

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2010-03-16**

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, 2010-03-16.

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chair; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; George Benoit, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; Parent Commissioner and Angelo Grasso; and Anne-Marie Lepage, Director General.

Also present were: Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Commissioner Peter MacLaurin, Tom Mouhteros, Albina Pace, William Pollock, and Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier; and Alain Guay, Assistant Director General.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours.

**1.0 NOMINATION OF AN INTERIM ETHICS COMMISSIONER**

The Secretary General presented and explained the reasons behind the need for an Interim Ethics Commissioner noting that she had received a complaint which has made it necessary to fill the position on an interim basis.

The Communications & Public Relations Committee (CPRC) has been developing the criteria for an Ethics Commissioner for the posting of the position. The posting is being prepared and will be sent to the members of CPRC for feed back prior to the presentation of the posting at the 2010-03-24 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

A telephone interview was conducted by the Director General and the Secretary General with the person being recommended for the interim position. This person has a background in school boards and ethics.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino entered the meeting.

**TIME: 19:05 hours**

In response to several questions, the Secretary General provided the following information concerning the interim and the full-time Ethics Commissioner:

- ❖ the posting will be published on the corporate Web, newspapers and the Barreau du Québec. A Selection Committee will interview candidates and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee and the Council of Commissioners;
- ❖ the person filling the position of Ethics Commissioner on an interim basis is more than welcome to apply for the full-time position;
- ❖ the restrictions on the position are that Commissioners and employees cannot apply for either the interim or the full-time position;
- ❖ the remuneration for the interim position will be the arbitration rate established by law, which is approximately 150,00\$ per hour;
- ❖ the position of Ethics Commissioner could be shared by different school boards, but to note no other school board has approached the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to consider sharing the position, like the Student Ombudsman;
- ❖ some of the qualifications that will be included in the **posting** for the position of Ethics commissioner will include being a member of the Barreau du Québec with 10 years experience, bilingual, a knowledge of the education system/school boards;

Commissioner Nick Milas entered the meeting.

**TIME: 19:13 hours**

Commissioner Steve Mitchell left the meeting.

**TIME: 19:13 hours**

Commissioner Steve Mitchell returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 19: 15 hours**

The Secretary General also noted that the interview for the Interim Ethics Commissioner was conducted in English and that this person had knowledge of the development of the Code of Ethics as she had worked for the Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles for six years.

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is in the process of engaging an Ethics Commissioner as per section 175.1 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3);

WHEREAS a complaint was lodged to the Secretary General which requires the engagement of an Interim Ethics Commissioner;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the engagement of **Julie Brunelle, Lawyer**, as the Interim Ethics Commissioner, effective 2010-03-17 until the conclusion of the regular selection process.

**Carried unanimously**

**2.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 19:18 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2010-03-24**