

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2008-09-24

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2008-09-24:

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chair; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Georges Benoit, 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, 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; Johanne Brabant, Director of Adult & Vocational Education; Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources (Interim); 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; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioners Walter Fogel and Nancy Rupnik.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours.

The Chair welcomed the Pollock Paddle recipients to the meeting. He noted that Morganne Blais-MacPherson of Laval Liberty High School had won the Pollock Paddle and that Nurit Aizenstros of Mother Teresa Junior High School, Audrey-Ann Côté-Dulong of Lake of Two Mountains High School and Kelsea Gust of Rosemere High School were the runners-up.

The Chair invited Commissioner William Pollock to present the Pollock Paddle Awards. The Pollock Paddle award is an essay competition based on environmental issues.

Commissioner Pollock presented Kelsea Gust with a small gift as one of the runners-up. Morganne Blais-McPherson, the winner of the Pollock Paddle, and Nurit Aizenstros and, Audrey-Ann Côté-Dulong, runners-up, received the award and gifts in absetentia.

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson arrived at the meeting.

TIME: 19:41 hours

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following additions to the agenda were proposed:

4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

4.2 Talented & Gifted Program.....INFO

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 Police Presence in Communities.....INFO

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.6 Adult & Vocational Education:

6.6.1 Development Plan for the Vocational & Technical Training Offer – Laval.....RES

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Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #SWLSB-2008/09/24-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**CC-080924-CA-0014**

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2008-08-27, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

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

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:**4.1 Chair's Report:**

The Chair advised the Council that Heather Titley, a teacher at Laurentia Elementary School, had been named as one of the "Teachers of the Year" by Canadian Parent magazine. Ms. Titley will be recognized by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for achieving this honour next month.

He went on to note that St-Vincent and Terry Fox Elementary Schools participated in the CBC Television School Needs Project on saving the environment and that Terry Fox Elementary School came in second, winning 1 400\$.

He continued noting that the Lester B. Pearson School Board was the first school board in Québec to go live on the Internet for its last Council meeting.

He provided an update on the installation of the cameras in the high schools noting that 85 cameras have been installed and are proving to be effective. A formal launch of the project is being planned.

The planning for the Focus Groups on "Respect and Responsibility" is underway and the meeting dates have been scheduled for November 10 at Laurier Senior High School in the afternoon and the Administration Centre in the evening, and on November 13 at Laurentian Regional High School in the afternoon. The sessions will be from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. The Focus Groups will be made up of Governing Board members, Parents Committee members, Special Education Advisory Committee members, Unions, Associations and stakeholders.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino **arrived at** the meeting.

TIME: 19:54 hours

4.2 Talented & Gifted Programs:

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico brought forward to the attention of the Council that the school board has many enriched and special education programs but nothing for gifted and talented students. He noted that many students are restless and need to be challenged on other levels. He suggested that a school be set up similar to Royal West Academy and Vincent Massey **Collegiate** of the English Montreal School Board, which offer programs for gifted students.

The Chair asked the Director of Educational Services to place the issue of gifted and talented students on the next agenda of the Educational Services Committee.

In response to a request from Commissioner Di Domenico, the Chair indicated that the issue of gifted and talented students and schools geared towards them would be debated at the level of Council but that information must be gathered and a critical path developed at the committee level first. He further noted that several Commissioners have also approached him on this issue.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 *Police Presence in Communities:*

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel at the 2008-08-27 Council meeting concerning police presence in communities, the Secretary General advised that all municipalities in the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière region with an English high school have a regulation concerning park surveillance or loitering.

The Chairman introduced Linda Di Domenico and welcomed her to the position of interim Director of Human Resources.

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.1 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1.1 *2013 Canada Summer Games:*

The Secretary General advised the Council that the municipalities of Blainville, Lachute, Mont-Tremblant, Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, Wentworth-Nord, and Val-Morin had submitted a candidacy and have been retained to host the 2013 Canada Summer Games. The following resolution is to advise the Organizing committee of the support of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in the venture.

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WHEREAS the candidacy for the municipalities of Blainville, Lachute, Mont-Tremblant, Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, Wentworth-Nord, and Val-Morin was retained to host the 2013 Canada Summer Games;

WHEREAS these games represent a unique opportunity to mobilize community members a common objective;

WHEREAS the 2013 Canada Summer Games will have a positive impact on several levels (sports, culture, economics, recreation and tourism);

WHEREAS the event will promote the Laurentian culture, as well as its heritage, institutions and artists;

WHEREAS this event will have a positive impact on the development and involvement of the youth of the Laurentian region;

WHEREAS the 2013 Canada Summer Games will encourage the community to be more physically active and engage in sports;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board offer its support to the municipalities of Blainville, Lachute, Mont-Tremblant, Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, Wentworth-Nord, and Val-Morin for the planning and realization of the 2013 Canada Summer Games.

Carried unanimously

6.1.2 Modification to Remuneration of Commissioners:

The Secretary General presented the proposed modifications to the 2008-2009 remuneration noting that the modifications are to the rules governing the distribution of the balance of the envelope.

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WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-080521-CA-0179 regarding the 2008-2009 Commissioners Remuneration;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to modify the allocation remitted to commissioners;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board modify resolution #CC-080521-CA-0179 regarding the 2008-2009 Commissioners Remuneration and establish the annual remuneration for its Commissioners for services rendered to the school board as follows:

The base amount for each commissioner:

3 166 \$	x	21 commissioners	=	66 486 \$
4 253 \$	x	9 commissioners (Executive Committee)	=	38 277 \$
13 393 \$	x	1 Chair of the Council of Commissioners	=	13 393 \$
5 581 \$	x	1 Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners	=	5 581 \$
5 581 \$	x	1 Chair of Executive Committee	=	5 581 \$
2 792 \$	x	1 Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee	=	2 792 \$
		Sub Total	=	132 110\$
Balance available for committee participation			=	<u>29 851 \$</u>
TOTAL ENVELOPE:				<u>161 961\$</u>

AND THAT the balance amount will be divided equally among all members of the Council of Commissioners who are members of a minimum of two (2) standing committees and who attend 75% of each of these committee meetings, excluding the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee and the commissioners on the Executive Committee. A maximum of 11 Commissioners would be admissible to receive an amount if the above criteria are met

AND THAT the Commissioners who are present at a standing committee meeting even though there is a lack of quorum will be considered to have been present when calculating their attendance record for the purposes of remuneration;

FURTHER THAT the balance available for committee participation be paid out on the final pay in the month of June 2009.

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, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Mike Pizzola

6.2 MATERIAL RESOURCES

6.2.1 Five-Year Investment Plan (PQI) 2009-2014:

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the five-year investment plan (PQI) for 2009-2014 noting that the requests within the plan will be taken into consideration by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) in its financial planning.

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Director of Material Resources indicated that priority #7 is a request for a school in an unknown sector for 2013 – 2014 based on information provided by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) but without the actual demographics.

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WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) requires that school boards submit their respective « Five-year Investment Plans » no later than September 30 annually;

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson 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 Five-Year Investment Plan as per document #SWLSB-2008/09/24-MR-001 and as prioritized below:

- Priority #1: Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) in 2009-2010 for the construction of a new school in Joliette in order to relocate Joliette Elementary School, building #885-040 (2-10-0).
- Priority #2: Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) in 2009-2010 for the enlargement of McCaig Elementary School, building #885-003, by adding 4 classrooms and a gymnasium.
- Priority #3: Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) in 2009-2010 for the construction of a new school (3-10-1) in sector 2 of Laval.
- Priority #4: Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) in 2010-2011 for the construction of a new school in sector 3 of Laval.
- Priority #5: Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) in 2011-2012 for a building in the Vimont, Chomedey, Pont-Viau or Laval-des-Rapides area in order to relocate the Adult Education service (CDC Vimont) currently located at 2100, boulevard Des Laurentides, Laval (rental property).
- Priority #6: Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) in 2012-2013 for the construction of a new school (300 student places) in sector 2 of Laval.
- Priority #7: Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) in 2013-2014 for the construction of a new school (300 student places). Sector to be determined.

AND THAT this Five-Year Investment Plan 2009-2014 be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) no later than 2008-09-30.

Carried unanimously

6.2.2 LRHS Heating Costs 2007-2008:

The Director of Material Resources noted that the following is the annual heating invoice for Laurentian Regional High School for the 2007-2008 school year.

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WHEREAS Laurentian Regional High School shares a heating system with Polyvalent Lavigne of the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord;

WHEREAS the heating costs are billed to the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord invoices the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the heating costs incurred by Laurentian Regional High School;

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 invoice received from Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord for heating costs at Laurentian Regional High School for the 2007-2008 school year, in the amount of 133 494,96\$, all taxes included.

Carried unanimously

6.2.3 Engagement of Contractor – RHS Roofing Project:

The Director of Material Resources reviewed the tenders received to replace a section of the roof at Rosemere High School.

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to replace a section of the roof at Rosemère High School;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has adopted Measure 50690 to assist school boards with the repair and maintenance of its buildings;

WHEREAS invitational tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2008-08-27;

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

Commissioner Robert Dixon 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 award the contract for replacement of a section of the roof at Rosemère High School to **Les Toitures Vick & Associés Inc.** for a total cost of 75 940,05\$, all taxes included.

Carried unanimously

6.2.4 Call to Tender – Field Relocation Project – 2323 Daniel-Johnson:

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that he needs a resolution from Council in order to proceed with the field relocation project.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin drew the Council's attention to the fact that many discussions have taken place over the accountability of the professionals on projects with cost overruns resulting from errors or omissions in plans.

At the request of the Chair, the Secretary General noted that the process is to call for tenders, receive and open them, presentation to the Material Resources Committee for analysis and selection. Once the selection is made for the lowest conformable bidder the issue of accountability can be discussed.

The Chair recommended that the issue of accountability be brought to the Material Resources Committee for further discussion.

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-080521-MR-0216 approving the engagement of Beaupré & Associés, as consulting engineers, to prepare the plans, drawings and tender specifications for the relocation of the natural grass field at 2323, boul. Daniel-Johnson;

WHEREAS the plans, drawings and tender specifications have been completed;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale 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 a public call to tender for the services of a general contractor for the relocation of the natural grass playing field at 2323, boul. Daniel-Johnson.

Carried unanimously

6.3 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

6.3.1 2009-2010 Enrolment Criteria:

The Director of School Organization presented and reviewed the 2009-2010 enrolment criteria noting that 2008-2009 is the final year of the grandfathering of students for certain schools in Laval and the criteria for 2009-2010 has been adjusted to reflect the end of this agreement.

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WHEREAS section 239 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) states *“Each year, every school board shall enrol students in its schools in keeping with the choice of each student’s parents or the choice of the student, if of full age. However, if the number of applications for enrolment in a school exceeds the capacity of the school, enrolment shall be effected according to the criteria established by the school board after consultation with the parents’ committee”*;

WHEREAS section 239 of the Education Act states *“Enrolment criteria must give priority to students coming under the jurisdiction of the school board and, as far as possible, to students whose place of residence is nearest to the school premises. They must be adopted, put into force and sent to each governing board at least 15 days before the beginning of the student enrolment period”*;

WHEREAS section 239 of the Education Act states *“The conditions or criteria for participation in a special project may not serve as criteria for enrolment in a school; nor may they operate to exclude a student from the school of the student’s choice if the student has a right to enrol in that school pursuant to the criteria referred to in the first paragraph”*;

WHEREAS the section 193 (6) of the Education Act requires that the Parents’ Committee be consulted annually on the criteria for the enrolment of students in schools, which exceed the capacity of the school;

WHEREAS the registration period for students for 2009-2010 is the week of 2009-02-02;

Commissioner Grace Nesi 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 establishment of the criteria for enrolment of students in its schools, subject to the availability of space, for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

6.4 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

6.4.1 Payment of Fees – Collection of Reimbursement of GST Overpayments:

The Director of Financial Resources provided background information on the collection of reimbursement of GST. The mandate given to Consultaxe Ltée to represent the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board included a fee of 25% of the final reimbursement.

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WHEREAS in May 1996, Consultaxe Ltée was given a mandate to institute proceedings in order to recuperate GST overpayments in transportation services covering the period from July 1992 to May 2001;

WHEREAS from 1996 to October 2007, numerous court proceedings were instituted and took place;

WHEREAS on October 25, 2007, a remission order was finally voted and adopted by the Governor General in Council;

WHEREAS on July 8, 2008, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board received a cheque in the amount of 96 626,26\$ from Revenue Canada as a final reimbursement of GST overpayments;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must now pay to Consultaxe Ltée 25% of the amount received from Revenue Canada in fees for its services;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee authorize the payment of fees in the amount of 27 266.73\$, all taxes included, to Consultaxe Ltée.

Carried unanimously

The Assistant Director General left the meeting.

TIME: 20:22 hours

6.5 QESBA

6.5.1 Preliminary QESBA Membership Fees 2008-2009:

The Secretary General advised the Council that the preliminary Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) membership fees for 2008-2009 are based on the final September 30 numbers from 2007-2008. A final invoice will be received once the official September 30 numbers are tabulated by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

The Assistant Director General returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:24 hours

In response to a question from Commissioner Tom Mouhteros, the Chair noted that there is a proposal to increase the annual QESBA membership fee per student by 1\$ but that it will only be voted on at the Annual General Meeting being held on 2008-10-25.

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA);

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has issued a provisional membership fee statement for the 2008-2009 school year;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amount of 77 857,88\$ to be paid to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

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

6.5.2 Nominations to QESBA Board of Directors:

Commissioner Grace Nesi nominated Commissioners Carolyn Curiale and Steve Bletas. Commissioners Curiale and Bletas accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

TIME: 20:26 hours

CC-080924-CA-0023

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 Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Carolyn Curiale** and **Steve Bletas** to the Board of Directors of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for 2008-2009.

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
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Mike Pizzola

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:27 hours

6.5.3 Nominations to QESBA Executive 2008:

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin nominated Commissioner Carolyn Curiale for the position of Vice-President of the QESBA Executive. Commissioner Curiale accepted the nomination.

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Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board nominate Carolyn Curiale for the position of Vice-President on the Executive of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for 2008-2009.

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, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Mike Pizzola

6.5.4 Voting Delegates for QESBA Annual General Meeting:

Commissioner Nick Milas nominated Commissioners Carolyn Curiale and Steve Bletas as the voting delegates to QESBA. Both accepted to be the voting delegates and each others alternate voting delegate.

CC-080924-CA-0025

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has assigned fourteen (14) votes to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for its Annual General Meeting being held on 2008-10-25;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the following as voting delegates for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Annual General Meeting to be held on 2008-10-25; AND THAT the fourteen votes be divided among them:

Carolyn Curiale (7 votes)

Steve Bletas(7 votes)

AND THAT the two voting delegates named above act as the other's alternate voting delegate at the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Annual General Meeting to be held on 2008-10-25.

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, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Mike Pizzola

6.5.5 QESBA 12-Year Long Service Award:

The Chair advised the Council that Commissioner Nancy Rupnik meets the criteria set out by the QESBA to be a recipient of the "Twelve Year Long Service Award".

CC-080924-ED-0026

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board submit the name of Nancy Rupnik as a candidate for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) 12-Year Long Service Award on the occasion of the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

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

6.6 ADULT & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

6.6.1 Development Plan for the Vocational & Technical Training Offer – Laval:

The Director of Adult & Vocational Education presented and reviewed the four directions proposed in the development plan for the Laval vocational and technical training offer.

She noted that partnerships will be sought with other institutions such as CEGEP Montmorency.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 20:33 hours

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Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the **proposal** be amended by striking out the word “milieu” in Direction #4.

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

CC-080924-AE-0028

WHEREAS the Laval region has begun the analysis which is required to produce its “Plan d’aménagement”;

WHEREAS before adopting the final plan, the Table Interordres wished to obtain the pulse of the various organizations on the directions of the said plan as listed below:

- Direction #1:** Increase enrolment in vocational and technical training in Laval, especially in programs leading to technical trades or occupations where demand is high or expected to increase, and raise the number of students graduating from these programs.
- Direction #2:** Aim for program quality by ensuring that students enrolled in vocational and technical training in Laval are able to acquire the skills and competencies sought by employers.
- Direction #3:** Consolidate the vocational and technical training offer in the Laval region as well as the methods of delivery in order to respond efficiently to the needs of the employers of the Laval region.
- Direction #4:** Develop partnerships between the various vocational and technical training institutions in Laval and agencies concerned with training and employment, as well as with the work and community milieus in Laval and its neighbouring areas.

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Adult Education & Vocational Training Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board support the proposed directions for the development of a comprehensive offer of service for the region of Laval.

AND THAT the Director of Adult Education and Vocational Training be mandated to pursue discussions on partnerships along those directions.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Albina Pace left the meeting.

TIME: 20:37 hours

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 SWL Foundation:

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak advised the Council that the 2009-01-08 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Gala will be "Humour & Magic" with Alain Choquette at the Château Royal in Laval. Tickets are now on sale through the Foundation office for 225\$ each.

He also noted that the selection of an honorary chair for the event is pending.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:38 hours

7.2 Parent Commissioners Report

There was no report.

In response to a question from Parent Commissioner Luc Samson, the Director of Educational Services noted that all of the high schools were made aware of the availability of the temporary textbooks for various courses and were requested to submit the numbers required. She indicated that she would contact the schools and find out if each had ordered enough for all of the students requiring them and report back at the next Council meeting.

7.3 Update on Enrolment 2008-2009:

The Director of School Organization presented the recent enrolment figures noting that enrolment currently stands at 14 679 as of 2008-09-18.

Commissioner Albina Pace returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:41 hours

In response to a question from Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier, the Director of School Organization advised that in some years certain schools have not been at building capacity and have accepted out-of-zone students. When some schools reach building capacity the out-of-zone students are not asked to leave but no new out-of-zone students are accepted. In some cases it does not make any difference if building capacity is reached because the school the student should be attending is also at building capacity.

7.4 Report of the QESBA:

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised that the Constitution Committee of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) will be proposing some amendments at the upcoming Annual General Meeting being held on 2008-10-25, such as to increase the term of the Vice-President to 2 years and the possibility of nominating Commissioners for both positions of Vice-President and Member-at-Large.

7.5 School Surpluses:

The Director of Financial Resources presented an update on the school surpluses noting that schools in deficit and those with large surpluses will be asked to address their particular situation by either a recovery plan or the allocation of funds for specific projects.

7.6 Update on Exploration Labs:

The Director of Adult & Vocational Education advised that the Assistant Director of Adult & Vocational Education, the Centre Director of Adult Education and Commissioners Nazario Facchino and Edward Turchyniak had gone to Toronto to tour Exploration Labs in the Toronto District and York Region District School Boards in order to see how the Exploration Lab works in a classroom setting.

She went on to note that a demonstration of the Exploration Lab would be presented for Commissioners on 2008-10-20 at the CDC Laurier-Pont-Viau. After this presentation the direction in which to take this project will be elaborated upon.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino indicated that the visit was very interesting and informative. The Exploration Lab is very hands on and the modules can be modified to meet the needs of the schools and the school board. He noted that the school visited in the Toronto District School Board had a low success rate and that with the implementation of the exploration lab the school has been able to improve significantly. Transportation to this school is not provided, therefore, those that wish to attend must get there on their own.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak noted that the **students**, parents and the school sign an agreement that ensures that a module is completed correctly prior to moving on to the next one. He noted that the project is a viable one.

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to a letter from the Chair of the Parents Committee requesting that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board begin considering programs to meet the needs of the gifted and talented students. He noted that this has been a topic of discussion on several occasions and that it should be discussed on a more in-depth level, perhaps at the Educational Services Committee.

10.0 VARIA:

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of Educational Services noted that the Régime pédagogique (Basic School Regulation) and the Collective Agreement are followed when it comes to instructional time. There has been a lot of discussion and controversy surrounding the number of pedagogical days per school year, but it must be noted that these days are used for teacher training and that many workshops are planned for these days.

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that perhaps more transparency is required in order to ensure that the stakeholders are aware of what takes place on the pedagogical days and the benefits that the teacher training provides for the students. It was suggested that the school agendas contain an explanation of the purpose of a pedagogical day.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola left the meeting.

TIME: 21:08 hours

Commissioner Mike Pizzola returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:09 hours

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:11 hours

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