

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2009-08-26**

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, 2009-08-26:

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

Absent: Commissioners Peter MacLaurin and William Pollock.

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the new school year.

**1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:****CC-090826-CA-0002**

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as written in document #SWLSB-2009/08/26-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES****CC-090826-CA-0003**

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2009-06-23, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

**Carried unanimously**

**CC-090826-CA-0004**

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2009-07-07, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

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

### 3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

The Chair invited the family of “Student AS” to address their questions concerning their application for Appeals review and the family asked to defer their questions to the second question period of the evening.

### 4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that there were two bursaries given out at a Montréal Impact soccer game on 2009-05-17 and that she recently received the the following thank you letter:

*May 18, 2009*

*Carolyn Curiale  
Vice-Chairperson  
**SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD**  
Administrative Centre  
235, montée Lesage  
Rosemère (Québec) J7A 4Y6*

*Subject : The Tony Licursi Bursary*

*Dear Madame :*

*I wish to thank you for the above captioned bursary, **which** I received prior to the Montreal Impact game on Sunday, May 17, 2009.*

*I will treasure that moment for the rest of my life.*

*Warmly,*

*Allyson Fontes*

*Allyson Fontes  
4872 Olivier-Maurault  
Laval (Québec) H7T 2W8*

#### 4.1 Report from the Chair:

The Chair advised the Council that a “Fall Focus Session” would be held on October 23 & 24, 2009, at a location to be determined. The theme of the session will be “Enhancing Communication Channels”. For this session six Principals, selected by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA), six parents including the Parent Commissioners and the four Presidents of the local unions will also be invited to participate. An animator has been hired to conduct the session. Additional information will be provided when available.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Chair indicated that those who wish to attend the Joliette High School graduation on the afternoon of 2009-10-24 will be able to do so.

#### 4.2 Fall Focus Session:

This was discussed under item 4.1.

### 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

#### 5.1 Report of the Appeals Review Committee:

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale **MOVED** THAT the Council go “in camera”. **TIME: 19:47 hours**

**Carried unanimously**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 20:55 hours**

The Chair apologized to those present for the length of the “in camera” session noting that it was a sensitive issue that needed to be discussed thoroughly.

**CC-090826-CA-0005**

WHEREAS a student or the parents of a student affected by a decision of an administrator or employee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board may request, in writing to the Secretary General, that the Council of Commissioners reconsider the decision taken, as per sections 9 to 12 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3);

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners, in accordance with policy #2000-CA-03: *Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a Student* can mandate the Appeals Review Committee to examine the request and propose recommendations, if applicable, which are then reported to the Council;

WHEREAS a letter dated 2009-06-25 was received from the parent of “Student AS” requesting that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reconsider a decision taken affecting the transfer of his child to Crestview Elementary School;

WHEREAS the Appeals Review Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board met on 2009-08-24 to examine the administrative decision concerning the transfer of “Student AS”;

WHEREAS the parent and guardians of “Student AS” had the opportunity to present their reasons for requesting this reconsideration;

WHEREAS the school team also had the opportunity to present their reasons for recommending this transfer;

WHEREAS the members of the Appeals Review Committee have had the opportunity to present their questions to both parties in order to develop a thorough understanding of the issues concerning this transfer in order to formulate recommendations in the best interest of the student;

WHEREAS the Appeals Review Committee has mandated the Director General to meet with the parent to explore together various ways to address the student’s needs and that this meeting took place on 2009-08-25;

WHEREAS following this meeting, the Director General has had the opportunity to further discuss the placement recommendation with the school team and another alternative solution emerged from these discussions;

WHEREAS this alternative has been communicated to the Appeals Review Committee and to the parent of “Student AS”;

WHEREAS the Appeals Review Committee has been asked to submit its recommendations with regard to this request to the Council of Commissioners at its meeting of 2009-08-26;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Appeals Review Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board explore the following two options with the parent of “Student AS”:

- ❖ Consider a transfer to St-Jude Elementary School with assistance of an attendant, as required, with the opportunity to visit the school, meet the principal and teacher and contribute to facilitate the student’s adjustment to the new school environment.
- ❖ Consider a transfer to Crestview Elementary School with the opportunity to visit the school, meet with the principal and teacher and contribute to facilitate the student’s adjustment to the new school environment.

AND THAT either service be reviewed by 2009-12-31.

FURTHER THAT, failing to reach an understanding about the modalities of the service by 2009-09-04, the initial recommendation of the school team be maintained and that services for Student "AS" be provided at Crestview Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chair invited the family of "Student AS" if they wished to ask any questions at this point.

The grandmother advised that the option presented for St-Jude Elementary School would be the best scenario for her grandchild.

In response to another issue raised by the grandmother, the Chair excused the Director General from the meeting so she could address the issue with the family.

The Director General left the meeting

**TIME: 21:03 hours**

The Chair called for a five minute break.

**TIME: 21:03 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**Time: 21:14 hours**

## **5.2 Director General's Objectives 2009-2010:**

The Director General presented and reviewed her objectives for the 2009-2010 school year as follows:

### *COMMUNICATION:*

- ❖ Promotion of the Guiding Principles of Respect & Responsibility – bilingual posters will be printed and posted so that it is visible to the school and its community
- ❖ Develop a corporate communication tool such as an employee/school newspaper and continue with the *Lepage Express* for Administrators.

### *PLANNING:*

- ❖ Implement a new format for Principals' meetings that will involve all departments, upon an agreement with Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA). This is being suggested as it will provide the in-school Administrators time to meet with Directors without having to make an additional trip to the Administration Centre.

### *CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT:*

- ❖ Each department will develop a workshop for new administrators in order to ensure that they receive training on various topics.
- ❖ Revise the current format of the New Administrator's Workshop to ensure that what is being presented is current and required.
- ❖ Develop workshops for parents on various topics of interest, i.e. governing boards, special needs, etc.
- ❖ Continue to implement and monitor the recovery plan in order to keep it on the established timeline.

### *PARTNERSHIPS:*

- ❖ Work collaboratively with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation to provide more visibility of its purpose to the schools and the regions of the school board.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, the Assistant Director General advised that the final version of the Guiding Principles for Respect & Safety is ready and that the bilingual format is being vetted through the Office Québécois de la langue française (OQLF). Once the OQLF has approved the bilingual version it will be sent to the printer, then distributed to the schools for posting.

In response to an additional question from Commissioner Mitchell, the Assistant Director General explained that the communications plan for the Guiding Principles for Respect & Safety has been presented to the Principals, who in turn will present it to their teaching staff so that it can be presented on the first day of school.

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico thanked the Director General for the e-mail update on H1N1 noting that it is a good proactive step to keep everyone informed of the latest developments.

### **5.3 Update on 2008-2009 Financial Reports:**

The Director of Financial Resources advised the Council that the 2008-2009 audit has been extended by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for all school boards until the end of November. This extension is due to the new accounting norms and the need for the MELS to revise the Traffics reporting program. The auditors will most likely have additional audit work to perform this year but the extent will not be known until they are on site.

In response to a question from Commissioner George Benoit, the Director of Financial Resources noted that the school board provides financial reporting to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) on a quarterly basis.

## **6.0 DECISION ITEMS:**

### **6.1 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

#### **6.1.1 GRICS Annual Invoice 2009-2010:**

The Director of Information Technology presented and reviewed the annual invoice, for services and programs provided to the school board, for 2009-2010 from GRICS (Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires) noting that it is less than the 2008-2009 invoice.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director of Information Technology noted that there are additional costs beyond this invoice if the school board engages additional services from GRICS or holds training for personnel. The Information Technology annual budget for this service is approximately 320 000\$ of which 25 000\$ is set aside for training.

#### **CC-090826-IT-0006**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board uses several GRICS (Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires) software for the management of its administrative and pedagogical information systems;

WHEREAS GRICS invoices the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on an annual basis for those software licenses and related support services;

Commissioner Robert Dixon 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 payment of the invoice received for the 2009-2010 school year from GRICS (Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires) in the amount of 269 267,31\$, taxes excluded (303 935,48\$, all taxes included).

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

<b>6.2 COMMUNICATIONS &amp; CORPORATE AFFAIRS</b>
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**6.2.1 Remuneration of Commissioners 2009-2010:**

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the proposed remuneration for the Council of Commissioners for the 2009-2010 school year.

**CC-090826-CA-0007**

WHEREAS the Gouvernement du Québec adopted Decree number 836-2000 concerning the maximum annual amounts that are to be provided to school board commissioners;

WHEREAS this decree provides for annual increments based on the annual average consumer price index as established by Statistics Canada as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year, which as of December 31, 2008 was 2.3%;

WHEREAS for school year 2009-2010, the maximum allowable amount has been set at 165 687,00\$;

WHEREAS Section 175 of the Education Act provides for the Council of Commissioners to determine the manner in which the maximum allowable amount is to be distributed to members of the Council;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish the annual remuneration for its Commissioners for services rendered to the school board as follows:

The annual base amount for each commissioner:

3 239 \$ x 21 commissioners	=	68 019 \$
4 351 \$ x 9 commissioners (Executive Committee)	=	39 159 \$
13 702\$ x 1 Chair of the Council of Commissioners	=	13 702 \$
5 710 \$ x 1 Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners	=	5 710 \$
5 710 \$ x 1 Chair of Executive Committee	=	5 710 \$
2 857 \$ x 1 Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee	=	2 857 \$
Balance available for distribution		<u>30 530 \$</u>

**TOTAL ENVELOPE: 165 687 \$**

AND THAT the balance amount will be divided equally among all members of the Council of Commissioners, excluding the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee and the commissioners on the Executive Committee.

FURTHER THAT this annual remuneration will be divided and paid out in accordance with the payroll schedule of the school board for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

### **6.2.2 Nominations to Advisory Committee on Transportation:**

The Chair advised that an e-mail was sent out to all Commissioners inquiring if they wished to sit on the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Commissioners George Benoit, Robert Dixon, Walter Fogel and Merle Parkinson responded that they would like to be considered for membership.

Discussion ensued and Robert Dixon and Walter Fogel were named as the primary members of the committee while George Benoit and Merle Parkinson will act as alternates.

**CC-090826-CA-0008**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Robert Dixon and Walter Fogel** to the Advisory Committee on Transportation for the 2009-2010 school year; AND THAT **George Benoit and Merle Parkinson** be named as Alternates to the Advisory Committee on Transportation for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.2.3 Nominations to Appeals Review Committee:**

The Secretary General advised that a similar e-mail was sent out to all Commissioners inquiring if they wished to sit on the Appeals Review Committee and Commissioners Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Nick Milas, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, Nancy Rupnik and Ed Turchyniak responded that they would like to be considered for membership on this committee.

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Secretary General advised that the committee would still exist even when an Ombudsman is appointed.

The Chair called for nominations for scrutineers.

The Director General and Deputy Director General were nominated and they both accepted the nomination.

The Chair inquired how the vote should be conducted and the majority opted for a ballot vote.

The election was conducted by secret ballot and when collected the Director General and the Assistant Director General left the table to tally the vote.

## **6.3 QESBA**

### **6.3.1 Nominations to QESBA Board of Directors:**

The Secretary General advised the Council that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has asked for nominations to its Board of Directors.

Commissioner Grace Nesi nominated Commissioners Steve Bletas and Carolyn Curiale to represent the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on the QESBA Board of Directors for the 2009-2010 school year. Commissioners Bletas and Curiale accepted the nomination.

As there were no other nominations, **nominations ceased**.

**CC-090826-CA-0009**

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 **Steve Bletas** and **Carolyn Curiale** to the Board of Directors of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) for 2009-2010.

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

### **6.3.2 Nominations to QESBA Executive Committee:**

The Secretary General advised that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has also asked for nominations to its Executive Committee for the positions of Vice-President (2 year term) and Member-at-Large (2 year term). Commissioner Carolyn Curiale currently sits as Vice-President of the QESBA Executive Committee.

Commissioner Nick Milas nominated Commissioner Carolyn Curiale. Commissioner Curiale accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

#### **CC-090826-CA-0010**

Commissioner Nick Milas 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 2009 - 2011

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

### **6.3.3 QESBA Award of Merit:**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Award of Merit is not given out every year and that nominations for this award must be for people who have gone above and beyond their role as Commissioner.

The Council entered into discussion as to who could be nominated and it was noted that if this Council is to submit a nomination it should be for someone associated with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board or its predecessor boards.

The Council agreed to table this nomination until the request is received for the 2010-2011 school year.

### **6.3.4 QESBA 12-Year Service Award:**

The Secretary General advised the Council that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has two nominees for the QESBA 12-Year Service Award, Commissioners Steve Bletas and Carolyn Curiale.



**CC-090826-CA-0011**

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board submit the names of **Steve Bletas and Carolyn Curiale** as candidates for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) 12-Year Long Service Award on the occasion of the 2009 Annual General Meeting.

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

The Director General and Assistant Director General returned to the meeting and presented the tally of the votes for the membership on the Appeals Review Committee to the Chair.

They presented the results of the secret ballot noting that the following had been selected to be on the Appeals Review Committee: Commissioners Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Nick Milas, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik and Ed Turchyniak. Commissioners Walter Fogel and Mike Pizzola were not selected.

**CC-090826-CA-0012**

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT the following Commissioners be named to the Appeals Review Committee:

Carolyn Curiale	Merle Parkinson
Nazario Facchino	Nancy Rupnik
Nick Milas	Ed Turchyniak
Albina Pace	

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

**6.4 ADULT & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION****6.4.1 Agreement Between SWL & Riverside SB – Professional Sales Program:**

The Director of Adult & Vocational Education advised the Council that the Riverside School Board has agreed to loan the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board its authorization for the Professional Sales Program for two years or until the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) approved our request for authorization, which ever concludes first.

**CC-090826-AE-0013**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to offer the Professional Sales Program to its clientele;

WHEREAS the employment forecasts for 2008-2012 from Emploi-Québec indicate that an urgent need exists for qualified workers in this field in the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière area;

WHEREAS the Professional Sales Program is one of the top 50 programs in demand in Quebec;

WHEREAS the Riverside School Board has the permanent authorization to offer the Professional Sales Program;

WHEREAS Riverside School Board is willing to collaborate with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in this venture;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Director General to enter into an agreement with the Riverside School Board for the purpose of offering the Professional Sales program for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years as part of the Vocational Education Program at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

**Carried unanimously**

**6.5 MATERIAL RESOURCES**

**6.5.1 Request for Funding - Laval Aquatic Centre – Provincial & Federal:**

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that a resolution authorizing him to apply for the Federal and Provincial funding for the Laval Aquatic Centre is required.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of Material Resources advised that the words "voted investment" must be used in the resolution as it would change the ownership of the project. "Voted investment" is the term used for grants and monies attained through fundraising.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mario Di Domenico, the Director of Material Resources noted that this resolution should have gone to the Executive Committee but given that he was advised of this requirement after the August Executive Committee and that it is necessary in order to expedite the process, he is presenting his request to the Council.

The business plan for the aquatic centre will be available in the September Material Resources Committee meeting package.

**CC-090826-MR-0014**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-070425-MR-0155, authorizing participation in the feasibility study and mandating the Director of Material Resources to continue discussions on the Aquatic Centre project;

WHEREAS the financing of the construction of the Aquatic Centre would be provided by the Ville de Laval, Federal and Provincial Government grants, and voted investment;

WHEREAS the contribution of the School Board towards this project would be to supply land at 2323 boulevard Daniel-Johnson, Laval, for the construction of the Aquatic Centre and oversee all aspects of the construction of the centre;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of Material Resources to apply for federal and provincial grants for the Laval Aquatic Centre project as per the project specifications included in resolution #CC-070425-MR-0155.

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

<b>6.6 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION</b>
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**6.6.1 Sale of Sabem inc. to Groupe Orléans Express inc.:**

The Director of School Organization noted that Groupe Gaudreault has advised the school board that it will be selling its Sabem inc. subsidiary to Groupe Orléans Express inc. Under the school board's contract with Sabem inc. section 44 requires the owner to ask permission of its clients before they sell.

**CC-090826-TS-0015**

WHEREAS Sabem inc. provides transportation for Joliette Elementary School and Joliette High School;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been advised that Sabem inc., a subsidiary of Groupe Gaudreault, will be sold to Groupe Orléans Express inc.;

WHEREAS the sale will take place on 2009-09-03, whereby all vehicles, rights and obligations of Sabem inc. will be ceded to Sabem SEC (3695158 Canada inc.);

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board agree to the assignment of the contract from Sabem inc. to Sabem SEC, effective 2009-09-03.

AND THAT the terms and conditions of the pre-existing contract being ceded continue to be respected.

FURTHER THAT the Chair, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chair, 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 sale.

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

**7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**7.1 SWL Foundation:**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak advised the Council that the next Foundation event will be held on 2010-01-14 at the Château Royal. He went on to advise that Commissioner Steve Mitchell has joined the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation as a community member.

**7.2 Parent Commissioners Report**

Parent Commissioner Luc Samson asked that the Parents Committee section of the corporate Web site be updated with the minutes of the 2008-2009 school year.

**7.3 Report of the QESBA:**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised that the proposed changes to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Constitution will be discussed at the 2009-10-24 Annual General Meeting. The change proposed is to have membership on the Executive Committee increased from 5 to 9. There is some hesitancy on this issue so it is being brought for debate as the members are almost equally divided on how it should be.

#### **7.4 Update on Career Exploration Lab:**

The Director of Adult & Vocational Education presented the promotional advertising for Adult & Vocational Education for 2009-2010 which will appear on public transportation in Laval, the Laval line of the metro and print ads. The program was presented at the Administrators Workshop and it was accepted with enthusiasm. The high school Principals will be presenting it to their teachers when they return to work on 2009-08-26.

#### **7.5 Update on Accelerated Learning:**

The Interim Director of Educational Services presented and reviewed the brochure on the Accelerated Learning Program noting that it provides background information on the evolution of the program, location of the program, admission criteria, the process and timeline, a description of the program content, and where to get additional information. There will be advertising in the local print media, on the corporate Web site and an information session for interested stakeholders will be held on 2009-09-16. Entrance exams will take place on Saturday, 2009-10-17 and when the exams are corrected the successful candidates will be advised and if there are too many candidates for the 120 student places, a portfolio interview could be conducted.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the chair explained that those students who are accepted into the program outside of the Laval area must provide their own transportation.

In response to an additional question from Commissioner Parkinson, the Director of School Organization indicated that parent allocations are only provided when the school board cannot provide transport due to extenuating circumstances.

In response to a question from Commissioner Nancy Rupnik, the Director of School Organization noted that even if a student from off the island of Laval was able to get to a bussing point, transportation in Laval is provided only for students who live in Laval.

#### **7.6 Update on Material Resources Projects:**

The Director of Material Resources presented a PowerPoint on the renovations at 2323 boulevard Daniel-Johnson noting that the project has gone well and the building will be ready for the first day of school with the exception of some cosmetic finishing that will be completed outside of school hours. A plan was developed for the cleaning of the school and the replacement of furniture so that the building would be ready for the return of the teachers, which is 2009-08-28. The information technology component in the school has been reinstalled.

**TIME: 22:30 hours**

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Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until the completion of the agenda.

**Carried unanimously**

In response to a concern expressed by the Chair, the Director of Material Resources assured those present that the school would be ready for the first day of school, 2009-09-01.

The Chair expressed his appreciation to the Director of Material Resources and his team for the remarkable speed at which this project was completed.

#### **7.7 QESBA Constitution:**

This item was discussed under 7.3

**8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:**

In response to a question from Teresa Kralik, President of the Laurier Teachers Union, the Interim Director of Educational Services noted that the school board already conducts enriched programs for students but that the Accelerated Learning Program is for students who already take the enriched programs but need to be challenged on a different level.

In response to a concern expressed by Jack Fitch, President of the SEPB 557 (Administrative Support Staff), the Director General advised that the financial situation of a student is not a reason to exclude him/her from this program, as the school board has always been aware of these situations and tries to be of assistance whenever possible.

**9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Chair drew the Council's attention to the latest enrolment figures and the "Ready to Roll" back-to-school print advertisement from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

**10.0 VARIA:**

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Chair noted that the next school elections are slated for November 2011, unless there is a change to the law once the municipal elections of November 2009 are concluded.

In response to a concern expressed by Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Chair advised that he will bring the issue of bottled water to the next meeting of the Material Resources Committee.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 22:41 hours**

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