

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2010-01-27

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, 2010-01-27.

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chair; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Georges Benoit, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, and Nancy Rupnik; 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; 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, Interim Director of Educational Services; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioners Nazario Facchino, Mike Pizzola and Edward Turchyniak.

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

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

CC-100127-CA-0077

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2010/01/27-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC-100127-CA-0078

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2009-12-16, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

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

Commissioner George Benoit entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:31 hours

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

4.1 *Report from the Chair:*

The Chair advised the Council that prior to the meeting, a time of recognition had taken place to honour the organizers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board participation in the Olympic Torch Relay event on 2009-12-10 in Laval. The students honoured were Eunice You for her Olympic mural in the cafeteria at Laval Junior High School, and Katerina Kostopouls and Bianca Romeo of Laval Liberty High School for their work in coordinating the event and working with the student Ambassadors. The employees honoured were Cheryl Smith Debanne, Spiritual Animator at Laval Junior High School, Bruce Cookson, MRE-PSD teacher at Laval Liberty High School, and Daniel Johnson, Special Education teacher at Laval Liberty High School, for their work on this event.

He went on to note that the Olympic Torch Relay passed through several communities within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and that the school board was well represented at all locations.

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:33 hours

The Chair noted that at a recent meeting of the Chairs of English school boards, they were advised that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) would be providing 250 000\$ for the English sector to promote public school. The name of the advertising campaign will be "Go Publique" and the following media will be used for promotion: highway billboards, ads on the side of city buses, social media such as Web sites, You Tube, and Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Facebook page. Traditional media such as major dailies and local newspapers, English and French, will also be used.

He went on to note that this funding must be used during the 2009-2010 school year and **that this** campaign is expected to have a positive impact.

In response to a concern from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Chair indicated that the advertisement in The Gazette, stating that the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) is the best English school board in Québec, was that board doing self promotion and in no way was the QESBA involved.

The Interim Director of Educational Services noted that the graduation rate at EMSB is 71% and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rate is 83%

The Chair further noted that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) will be making an announcement in the near future concerning the November 2011 school elections to probably delay them until 2013 so they can be twinned with municipal elections.

He also advised the Council that the Spiritual Animators of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board launched a fundraising campaign for the disaster in Haiti. They have visited all the schools and centres of the board to encourage donations. To date, 33 000\$ has been raised and there are 14 schools still to report. Congratulations to the organizers and to those who made a donation.

He went on to point out a newspaper article on the Joliette High School photo contest.

The Director General noted that the Joliette High School photo contest was an initiative of the school that shows how "small ideas become great endeavours". This was a secondary I project to take pictures of birds and nature. Persons in the community generously provided the disposable cameras and food to attract the birds. The photos turned out beautifully and she has requested that some be framed and hung in the halls of 235 montée Lesage.

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

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council go “in camera”. **TIME: 19:44 hours**

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 20: 26 hours

The Chair apologized for the length of the “in camera” session.

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the report of the Appeals Review Committee and its recommendation for case #1.

Commissioner Robert Dixon stated that while he agrees with the decision of the Appeals Review Committee not to provide financial compensation to the two families, he does feel that students have the right to feel safe and secure in their learning environment. He will vote against these resolutions.

CC-100127-CA-0079

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 2009-12-04 was received from the parents of “Students RDW and BDW” requesting that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reconsider a decision taken affecting the transportation of their children to Grenville Elementary School and financial compensation thereto;

WHEREAS the Appeals Review Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board met on 2010-01-19 to examine the administrative decision concerning the transportation of “Students RDW and BDW”, and financial compensation to the family;

WHEREAS the mother of “Students RDW and BDW” had the opportunity to present her reasons for requesting this reconsideration;

WHEREAS the Director of School Organization & Transportation, representing the school board, also had the opportunity to present his reasons for not granting transportation and financial compensation to the family;

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 the transportation in order to formulate recommendations to the Council of Commissioners;

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 2010-01-27;

WHEREAS the Appeals Review Committee came to the agreement that it could not grant the request as it does not conform to school board policy #1999-TS-01: Transportation Policy & Procedures Manual;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has been made aware, by the Appeals Review Committee, of all the information pertaining to this request and has had time to reflect on the recommendation;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board maintain the recommendation of the Appeals Review Committee not to grant the request made by the parents of "Students RDW and BDW" as it does not conform to policy #1999-TS-01: Transportation Policy & Procedures Manual.

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

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the report of the Appeals Review Committee and its recommendation for case #2.

CC-100127-CA-0080

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 2009-12-07 was received from the parent of "Student AAP" requesting that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reconsider a decision taken affecting the transportation and day care fees of her child to Laurentia Elementary School;

WHEREAS the Appeals Review Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board met on 2010-01-19 to examine the administrative decision concerning the transportation and financial compensation for "Student AAP";

WHEREAS the parent of "Student AAP" had the opportunity to present her reasons for requesting this reconsideration;

WHEREAS the Director of School Organization & Transportation, representing the school board, also had the opportunity to present the reasons for not granting financial compensation to the family;

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 in order to formulate recommendations to the Council of Commissioners;

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 2010-01-27;

WHEREAS the Appeals Review Committee came to the agreement that it could not grant the request as it does not conform to school board policy #1999-ED-01: School Day Care Services;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has been made aware, by the Appeals Review Committee, of all the information pertaining to this request and has had time to reflect on the recommendation;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board maintain the recommendation of the Appeals Review Committee not to grant the request made by the parent of "Student AAP" as it does not conform to policy #1999-ED-01: School Day Care Services.

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

The Chair asked the Assistant Director General to meet immediately with these parents.

The Assistant Director General left the meeting.

TIME: 20:36 hours

5.2 Amendment to 2009-2010 Organizational Chart:

The Director General advised that a position of Advisor of Partnership Agreements needs to be created in order to handle the large commitment of this dossier. A consultation was distributed on the creation of this position and feedback was received from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) and the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec (ACSQ). The feedback was analysed and it was felt that the creation of this position was somewhat premature and it did not respect the usual consultation process. The request is being withdrawn for the moment. In the meantime, as per the Director General's delegation of functions and powers, someone will be assigned to the position for the balance of the 2009-2010 school year.

She further noted that it has been recommended that additional funding for this position be sought.

Commissioner Walter Fogel left the meeting.

TIME: 20:38 hours

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that this position will be revisited and budget will be considered at that time.

Commissioner Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:41 hours

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.2 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

6.1.1 2009-2010 Revised Budget:

The Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the 2009-2010 revised budget. She reviewed the variances, the adjustments required once the September 30 enrolment figures were confirmed and the adjustment of revenues and expenses where required.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 20: 43 hours

CC-100127-FR-0081

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the **revised budget for 2009-2010**.

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

6.1.2 Recovery Plan:

The Director of Financial Resources presented an updated version of the 2008-2013 Recovery Plan noting that the update was made in accordance with the financial results from 2008-2009 and the 2009-2010 budget. The document includes the actual results achieved within each action plan as well as detailed reports from the departments, a financial summary, the forecast of the taxation envelope and the impact on the years until the completion of the recovery plan. All action plans have been reviewed, updated and, in some cases, new plans added. This report will be sent to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) as stipulated in the recovery plan agreement.

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier left the meeting.

TIME: 20:47 hours

She continued noting that if the action plans for the recovery plan continue to be followed religiously, the school board will achieve a balanced budget by the end of the recovery plan.

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:49 hours

In response to a question from the Chair, the Director of Financial Resources stated that the largest budget reductions for the recovery plan took place in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

CC-100127-FR-0082

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-081210-FR-0072, approving the 2008-2013 Recovery Plan;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must provide the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) with a Progress Report annually on its recovery plan;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2008-2009 Progress Report on the 2008-2013 Recovery Plan, as presented in document #SWLSB-2010/01/27-FR- 001.

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

Commissioner Merle Parkinson commended the Director of Financial Resources, the Directors and the employees for all of the work on the recovery plan.

6.1.3 2010-2011 Budget Building Process:

The Director of Financial Resources presented the 2010-2011 Budget Building process noting the changes to the master document, especially where school surpluses are concerned, and to the questionnaire.

CC-100127-FR-0083

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is commencing its budget building process for the 2010-2011 school year;

WHEREAS section 275 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) requires that a school board make public the objectives and principles governing budget allocations;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has drafted its "2010-2011 Budgetary Process";

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Management Advisory Committee and Financial Resources Committee have reviewed the “2010-2011 Budgetary Process”;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will conduct a sixty-day consultation on this document;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Management Advisory Committee and the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the “2010-2011 Budgetary Process”, as contained in document #SWLSB-2010/01/27-FR-002.

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

6.2 MATERIAL RESOURCES

6.2.1 Offer to Purchase – Land on Roland Durand:

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the offer to purchase the land on Roland-Durand noting that both the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee recommend that this offer be rejected.

CC-100127-MR-0084

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 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 the appraisal dated 2007-10-22 establishes the fair market value for part of lot 241-298-23 (lots #1, 2 and 3 = 41,471 sq/ft) to be 315 000\$, before taxes (355 557\$, taxes included);

WHEREAS Sylvain Bujold made an offer to purchase part of lot #241-298-23 (lots #1, 2 and 3 = 41,471 sq/ft) located on boulevard Roland-Durand in Rosemère, Québec, on 2009-12-09, in the amount of 60 000\$, before taxes (67 725\$, taxes included);

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reject the offer in the amount of 60 000\$, made by Sylvain Bujold, to purchase part of lot #241-298-23 (lots #1, 2 and 3 = 41,471 sq/ft) located on boulevard Roland-Durand in Rosemère, Québec.

Carried unanimously

6.2.2 Tripartite Committee – LRHS Pool Rejuvenation Project:

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the proposal for the rejuvenation of the swimming pool at Laurentian Regional High School. This would be a shared cost project with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), the MRC d'Argenteuil, the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

CC-100127-MR-0085

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board participates in a Tripartite Agreement with the MRC d'Argenteuil and the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord;

WHEREAS the swimming pool is managed and operated through this Tripartite Agreement whereby the MRC d'Argenteuil contributes 40%, the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord contributes 30% and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board contributes 30% of the related costs;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord, the MRC d'Argenteuil and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have reached an agreement that repairs must be undertaken for this swimming pool;

WHEREAS a study on the state of the pool infrastructure was conducted last year and presented to the members of the Material Resources Committee in March 2009;

WHEREAS the total cost of this project has been estimated at 2 904 546\$, before taxes (3 278 508\$, taxes included);

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord, the MRC d'Argenteuil and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board are proposing 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 Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord, has completed the request to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for funding under the *Programme de soutien aux installations sportives et récréatives*;

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

Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS)	1 639 254,00\$
MRC d'Argenteuil	655 740,00\$
Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord	491 805,00\$
Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board	491 805,00\$

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 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 negotiates a protocol with the Tripartite Committee and that this protocol commits all parties to a shared cost agreement.

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

6.3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

6.3.1 Call to Tender – Cell Phone Service Contract:

The Director of Information Technology advised the Council that the current cell phone contract is coming to an end and that it is also outdated and needs to be revamped in order to conform to the new Canadian cell phone regulations. A public tender needs to be called as a 3-year contract is more than 150 000\$

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of Information Technology noted that while the employees on the school board cellular phone system have different needs, she would like to have one corporate account, similar phones and for all contracts to end on the same date. This will allow for better management.

CC-100127-IT-0086

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to review its current cell phone services contract;

WHEREAS the estimated cost of a 3-year contract is superior to \$ 150 000;

WHEREAS service contracts over \$ 100 000 require a public call to tender;

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approves that public tenders be called for the selection of a cell phone services provider as per the tender specifications.

Carried unanimously

6.4 QESBA

6.4.1 2010-2015 QESBA Strategic Plan:

The Secretary General advised that no feedback on the 2010-2015 Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Strategic Plan was received.

CC-100127-CA-0087

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has asked it member boards for feedback on its 2010-2015 Strategic Plan;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board support the 2010-2015 Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Strategic Plan.

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

6.5 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.5.1 Cancellation of Rights:

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the cancellation of rights concerning a piece of property that was registered by this school board in 2002 but was actually the property of the Commission scolaire de Laval who had sold it to the Ville de Laval. This school board registered the land in error and this resolution will rectify this problem at no cost to the school board.

CC-100127-CA-0088

WHEREAS, on 2001-01-11, the Commission scolaire de Laval sold to the Ville de Laval part of lot #363-1, now known as lot #2 057 090;

WHEREAS, on 2002-06-28, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board registered the said lot under section 121 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) as being its property, as per legal notice #1043047;

WHEREAS part of lot #363-1, now known as lot #2 057 090, should not have been part of the notice under section 121 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3);

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the cancellation of rights for part of lot #363-1, now known as lot #2 057 090.

AND THAT no cost be incurred by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for any corrections or any fees pertaining to the cancellation of rights.

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 the cancellation of rights for this property.

Carried unanimously

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 SWL Foundation:

The Chair drew attention to a list of projects that have been funded by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation in various schools of the board. These projects are in addition to the bursaries that are given annually to each school in the spring and on top of the funding provided by the Director General's strategic plan budget.

For the presentation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation bursaries, the schools are encouraged to invite a member of the Foundation to make the presentation of the certificate and the cheque to the winning student.

He further advised that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Gala was a success with approximately 108 000\$ being raised. The next event will be the Lobster Dinner on 2010-06-09 at the Château Royal in Laval.

In response to a comment from Commissioner Tom Mouhteros, the Chair indicated that while the other English school boards may not have been represented at the Gala, the Foundation was pleased to have present the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, two Federal Senators, several National Assembly Members from Laval or their press attachés and a member of the Ville de Boisbriand City Council.

The Director General, on behalf of the schools, expressed gratitude to the Foundation for supporting the schools as this generated enthusiasm, resulting in many interesting projects and will encourage the schools to support the Foundation.

In response to a question from Commissioner Robert Dixon, the Chair advised that the funding request of 24 000\$ to extend the pilot project until the end of the 2009-2010 school year to the Foundation for the Arundel Nature Centre (ANC) will be submitted at the next Foundation meeting.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin expressed his gratitude to the Director General for supporting this project at ANC as it is creating an excitement around it that is bound to produce many interesting opportunities.

The Chair noted that he has some upcoming meetings with Federal Senators and that he will address the ANC project with them, which could result in further discussion in Ottawa and, possibly, federal funding.

7.2 Parent Commissioners Report

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso noted that at the last meeting of the Parents Committee, the information pamphlet was finalized and has been sent for printing, the Director General advised of the Partnership Agreements and the Parents Committee action plan is being finalized.

The Chair thanked the Parents Committee for its support of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Gala held on 2010-01-14.

In response to a question from the Chair, Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier noted that she would inquire if any of the other English school boards have a similar pamphlet and obtain copies.

7.3 Report of the QESBA:

The Chair noted that there is no report tonight but reminded the Council that the weekly "Monday Message" contains a lot of information on the activities of Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Chair drew the Council's attention to an article on Commissioner Tom Mouhteros and his involvement with football.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale and the Assistant Director General returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:19 hours

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros noted that whenever he has a chance, he will support and encourage children when it comes to sports.

The Chair also noted the new Tel-jeunes advertisements featuring the Montreal Alouettes. He will speak with former Commissioner, David McKinley, to ensure that these ads are featured in the schools.

10.0 VARIA:

There was no varia.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Chair noted that Commissioner Fogel has a very good point in that the school boards would be requiring a lot of administrative time and expense to ensure that these Partnership Agreements are implemented. He suggested that a resolution be considered and asked the Director General to bring this topic forward at the next meeting of the English Directors General for discussion.

Commissioner Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 21:24 hours

In response to a suggestion from Commissioner Carolyn Curiale, the Chair noted that at this time it is hard to estimate the cost of the implementation of the Partnership Agreements but he will bring this as a discussion point when he meets with the Ministre in March. He will also bring this point to the next meeting of the Communications & Public Relations Committee.

Commissioner Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21: 28 hours

Commissioner Grace Nesi left the meeting.

TIME: 21: 28 hours

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that the next Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Professional Development session will be held on March 26 & 27, 2010 in Montreal. She also noted that the Lester B. Pearson School Board will be hosting a Canadian Leadership Forum later this year.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:29 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2010-02-24

