

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2009-09-23

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2009-09-23:

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chair; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Georges Benoit, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, and Edward Turchyniak; and Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier; 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 Mario Di Domenico, Tom Mouhteros, Nancy Rupnik and Parent Commissioner Luc Samson.

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

The Chair welcomed the students and the project leaders from Laurier Senior High School who won the Prix persévérance scolaire – Réseau des carrefours jeunesse–emploi du Québec at the Concours québécois en entrepreneuriat for their project “Growth & Development through Unity in Diversity”.

A first place prize was also won in the Secondary Cycle II category by students from Laval Liberty High School for their “Great Costa Rican Adventure” project.

The Chair extended congratulations on behalf of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to all the students and staff who participated in this concours for their exceptional work.

Commissioner Nick Milas entered the meeting.

Time: 19:36 hours

Dominic Di Stefano, Spiritual Animator, advised the Council that the Olympic torch for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics will be passing by Laval Junior & Laval Liberty High Schools on 2009-12-10 and that the Laval schools will be present to cheer on the torch bearers as they pass.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

CC-090923-CA-0017

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended in document #SWLSB-2009/09/23-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**CC-090923-CA-0018**

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 2009-08-26, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:**4.1 Report from the Chair:**

The Chair presented a copy of an e-mail he had received extending appreciation to the school board for its consideration of its employees.

4.2 Fall Focus Session:

The Chair advised the Council that the contract with the animator for the Fall Focus Session has been finalized and that the session will take place on October 23 & 24, 2009 at 235 montée Lesage. Interviews with participants were conducted earlier today to gather information on which to develop the premise of the session "Enhancing Communications Channels".

He asked that those Commissioners who plan on attending the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Fall PD Session on October 16 – 17, 2009 to please advise Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant.

The Coordinator of Communications is Co-Chair of the 2009 CACE (Canadian Association of Communicators in Education) Conference in Montreal from October 4 – 6, 2009.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:**5.1 Report of the Appeals Review Committee:**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council go "in camera". **TIME: 19:49 hours**
Carried unanimously

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 20:12 hours

CC-090923-CA-0019

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 2009-06-22 was received from the parents of "Student MS" requesting that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reconsider a decision taken affecting the services provided to the student;

WHEREAS the Appeals Review Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board met on 2009-09-14 to examine the administrative decision concerning the services provided to “Student MS”;

WHEREAS the parents of “Student MS”, accompanied by their psychologist, had the opportunity to present their reasons for requesting this reconsideration and their request for one-on-one support for “Student MS”;

WHEREAS the school team also had the opportunity to present their reasons for maintaining the level of services offered and to express their need for a more detailed evaluation to fully demonstrate the best way to teach “Student MS” within a regular school context;

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 request and to formulate recommendations in the best interest of the student;

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 2009-09-23;

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Appeals Review Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Assistant Director of Educational Services (Complementary Services) to meet with the parents of “Student MS” in order to establish an action plan with them and the school to better service “Student MS”. This plan should provide:

1. An opportunity for parents to actively engage in the Individualized Educational Plan for their child for the current year.
2. The school board’s professionals with a parental authorization to contact the external professionals.
3. A parental authorization or a mandate to external professionals to conduct a complete assessment of “Student MS’s” educational potential in order to examine how to best service the child.

AND THAT, failing this, the offer of services provided in 2008-2009 school year be maintained for 2009-2010.

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

5.2 Code of Ethics:

The Secretary General advised the Council that the by-law on the Code of Ethics had been posted for public consultation and that no comments or recommendations were received.

CC-090923-CA-0020

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;

WHEREAS the consultation process for by-laws, as per section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), was adhered to and a public notice published in the 2009-08-22 edition of the Journal Le Courrier (Laval);

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications, Public Relations and Corporate Affairs Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve 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 this By-Law becomes effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

Carried unanimously

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.1 MATERIAL RESOURCES

6.1.1 Change Order – Joliette HS Window/Door Project:

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the change orders for the Joliette High School window/door project noting that the changes were structural.

CC-090923-MR-0021

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #EC-090519-MR-0110 awarding the contract for the window and door replacement at Joliette High School to Constructions Larco Inc.;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee adopted resolution #EC-090707-MR-003, which approved change order # 1 in order to include the replacement of the exterior doors of another section of the school to the amount of 49 348,00\$, before taxes (55 701,56\$, taxes included);

WHEREAS change order # 2 was received on 2009-08-27 for site conditions:

Directive # 1	Structure	2 584,96\$, before taxes	
Directive # 2	Structure	1 933,31\$, before taxes	
Directive # 3	Architecture	4 127,02\$, before taxes	
Directive # 4	Architecture	431,25\$, before taxes	
Directive # 5	Architecture	3 507,50\$, before taxes	
Directive # 6	Structure	531,28\$, before taxes	
Directive # 7	Architecture	2 628,30\$, before taxes	
FOR A TOTAL OF		15 743,62\$, before taxes	(17 770,61\$, taxes included)

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve change order # 2 of 15 743,62\$, before taxes (17 770,61\$, taxes included), for the architectural and structural directives.

AND THAT the total cost of the project be modified to a total cost of 192 391,62\$, before taxes (217 162,05\$ all taxes included).

AND THAT the Chairman, 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 project.

Carried unanimously

6.1.2 Rental of Space 2009-2010 – CDC Laurier-Vimont:

The Director of Material Resources presented the 2009-2010 rental of space for the CDC Laurier-Vimont noting that the cost to the school board is lower for the 2009-2010 school year due to the change in the GST rate.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of Material Resources noted that discussions have begun with the Director of Adult & Vocational Education concerning the space issue for the CDC Laurier-Vimont and that a report will be made to the Material Resources Committee as to what is required.

CC-090923-MR-0022

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board entered into a five-year lease agreement, with a renewal option, with Les Constructions Grano Inc. et Construction Agosto inc., for the rental of space at 2100, boul. Des Laurentides, Laval, QC, to establish an Adult Education Centre, as per resolution #CC-070523-MR-0176;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved the payment of the lease at 2100, boul. Des Laurentides, Laval, QC, to Les Constructions Grano Inc. et Construction Agosto inc., in the amount of 253 028,19\$, all taxes included, for the 2008-2009 school year as per resolution #EC-080715-MR-0034;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the payment of the lease at 2100, boul. Des Laurentides, Laval, QC, to Les Constructions Grano Inc. et Construction Agosto inc., for the 2009-2010 school year, in the amount of 224 166,72\$, before taxes (253 028,19\$, all taxes included).

Carried unanimously

6.1.3 Work Related to Ecosystem Project – Phase II:

The Director of Material Resources advised that for the Laurentian Regional High School portion of the energy project a savings has been achieved and that this savings will be used towards the replacement of the 1969 Gentec Electricity Management System at Mother Teresa Junior & Laurier Senior High Schools.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

TIME: 20:24 hours

CC-090923-MR-0023

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090623-MR-0145 authorizing the Director of Material Resources to proceed with Phase II of the Ecosystem Project;

WHEREAS there is some work to be done in some of the schools that is related to the Ecosystem Project;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has requested funding from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) under the Measure 50690 for 2009-2010 for renovations needed at Laurentian Regional High School building in order to proceed with phase 2 of the energy project;

WHEREAS the initial cost of this project at Laurentian Regional High School was 343 187,60\$ before taxes (387 373,00\$ all taxes included);

WHEREAS Ecosystem and Material Resources have re-evaluated this portion of the project which has provided a savings of 38 627\$;

WHEREAS Material Resources would like to use this saving to change the 1969 Gentec electricity management system at the Mother Teresa Junior & Laurier Senior High School building as this system is totally obsolete and replacement parts are no longer available;

WHEREAS the replacement and installation cost of the Gentec electricity management system is 32 425,25\$ before taxes (36,600\$ all taxes included);

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorizes the Director of Material Resources to apply the savings from the Laurentian Regional High School project to the replacement of the 1969 Gentec electricity management system at the Mother Teresa Junior & Laurier Senior High School building.

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

The Director of Material Resources presented the need to replace the time clock at Laval Junior & Laval Liberty High Schools noting that this computerized system will connect all 4 of the ventilation systems in the school for a more efficient circulation of air.

CC-090923-MR-0024

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has requested funding from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) under the Measure 50690 for 2009-2010 for renovations needed at the Laval Junior & Laval Liberty High School building in order to proceed with phase 2 of the energy project;

WHEREAS the existing time clock at Laval Junior & Laval Liberty High School, which manages a portion of the heating/cooling systems of the building but does not produce any energy savings, needs to be replaced in order to accommodate the management of all four of the heating/cooling systems and to provide actual energy refunds;

WHEREAS the cost of replacing the time clock is 73 532,67\$ before taxes (83 000\$ all taxes included);

WHEREAS these modifications to the phase 2 contract are indicated in the detailed feasibility study deposited by Ecosystem in May 2009;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the replacement of the existing time clock at Laval Junior & Laval Liberty High School at a cost of is 73 532,67\$ before taxes (83 000\$ all taxes included) in order to have all heating/cooling systems monitored efficiently and to provide a true energy savings.

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

6.1.4 Engagement of Professionals – Joliette ES Construction Project:

The Director of Material Resources provided background on the professionals for the Joliette Elementary School Construction Project and the recommendations of the Selection Committee. The professionals will be asked to examine each piece of land offered for the school for contamination, size, drainage, etc.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting. **TIME: 20:27 hours**

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier left the meeting. **TIME: 20:27 hours**

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, the Director of Material Resources explained that there is no cost breakdown for professionals and that they are paid in accordance with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) norms.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of Material Resources advised that a number of locations have been submitted but that they need to be reviewed.

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier returned to the meeting. **TIME: 20:29 hours**

CC-090923-MR-0025

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090623-MR-0142 approving 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;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and opened on 2009-09-04;

WHEREAS a selection committee has studied and evaluated all architectural tenders received and prepared a recommendation;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of **Héloïse Thibodeau**, architect, to prepare the architectural specifications, drawings, tendering documentation and provide supervision for the Joliette Elementary School construction project.

AND THAT the cost of these services be paid in accordance with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) remuneration scale for professionals.

FURTHER THAT, upon receipt of the completed drawings, plans and tender specifications, a public tender be called for the services of a contractor.

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

CC-090923-MR-0026

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090623-MR-0142 approving 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;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and opened on 2009-09-04;

WHEREAS a selection committee has studied and evaluated all engineering tenders received and prepared a recommendation;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retain the services of **Cima+**, consulting engineers, to prepare the technical engineering specifications, drawings, and tendering documentation and provide supervision for the Joliette Elementary School construction project.

AND THAT the cost of these services be paid in accordance with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) remuneration scale for professionals.

FURTHER THAT, upon receipt of the completed drawings, plans and tender specifications, a public tender be called for the services of a contractor.

Carried unanimously

6.1.5 Offer to Purchase – Land on Roland-Durand:

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that, after review, the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee recommend that the offer received be rejected.

CC-090923-MR-0027

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-070926-MR-0035 mandating the Director of Material Resources to seek a current appraisal for part of lot 241-298-23 (41 471 sq/ft), comprised of 3 lots, located on boulevard Roland-Durand in Rosemère (Québec);

WHEREAS the appraisal dated 2007-10-22 establishes the fair market value for part of lot 241-298-23 (41 471 sq/ft) to be 315 000\$;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-080227-MR-0121 mandating the Director of Material Resources to place part of lot 241-298-23 (41 471 sq/ft) up for sale;

WHEREAS Benoit Clark made an offer to purchase part of lot #241-298-23 (lot #1 = 15 500 sq/ft) located on boulevard Roland-Durand in Rosemère, Québec, on 2009-08-30, in the amount of 100 000\$, before taxes;

WHEREAS the appraisal establishes the fair market value for lot #1 (15 500 sq/ft) to be 117 732,56\$, before taxes;

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board **reject** the offer in the amount of 100 000\$, made by Benoit Clark, to purchase part of lot #241-298-23 (lot #1 = 15 500 sq/ft) located on boulevard Roland-Durand in Rosemère, Québec.

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

6.2 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

6.2.1 Use of St-Vincent ES 2010-2011:

The Director of School Organization presented and reviewed the proposed consultation on the use of St-Vincent Elementary School in order to address overcrowding.

The Director of School Organization held a meeting on 2009-09-10 with the Governing Board of St-Vincent Elementary School in order to present the proposal and receive feedback on the two proposed options. The Governing Board felt that the school community should be consulted.

CC-090923-TS-0028

WHEREAS enrolment at St-Vincent Elementary School currently exceeds its functional capacity;

WHEREAS enrolment simulations based on the current enrolment trends suggest that overcrowding will continue beyond 2012;

WHEREAS St-Charles Annex School, obtained from Commission scolaire de Laval, is currently vacant and will be functional for the 2010-2011 school year;

WHEREAS the School Organization Committee has reviewed the situation in detail and proposed two options to resolve the overcrowding for the Council's consideration ;

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of School Organization to consult the St. Vincent community for its input on possible solutions to the overcrowding at St. Vincent Elementary School;

AND THAT the period of consultation will begin October 5, 2009 and end December 4, 2009.

Carried unanimously

6.2.2 Use of JFK, Souvenir, Terry Fox & Twin Oaks for 2010-2011:

The Director of School Organization advised the Executive Committee that with the transfer of École Marcelle-Gauvreau from the Commission scolaire de Laval the attendance zones for John F. Kennedy, Souvenir, Terry Fox and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools would be affected. The School Organization Committee has reviewed the situation and is proposing four scenarios for consideration.

A meeting is planned with the Governing Boards of the four schools on 2009-09-29 where the scenarios and consultation timeline will be presented. An update of this meeting will be provided at the 2009-10-28 meeting of the Council.

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that Our Lady of Peace Elementary School was not considered in this re-zoning as, unlike Twin Oaks Elementary School, it is not part of the territory concerned.

CC-090923-TS-0029

WHEREAS Souvenir Elementary and Terry Fox Elementary schools have exceeded their functional capacity as determined by Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS);

WHEREAS Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) projects an increase of up to 60% in enrolment in the Laval Ouest and Fabreville sectors of Laval which encompasses a major part of the current Twin Oaks attendance zone and also projects continued student growth in Laval until 2019;

WHEREAS John F. Kennedy Elementary School is considerably under-populated;

WHEREAS the addition of a school centrally located and with a capacity of approximately 400 spaces would meet the student capacity needs for elementary students in the eastern sector of Laval beyond 2012;

WHEREAS Marcelle Gauvreau School, obtained from Commission scolaire de Laval and located in the Fabreville sector of Laval, is currently vacant and will be functional and ready to receive students for the 2010-2011 school year;

WHEREAS the School Organization Committee has reviewed the situation in detail and proposed several scenarios to resolve the overcrowding for the Council's consideration;

Commissioner Albina Pace **MOVED THAT**, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee, that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of School Organization to consult the communities of John F. Kennedy, Souvenir, Terry Fox and Twin Oaks schools for its input on how Marcelle Gauvreau School can be used to resolve the overcrowding at Souvenir and Terry Fox Schools, increase enrolment at John F. Kennedy and whether students currently in the Twin Oaks School attendance zone and residing in the immediate vicinity of Marcelle Gauvreau should be relocated to the new school;

AND THAT the period of consultation will begin October 5, 2009 and end December 4, 2009.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 20:46 hours

6.3 QESBA

6.3.1 Voting Delegates for 2009 QESBA Annual General Meeting:

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has assigned one vote (1) per elected Commissioner and one (1) vote per Parent Commissioner for the 2009 Annual General Meeting being held on 2009-10-17;

WHEREAS there will be ___ Commissioners and ___ Parent Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board who will not be attending the 2009 Annual General Meeting;

*Commissioner Nazario Facchino **MOVED THAT** the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board redistribute the votes of the Commissioners and Parent Commissioners unable to attend the 2009 Annual General Meeting being held on 2009-10-17, equally among the following:*

Steve Bletas

Carolyn Curiale

Steve Mitchell

William Pollock

AND THAT if any of the Commissioners or Parent Commissioners listed above cannot attend the 2009 Annual General Meeting due to unforeseen circumstances that their votes be divided equally between Steve Bletas and Carolyn Curiale.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin suggested that the resolution be amended by distributing the votes of the absent Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to Commissioners Steve Bletas and Carolyn Curiale. Commissioner Nazario Facchino accepted the amendment.

CC-090923-CA-0030

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has assigned one vote (1) per elected Commissioner and one (1) vote per Parent Commissioner for the 2009 QESBA Annual General Meeting being held on 2009-10-17;

WHEREAS there will be some Commissioners and Parent Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board who will not be attending the 2009 Annual General Meeting;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board redistribute the votes of the absent Commissioners and Parent Commissioners to Steve Bletas and Carolyn Curiale.

AND THAT the following Commissioners represent the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board at the 2009 QESBA Annual General Meeting:

Steve Bletas	10 votes
Carolyn Curiale	9 votes
Steve Mitchell	1 vote
William Pollock	1 vote

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

In response to a concern expressed by Commissioner Walter Fogel on the QESBA 12-year Service Award, Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised that she was a Parent Commissioner at the former Laurenval School Board prior to the merger on 1998-07-01. Commissioner Steve Bletas noted that he was a member of the Provisional Council of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board beginning in the Fall of 1997.

Commissioner Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:50 hours

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**7.1 SWL Foundation:**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak advised the Council that the Foundation will be entertaining projects submitted by the schools that are in conjunction with the 2007-2011 Strategic Plan and will establish a budget to that effect. The Foundation will also be continuing the bursary program for the schools and will be adding an additional bursary at both the elementary and secondary levels.

The 2010-01-14 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Gala will be held at the Salle de Réception Palace in Laval.

7.2 Parent Commissioners Report

There was no report. The first meeting of the Parents Committee for the 2009-2010 school year will be on 2009-10-01.

7.3 Report of the QESBA:

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised that the 2009-2010 Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) budget will be presented for approval at the 2009-10-17 Annual General Meeting and is requesting feedback from its member boards.

The Council recommended that the QESBA budget for 2009-2010 be approved.

7.4 Update on Career Exploration Lab:

The Director of Adult & Vocational Education drew the Council's attention to the letter of appreciation that was sent to all of the partners in the Career Exploration Lab along with the promotional material. The promotional campaign was presented and approved by the Communications & Public Relations Committee.

The target clientele is secondary III classes and to date the bookings are going well. Other levels of secondary are invited to experience the lab but at this time secondary III classes have the priority.

7.5 Update on Accelerated Learning:

The Interim Director of Educational Services presented and reviewed the Accelerated Learning information package that will be used at the information session on 2009-09-30 at Mother Teresa Junior High School. The information package contains information on the program and an application form. These documents are also available on the corporate Web site and in the schools.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 20:56 hours.

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that some schools had not sent the information on the Accelerated Learning Program home with the students.

The Director General **stated** that she would look into the matter of the program information not being distributed as intended.

7.6 H1N1:

In response to concerns expressed by Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director of Material Resources advised that a plan of action is in place to deal with H1N1. The following actions have been completed:

- ❖ Each school has an emergency binder and the protocol is included.
- ❖ A presentation at a recent Principals meeting **was** given by a doctor from the **Agence** de la santé et des services sociaux **de Laval**.
- ❖ Nurses will be meeting with all students.
- ❖ All staff is stressing that students wash their hands
- ❖ Masks and latex gloves have been ordered.
- ❖ The **Agence** de la santé et des services sociaux **de Laval** has reviewed the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board plan of action and has made some minor adjustments
- ❖ Maintenance staff has been trained in the proper method of cleaning for outbreaks and they **will** follow the directives of the Public Health department.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:59 hours

In response to an additional question from Commissioner Fogel, the Director of Human Resources advised that the school board falls into 3 different territories of the **Ministère** de la santé et des services sociaux and cases involving employees will be handled, on an individual basis, in accordance with the H1N1 protocols for the appropriate region. The school board currently has 24 employees on preventative leave through CSST; on the recommendation of their doctors. These employees have been replaced at their respective schools and centres. As this potential pandemic evolves the school board will be advised by the **Agence** de la santé et des services sociaux **de Laval** on how to proceed. A plan of action in the case of numerous absences is being addressed.

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

In response to a question from Jack Fitch, President of the SEPB 577, the Director General noted that a report on the effectiveness of the recovery plan will not be known until the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) confirms the numbers. It is expected that the MELS will be advising the school board prior to the December break.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

10.0 VARIA:

There was no varia.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:16 hours

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