

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2009-06-23

A Special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2009-06-23:

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chair; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Georges Benoit, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; and 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; Gaëlle Absolonne, Assistant Director of Adult & Vocational Education; Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources (Interim); Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; George Paquette, Director of School Organization; Donna Abel, Assistant Director of Financial Resources; Gerry Robillard, Assistant Director of Educational Services; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

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

The Chair thanked Commissioner Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair, for presiding over the 2009-05-20 meeting in his absence.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**CC-090623-CA-0130**

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as written in document #SWLSB-2009/06/23-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In response to corrections to the minutes of 2009-05-20 brought forth by Commissioner Walter Fogel, Commissioner Nancy Rupnik noted that the Vice-Chair should be addressed as the Chair or Vice-Chair in the minutes, not the "acting Chair", as she had assumed the role of Chair in the absence of Commissioner Steve Bletas.

CC-090623-CA-0131

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2009-05-20, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

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

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to several questions from Helen Selinger, the grandmother of a student at Mountainview Elementary School, the Chair advised that issues involving individual students are not handled in an open meeting and suggested that she meet with the Secretary General to inquire about the appeals review process whereby a decision that has been made affecting a student can be reviewed.

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson entered the meeting. **TIME: 19:34 hours**

The Secretary General left the meeting. **TIME: 19:35 hours**

4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

4.1 *Report from the Chair:*

The Chair presented a note of thanks from Mary Mitchell, wife of Commissioner Steve Mitchell, for the kind gesture received during her recent recovery.

He went on to note that the Accelerated Learning Program is progressing well and drew the Council's attention to the Accelerated Learning Offer of Service. He reviewed the offer of service, the process, the selection criteria, timeline, potential location and funding.

Commissioners Mario Di Domenico and Nazario Facchino entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:40 hours

The Council entered into discussion on the offer of service for the Accelerated Learning Program.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director General noted that for the Accelerated Learning Program, the core subjects, English, Math and French; are being looked at so as to allow the students in the program to be able to participate in their own interests within a regular school setting while being in an enriched program.

The Secretary General returned to the meeting. **TIME: 19:44 hours**

The Chair advised that the schools have been making applications for grants to improve student achievement and that nine of the projects submitted by Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board school have been accepted for grants totalling 36 000\$. These projects will take place during the 2009-2010 school year. He thanked the Assistant Director of Educational Services for his efforts in attaining these grants.

He went on to note that the Guiding Principles on Respect and Safety will be presented for approval at the 2009-07-07 meeting of the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Walter Fogel left the meeting. **TIME: 19:47 hours**

The Chair welcomed the Principal and Governing Board Chair of Joliette Elementary School to the meeting as part of the very exciting announcement concerning the school.

Commissioner Walter Fogel returned to the meeting. **TIME: 19:49 hours**

Dean Dugas, Joliette Elementary School Governing Board Chair, advised the Council that it has taken many years, a lot of teamwork on behalf of the school and the school board but that it has all been worthwhile as the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has authorized the construction of a new elementary school in the Joliette area. He thanked the school board on behalf of the Joliette Elementary School community for its efforts and belief that a new school would be granted.

The Chair advised that of the five municipalities contacted for land for the construction of the new school, four have responded and these offers will be reviewed by a Selection Committee, and the most feasible land will be accepted.

In response to a concern expressed by Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Chair advised that he has received the letter of authorization from the MELS for the construction of the new Joliette Elementary School. Also included in that letter was the authorization for the enlargement of McCaig Elementary School.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak noted that it will be necessary to negotiate with the Ville de Rosemère concerning the enlargement of McCaig Elementary School, as the Ville would like it to be a "green" building which will add significantly to the construction costs. Negotiations with the Ville to date have resulted in an agreement for a bus ramp at the school.

The Chair went on to advise the Council that from October 4-6, 2009 the CACE Conference will be held in Montréal and that the Coordinator of Communications & Public Relations is co-president of the event.

He also noted that the inauguration of the Career Exploration Lab on 2009-06-08 went very well and that the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, the Mayor of the Ville de Laval and several members of the National Assembly were present for the event. He asked the Assistant Director of Adult & Vocational Education to comment on the activities of the Career Exploration Lab.

The Assistant Director of Adult & Vocational Education advised that the Career Exploration Lab team has been very busy since the installation of the lab in March 2009. Four groups of students came to test the lab facilities in order to make sure that everything was functioning properly and capable of handling the secondary III students. The lab has been set-up to ensure that the students who come to use it have an enjoyable experience. The lab technician is working with the supplier of the lab modules to ensure that they are regularly updated and functioning properly. A feedback form has been created in order to ascertain how the students like to facility and what it offers, interviews with students and teachers are also being considered for feedback purposes. A marketing package is being prepared and will be distributed in August to all Administrators and partners advising how one can get involved in the Career Exploration Lab.

She went on to note that a partnership with the ACE Program at Lake of Two Mountains High School is also in the works for creating a video promotion. Vincent Auclair, MNA for Fabre and the SEPB 577, the administrative support staff union, are also establishing partnerships with the lab. On 2009-09-18, the Career Exploration Lab will host secondary III teachers for a hands on demonstration of the service.

4.2 Evaluation of the Director General & Assistant Director General:

The Chair presented the evaluation of the Director General for the 2008-2009 school year as per policy #2000-HR-03: Annual Evaluation of the Director General. Feedback for the evaluation was gathered from the Council of Commissioners at a caucus meeting and presented to the Director General. The Council of Commissioners felt that the Director General had set the following goals and met them: a leadership of inclusion, problem solving, clear and valued communications with the Council, achievement of the goals of the Strategic Plan of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, positive relationships with the various groups associated with the school board and an overall commitment to the school board. Overall the evaluation of the Director General shows that she has exceeded expectations in all aspects of her position and that she be granted the maximum amount for her exceptional work.

CC-090623-CA-0132

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has conducted its annual evaluation of the Director General in accordance with policy #2000-HR-03: Annual Evaluation of the Director General;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Chairman, the Council of Commissioners grant the Director General the maximum amount for 2008-2009 in accordance with the Regulation respecting certain conditions of employment of senior staff of school boards.

AND THAT the documentation related to the Annual Evaluation of the Director General, as per policy #2000-HR-03, for the year 2008-2009 be entered in the employee file of the Director General.

Carried unanimously

The Director General thanked the Council of Commissioners for her exceptional evaluation and noted that she could not have achieved this without her team and its dedication.

She went on to present her evaluation of the Assistant Director General noting that he provides great support and collaboration to her office and the school board. She recommended to the Council of Commissioners that the Assistant Director General be granted the maximum amount for his commitment to the school board.

CC-090623-CA-0133

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners grant the Assistant Director General the maximum amount for 2008-2009 in accordance with the Regulation respecting certain conditions of employment of senior staff of school boards.

AND THAT the documentation be entered in the employee file of the Assistant Director General.

Carried unanimously

The Assistant Director General thanked the Council and the Director General for their continued support noting that it is a pleasure to work with everyone.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 Modification to Resolution – Assignment & Transfer of In-School Administrators:

The Director General provided background information on the following assignments and transfers noting that the selection process had been followed for the assignment of Principals and that the assignment of the Vice-Principal at Terry Fox Elementary School was done as per the delegation of functions and powers assigned to the Director General.

CC-090623-HR-0134

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-090415-HR-0118, approving the assignment and transfer of in-school Administrators for the 2009-2010 school year;

WHEREAS the original resolution was amended by resolution #CC-090520-HR-0123;

WHEREAS circumstances have made it necessary for the Director General to recommend some modifications to the assignment and transfer of in-school Administrators;

WHEREAS as a result of these appointments, a position for vice-principal continues to be vacant;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners approve the following modifications to the aforementioned resolution:

ELEMENTARY	PRINCIPAL	VICE-PRINCIPAL
JOHN F. KENNEDY	Florence Delorme	
ST-JUDE	Christyne Legault	
TERRY FOX	Tina Korb	VACANT (interim replacement by George Dimacacos)

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

5.2 Deeds of Establishment & Three-Year Plan:

The Director of School Organization presented and reviewed the final version of the deeds of establishment and three-year plan noting that seven recommendations were received through the consultation process and that four of these were retained. The recommendations received from Rosemere High School (RHS) to have the space used by the school board returned to the school were not retained as the school board Administration wished to explore other avenues to create more space within the school.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion on the deed of establishment and three-year plan for RHS.

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-090325-CA-0112 approving in principle policy #2009-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables;

WHEREAS the consultation period expired on 2009-05-25;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #2009-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables of all schools, centres and other buildings.

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson proposed that the deed of establishment and three-year plan be amended by removing the deed and three-year plan for RHS from the resolution until the matter of additional space can be resolved as the information provided at the last Governing Board meeting did not reflect what was presented at the 2009-06-16 meeting of the Executive Committee.

Commissioner George Benoit refused this amendment.

The Assistant Director General advised that discussions have been held with the Director of School Organization and the Principal of RHS to determine how more space can be created. Additional space was not a part of the capital project requests received from RHS and he thought that perhaps one of the capital project requests made by the school could be traded for an additional space project but when he first brought this idea forward he was not aware that the school was requesting a refurbishing of the gym floor.

The Director of School Organization noted that once it was clearer as to what RHS required in terms of additional space he and the Assistant Director General met with the Director of Material Resources to determine if the budget could incorporate these additional expenses. The Director of Material Resources indicated that the majority of these minor renovations for additional space can be entertained for the 2009-2010 school year.

Discussion continued and Commissioner Steve Mitchell supported Parent Commissioner Samson's request to remove the deed and three-year plan of Rosemere High School until the situation can be clarified. He also noted that the Governing Board of RHS did not approve the deed and three-year plan.

The Director of School Organization noted that the issue of additional space at RHS does not really impact the deeds of establishment and three-year plan and that this document does need to be approved as it is required by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

CC-090623-HR-0135

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson MOVED THAT #2009-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables be amended by removing the three-year plan for Rosemere High School.

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

CC-090623-CA-0136

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-090325-CA-0112 approving in principle policy #2009-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables;

WHEREAS the consultation period expired on 2009-05-25;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #2009-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables of all schools, centres and other buildings.

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, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Steve Mitchell, Albina Pace, Mike Pizzola
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel, Nick Milas

5.3 Culture in Schools Policy:

The Assistant Director of Educational Services presented and reviewed the culture in schools policy noting that this policy is required by law. The consultation resulted in six responses being received and one suggestion was retained.

Commissioner Walter Fogel recommended that section 3.5 of the policy be elaborated to ensure diversity.

CC-090623-ED-0137

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has been in a partnership with the Ministère de la Culture, des Communications et de la Condition féminine for more than 20 years for the purpose of integrating the culture dimension into the educational mission;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has mandated school boards to establish a policy on the integration of arts and culture into its educational programs;

WHEREAS the consultation period expired on 2009-05-25;

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #2009-ED-10: Promotion of Arts and Culture in Sir Wilfrid Laurier Schools.

Carried unanimously

5.4 Code of Ethics:

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the proposed Code of Ethics noting that the process for by-laws will be followed and that the final version of the by-law will be presented for final approval at the 2009-09-23 Council meeting.

CC-090623-CA-0138

WHEREAS the By-Law #3-1997: Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct for Commissioners was adopted by the Provisional Council of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board by resolution #980120-0050;

WHEREAS recent amendments to the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) have made it necessary to revise the current by-law on the Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct for Commissioners;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications, Public Relations and Corporate Affairs Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve in principle by-law #BL2009-CA-17: *Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* (formerly By-Law #3-1997: Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct for Commissioners).

AND THAT public notices will be published in accordance with sections 392 and 394 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

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

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.2 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

6.2.1 Request MELS Authorization to Adopt a Deficit Budget:

The Director of Financial Resources advised the Council that is it necessary for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to adopt a deficit budget for the 2009-2010 school year and that in order to do so a authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) is required. She went on to note that pretty much every school board in Québec is now in a deficit situation given that under the new

government accounting reform the depreciation of buildings, amortization of fibre optics investment, sick leave and vacation banks, etc. are now included as a part of a school board's deficit.

She also indicated that the school board is on target with its current recovery plan.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola left the meeting.

TIME: 20:48 hours

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of Financial Resources indicated that there will be no claw back on taxes as the school board is in a deficit situation and the government no longer performs claw backs.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director of Financial Resources noted that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) is aware of the actual deficit of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and what has been added to the deficit by the new accounting reform.

The Director General noted that the school board is responsible for its current deficit prior to the implementation of the new government accounting reform and, if in fact this school board was in a surplus situation at this moment, it would still be adopting a deficit budget this evening under the new accounting reform.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:51 hours

CC-090623-FR-0139

WHEREAS the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport may, under the terms and conditions that she establishes, authorize the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to adopt a budget which provides for expenditures that exceed revenues;

WHEREAS accounting standards used by school boards were modified to bring them in line with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), thus giving a general purpose to the financial statements;

WHEREAS as a result of these new standards, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board anticipates having a deficit budget on 2009-06-30;

WHEREAS section 280 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) specifies that the school board must include as expenditure in its budget any deficit anticipated for the current year and any deficit for the preceding year not included in its budget;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board anticipates the need to adopt a 2009-2010 budget where expenditures exceed revenues by \$29,589,012;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request an authorization from the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport to adopt a budget where expenditures exceed revenues for 2009-2010.

AND THAT the authorization be subject to the terms and conditions that will be indicated by the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport;

FURTHER THAT a document describing the anticipated deficit be attached to this resolution.

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

The Chair thanked the Director of Financial Resources and her team for its work in the preparation of the 2009-2010 budget.

6.2.2 2009-2010 Travel Rate:

The Director of Financial Resources advised the Council that the Financial Resources Committee has reviewed the current travel rate and is recommending that it be status quo for the 2009-2010 school year.

CC-090623-FR-0140

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-070627-FR-0192, approving the travel rate for 2007-2008;

WHEREAS this resolution was amended by #CC-080227-FR-0125, by increasing the travel rate to 0.48\$/kilometre up to 5000 km and 0,45\$/kilometre above 5000 km, effective 2008-03-01;

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the current travel rate be maintained for the 2009-2010 school year, as approved by resolution #CC-080227-FR-0125.

Carried unanimously

6.2.3 Employee Computer Purchase Program:

The Director of Financial Resources advised that the Financial Resources Committee is recommending that the Employee Computer Purchase Program be offered for 2009-2010. During the 2008-2009 year 50 employees utilized the program.

CC-090623-FR-0141

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Financial Resources Committee recommend that a Computer Purchase Program for Full-Time Employees be renewed for the 2009-2010 school year;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will advance to any employee a designated sum upon the signing of a contract for repayment, as per document #SWLSB-2009/06/23-FR-001;

WHEREAS the employee agrees to reimburse the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board the advance sum plus interest calculated at 5% on the declining balance;

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the renewal of the Computer Purchase Program for Full-Time Employees as per the conditions set out in document #SWLSB-2009/06/23-FR-001.

Carried unanimously

The Chair called for a 10 minute break.

TIME: 20:59 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:13 hours

6.3 MATERIAL RESOURCES

6.3.1 Call to Tender – Professionals for Joliette ES Construction Project:

The Director of Material Resources reiterated the great news about the new school in Joliette but noted that in order to get things moving he requires authorization to call a tender for the services of professionals.

CC-090623-MR-0142

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has authorized the construction of a new building for Joliette Elementary School in the amount of 5 426 464\$;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires the services of an architect and a consulting engineer for the construction project;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) regulations require that the architect and consulting engineer be selected by a call for public tenders within the budget range of the project;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve a call for public tenders for the services of an architect and a consulting engineer to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the Joliette Elementary School construction project.

Carried unanimously

In response to questions concerning the Selection Committee for the professionals for this project, the Director of Material Resources noted that it would be Commissioners Steve Bletas, Walter Fogel, Tom Mouhteros, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, the Assistant Director General and himself.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:16 hours

6.3.2 Five-Year Investment Plan (PQI) 2010-2015:

The Director of Material Resources presented the five-year investment plan for 2010-2015 noting that the several of last years priorities were achieved and that the new priorities will focus on the adult and vocational education sector.

CC-090623-MR-0143

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) requires that school boards submit their respective 2010-2015 « Five-year Investment Plans » no later than July 3, 2009;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2010-2015 Five-Year Investment Plan as per document #SWLSB-2009/06/16-MR-001 as prioritized below:

- Priority #1: Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for the construction of a new vocational centre in the lower Laurentians to accommodate new programs as well as for the relocation of services of the north sector.
- Priority #2: Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for the enlargement of CDC Laurier Pont-Viau to accommodate the new vocational training programs.
- Priority #3: Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for the relocation of CDC Laurier Vimont, that is now located in a rented facility and is overcrowded.

AND THAT this Five-Year Investment Plan 2010-2015 be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) no later than July 3, 2009.

Carried unanimously

6.3.3 Capital Projects 2009-2010:

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the capital projects for 2009-2010.

Commissioner George Benoit returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:19 hours

CC-090623-MR-0144

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to satisfy priority needs in its schools.

WHEREAS the schools have expressed their needs;

WHEREAS the Directorate has reviewed the requests and classified these requests in order of board-wide priorities;

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, , the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2009-2010 capital priorities, for its schools and centres for a total amount of 6 278 831\$, as listed below and as per Document #SWLSB-2009/06/23-MR-002.

AMT Building upgrading and transformation)		1 523 000\$
MET (Material, equipment & tools)		275 000\$
MEASURE 30850 (Improvement of handicap accessibility)	2008-2009 Balance	113 066\$
"Amélioration de l'accessibilité des immeubles aux personnes handicapées" (MELS)	2009-2010	120 280\$
MEASURE 50690 (Repair and maintenance of buildings) "Maintien des bâtiments" (MELS)		3 047 485\$
MEASURE 50710 (Renovation of buildings) "Résorption du déficit d'entretien 2008-2009" (MELS)		1 200 000\$
TOTAL		6 278 831\$

Carried unanimously

6.3.4 Energy Project – Phase II Detailed Feasibility Study:

The Director of Material Resources presented phase II of the energy project which will involve Arundel, Crestview, Laurentian, McCaig, St-Paul, and St-Vincent Elementary Schools, Hillcrest Academy, Laurentian Regional, Mother Teresa Junior, and Laval Liberty High Schools, as well as CDC Laurier-Pont-Viau. He also noted that this phase will cost approximately 6 300 000\$ representing 1 900 000\$ in government grants and 4 400 000\$ from the school board, which will be repaid through the energy savings.

CC-090623-MR-0145

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution # CC-081022-MR-0046, authorizing Ecosystem to perform a detailed feasibility study for phase II of the project, for the following additional schools and centre: Arundel, Crestview, Laurentian, McCaig, St-Paul and St-Vincent Elementary Schools, Hillcrest Academy, Laurentian Regional, Laurier Senior/Mother Teresa, Laval Liberty/Laval Junior High Schools and the CDC Laurier Pont-Viau;

WHEREAS the construction cost of the detailed feasibility study for phase II is 6 332 485\$ minus grants up to the amount of 1 893 442\$, for a final construction cost of 4 439 442\$;

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

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Director of Material Resources to proceed with the energy project as per the feasibility study at a cost of 6 332 485\$, including taxes;

AND THAT upon receipt of authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this energy project.

AND THAT a request be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, to obtain the funding under Measure 50640, as per the rules.

FURTHER THAT a request be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, for a fifteen-year loan of 4 439 442\$, to be paid back from the annual energy savings.

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

6.3.5 Engagement of Contractor – JHS Roofing Project:

The Director of Material Resources presented the following resolutions concerning the engagement of contractors for various projects.

CC-090623-MR-0146

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090128-MR-0090 to retain the services of Arcand-Laporte, Architectes, to prepare the architectural specifications, drawings, tendering documentation and provide supervision for the window and roof project at Joliette 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 public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2009-06-02;

WHEREAS the lowest conformable bidder is **Bellemare Couvertures Ltée**, for a total cost of 247 875\$, taxes not included;

WHEREAS this project is undertaken through 2007-2008 50690 measure, and the budget approved by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) is 249 000\$ for the replacement project of the roof over the 1978 building section;

WHEREAS discussions took place with the lowest conformable bidder to reduce the cost of the project;

WHEREAS the results of the discussions do not reduce the scope or quality of the project;

WHEREAS the project cost has been reduced to \$195,500., taxes not included and with these changes, the project is within budget;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for replacement of a section of the roof at Joliette High School to **Bellemare Couvertures Ltée** for a total cost of 220 670,63\$, all taxes included.

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

Carried unanimously

6.3.6 Engagement of Contractor – LRHS Roofing Project:**CC-090623-MR-0147**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090128-MR-0091 to retain the services of **Viau Architectes Associés**, to prepare the architectural specifications, drawings, tendering documentation and provide supervision for the roof project at Laurentian Regional High School;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has adopted Measure 50710 to assist school boards with the repair and maintenance of its buildings;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2009-06-05;

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

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for replacement of a section of the roof at Laurentian Regional High School to **Toitures A.S. Filiatreault Inc.**, for a total cost of 323 951,20\$, all taxes included.

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

Carried unanimously

6.3.8 Rental Policy – Fees 2009-2010 :

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the increases in the rental fees noting that these fees have not been raised in three years.

CC-090623-MR-0148

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution # CC-060927-MR-0018, approving policy #2006-MR-02: Rental Policy;

WHEREAS the hourly rates from the fee structure guideline were established in 2006 and needed to be reviewed;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the new hourly rates as below.

FEE STRUCTURE GUIDELINE - HOURLY RATES (revised June 2009)			
Room	Type of Activities		
	A	B	C
Regular Classroom	Ø	20,00\$	25,00\$
Gym: Single or equivalent	Ø	40,00\$	60,00\$
Double	Ø	60,00\$	100,00\$
Cafeteria , Auditorium	Ø	70,00\$	110,00\$
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES TO BE ADDED BY CARETAKER ON DUTY:			
Outside regular hours and Saturdays	30,00\$	40,00\$	40,00\$
Sundays and legal holidays	40,00\$	50,00\$	50,00\$

AND THAT policy #2006-MR-02: Rental Policy be amended to reflect these new rates.

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, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Walter Fogel, Merle Parkinson

6.1 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1.1 Delegation of Functions & Powers - Amendment:

The Secretary General advised the Council that amendments to the delegation of functions and powers of the school board are necessary due to the new *Act respecting contracting with public bodies*.

CC-090623-CA-0149

WHEREAS By-Law #BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was adopted by resolution #CC-081022-CA-0038 and came into effect on 2008-11-09;

WHEREAS the new *Act respecting contracting with public bodies* and the by-laws regarding supply, service and construction contracts of public bodies have made it necessary to amend the current by-law to reflect these changes;

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications, Public Relations and Corporate Affairs Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to by-law #BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT these amendments come into effect upon publication.

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

6.1.2 Rules of Order & Procedure for the Council of Commissioners – Amendment:

The Secretary General presented the amendments to the rules of order for the Council of Commissioners noting that the changes made are concerning conflict of interest and appropriate computer conduct during meetings.

CC-090623-CA-0150

WHEREAS policy #2000-CA-04: *Rules of Order & Procedure for the Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* required modification to reflect some necessary changes to the rights and duties of Commissioners and the Chair;

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications, Public Relations and Corporate Affairs Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved the amendments to policy #2000-CA-04: *Rules of Order & Procedure for the Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*.

Carried unanimously

6.1.3 Rules of Order & Procedure for the Executive Committee – Amendment:

The Secretary General noted that the amendments to the rules of order for the Executive Committee concern appropriate computer conduct during meetings.

CC-090623-CA-0151

WHEREAS policy #2000-CA-16: *Rules of Order & Procedure for the Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* required modification to reflect some necessary changes to the rights and duties of Executive Committee members;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications, Public Relations and Corporate Affairs Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved the amendments to policy #2000-CA-16: *Rules of Order & Procedure for the Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*.

Carried unanimously

6.1.4 Standing & Statutory Committees:

The Secretary General advised that there are new committees to be established under the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) and that this procedure has been revised and it is being recommended that it be converted to a policy.

CC-090623-CA-0152

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has #P2003-CA-08: *Committees Procedures*;

WHEREAS it has become necessary to elaborate this procedure to include statutory committees and various elements concerning rules of order and member remuneration;

WHEREAS, in light of these amendment, it is recommended that this procedure be converted to a policy;

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications, Public Relations and Corporate Affairs Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the conversion of #P2003-CA-08: *Committees Procedures* into policy #2009-CA-08: *Standing & Statutory Committees*.

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners approve policy #2009-CA-08 *Standing & Statutory Committees*.

Carried unanimously

6.3.7 Engagement of Contractor – Roofing Projects Various Schools:

The Director of Material Resources presented the following resolution for the roof repair of several school.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mike Pizzola, the Director of Material Resources noted that the lowest bid on the tender grid was for one roof, therefore not conformable to the tender specifications, and that the contractor selected provided a price based on the tender specifications.

CC-090623-MR-0153

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to conduct roof repair at various schools;

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 public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2009-06-09;

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

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the roofing projects in various schools to **Couvreur Verdun Inc.**, for a total cost of 267 220,00\$, all taxes included.

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

Carried unanimously

6.1.5 Purchasing Policy - Amendment:

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the amendments to the Goods & Services Policy noting that these amendments reflect the changes brought about by the new *Act respecting contracting with public bodies* and the by-law on the Delegation of Functions and Powers.

In response to a question from Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the Director of Material Resources noted that if three responses are not received on an invitational tender an additional invitational tender must be made with modified specifications.

CC-090623-CA-0154

WHEREAS the policy #1999-MR-01: Policy on the Supply of Goods & Services has not been revised in many years;

WHEREAS there have been many changes to the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), the Act respecting contracting by public bodies and the by-laws regarding supply, service and construction contracts of public bodies, since this policy was developed;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications, Public Relations and Corporate Affairs Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to policy #1999-MR-01: Policy on the Supply of Goods & Services.

Carried unanimously

6.1.6 QESBA Preliminary Fees 2009-2010:

The Secretary General advised the Council that the preliminary membership fee for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for 2009-2010 is 89 419,86\$.

CC-090623-CA-0155

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

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has issued a provisional membership fee statement for the 2009-2010 school year;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amount of 89 419,86\$ 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, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik
Commissioners voting NAY:	Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Walter Fogel, Edward Turchyniak

6.1.7 Commissioners PIC – NSPRA 2009:

The Secretary General presented the request received to attend the 2009 National School Public Relations Association Conference (NSPRA) being held from 2009-06-28 to 2009-07-01 in San Francisco, California.

CC-090623-CA-0156

WHEREAS policy #2005-CA-11: Professional Development for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires approval of the Council of Commissioners for Commissioner attendance at conferences;

WHEREAS this policy sets a ceiling of three delegates from the Council of Commissioners to any one conference, the Chairman and two Commissioners unless the Chairman is unable to attend and cedes his place to another Commissioner;

WHEREAS one Commissioner has submitted a request to attend the 2009 National School Public Relations Association Conference (NSPRA) being held from 2009-06-28 to 2009-07-01 in San Francisco, California;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Tom Mouhteros** at the 2009 National School Public Relations Association Conference (NSPRA) in San Francisco, California from 2009-06-28 to 2009-07-01.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 4 000\$ Canadian for this Commissioner.

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

6.1.8 Commissioners PIC – CSBA 2009:

The Secretary General presented the request received to attend the 2009 Canadian School Boards Association Conference (CSBA) being held from 2009-07-09 to 2009-07-11 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) would be covering her registration fee.

CC-090623-CA-0157

WHEREAS policy #2005-CA-11: Professional Development for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires approval of the Council of Commissioners for Commissioner attendance at conferences;

WHEREAS this policy sets a ceiling of three delegates from the Council of Commissioners to any one conference, the Chairman and two Commissioners unless the Chairman is unable to attend and cedes his place to another Commissioner;

WHEREAS one Commissioner has submitted a request to attend the 2009 Canadian School Boards Association Conference (CSBA) being held from 2009-07-09 to 2009-07-11 in Halifax, Nova Scotia;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Carolyn Curiale** at the 2009 Canadian School Boards Association Conference (CSBA) in Halifax, Nova Scotia from 2009-07-09 to 2009-07-11.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 2 500\$ Canadian for this Commissioner.

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

6.4 HUMAN RESOURCES**6.4.1 Ratification of a Decision:**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council go in camera. **TIME: 21:40 hours**

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21: 50 hours

CC-090623-HR-0158

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 5.7, sub-section 5.7.6.3, of policy #2000-HR-01: *Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association*, that all suspensions without pay shall be ratified by a resolution of the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS "Employee 2415" was suspended by the Assistant Director General, acting in the absence of the Director General, for the period 2009-04-23 to 2009-04-27;

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board ratify the decision of the Assistant Director General concerning the suspension of "Employee 2415".

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

6.5 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

6.5.1 CLC – Renewal of Protocol:

The Director of Information Technology provided background information on the renewal of the Community Learning Centre Protocol.

CC-090623-IT-0159

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has funded and supported the creation of Community Learning Centres (CLC) through contributions from the Canada-Québec Agreement on Minority-Language Education and Second-Language Instruction;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has established two centres, at Laval Liberty and Laurentian Regional High Schools;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) is providing additional funding for those centres until year 2012-2013 for a total amount of 200 000\$;

WHEREAS in the application of the new protocol, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board agrees to ensure the sustainability of the centres and is committed to maintain and support the videoconference facilities, provide equivalent financial support in investment or in kind, ensure access to the Community Learning Centre (CLC) outside of regular school hours and provide a coordinator for the Community Learning Centres;

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Standing Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board continue to support the Community Learning Centre (CLC) projects for Laval Liberty and Laurentian Regional High Schools through the signature of a new protocol as proposed by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du loisir et du sport.

FURTHER 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 this project.

Carried unanimously

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 SWL Foundation:

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak advised that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation "Lobster Tales" event was a success with approximately 54 000\$ raised, 25 000\$ from the lottery and 29 000\$ from the lobster dinner. The next event will be on 2010-01-14.

He noted that it has recently been brought to his attention that at the school level the community is not really aware of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation. The Council must address this lack of awareness in order to assist in the promotion of the Foundation.

7.2 Parent Commissioners Report

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson noted that at its final meeting of the 2008-2009 school year the Parents Committee discussed the need to have either the Director General or the Assistant Director General to be present at its meeting in order to address questions directly so as to ensure that issues do not get blown out of proportion.

The Director General noted that either the Assistant Director General or she always make a point of being present at the Parents Committee meetings but that there are times when neither of them can be present due to prior commitments.

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier advised the Council that the information pamphlet has been completed and that the Parents Committee delegates have until 2009-06-30 to make final comments and corrections before it is presented to the Director General for final approval. The pamphlet is a “live” document as it will have basic information and each school is invited to add its own information prior to distributing it to the school community.

7.3 Report of the QESBA:

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale presented her report noting that recently several questions have been brought forth concerning the annual QESBA/AAESQ Spring Conference and whether or not it should continue as a joint venture. Any feedback on this would be very much appreciated.

She also noted that the representative of the English Montreal School Board have brought forth an amendment to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Constitution to have a nine member Executive Committee rather than the current six member committee. The current support of this proposed amendment is 50-50 and it will be discussed again after the summer break before it is presented at the annual general meeting in October.

7.4 Career Exploration Lab:

This was addressed under item 4.0.

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Chair drew the Council’s attention to the correspondence in the meeting package.

10.0 VARIA:

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin advised the Council that he had recently attended the grade 6 graduation at Morin Heights Elementary School and at these ceremonies the local IGA received a plaque from the school thanking them for the daily donations of food received by the school. He felt that this is was a very nice gesture as it points to the school and the community working together.

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier noted that IGA and other supermarkets have these promotions for the school communities built into their respective budgets but that if a school is interested in forming this community link must approach the supermarket quickly in order to benefit.

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik requested that meetings not be scheduled on the eve of a national holiday, as Commissioners should be attending activities in their respective communities.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:06 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2009-08-26

Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chair