacant	
SOUVENIR	Stephanie Krenn	Luciana Cifarelli
STE-ADELE (100% Principal post with 50% teaching responsibilities)	Vacant	
STE-AGATHE	Josée Yelle	
ST-JUDE	Gina Persechino	
ST-PAUL	Linda DiDomenico	Connie Larosa
ST-VINCENT	Nathalie Rollin	
TERRY FOX	Tina Korb	Lynn Neveu
TWIN OAKS	Hazel Milley	
SECONDARY	PRINCIPAL	VICE-PRINCIPAL
BATSHAW (100% Principal post with 50% teaching responsibilities)	Christina Shousha	
JOLIETTE HIGH	Robert Simpson	
LAKE OF TWO MOUNTAINS	Nick Primiano	Aimee Parsons (to be replaced) Josée Côté, Chris Roblin
LAURENTIAN REGIONAL	Laird Bracken	Vacant
LAURIER SENIOR HIGH	Glenn Cuggy	Robert Bennett, Richard Mason
LAVAL JUNIOR	Ann Cohen	Tina Miscio to be replaced by Sonia Busnardo (to be replaced)
LAVAL LIBERTY	Eric Ruggi	Charles Chagnon, Helen Kalipolidis
MOTHER TERESA JUNIOR	Anna Villalta	Vacant
PHOENIX / CENTRE CARTIER	Jennifer Kurta	
RAWDON MIDDLE (with Rawdon Elem.)	Vacant	
ROSEMERE HIGH	Scott Traylen	Karen Lorenz, David Mitchell Lynn Shalit
STE-AGATHE ACADEMY (with above)	Josée Yelle	
Adult & Vocational Education	DIRECTOR	CENTRE
CDC LAURIER	Johanne Brabant	Gaëlle Absolonne, Assistant Director Christina Cichon, Assistant Centre Director
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES	Vacant	

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, 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 congratulated all of the Principals.

He went on to note that the current President of the Laurier Teachers Union (LTU), Michael Wiener, will be retiring on 2008-06-30 and that Theresa Kralik, teacher at Lake of Two Mountains High School, has been elected as the new President of LTU, effective 2008-07-01. Best wishes were extended to Mr. Wiener on his retirement and to Ms. Kralik on her new position.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 2008-2009 School Calendars:

The Director of Human Resources advised the Council that the consultation period on the 2008-2009 school calendars has expired and that the Parents Committee had supported the calendars as presented. The Laurier Teachers Union requested one change to the dates of the annual Quebec Provincial Teachers Association (QPAT) Convention.

He continued noting that the calendar for the Rawdon and Joliette region has not yet been received from Commission scolaire des Samares. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has an interboard transportation contract with CS des Samares and follows its school calendar.

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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 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents Committee was consulted and endorses the proposed calendars for the 2008-2009 school year;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2008-2009 school calendars, as presented in the following documents:

- Document #SWLSB-2008/04/23-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-2008/04/23-ED-002 for Arundel Elementary School and Ste-Agathe Academy.

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

CC-080423-ED-0155

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 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents Committee was consulted and endorses the proposed calendars for the 2008-2009 school year;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2008-2009 school calendars, as presented in the following documents:

- Document #SWLSB-2008/04/23-ED-003 for Adult Education
- Document #SWLSB-2008/04/23-ED-004 for Adult Education.

Carried unanimously

5.2 Modification to Resolution – Commissioners Professional Development:

The Secretary General presented the modifications to the two resolutions approved at the 2008-03-26 meeting of the Council noting that the modifications are due to the cost of the pre-conference registration not being included in the original expense calculations.

CC-080423-CA-0156

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolutions #CC-080326-CA-0141 & 0142, authorizing the attendance of Commissioners Steve Bletas and Tom Mouhteros at the 2008 National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) in Washington, D.C. from 2008-07-06 to 2008-07-09;

WHEREAS the pre-conference registration was not included in the initial expense calculation for the trip;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board modify resolutions #CC-080326-CA-0141 & 0142 by changing the expense amounts to read ".....not exceed 4 000,00\$ Canadian."

Carried unanimously

5.3 Amendment to By-Law #BL2000-CA-05: Date, Time & Place of Council Meetings:

The Secretary General advised that the consultation on the amendments to the by-law on the date, time and place of Council meetings had concluded and that no feedback had been received. The amendments will come into effect upon the publication of a notice in a newspaper on the territory of the school board. The publication is planned for 2008-04-26 in the Courier Laval – Bilingual Edition.

CC-080423-CA-0157

WHEREAS it has become apparent that over the next few years many changes to meeting dates for the Council of Commissioners will be required;

WHEREAS the consultation process for by-laws, as per section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), was adhered to and a public notice published in the 2008-03-02 edition of the Journal Le Courrier (Laval);

WHEREAS no responses to the proposed changes were received;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications & Public Relations Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to by-law #BL2000-CA-05: Date Time and Place of Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, **as per the attached document.**

Carried unanimously

5.4 Mediation on Legal Case:

The Secretary General provided an update on the mediation with Consortium MR noting that at the 2008-03-26 the Council approved a negotiating amount of 50 000\$. Since the last meeting the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has had discussions with Consortium MR and an agreement was reached.

CC-080423-CA-0158

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-070326-CA-0140, mandating the Secretary General and the Director of Material Resources to pursue the discussions with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and Consortium MR Ltée for an amount not exceeding 50 000\$, in order to conclude the mediation process;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) conducted follow-up discussions with Consortium MR Ltée whereby a reasonable settlement was reached;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the proposed settlement, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board share would be 50 000\$, plus applicable taxes;

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications & Public Relations Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the proposed settlement.

AND THAT an amount of 56 437,50\$ be paid to Consortium MR Ltée to finalize this legal matter.

FURTHER THAT all the necessary documentation showing that this legal matter has been resolved and closed, be obtained.

Carried unanimously

5.5 Incident at the 2008-03-26 Meeting of the Council:

The Chairman advised the Council that he had received a complaint from Commissioner Nick Milas concerning an inappropriate gesture made to him by Commissioner Walter Fogel at the 2008-03-26 meeting. This complaint was corroborated by several persons at the Council table and members of the audience.

Commissioner Nick Milas explained what had occurred noting that inappropriate language was also used.

The Chairman noted that a solution to the incident was sought with no avail therefore, a registered letter was sent to Commissioner Walter Fogel advising him of the complaint and that he would be asked to apologize at tonight's meeting.

The Chairman read the letter into the minutes, as follows:

April 14, 2008

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Walter Fogel
1124 Av Shorecrest
Laval (Québec) H7W 1R6

Dear Mr. Fogel,

During the last meeting of the Council of Commissioners on March 26, 2008, you allegedly made a rude gesture to another Commissioner, Mr. Nick Milas, and used foul language during a point of order that he raised. This rude gesture and foul language were reported to me right after the meeting by several commissioners, as well as directors and members of the public audience.

This inappropriate behavior at a public meeting of the Council of Commissioners is disrespectful to your fellow commissioner as well as to all commissioners present, the general public, students, parents and employees of the school board.

It is my obligation, as Chairman of the Council of Commissioners, to advise you that such behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Therefore, I must inform you that during the next meeting of the Council of Commissioners on April 23, 2008, and in conformity with section 4.2 of Policy # 2000-CA-04 – Rules of order & procedure for meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, I will formally ask you to apologize to Commissioner Nick Milas in regard to the rude gesture that you made and the foul language that you used. This is a formal warning for your inappropriate behaviour.

I urge you to find more courteous ways to make your concerns known. By the same token, I assure you that proper decorum and professional conduct is also expected of all commissioners when representing the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Bletas
Chairman

The Chairman asked Commissioner Walter Fogel to apologize to Commissioner Nick Milas and advised that this is a formal warning and requested that he also find a more courteous way of expressing his opinions.

Commissioner Walter Fogel indicated that the Chairman and the Council are "out of order" as sanctions should be given at the time of the incident. In addition, he does not recall making an inappropriate gesture or using inappropriate language at the 2008-03-26 meeting.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell left the meeting.

TIME: 20:47 hours

Commissioner Walter Fogel, never the less, apologized to Commissioner Nick Milas who felt that inappropriate behaviour had occurred, although he does not recall the incident.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:51 hours

6.0 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 *Report of the Chairperson – Communications & Public Relations:*

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros, Chair of the Communications & Public Relations Committee, advised the Council that the revised Web site is up and running and asked that everyone be patient as there are areas of the site that are still being updated. He noted that the committee discussed the wall calendars, agenda calendars, newspaper links for regional newspapers to be e-mailed to Council members instead of receiving a hard copy, the 2008 retirement dinner which will be held on 2008-06-18, and that the Laurier Galas will be held on 2008-05-26, elementary, and 2008-05-27, secondary.

6.2 *SWL Foundation:*

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak distributed invitations to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation's "Delicacies of the Sea" event to be held on 2008-06-12 at the Château Royal in Laval.

He went on to note that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association has been given a seat on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation and that Glenn Cuggy, Principal of Laurier Senior High School, will be representing the group.

6.3 *Safety & Security Town Hall:*

The Director General presented and reviewed the recommendation that evolved from the Focus Session for the school board to hold "Town Hall" meetings with its stakeholders on the issue of safety and security in the schools and centres.

The Council entered into discussion and a few Commissioners felt that the Town Hall meetings should be started immediately as waiting until the 2008-2009 school year is too far in the future as the bullying and violence towards and of students will be ongoing.

WHEREAS all students and employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have the right to feel safe and secure in their schools and centres;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is interested in engaging its stakeholders in developing a shared vision as to the expectations that the school board should have in terms of respect and personal safety in its schools and centres;

WHEREAS, in order to develop an increased awareness and understanding of safety and security, input from stakeholders such as students, employees, parents and community representatives is essential;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board organize a series of Town Hall meetings on safety and security in its schools and centres during the 2008-2009 school year, and that the following stakeholders be invited to participate: students, employees, unions, associations, Parents Committee members and community representatives.

AND THAT the Chairman and the Director General be mandated to issue invitations to all groups to the Town Hall meeting.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell recommended that the resolution be amended to indicate the the meetings would begin in May in order to expedite the process.

Commissioner Walter Fogel concurred with Commissioner Mitchell and recommended that emergency preparedness be included along with the words safety and security.

Discussion continued on when to conduct a Town Hall in order to get the best feedback possible in the time required, issues of safety and security, and the implementation of the plan in the schools and centres.

Commissioner William Pollock requested that the words 'Parents Committee' be changed to parents. Commissioner Edward Turchyniak accepted this amendment.

The Chairman noted that even though there is bullying the schools are safe and measures are already in place to prevent and help with the issue.

The Director General noted being able to make informed decisions is important and the Focus Session indicated that by getting feedback from students, parents and teachers would provide a good starting point. Good things have begun to happen on this project and as everyone becomes more involved the momentum will build as the Fall approaches. The Fall was proposed as a starting point for the Town Hall meetings as it the beginning of a new school year and there are not as many events in the schools and centres as there are in the Spring, plus proper notice needs to be given to the stakeholders of the school board. Keeping the project in focus is very important.

Commissioner George Benoit left the meeting. **TIME: 21:20 hours**

The Chairman called for a ten minute break. **TIME: 21:24 hours**

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 21:38 hours**

Commissioner George Benoit returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:38 hours**

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

Commissioner Steve Bletas advised that the school board is participating in safety and security and emergency preparedness and the school board has twelve recommendations from the Pegasus Emergency Management Inc. that were prepared specifically to meet the needs of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and were discussed at the Focus Session. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has already begun implementing some of these recommendations.

The Chairman resumed the chair.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak advised that he would not accept the amendments as only bullying was discussed.

The Director of Educational Services informed the Council that all of the schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have various types of programs that are designed to build a culture of caring and respect which can be used to curb bullying.

CC-080423-CA-0159

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the proposed resolution be modified to add "emergency preparedness" after the words "safety and security" throughout the resolution.

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

In response to a request from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, the Director General agreed to inquire as to what is being done in each school with respect to bullying and creating a safe environment.

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico suggested that the "2008-2009 school year" be replaced with "the fall of the 2008-2009 school year". Commissioner Edward Turchyniak accepted the change.

CC-080423-CA-0160

WHEREAS all students and employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have the right to feel safe and secure in their schools and centres;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is interested in engaging its stakeholders in developing a shared vision as to the expectations that the school board should have in terms of respect and personal safety in its schools and centres;

WHEREAS, in order to develop an increased awareness and understanding of safety and security, input from stakeholders such as students, employees, parents and community representatives is essential;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board organize a series of Town Hall meetings on safety and security in its schools and centres during the Fall of the 2008-2009 school year, and that the following stakeholders be invited to participate: students, employees, unions, associations, parents and community representatives.

AND THAT the Chairman and the Director General be mandated to issue invitations to all groups to the Town Hall meetings.

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

6.4 Court Challenges Program of Canada:

The Secretary General reviewed the resolution and the proposed letter to the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, concerning the Court Challenges Program of Canada and his **government's** decision to withdraw the funding of the program.

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that the funding for this program was withdrawn close to two years ago and that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has been lobbying for its reinstatement and is now asking its member boards for support.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak proposed that the resolution be amended by adding that the resolution also be sent to the members of the opposition. Commissioner Grace Nesi accepted the amendment.

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has cancelled the funding for the Court Challenges Program of Canada;

WHEREAS this program is vital to Canada's minority language communities;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to voice its concerns to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, over the cancellation of this funding;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that the Prime Minister and his Government reconsider this decision;

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board advise the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, of its desire to have the funding for the Court Challenges Program of Canada reinstated in order that all minority language communities in Canada can receive equal access to the Courts.

CC-080423-CA-0161

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has cancelled the funding for the Court Challenges Program of Canada;

WHEREAS this program is vital to Canada's minority language communities;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to voice its concerns to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, over the cancellation of this funding;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that the Prime Minister and his Government reconsider this decision;

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board advise the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, of its desire to have the funding for the Court Challenges Program of Canada reinstated in order that all minority language communities in Canada can receive equal access to the Courts.

AND THAT this be **sent** to all leaders of the opposition.

Carried unanimously

6.5 Communications:

In response to a request from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, the Director General noted that the Council would be provided with an outline of personnel to contact when questions arise concerning various issues.

7.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**7.1 Report of the Chairperson – Financial Resources Committee:**

Commissioner Merle Parkinson, Chair of the **Financial Resources Committee**, commented on the last meeting noting that the committee reviewed the policy concerning school fees and are not proposing that it be amended. The committee also discussed the interest rate for unpaid school taxes and how it should be applied to the unpaid balance, reviewed the results of the budget building consultation and the 2008-2009 budget parameters.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 21:53 hours

7.2 Rate of Interest on Unpaid Taxes 2008-2009:

The Director of Financial Resources noted that the rate of interest used by the majority of the school boards in the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière region is 15% with the exception of one that uses 18%.

CC-080423-FR-0162

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 Nancy Rupnik 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 2008-2009.

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

7.3 Budget Consultation 2008-2009:

The Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the responses received from the 2008-2009 budget consultation noting that overall responses to the consultation have increased since 2007-2008.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:55 hours

Commissioner Walter Fogel inquired as to why the Council had not approved the Administrative response to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) 2008-2009 budget consultation as it makes some very definitive statements as it is the body that speaks on behalf of the school board.

The Chairman indicated that the annual consultation on the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) budget parameters is an administrative consultation.

The Director of Financial Resources noted that the annual consultation on the budget parameters are received with a tight timeline for responses.

In response to a suggestion from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Chairman noted that calling a special meeting of the Council to review the response to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) consultation on the budget parameters could be considered in the future.

7.4 School Surpluses:

The Director of Financial Resources reviewed the monthly update on the school surpluses noting the improvement in some of the schools that have an operating deficit.

8.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

8.1 Report of Chairperson – Material Resources Committee:

Commissioner William Pollock, Chairman of the Material Resources Committee, noted that at its last meeting the committee discussed the deficit in the department's budget due to the most recent removal of excess snow, the installation of the cameras, the difficulty in analyzing the energy conservation projects due to varying temperatures and the receipt of an offer to purchase land next to Ste-Agathe Academy. The land is currently undergoing an evaluation.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Chairman advised that not all invoices have been received for the removal of snow from the roof tops of the schools and centres.

8.2 Expense for Snow Removal from Roof Tops:

CC-080423-FR-0163

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-080326-MR-0147 to request from the Direction générale du financement et de l'équipement du Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) financial reimbursement of the expenses incurred for the removal of the excess snow on the roof tops of its schools and centres during the 2007-2008 winter;

WHEREAS contractors were engaged by the Material Resources Department to remove the excess snow from the roof tops and have submitted invoices for payment as per attached document #SWLSB-2008/04/15-MR-001

WHEREAS financial reimbursement from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport will take some time, if approved, and in the meantime these outstanding invoices must be paid;

Commissioner Albina Pace 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 payment of the invoices for the removal of the excess snow on the roof tops of its schools and centres, as follows:

CONTRACTOR	SCHOOLS / CENTRES	COST
Bellemare Couverture	McCaig	7 043,40\$
	Pinewood – Campus A	5 869,50\$
	Rawdon	10 931,94\$
	Ste-Adèle	2 934,75\$
Carruthers	Morin Heights	1 625,40\$
Construction Larco	Joliette HS	7 923,83\$
	Laurentia	3 485,02\$
	Laurentian Regional	4 402,13\$
Couverture Métropole	Laurentian Regional	12 912,90\$
	Morin Heights	19 956,30\$
	Pinewood Campus A	2 054,32\$
	Rosemere	12 032,47\$
		28 613,81\$
	20 359,83\$	
Ent. S. Brouillette & fils	Joliette ES	446,42\$
	Joliette HS	716,19\$
Entr' Expert	Pinewood Campus B	8 465,63\$
Entreprises P.E. Lebeau	Pinewood Campus A	903,00\$
Entreprises P. Roy	Ste Agathe Academy	169,31\$
Entreprises SVS	Rawdon	4 049,40\$
François Bellerose inc	McCaig	1 935,81\$
Gerard Trépanier & Fils	Mother Teresa / Laurier Senior	1 213,41\$
Les entretiens Labelle	Laurentian Regional	744,97\$
Les experts en toiture J. Richard	Grenville	2 821,88\$
	Laurentian Regional	3 950,63\$
Marcel Vézina Couvreur 2000 inc.	Crestview	5 428,58\$
	John F. Kennedy	5 828,59\$
	Laurentian Regional	25 961,97\$
McKenna Don	Pinewood Campus B	2 687,50\$
Service et entretien toitures Hogue	Lake of Two Mountains	16 423,31\$
	Mother Teresa / Laurier Senior	57 862,54\$
	Rawdon	17 904,80\$
Toitures et constructions A.S. Filiatreault	Laurentian Regional	16 724,55\$
	Morin Heights	9 872,04\$
Vitrerie Lalongé	Laval Jr / Laval Liberty	15 784,16\$
	Souvenir	4 780,26\$
Wayne & Karen Robinson	Lake of Two Mountains	903,00\$
	GRAND TOTAL	345 723,55\$

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Mario Di Domenico, 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 Albina Pace excused herself for the evening.

TIME: 22:03 hours

9.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

9.1 *Report of the Chairperson – Information Technology Committee:*

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin, Chairman of the Information Technology Committee, commented on the last meeting noting that it was a joint meeting with the Educational Services Committee at the Community Learning Centre (CLC) Laval Liberty to view the video conferencing lab. The committee also reviewed the proposed amendments to the policy on acceptable use of technology.

The next meeting of the committee, 2008-05-12, will also be a joint meeting with the Educational Services Committee and it will be a video conferencing meeting with some committee members being located at the Community Learning Centre (CLC) Laval Liberty and the others at the CLC Laurentian Regional.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino, Chairman of the Educational Services Committee, concurred with Commissioner MacLaurin on the success of the joint meeting. He also noted that the committee discussed the limitations facing the English community when purchasing textbooks, the need to revisit the school field trip policy, and the new Ethics & Religious Culture program, which is starting to cause some controversy.

The Council entered into discussion on the issue of textbooks and it was noted that the lack of equitable textbooks for the English schools has been an ongoing problem and that it is hoped with the committee being struck by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) the problem can be resolved.

In response to a request from Parent Commissioner Luc Samson, the Chairman asked that a copy of the letter sent to the MELS from the Parents Committee be sent to the Council for the next meeting on 2008-05-21.

9.2 *Engagement of Supplier – Refurbished Desktop Computers:*

The Director of Information Technology reviewed the tenders received for the supplier for the refurbished desktop computers noting that the prices quoted by the recommended supplier are excellent. A background check was done on the supplier and another school board has had previous experience with it and recently re-engaged it to complete an additional project.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director of Information Technology indicated that the funding through Measure 50670 that is not used to purchase refurbished desktop computers will be used to purchase peripherals, which is allowable under the Measure. The computers will be distributed where needed and some will be used as backup for machines under repair.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin indicated that the school board is working very hard to produce a lower student-computer ratio, as well as trying to keep up with the everchanging technology, by replacing aging computers.

In response to a question from Commissioner Nick Milas, the Director of Information Technology advised that there is no warranty for on-site service as the calculations showed that it would not be cost effective for the school board. As the school board did not select a warranty the proposed supplier provided a rebate.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:22 hours

CC-080423-IT-0164

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved the public call for tender for the purchase of 700 refurbished computers and monitors to replace obsolete computers and increase computer ratio;

WHEREAS the tenders were received and opened on 2008-04-21;

WHEREAS the funding for this equipment is entirely covered by MELS Special Measure 50670;

WHEREAS the Information Technology Committee recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the purchase of 700 refurbished desktop computers and monitors from **CNB Computers**, for a total cost of 133 525,00 \$, all taxes included.

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

9.3 Policy #2000-IT-01: Acceptable Use of Technology – Amendments:

The Director of Information Technology presented and reviewed the amendments to the policy on the acceptable use of technology drawing the Council's attention to Annex B and noting that a pamphlet will be created for students using terminology that will be easily understood.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Chairman noted that the policy is for approval in principle and subject to consultation, therefore, everyone has the opportunity to review it and submit recommendations to the Information Technology Committee for consideration.

CC-080423-IT-0165

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the resolution concerning the amendments to Policy #2000-IT-01: Acceptable Use of Technology be tabled to the 2008-05-21 meeting of the Council.

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

CC-080423-IT-0166

WHEREAS it has become necessary to review policy #2000-IT-01: Acceptable Use of Information & Communication Technology Resources, in order to bring it up to date;

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the proposed amendments to policy #2000-IT-01: Acceptable Use of Information & Communication Technology Resources, **as per the attached document.**

AND THAT this amended policy be subject to a 60-day consultation.

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

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel concerning the computer training for Commissioners, the Director of Information Technology indicated that she is waiting for more responses to the survey of needs and that once assessed the courses and dates will be organized.

CC-080423-CA-0167

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

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

The Chairman encouraged everyone to respond to the survey of needs for Commissioners laptop training so that courses can be scheduled.

10.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

10.1 Report of the Chairperson – Educational Services Committee:

The report was presented under item 9.1.

10.2 Policy #1999-ED-05: Evaluation of Learning – Amendments:

The Director of Educational Services presented the proposed revision to the policy on the evaluation of learning noting that this is necessary in order to reflect the recent changes to the Basic School Regulation.

Commissioner Walter Fogel requested a strikeout version of the policy prior to the end of the consultation period.

CC-080423-ED-0168

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has recently made changes to the Basic School Regulation and the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3)

WHEREAS these changes have made it necessary to revise policy #1999-ED-05: Evaluation of Learning in the Elementary & Secondary Schools;

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the proposed amendments to policy #1999-ED-05: Evaluation of Learning in the Elementary & Secondary Schools.

AND THAT this amended policy be subject to a 60-day consultation.

Carried unanimously

10.3 Rescind Resolution - LRHS Outdoor Education Option:

The Director of Educational Services advised that the Laurier Teachers Union has expressed some concerns on various aspects of the locally developed outdoor education course at Laurentian Regional High School. The program has been revised from a 4-credit to a 2- credit course and that the department is currently awaiting the approval of the school's Governing Board on the change.

CC-080423-ED-0169

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-080227-ED-0133 approving a 4 credit locally developed option course at Laurentian Regional High School;

WHEREAS the Laurier Teachers Union expressed concerns over certain aspects of this course and requested that it be revisited;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the **Educational Services Committee** and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind resolution #CC-080227-ED-0133.

Carried unanimously

11.0 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION**11.1 Report of Chairperson – School Organization Committee:**

There was no report.

11.2 2008-2009 Projected Enrolment:

The Director of School Organization advised that registration is ongoing and that as of 2008-04-10 enrolment stands at 14 524.

Commissioner Merle Parkinson left the meeting.

TIME: 22:35 hours

11.3 Policy #1999-TS-01: Transportation Policy & Manual of Procedures – Amendments:

The Director of School Organization presented and reviewed the proposed amendments to the transportation policy and procedures manual.

The Council entered into discussion and questions were raised as to why a strike out version of the policy was not presented. It was noted that clean copies are always used for consultation purposes as it is what the Council is proposing. If people wish to view the current policy it can be located on the corporate Web site under governance.

Commissioner Merle Parkinson returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:40 hours

The Chairman asked the Parent Commissioners for their thoughts on how the proposed amendments should be presented and Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier indicated that it would be preferable to have a clean copy.

CC-080423-TS-0170

WHEREAS it has become necessary to make amendments to policy #1999-TS-01: Transportation Policy and Procedures Manual, in order to streamline services;

Commissioner Steve Mitchell 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** policy #1999-TS-01: Transportation Policy and Procedures Manual, **as per the attached document**.

AND THAT this amended policy be subject to a 60-day consultation.

Carried unanimously

11.4 STL Contract 2008 – 2013:

The Chairman advised that at its last meeting the School Organization Committee spent the majority of the meeting discussing the school board's need to renew its contract with the Société de transport de Laval (STL). The cost of the services provided will be increasing to 375 000\$ over 5 years and the STL is suggesting that the high schools change the school starting time, this is not really an option in the short term, as it would result in there being no time for extra curricular activities. Other options are being looked into in order to keep these transportation costs as low as possible.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 22:47 hours

The Director of School Organization reviewed the position of the STL and the school board.

The Council entered into discussion on how the increase in service costs for using the STL would effect the school board financially.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:50 hours

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of School Organization indicated that the main reason for the increase in the cost of the contract is fuel as its price has increased dramatically since the last contract was negotiated.

The Director of School Organization also indicated that the STL has been very cooperative with the school board as it supplies dedicated bus routes with designated pick-up and drop-off points and has been very agreeable to making changes when requested.

Discussion continued and the Director of School Organization advised that both the school board and the STL have the option to reopen the contract once it is signed to negotiate lowering the cost of the contract and other points. He also assured the Council that prior to signing the contract with the STL it will be reviewed by the School Organization Committee to ensure that the contract contains all of the elements negotiated.

Time is of the essence for this contract as there is a deadline to sign and the Director of School Organization needs to advise the STL of the school board's decision so that it can go ahead and prepare the contract.

Commissioner Grace Nesi excused herself for the evening.

TIME: 23:00 hours

The Director of School Organization indicated that there is a clause in the contract with the STL that allows either party to cancel the contract within a given time frame.

The Assistant Director General left the meeting.

TIME: 23:04 hours

The Assistant Director General returned to the meeting.

TIME: 23:06 hours

CC-080423-TS-0171

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires transportation services for students attending the Laval high schools;

WHEREAS the Société de transport de Laval (STL) provides the majority of transportation services for the four Laval high schools;

WHEREAS STL will sign a five year contract to ensure stability for parents and students;

WHEREAS the cost for STL service would increase beginning in 2008-2009 by 275 000\$ for the first year and that beginning in the second year an additional 25 000\$ per year over the remaining 4 years would be added to the cost of the contract. Furthermore that the forecasted existing annual base cost of 91 535\$ would continue to apply in the new contract;

WHEREAS the transportation service supplied by STL provides the most flexible service for students and schools at the lowest cost;

WHEREAS the Directorate has reviewed and recommends acceptance of this agreement;

WHEREAS the School Organization Standing Committee has reviewed and recommends acceptance of this agreement;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board enter into a contract with the Société de transport de Laval (STL) to transport students to Laval Junior High School, Laval Liberty High School, Laurier Senior High School and Mother Teresa Junior High School for a period of five years beginning 2008-07-01 and ending on 2013-06-30.

AND THAT the base cost for STL service will increase in 2008-2009 by 275 000\$ for the first year and that beginning in the second year of the five year contract an additional 25 000\$ per year over the remaining 4 years would be added to the cost of the base contract.

AND THAT provisions be specified in the contract that should the schools' situations be modified that Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retains the right to re-negotiate the contract during tis period in light of those changes.

FURTHER THAT the current annual base cost of 91 535\$ would continue to apply in the new contract.

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

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson excused himself for the evening. **TIME: 23:07 hours**

12.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

12.1 Report of the Chairperson – Human Resources Committee:

Commissioner George Benoit, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, noted that at its last meeting the committee reviewed the Local Arrangements for both the Laurier Teachers Union and the Syndicate of Montreal-Area Educational and Service Professionals (SMAESP) for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Non-Teaching Professionals.

12.2 Local Arrangements – Teachers:

The Director of Human Resources provided background information on the revision of the local arrangements for the teachers noting that the entire text of the document has been reviewed.

Commissioners Nick Milas, Merle Parkinson and Ed Turchyniak as well as Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier left the meeting.

TIME: 23:08 hours

Commissioner Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 23:09 hours

CC-080423-HR-0172

WHEREAS the local negotiated items and arrangements between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Laurier Teachers Union require negotiations;

WHEREAS the local negotiated items and arrangements have been concluded in principle;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the Local Negotiated Items and Arrangements between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Laurier Teachers Union, as they appear in document #SWLSB-2008/04/23-HR-001.

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

Carried unanimously

The Chairman advised that he had received a letter from the President of the Laurier Teachers Union commending the members of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Administration who diligently worked on the teachers local agreement negotiations.

Commissioner Walter Fogel excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 23:11 hours

Commissioners Merle Parkinson, Ed Turchyniak and Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier returned to the meeting.

TIME: 23:11 hours

12.3 Local Arrangements – NTPs:

The Director of Human Resources reviewed the changes to the local negotiated items and arrangements for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board non-teaching professionals.

CC-080423-HR-0173

WHEREAS the local negotiated items and arrangements between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Syndicate of Montreal-Area Educational and Service Professionals (SMAESP) for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Non-Teaching Professionals; require negotiations;

WHEREAS the local negotiated items and arrangements have been concluded in principle;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the Local Arrangements between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Syndicate of Montreal-Area Educational and Service Professionals (SMAESP) for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Non-Teaching Professionals; as they appear in document #SWLSB-2008/04/23-HR-002.

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

Carried unanimously

13.0 ADULT & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:

13.1 Report of Chairperson – Adult & Vocational Education Committee:

The Chairman extended congratulations on behalf of the Council to Johanne Brabant on her **appointment** as Director of Adult & Vocational Education.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino, Chairman of the Adult & Vocational Education Committee, advised the Council that at its last meeting the committee was advised that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has authorized two new vocational option programs: Assistance to Patients or Residents in Health Care Establishments and Home Care & Family & Social Assistance.

He continued noting that the committee also discussed reinstating the registration fee and finding out what other school boards charge and how the charge is applied and the creation of an admission guide.

14.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

14.1 *Parents' Committee Report:*

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier advised the Council that at its last meeting the Parents Committee had many concerns over the new Ethics & Religious Culture program and that there will be some parents that will seek to have a derogation from the course for their child(ren).

She also noted that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents' Committee will be withdrawing its membership in the Fédération des Comités des parents du Québec (FCPQ) to form an English group and will be encouraging other English school boards to follow suit.

15.0 QESBA

15.1 *Report of the QESBA:*

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chair in order to speak to a Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) issue.

Commissioner Steve Bletas advised the Council that the QESBA has retracted its proposal for Commissioner Certification and has replaced it with a series of professional development sessions and distance education. The element of an association with a university **has** also been removed.

Commissioner Steve Kmec excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 23:18 hours

He went on to note that during recent years he has questioned the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's membership in the QESBA but with the new Executive he feels that the association is taking on a new direction that will be beneficial to all its member boards.

The QESBA has been instrumental in assisting school boards in various areas since 1998 and given that the future of school boards is currently under discussion it would be in the best interests of the school board to remain a member of this association.

The Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) will be depositing a proposal on the future of school boards and Commissioner Carolyn Curiale will be present at this meeting to receive the document and there will be further meetings as well as a caucus.

In closing, Commissioner Steve Bletas noted that at the last meeting of the QESBA a recommendation was brought forth to increase the membership fees by 1\$, which would make the fees per student for the 2008-2009 school year 7,90\$. The membership fees have remained stable for several years but costs are increasing and in order to have the best representation, financial compensation is required.

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, Commissioner Steve Bletas indicated that in a short period of time he has seen a noticeable change in how business is conducted under the new QESBA executive and, given that this is a crucial time for school boards, he feels that remaining a member of the QESBA is in the best interests of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

CC-080423-CA-0174

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board pays annual fees to be a member of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA);

WHEREAS these fees are based on a per student basis;

WHEREAS there have been no increases in these annual fees since 2003;

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has had an increased impact in its media interventions;

WHEREAS the QESBA has proposed an increase in the annual fees of 6,90\$ to 7,90\$, per student, based on the September 30 enrolment;

WHEREAS the QESBA has asked its member boards to provide feedback on this proposed increase;

Commissioner Steve Bletas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board advise the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) that it supports the proposed increase in the annual membership fees from 6,90\$ to 7,90\$.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik
Commissioners voting NAY:	Mario Di Domenico, Mike Pizzola, Edward Turchyniak

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Vice-Chair drew the Council's attention to the correspondence in the meeting package

18.0 VARIA

There was no varia.

19.0 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT the meeting be concluded.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:25 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2008-05-21

Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman