

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2009-12-16**

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, 2009-12-16

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, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; Parent Commissioners Lisa Chartier and Angelo Grasso; and Anne-Marie Lepage, Director General.

Also present were: Alain Guay, Assistant Director General; Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; 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, Interim Director of Educational Services; Gaelle Absolonne, Assistant Director of Adult & Vocational Education and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioner Peter MacLaurin.

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

**1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik entered the meeting.

**TIME: 19:31 hours**

**CC-091216-CA-0066**

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2009/12/16-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**CC-091216-CA-0070**

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2009-11-25, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

**Carried unanimously**

**CC-091216-CA-0072**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2009-12-02, 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 letter of appreciation from the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Laval to the school board for its extraordinary coordination of its H1N1 vaccination plan, with special reference to the Assistant Director General, the Director of Material Resources and the Director of School Organization.

He went on to express his appreciation to all of the students and staff who participated in the Olympic Torch Relay in Rosemère and Laval on 2009-12-10, and in Lachute on 2009-10-11. There were approximately 4000 Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board students and staff present at the Laval relay. The spirit of the Olympic Torch Relay touched many in the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, a student created a mural in the cafeteria at Laval Junior/Laval Liberty High School and a teacher at the school wrote a song specifically for this event. Organizers noted that this was the largest crowd so far on the torch relay. The creator of the mural, the song writer and key people involved in organizing the Laval event from the school board will be invited to the 2010-01-27 meeting of the Council for recognition of their contributions.

He continued his report noting that he and the Director General attended the Ville de Laval 2010 budget presentation and at this event the Laval Aqua Park project with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was announced.

He also noted the informal meeting of Commissioners with the Parents Committee, which went well and will be repeated, and wished the Director of Human Resources "Happy Birthday".

In response to an offer from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Chair invited him to submit his video and photos to the Coordinator of Communications to use in the Olympic Torch Relay presentation being prepared for the 2010-01-27 meeting of the Council.

He invited the Director General to provide an update on the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP)

The Director General presented and reviewed the report on the exams for the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP). There were 34 successful students and 10 on a waiting list, should some of the 34 decline to participate in the program. The successful group is primarily female and is made up of 31 students from Laval, 2 from the Laurentians and 1 from outside of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

She went on to note that 75% of the 34 students were successful on all 3 exams and 25% were successful in 2 of the 3 exams, the majority being in English and Mathematics.

A mailing has been done to the successful students and acceptance/decline forms are being returned. Once all the forms have been received and, if spaces are opened due to students declining, offers will be made to those on the waiting list prior to the holiday break.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Interim Director of Educational Services noted that while only 3% achieved an advanced level mark on the Mathematics exam, 89% achieved the required level.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Chair noted that these examinations were for the ALP selection process and that there were other factors being considered when selecting the students.

**5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:****5.1 2010-2011 Enrolment Criteria:**

The Director of School Organization advised the Council that the consultation period has concluded and that the Parents Committee supported the enrolment criteria for 2010-2011 as presented. The School Organization Committee recommended that it be presented for final approval.

**CC-091216-ED-0067**

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS the registration period for students for 2010-2011 is the week of 2010-02-08;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents Committee have been consulted and endorses the 2010-2011 enrolment criteria;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the establishment of the criteria for enrolment of students in its schools, subject to the availability of space, for the 2010-2011 school year.

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| <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, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak</b> |
| <b>Commissioners voting NAY:</b>                          | <b>Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**5.2 Use of Rawdon E. & M.S.:**

The Director of School Organization presented and reviewed the results of the consultation on the transfer of secondary 1 and 2 from Rawdon Elementary & Middle School (REMS) to Joliette High School (JHS) beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. He noted that the requirements of the Educational Reform at the secondary level cannot be met at REMS as it does not have the same services and equipment as JHS. The Governing Board of REMS supports this transfer and the School Organization Committee concurs with this recommendation.

In the review of the recommendation of the REMS Governing Board, the School Organization Committee considered the recommendations with respect to proximity of the area, available space and the long term sustainability of the recommendations received.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell entered the meeting.

**TIME: 20:06 hours**

**CC-091216-TS-0068**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090520-TS-00129 mandating the Director of School Organization to consult with the communities of Rawdon Elementary & Middle School and the Joliette High School for its input on the proposed relocation of Secondary 1 and 2 students from Rawdon Elementary & Middle School to Joliette High School beginning in the 2010-2011 school year.

WHEREAS Secondary 1 and 2 curriculum needs can be addressed more completely in a setting where there is continuity for the students to transition into the second cycle of secondary as there is more familiarity with teachers and greater access to the resources of a larger school;

WHEREAS students in secondary 1 and 2 that graduate from Rawdon Elementary and Middle School continue on to Joliette High School;

WHEREAS Joliette High School would provide the desired continuity for secondary 1 and 2 Rawdon Middle School students to transition into the second cycle at Joliette High School;

WHEREAS the consultation period began on October 5, 2009 and ended on December 4, 2009;

WHEREAS the School Organization Committee held a meeting on December 14, 2009 to which all Commissioners were invited and where the recommendations received from all stakeholders and the final proposal were thoroughly reviewed;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the transfer of the secondary 1 and 2 students that would normally attend Rawdon Elementary and Middle School to Joliette High School beginning in the 2010-2011 school year

AND THAT the educational vocation of Rawdon Elementary & Middle School becomes that of an elementary school beginning in the 2010-2011 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

**5.3 Use of St-Vincent E.S.:**

The Director of School Organization presented and reviewed the results of the consultation on the use of St-Vincent Elementary School noting that two options were provided for consideration by the school community. The Governing Board of the school did a lot of work with the community and a survey. The results of the survey supports one school, two buildings with the current St-Vincent building housing cycle 1 and the former Gordon School, ceded to the school board by Commission scolaire de Laval, housing cycles 2 and 3.

He went on to note that this recommendation is the best scenario given that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) is forecasting significant increases in enrolment in the St-Vincent area of Laval. Another aspect that was considered was the fact that the MELS will be lowering the class size for grade 4 in 2010-2011 and for grades 5 and 6 in 2011-2012.

The School Organization Committee supports the recommendation of the St-Vincent Elementary School Governing Board and community.

**CC-091216-TS-0069**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090923-TS-0028 mandating the Director of School Organization to consult with the St-Vincent Elementary School community concerning the fact that enrolment exceeds the building's functional capacity, in order to receive its input on possible solutions;

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

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has recently received the transfer of St. Charles Annex School from Commission scolaire de Laval, which is currently vacant and will be functional for the 2010-2011 school year;

WHEREAS the consultation period began on October 5, 2009 and ended on December 4, 2009;

WHEREAS the School Organization Committee held a meeting on December 14, 2009 to which all Commissioners were invited and where the recommendations received from all stakeholders and the final proposal were thoroughly reviewed;

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the St-Charles Annex building be merged with St. Vincent Elementary School to create one school with two buildings, beginning in the 2010-2011 school year.

AND THAT a vice-principal be assigned to the second building, as well as the appropriate number of support staff.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **5.4 Use of JFK, Souvenir, Terry Fox & Twin Oaks E.S.:**

The Director of School Organization presented and reviewed the results of the consultation on the use of John F. Kennedy, Souvenir, Terry Fox and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools and the Marcelle-Gauvreau building recently acquired from the Commission scolaire de Laval. He noted that Souvenir and Terry Fox Elementary Schools are currently overcrowded; John F. Kennedy Elementary School has low enrolment so it has student places available, and Marcelle-Gauvreau is in the same zone as Twin Oaks Elementary School.

He went on to note that he had received 35 responses to the consultation, 5 being from Governing Boards, and 14 recommendations. Given that, the School Organization Committee established six guiding principles to determine what would be the best solution be for the schools involved, as follows:

- ❖ Endeavour to respect the idea of community schools. This theme was prevalent in many of the comments received;
- ❖ Autoroute 440 be maintained as a natural boundary to divide the school to divide the school attendance zones between Chomedey and Fabreville. Given the increase in traffic during rush hours it would be difficult for working parents living in Chomedey to drop off or pick up their children in Fabreville (100% of Souvenir respondents);
- ❖ Deny requests for out-of-zone students to attend Souvenir or Terry Fox schools for the 2010-2011 school year and beyond unless there is room in the specific class requested and that the additional student(s) do not negatively impact the school's enrolment;
- ❖ Be aware of limitations to forecasted enrolments as evidenced in the lower enrolment results for 2009-2010;
- ❖ Minimize the impact of any rezoning of students and allow for forecasted enrolments to materialize before taking sweeping measures; and
- ❖ Ensure that parents are not submitting false addresses in order to register at the school of their choice (47% of respondents).

After thorough review the School Organization Committee is recommending the following:

- ❖ that the area comprised of a part of the city of Laval bounded by: Autoroute 440, Autoroute 15, Labelle Boulevard, Renaissance Boulevard to the end of that boulevard; an imaginary line drawn from Ave. de la Renaissance to CPR tracks adjacent to rue des Baléares, CPR track to Autoroute 440, be rezoned from the Terry Fox School attendance zone to the Twin Oaks School attendance zone beginning in the 2010-2011 school year;
- ❖ that the area comprised of a part of the city of Laval bounded by: Labelle Boulevard, Notre Dame Boulevard, Elizabeth Street, Souvenir Boulevard and back to Labelle Boulevard be rezoned from the Souvenir attendance zone to the J F Kennedy attendance zone beginning in the 2010-2011 school year;
- ❖ that Gauvreau School become an annex to Twin Oaks School and be prepared to receive increases in forecasted students beginning in the 2011-2012 school year;
- ❖ that students who will be in grade 6 in the 2010-2011 school year and subject to transfer as a result in the change of attendance zone be grandfathered at their current school for their last year of elementary studies with transportation provided; and
- ❖ that any out-of-zone requests for either Terry Fox or Souvenir Elementary Schools will be considered on an individual basis, subject to the availability of space.

He also noted that he is aware of the fact that Souvenir Elementary School is concerned about the amount of French being offered at John F. Kennedy Elementary School. Given that, John F. Kennedy Elementary School is willing to look at increasing its time allocation for French as it wishes to be of assistance in the transition of the students. It was also recommended that the two Governing Boards organize a meeting to discuss time allocations.

*WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090923-TS-0029 mandating the Director of School Organization to consult all stakeholders on the use of John F. Kennedy, Souvenir, Terry Fox and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools;*

*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 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has recently received the transfer of Marcelle Gauvreau School, located in the Fabreville sector of Laval, from Commission scolaire de Laval, which is currently vacant and will be functional for the 2011-2012 school year;*

*WHEREAS these issues to be consulted on are: (1) resolve the overcrowding at Souvenir and Terry Fox Elementary Schools, (2) increase enrolment at John F. Kennedy Elementary School (3) determine which students should be transferred to Marcelle Gauvreau School (4) whether students currently in the Twin Oaks Elementary School attendance zone and residing in the immediate vicinity of Marcelle Gauvreau School should be relocated to the new school;*

*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 which encompasses a major part of the current Twin Oaks attendance zone, and also projects continued student growth in Laval until 2019;*

*WHEREAS the consultation period began on October 5, 2009 and ended on December 4, 2009;*

*WHEREAS the School Organization Committee held a meeting on December 14, 2009 to which all Commissioners were invited and where the recommendations received from all stakeholders and the final proposal were thoroughly reviewed;*

Commissioner Steve Kmec *MOVED THAT*, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the area comprised of a part of the city of Laval bounded by: Autoroute 440, Autoroute 15, Labelle Boulevard, Renaissance Boulevard to the end of that boulevard; an imaginary line drawn from Ave. de la Renaissance to CPR tracks adjacent to rue des Baléares, CPR track to Autoroute 440, be rezoned from the Terry Fox School attendance zone to the Twin Oaks School attendance zone beginning in the 2010-2011 school year;

*AND THAT* the area comprised of a part of the city of Laval bounded by: Labelle Boulevard, Notre Dame Boulevard, Elizabeth Street, Souvenir Boulevard and back to Labelle Boulevard be rezoned from the Souvenir attendance zone to the J F Kennedy attendance zone beginning in the 2010-2011 school year;

*AND THAT* Marcelle Gauvreau School become an annex to Twin Oaks School and be prepared to receive increases in forecasted students beginning in the 2011-2012 school year;

*AND THAT* students who will be in grade 6 in the 2010-2011 school year and subject to transfer as a result in the change of attendance zone be grandfathered at their current school for their last year of elementary studies with transportation provided.

*FURTHER THAT* any out-of-zone requests for either Terry Fox or Souvenir Elementary Schools will be considered on an individual basis, subject to the availability of space.

Commissioner Walter Fogel recommended that the resolution be amended by striking the recommendation of the changing of the boundary for Souvenir Elementary School.

Commissioner Steve Kmec did not accept this amendment.

**CC-091216-TS-0075**

Commissioner Walter Fogel *MOVED THAT* the following be struck from the proposed resolution on the use of John F. Kennedy, Souvenir, Terry Fox & Twin Oaks Elementary Schools:

*AND THAT* the area comprised of a part of the city of Laval bounded by: Labelle Boulevard, Notre Dame Boulevard, Elizabeth Street, Souvenir Boulevard and back to Labelle Boulevard be rezoned from the Souvenir attendance zone to the J F Kennedy attendance zone beginning in the 2010-2011 school year.

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| <b>THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Commissioners voting YEA:</b>                           | <b>Walter Fogel</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Commissioners voting NAY:</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, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak</b> |

**CC-091216-TS-0071**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090923-TS-0029 mandating the Director of School Organization to consult all stakeholders on the use of John F. Kennedy, Souvenir, Terry Fox and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools;

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 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has recently received the transfer of Marcelle Gauvreau School, located in the Fabreville sector of Laval, from Commission scolaire de Laval, which is currently vacant and will be functional for the 2011-2012 school year;

WHEREAS these issues to be consulted on are: (1) resolve the overcrowding at Souvenir and Terry Fox Elementary Schools, (2) increase enrolment at John F. Kennedy Elementary School (3) determine which students should be transferred to Marcelle Gauvreau School (4) whether students currently in the Twin Oaks Elementary School attendance zone and residing in the immediate vicinity of Marcelle Gauvreau School should be relocated to the new school;

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 which encompasses a major part of the current Twin Oaks attendance zone, and also projects continued student growth in Laval until 2019;

WHEREAS the consultation period began on October 5, 2009 and ended on December 4, 2009;

WHEREAS the School Organization Committee held a meeting on December 14, 2009 to which all Commissioners were invited and where the recommendations received from all stakeholders and the final proposal were thoroughly reviewed;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the area comprised of a part of the city of Laval bounded by: Autoroute 440, Autoroute 15, Labelle Boulevard, Renaissance Boulevard to the end of that boulevard; an imaginary line drawn from Ave. de la Renaissance to CPR tracks adjacent to rue des Baléares, CPR track to Autoroute 440, be rezoned from the Terry Fox School attendance zone to the Twin Oaks School attendance zone beginning in the 2010-2011 school year;

AND THAT the area comprised of a part of the city of Laval bounded by: Labelle Boulevard, Notre Dame Boulevard, Elizabeth Street, Souvenir Boulevard and back to Labelle Boulevard be rezoned from the Souvenir attendance zone to the J F Kennedy attendance zone beginning in the 2010-2011 school year;

AND THAT Marcelle Gauvreau School become an annex to Twin Oaks School and be prepared to receive increases in forecasted students beginning in the 2011-2012 school year;

AND THAT students who will be in grade 6 in the 2010-2011 school year and subject to transfer as a result in the change of attendance zone be grandfathered at their current school for their last year of elementary studies with transportation provided.

FURTHER THAT any out-of-zone requests for either Terry Fox or Souvenir Elementary Schools will be considered on an individual basis, subject to the availability of space.

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| <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, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak</b> |
| <b>Commissioners voting NAY:</b>                          | <b>Walter Fogel</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier, as a parent whose children have been rezoned twice, congratulated the school board on the manner in which the consultation was conducted as it allowed for transparency.



The Chair thanked the Director of School Organization, the Assistant Director General, the Governing Boards and parents of John F. Kennedy, Souvenir, Terry Fox and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools for all of the time and effort put into this consultation.

### **5.5 Environmental Initiatives:**

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that the school board will no longer be ordering water bottles or using Styrofoam cups for coffee in order to continue its efforts to be more "green". After the holiday break work will begin on the establishment of a Sustainable Development policy.

The Chair called for a ten (10) minute break.

**TIME: 20:39 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 20:52 hours**

## **6.0 DECISION ITEMS:**

### **6.1 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

#### **6.1.1 Request for New Electoral Divisions:**

The Secretary General advised that she had been invited to a recent caucus of the Council of Commissioners to provide information and scenarios concerning the number of electoral divisions the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board should request from the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport for the November 2011 school elections. The issue was discussed at length at the caucus and the consensus appears to be that this school board would abide by the law and have 9 electoral divisions, although it could request up to 5 additional for a total of 14.

*WHEREAS section 6 of "An Act respecting school elections" designated that electoral divisions will vary in accordance with the number of electors;*

*WHEREAS the number of electors registered to date with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board stands at approximately 35 000;*

*WHEREAS this number of electors entitles the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to divide its territory into 9 electoral divisions;*

*Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board advise the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will abide section 6 of the Act respecting school elections by dividing its territory into 9 electoral divisions for the 2011-11-05 school elections.*

The Council entered into a discussion that focused on co-opted Commissioners, additional Parent Commissioners, the political impact, the fact that the Members of the National Assembly are asking to have their numbers increased while school boards are being asked to decrease their numbers, the size of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board territory, the size of the Executive Committee, and more than 9 electoral divisions would allow for more participation by the English sector.

Commissioner Steve Kmec moved to amend the resolution by increasing the number of electoral divisions from 9 to 14.

Discussion continued on the efficiency of 9 electoral divisions versus an increased number especially in terms of the size of the Executive Committee and representation in accordance with the size of the population.

It was noted by Commissioner Carolyn Curiale that if the Council decided on 9 electoral divisions it would not be the actual number on the Council as one must remember that the Chair is elected by universal suffrage, there will be 3 Parent Commissioners and 2 co-opted Commissioners for a total of 15.

Commissioner Walter Fogel recommended to Commissioner Kmec that he consider 11 electoral divisions. Commissioner Kmec accepted this proposal.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale did not accept Commissioner Kmec's amendment.

#### CC-091216-CA-0076

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the resolution be amended by increasing the number of electoral divisions from 9 to 11

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

#### CC-091216-CA-0073

WHEREAS section 6 of "An Act respecting school elections" designated that electoral divisions will vary in accordance with the number of electors;

WHEREAS the number of electors registered to date with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board stands at approximately 35 000;

WHEREAS this number of electors entitles the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to divide its territory into 9 electoral divisions;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board advise the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will abide section 6 of the Act respecting school elections by dividing its territory into 9 electoral divisions for the 2011-11-05 school elections.

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| <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, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock</b> |
| <b>Commissioners voting NAY:</b>                          | <b>Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Tom Mouhteros, Albina Pace, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak</b>                                        |

## 6.2 MATERIAL RESOURCES

### 6.2.1 Synthetic Field - RHS:

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that the following resolution is required in order for the school board to apply for a grant from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for the synthetic field project at Rosemere High School.

#### EC-091215-MR-0074

WHEREAS the sports field situated behind Rosemere High School is being used every day of the week for the curricular and extra-curricular programs presently in place at Rosemere High School, and by various associations recognized by the Ville de Rosemère;

WHEREAS this field is overused and has not been kept in good repair;

WHEREAS there is no existing lighting for the field;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Ville de Rosemère have reached an agreement that repairs must be undertaken for this playing field;

WHEREAS given that this field is used extensively by the school and the Ville de Rosemère, both parties have concluded that the installation of a synthetic playing field would be a sustainable solution;

WHEREAS such a surface would permit the use of the field seven months per year;

WHEREAS the total cost of this project has been estimated at 1 679 734\$, before taxes (1 896 000\$, taxes included);

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Ville de Rosemère have agreed to a shared cost project;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has created a program to reshape, construct, and improve sports equipment (*Programme de soutien aux installations sportives et récréatives*);

WHEREAS the costs of the project could be shared as per the following distribution:

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| Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) | ➔ 878 000,00\$   |
| Ville de Rosemère                                      | ➔ 439 000,00\$   |
| Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board                       | ➔ 439 000,00\$   |
| Tax rebate                                             | ➔ (140 000,00\$) |

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak 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 mandate the Director of Material Resources to submit this shared cost project for 2010-2011 to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for its consideration.

AND THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board negotiate a protocol with the Ville de Rosemère and that this protocol commit all parties to a shared cost agreement.

**Carried unanimously**

Commissioner Walter Fogel excused himself for the evening.

**TIME: 21:16 HOURS**

## **7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **7.1 SWL Foundation:**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak reminded everyone that the next Foundation Gala would be held on 2010-01-14 at Le Palace in Laval. He also advised the Council that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation has approved 15 of the projects submitted by the schools for funding.

The Chair noted that the Foundation is celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that during these 5 years it has been able to supply the schools with educational tools that probably would not be available to them otherwise.

Commissioner Turchyniak stated that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation would not be where it is without the talents of the Coordinator of Communications, Maxeen Jolin. He extended appreciation to Ms. Jolin for everything she does for the Foundation. He also thanked the school board for allowing Ms. Jolin to assist the Foundation.

### **7.2 Parent Commissioners Report**

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso advised the Council that the members of the Parents Committee who attended the informal meeting enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to having additional meetings of this nature.

He went on to note that at the last meeting of the Parents Committee a draw was held for 2 tickets to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Gala on 2010-01-14, work was done on the action plan, support was given to the 2010-2011 enrolment criteria and amendments were made to the internal rules. He also expressed appreciation to the school board team involved in the success of the H1N1 vaccination program for the students.

### **7.3 Report of the QESBA:**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale presented her Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) report noting that the Executive Director would like the member boards to identify for the QESBA what tools they respectively use to keep their drop out rate low.

The Chair noted that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has already completed this task.

Commissioner Curiale presented the QESBA Strategic Plan 2010-2015 and asked that the Council review this document as it will be presented for support at the 2010-01-27 meeting of the Council. She also drew attention to the QESBA Committee sheet and asked that if any Commissioners wished to be on any of the committees to please let her know. There will be a special Annual General Meeting in March 2010 to approve the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan.

### **8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:**

There were no questions.

Several parents in the audience expressed their appreciation to the team that worked so diligently on the use of schools in Laval and for the effort made to keep everything as close to status quo as possible.

### **9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Chair drew attention to the correspondence in the package with special notation to Commissioner Merle Parkinson's report from the Conference for Audit Committees.

In response to a comment by Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Chair invited Commissioner Kmec to attend the next meeting of the Financial Resources Committee where the report on the Conference for Audit Committees will be presented.

### **10.0 VARIA:**

There was no varia

### **11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

The Chair wished everyone a very Happy Holiday and a safe and healthy New Year.

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 21:34 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2010-01-27**