

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2010-04-28

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, 2010-04-28.

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chair; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chair; Georges Benoit, 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; 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; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: **Commissioners** Mario Di Domenico and Peter MacLaurin

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:37 hours.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

The following addition was made to the agenda:

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

- 5.3 QESBA Voting Delegates – Item 6.5.1 of **2010**-03-24 Minutes..... INFO
- 5.4 May Meeting Dates for Council & Executive..... INFO

10.0 VARIA:

- 10.1 Review of Purchasing Process INFO

CC-100428-CA-0116

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended in document #SWLSB-2010/04/28-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC-100428-CA-0117

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2010-03-24, 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:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Steve Mitchell

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

4.1 *Report from the Chair:*

The Chair extended thanks, on behalf of the Council of Commissioners, to the Principal of Grenville Elementary School, Nancy Bennett, and her staff for the wonderful video presentation of the school's 4-Year Old Kindergarten Program, viewed prior to this meeting.

He went on to note that he had received a report from the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) concerning a recent meeting it had with the **Minister of l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport** and that the following was discussed:

- **Democratie scolaire:** The **Minister** advised that school boards will have a response to questions concerning derogations, elections and twinning of elections within the next two weeks. She also confirmed that school elections will be delayed until 2013 and that a decree will be forthcoming. Once the decree has been made she will be forming a joint *Table Québec/Commissions scolaires/Municipalités* concerning twinning.
- **Fall Summit:** This is planned for October or November 2010 and will have three major themes: (1) university governance and access; (2) technical-vocational education and employment training, and (3) school board governance and service delivery. The summit is currently in the planning stages.
- **Bill 104:** The **Minister** would not discuss anything concerning this bill and noted that the school boards would be advised, not consulted, prior to any announcement of the government's plans for this bill.
- **Budgetary Issues:** The issue of Director General's bonuses was raised and the **Minister** reminded everyone that the budget takes precedence over any Management Regulations. The QESBA expressed concern over the announcement that limits administrative hiring to one person for every two who retire as this move could hurt delivery of educational services and asked if the school boards would be given the 2010-2011 school year to prepare for this measure. The **Minister** stated that the one for two measure was to be implemented immediately.

He continued noting that the recent joint professional development session with the Lester B. Pearson School Board (LBPSB) was very informative. The Chair of the LBPSB has sent a note of thanks to the school board for its participation. A follow-up session is being considered.

He also advised that the final report has been received from the Fall Focus Session and that once reviewed with the presenter all Commissioners will receive a copy.

A resolution was received from the Lester B. Pearson School Board (LBPSB) concerning access to English education and it will be presented at the Communications & Public Relations Committee for discussion and recommendation on whether or not the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will consider a similar resolution..

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 *Assistant Director of Educational Services:*

The Director General presented and reviewed the recommendation of the Selection Committee which conducted interviews on 2010-04-15, for the position of Assistant Director of Educational Services. There were 4 internal candidates and 1 external candidate interviewed. The candidate being recommended by the Selection Committee is Tina Korb, currently Principal of Terry Fox Elementary School.

Commissioner Walter Fogel left the meeting.

TIME: 19:52 hours

Commissioner Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

TIME: 19:53 hours

CC-100428-HR-0118

WHEREAS the Assistant Director of Educational Services has been named Director of Educational Services of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, effective 2010-03-24;

WHEREAS the position of Assistant Director of Educational Services is currently vacant;

WHEREAS a Selection Committee was formed and conducted interviews on Thursday, 2010-04-15;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee was unanimous in its recommendation for the position of Assistant Director of Educational Services;

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 appoint **Tina Korb** to the position of Assistant Director of Educational Services, effective 2010-07-01.

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

Commissioners Walter Fogel and Mike Pizzola asked that it be noted that they abstained on this resolution due to the process not the person being named to the position.

The Chair, on behalf of the Council of Commissioners, congratulated Mrs. Korb.

5.2 Amendments to 2007-2011 SWL Strategic Plan:

The Director General announced that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is currently consulting on the one year amendment to its 2007-2011 Strategic Plan in order to bring it into line with the school board's Partnership Agreement with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

5.3 Item 6.5.1 of 2010-03-24 Minutes:

Commissioner Walter Fogel inquired, in reference to item 6.5.1 of the minutes of the Council of Commissioners meeting held on 2010-03-24 concerning voting delegates to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), as to how they will allocate votes in the future given the upcoming reductions to the number of electoral divisions/commissioners per school board. As an example, he noted that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board currently has 19 electoral divisions/commissioners but with the upcoming reductions the number will be reduced to 9 therefore, reducing its voting influence.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised that she would bring this up at the next QESBA Board of Directors meeting as it is a good point.

5.4 Meetings in May for Council of Commissioners & Executive Committee:

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Secretary General advised that there is no need to have a resolution for the change of meeting dates for Council and Executive Committee for the month of May, as they will be held as "special" meetings.

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:**6.1 HUMAN SERVICES****6.1.1 Proposed Modification to Administrative Organizational Chart:**

The Director General provided an update on the reorganization of Educational Services noting that the matter had been addressed at the last Management Committee. A thorough presentation of the responsibilities of Complimentary Services was given as well as an assessment of how much the volume of work has evolved over the last number of years. The establishment of Complimentary Services as its own entity would bring clearer guidelines and provide the schools with better service.

She went on to advise the Council that the recommendation of the Management Committee is to create the position of Director of Complimentary Services, at no additional cost to the school board, and proceed with the posting of the position. It also supports the position of Assistant Director, given the responsibilities of Complimentary Services. **The following resolution was presented:**

WHEREAS the Executive Committee adopted resolution # EC-100316-CA-0049, mandating the Director General to bring a complement of information to the Associations on the December consultation reflecting the proposed changes to the 2009-2010 Administrative Organizational Chart;

WHEREAS this mandate included that the proposed changes to the organizational chart respond to the needs of the school board by reorganizing existing resources at the central office at no additional cost;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-100324-HR-0105 mandating the Directorate to continue discussions with the Administrators;

WHEREAS the Management Committee discussed this topic at its April 6th, 2010 meeting and came to a consensus as per the attached resolution;

WHEREAS the Director General has brought this recommendation to the Executive Committee;

_____ *MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Management Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board amend the 2009-2010 Administrative Organizational Chart by creating the position of Director of Complementary Services.*

AND THAT consequently, the Council of Commissioners mandates the Director General to proceed with the posting of this position.

Commissioner Walter Fogel acknowledged the feedback from the Management Committee and recommended that the Assistant Director of Complimentary Services, Stephanie Krenn, is very competent and that this should be acknowledged by modifying the resolution to include that Ms. Krenn be named to the position of Director of Complementary Services, effective 2010-07-01.

The Council entered into discussion.

CC-100428-HR-0119

WHEREAS the Executive Committee adopted resolution # EC-100316-CA-0049, mandating the Director General to bring a complement of information to the Associations on the December consultation reflecting the proposed changes to the 2009-2010 Administrative Organizational Chart;

WHEREAS this mandate included that the proposed changes to the organizational chart respond to the needs of the school board by reorganizing existing resources at the central office at no additional cost;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-100324-HR-0105 mandating the Directorate to continue discussions with the Administrators;

WHEREAS the Management Committee discussed this topic at its April 6th, 2010 meeting and came to a consensus as per the attached resolution;

WHEREAS the Director General has brought this recommendation to the Executive Committee;

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Management Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board amend the 2009-2010 Administrative Organizational Chart by creating the position of Director of Complementary Services.

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners appoint **Stephanie Krenn** to this position, effective 2010-07-01.

FURTHER THAT, consequently, the Council of Commissioners mandates the Director General to proceed with the posting of the position of Assistant Director of Complementary Services.

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, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Mike Pizzola

6.1.2 2010-2011 Assignment & Transfer of In-School Administrators:

The Director General presented and reviewed the first round of the assignments and transfers of in-school administrators for the 2010-2011 school year noting that the changes in assignment were minimal.

The Council entered into discussion and the main concern expressed was the replacements for those in-school administrators currently on leave.

CC-100428-HR-0120

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Director General to recommend to the Council of Commissioners the assignment of the in-school and centre administrators prior to May 1 annually in accordance with the Management Policy adopted by the board;

WHEREAS principals and vice-principals have submitted their career plans for 2010-2011 to the Director General as requested;

WHEREAS the career plans of all the in-school Administrators have been reviewed by the Director General;

WHEREAS meetings were held with the individuals involved in the changes of assignment;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association was presented with the criteria for assignment and transfer of in-school Administrators;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners approve the assignment of the in-school and centre administrators, effective 2010-07-01, as follows:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	PRINCIPALS	VICE-PRINCIPALS
Arundel (50% teaching)	Carolyn Roberts (TBR-March)	
Crestview	Mary Lazaris	
Franklin Hill	Daniel Tremblay	

Genesis	Serge-Édouard Jeanniton	
Grenville (50% teaching)	Nancy Bennett	
Hillcrest	Douglas Clarke	
John F. Kennedy	Florence Delorme	
Joliette	Paul Fogel	
Jules Verne	Karen Lorenz	
Laurentia	Karen Moore	
Laurentian Elementary	Darlene Reeves	
McCaig	Frederic Greschner	Marissa Goffredo
Morin Heights	Grace Courey	
Mountainview	Darlene Miller	
Our Lady of Peace	Nunziatina Miscio (TBR – Xmas)	
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Lisa Verrall (TBR – Xmas)	
Pinewood	André Gionet	
Rawdon (50% teaching)	VACANT	
Souvenir	Carmela Sacco	Luciana Cifarelli
Ste-Adèle (50% teaching)	VACANT	
Ste-Agathe Academy (Elementary)	Christina Shousha	
St-Jude	Christyne Legault	
St-Paul	Ann Cohen	VACANT
St-Vincent	Nathalie Rollin	Concetta Larosa
Terry Fox	VACANT	Lynn Neveu
Twin Oaks	Hazel Milley	
HIGH SCHOOLS	PRINCIPALS	VICE-PRINCIPALS
Joliette High School	Robert Simpson	
Lake of Two Mountains	Sollie Glikzman	Christian St-Pierre
Laurentian Regional High School	Josée Côté	Nadia Anwar
Laurier Senior High School	Nick Primiano	Robert Bennett, Constantina Chronopoulos
Laval Junior High School	Richard Mason	Sonia Busnardo
Laval Liberty High School	Eric Ruggi	Helen Kalipolidis, Aimee Parsons
Mother Teresa	Anna Villalta	Sarmen Jakalian
Mountainview High School (50% teaching)	Louise McLaughlin	
Phoenix (40% teaching)	Susan Gilmore	
Rosemere High School	Scott Traylen	David Mitchell, Christina Cichon, Charles Chagnon
Ste-Agathe Academy (Secondary)	Christina Shousha	
ADULT EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL TRAINING	DIRECTORS	
Adult and Voc. Ed.	Johanne Brabant, Director	Gaëlle Absolonne, Assist.-Director
		Gina Persechino, Assist Centre Director
Educational Services	Gerald Robillard, Director	Tina Korb, Assist.-Director, Ed. Services
	Stephanie Krenn, Complementary Services	VACANT, Assist.-Director, Comp. Services

Carried unanimously

6.2 MATERIAL RESOURCES

6.2.1 Engagement of Contractor – Brick Work – Laurentia ES:

The Director of Material Resources provided background information on the brickwork project at Laurentia Elementary School.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

TIME: 20:37 hours

CC-100428-MR-0121

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-091028-MR-0035 to retain the services of Arcand-Laporte, Architectes, to prepare the architectural specifications, drawings, tendering documentation and provide supervision for the renovation project (brick work) at Laurentia Elementary School;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has adopted Measure 50710 to assist school boards with the repair and maintenance of its buildings;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2010-04-09;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

Commissioner Georges Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the renovation project (brick work) at Laurentia Elementary School to **Gaston Champoux 1973 inc.** for a total cost of 263 800\$, before taxes, (297 764,25\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the **Chair**, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-**Chair**, as well as the Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Carried unanimously

6.2.2 Engagement of Contractor – St-Vincent Annex Renovation Project:

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that the tenders for the St-Vincent Elementary School Annex renovation project were opened earlier today and the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, made at a special meeting prior to the Council, is that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:39 hours

In response to a question from Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the Director of Material Resources noted that the professionals on the project have also reviewed the tenders and support the recommendation to engage the lowest conformable bidder.

In response to a comment from the Chair, the Director of Material Resources stated that the bid being recommended will save the project close to 500 000\$ and that this savings will be retained and used within the project for any change orders that occur or reserved for other projects.

CC-100428-MR-0122

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-091028-MR-0035 to retain the services of Anis Nazar Architectes, to prepare the architectural specifications, drawings, tendering documentation and provide supervision for the renovation project at St-Vincent Annex Elementary School;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has adopted Measure 50690 to assist school boards with the repair and maintenance of its buildings;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2010-04-28;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for major renovations at St-Vincent Elementary School **Annex** to **KF Construction inc.** for a total cost of 1 033 001,11\$, before taxes, (1 166 000,00\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the **Chair**, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-**Chair**, as well as the Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Carried unanimously

6.2.3 Sale of Land – Ste-Agathe Academy:

The Director of Material Resources provided background information on the land at Ste-Agathe Academy noting that the Material Resources Committee is recommending that the school board place this land, 5 buildable lots, up for sale. In 2008 an offer to purchase 2 of these lots was accepted by the Council of Commissioners but the offer was subsequently withdrawn.

CC-100428-MR-0123

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #EC-080715-MR0035 approving the sale of lots 13AP and 13A-3P (2,168 m² / 2 buildable lots), located in Ste-Agathe to Laurent Paquette for the amount of 72 000\$, including the appraisal fees;

WHEREAS Mr. Paquette has verbally advised us that he no longer wished to purchase this land;

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind resolution #EC-080715-MR-0035.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 20:43 hours

CC-100428-MR-0124

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-080521-MR-0217 mandating the Director of Material Resources to place lots 13A-P and 13A-3P (2 124.0 m² / 2 buildable lots), located in Ste-Agathe (Québec) adjacent to Ste-Agathe Academy up for sale;

WHEREAS the sale of this land was approved by resolution #EC-080715-MR-0035;

WHEREAS this resolution was rescinded on 2010-04-28 by resolution #CC-100428-MR-0123;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Committee wishes to put lots 13A-P and 13A-3P back up for sale;

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of Material Resources to place lots 13A-P and 13A-3P (2 124.0 m² / 2 buildable lots), located in Ste-Agathe (Québec) adjacent to Ste-Agathe Academy), up for sale.

AND THAT all offers be referred back to the Material Resources Committee for recommendation to the Council of commissioners.

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, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Merle Parkinson

CC-100428-MR-0125

WHEREAS there is land, part of lot 14-2 (2,168 m² / 3 buildable lots) of the Parish of Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, adjacent to Ste-Agathe Academy that the Material Resources Committee wishes to put up for sale

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of Material Resources to place part of lot 14-2 (2,168 m² / 3 buildable lots) of the Parish of Ste-Agathe-des-Monts), located in Ste-Agathe (Québec) adjacent to Ste-Agathe Academy, up for sale.

AND THAT all offers be referred back to the Material Resources Committee for recommendation to the Council of commissioners.

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, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Merle Parkinson

6.3 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

6.3.1 Engagement of Auditors:

The Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the results of the tenders received for the services of an auditing firm. She drew attention to the comparison chart of the three tenders received noting that only two of the three conformed.

CC-100428-MR-0126

WHEREAS the contract of the current firm that conducts auditing services for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board ended with the 2008-2009 audit;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2010-04-12;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee has reviewed the tenders received and recommends that the contract be awarded to the bidder most conformable to the specifications;

WHEREAS section 284 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) states "*For each fiscal year, every school board shall appoint from among the members of a professional order of accountants governed by the Professional Code (chapter C-26) an external auditor who shall file a report of his audit of the financial transactions of the school board.*"

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage the firm of **Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton s.e.n.c.r.l.** to conduct auditing services for the **2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012** fiscal year.

AND THAT the annual cost be as follows:

- 2009-2010 : 36,000 \$, before taxes, (40,635 \$, all taxes included)
- 2010-2011 : 37,000 \$ before taxes, (42,152 \$, all taxes included)
- 2011-2012 : 38,000 \$ before taxes, (43,691 \$, all taxes included)

Carried unanimously

6.4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

6.4.1 Cellular Phone Service Contract:

The Director of Information Technology reviewed the results of the public tender for the cellular phone service contract noting that the Information Technology Committee is recommending that Telus be engaged as the service contract provider.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of Information Technology noted that under the new contract a cell phone will cost the school board 2\$ less per month than the current contract and that phone will be replaced free of charge.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:51 hours

In response to a comment from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Director of Information Technology advised that the school board is looking into the possibility of an employee plan with Telus, that would allow for employees to benefit from the corporate plan at their own expense.

CC-100428-IT-0127

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved a public call for tender for the renewal of the school board's cellular phone services contract;

WHEREAS the tenders were received and opened on 2010-03-23;

WHEREAS an evaluation committee has reviewed the tenders and submitted its report;

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the contract be awarded to **TELUS** for an initial period of 3-years with the possibility of an extension of up to 2 years.

Carried unanimously

On a "point of privilege", Commissioner Walter Fogel asked to revisit item 6.3.1, as the amount including taxes in this resolution could become erroneous given the new provincial tax rate. He recommended that the resolution be re-adopted and the original resolution replaced.

Commissioner Nick Milas left the meeting.

TIME: 20:55 hours

CC-100428-FR-0128

WHEREAS the contract of the current firm that conducts auditing services for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board ended with the 2008-2009 audit;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2010-04-12;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee has reviewed the tenders received and recommends that the contract be awarded to the bidder most conformable to the specifications;

WHEREAS section 284 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) states *“For each fiscal year, every school board shall appoint from among the members of a professional order of accountants governed by the Professional Code (chapter C-26) an external auditor who shall file a report of his audit of the financial transactions of the school board.”*

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage the firm of **Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton s.e.n.c.r.l.** to conduct auditing services for the **2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012** fiscal year.

AND THAT the annual cost be as follows:

- 2009-2010 : 36,000 \$ before taxes
- 2010-2011 : 37,000 \$ before taxes
- 2011-2012 : 38,000 \$ before taxes

FURTHER THAT this **replaces** resolution #CC-100428-MR-0126.

Carried unanimously

6.5 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.5.1 Cancellation of Rights:

The Secretary General advised Council that the school board has a right of passage for land behind Laurentian Regional High School with the Ville de Lachute. The Ville de Lachute has advised that it requires the land on which this servitude exists and, given that the school board no longer requires this right of passage, it is recommended that the servitude with the Ville de Lachute be cancelled. This change will be at no cost to the school board.

CC-100428-CA-0129

WHEREAS there exists a servitude of passage on lot #3 630 050 between the Ville de Lachute and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (formerly the Laurentian School Board) and the Commission scolaire de la Rivière du Nord (formerly the commission scolaire du Long-Sault);

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board no longer requires this servitude;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik 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 advise the Ville de Lachute that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board no longer requires this servitude of passage and authorizes the cancellation of rights for lot #3 630 050.

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

6.5.2 Entente – CRÉ de Laval:

The Secretary General provided background information on the entente with the CRÉ de Laval noting that the school board has similar agreements in the Laurentians and Lanaudière.

CC-100428-CA-0130

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) now requires school boards to have partnership agreements with all of its associates;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of the Conférence régionale des élus de Laval (CRÉ de Laval) and wishes to be a part of this entente;

WHEREAS an entente with the CRÉ de Laval is being established with its partners for "Matière de perseverance scolaire et de réussite éducative dans la region de Laval" for 2010-2013;

WHEREAS this entente will require a financial commitment of 15 000\$ per year for three years for a total amount of 45 000\$;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board enter into an entente with the Conférence régionale des élus de Laval (CRÉ de Laval) for a "Matière de perseverance scolaire et de réussite éducative dans la region de Laval" for a three year period, 2010-2013.

AND THAT a financial commitment of 15 000\$ per year for three years for a total amount of 45 000\$ is approved;

FURTHER THAT the Chair, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chair, as well as the Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this entente.

Carried unanimously

6.6 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

6.6.1 Student Focus Session:

The Director of Educational Services advised the Council that on 2010-04-27 a Student Focus Session was held and it was a very positive and informative experience with 42 students present. Given that this session had to be rescheduled, the following resolution is to approve the activity retroactively.

Commissioner Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:58 hours

CC-100428-ED-0131

WHEREAS discussions have taken place at meetings of the Council of Commissioners and the Educational Services Committee on student democracy;

WHEREAS section 211.1 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) stipulates that "*the school board must adopt a policy on introducing students to democracy in schools, providing, in particular, a form of student representation with the Council of Commissioners*";

WHEREAS a Focus Session for students was planned for the month of May;

WHEREAS the schedule needed to be changed and the Focus Session took place on Tuesday, 2010-04-27;

WHEREAS 42 students participated in this Focus Session;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board recognizes retroactively the Tuesday, 2010-04-27 Focus Session.

AND THAT the information gathered be brought back to the Educational Services Committee for discussion and recommendation.

Carried unanimously

The Chair called for a 10 minutes break.

TIME: 21:00 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:15 hours

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 SWL Foundation:

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak advised the Council that to date 200 tickets have been sold for the Lobster Fest and he encouraged those who wished to attend to purchase their tickets as there are only 500 available.

7.2 Parent Commissioners Report

The report of the Parent Commissioners commented on the last meeting of the Parents Committee where recommendations were made concerning the proposed by-law for the Student Ombudsman and a request to the school board to ensure that a member of the Parents Committee is on the Selection Committee for this position.

In response to a question from Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso if it would be possible for the Parents Committee to have the video presentation of the 4 year Old Program at Grenville Elementary School presented to the Parents Committee, the Chair indicated that arrangements would be made for the Parents Committee to view the video at its next meeting.

In response to an additional inquiry from Parent Commissioner Grasso, the Chair noted that he would discuss further informal meetings with Commissioners and Parents Committee delegates with the Chair of the Parents Committee. He indicated that the planning for these informal meetings would be for the 2010-2011 school year and that more than one would be scheduled.

Parent Commissioner Grasso noted that he had assisted with a delegation of students visiting from Italy and attended "Can Your School Rock" at Rosemere High School. Both experiences were extraordinary.

The Chair thanked Parent Commissioners Chartier and Grasso for being present at the various school activities throughout the year as it gives visibility to the position.

He went on to ask the Director of School Organization to extend congratulations to Saverio Mirarchi, Coordinator of Special Projects, for his participation in hosting the students from Italy.

7.3 Report of the QESBA:

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised that several school boards are adopting a resolution concerning tolerance of homosexuality. This issue will be taken to the Communications & Public Relations Committee to make a recommendation to Council whether or not to adopt a similar resolution.

7.4 Consultation Results – Budget Building Process:

The Director of Financial Resources provided feedback on the budget building process consultation noting that 28 responses were received. The recommendations were similar with most schools wanting more support staff, special education support, building maintenance, no cuts to schools, etc.

These recommendations will be considered in the preparation of the 2010-2011 budget and efforts will be made to meet the three top priorities within the parameters.

7.5 MELS Budget Parameters 2010-2011:

The Director of Financial Resources presented a summary of the 2010-2011 Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) budget parameters consultation noting that a response has been prepared.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of Financial Resources noted that the new Québec Sales Tax rate will be taken into account when preparing the 2010-2011 budget.

The Chair extended congratulations to the president elect for the Laurier Teachers Union, Richard Greschner. Mr. Greschner will assume the position effective 2010-07-01.

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions.

The Director General left the meeting. TIME: 21:25 hours

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier noted that the Arundel Nature Centre (ANC) is frequently a topic of discussion at the Council table and she asked that it be noted in the minutes that she recently spent 3 days at the centre and was amazed at the change in the venue since her last visit. She found that the programs are very interactive, captured the students attention and kept them on their best behaviour. The teacher engaged to run this pilot project is a jewel and should be retained in the position. Congratulations to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for supporting this wonderful project.

The Director of Educational Services noted that there are many plans in the works for ANC and one is to have one of the school board's media teachers take his/her class to ANC to prepare promotional clips and a short film for advertising the centre. The Educational Services Committee is provided with updates on ANC on a monthly basis.

The Director General returned to the meeting. TIME: 21:29 hours

In response to a comment from Commissioner Nazario Facchino, the Director of Educational Services noted that the teacher at ANC will visit a school prior to its visit to the centre in order to plan activities for the school so that their visit is tailor made to their needs.

The Chair advised the Council that the Director General has contacted Stephanie Krenn to advise her of being named to the position of Director of Complimentary Services and that Ms. Krenn is very grateful for the Council's support and thanked them for their confidence in her.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

10.0 VARIA:**10.1 Review of Purchasing Policy:**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak noted that given the current media attention on school board spending he indicated that it would perhaps be prudent to review the school board's current policy on the purchasing of goods and services. He recommended that the Material Resources Committee be mandated to review this policy.

The Chair agreed and asked the Director General mandate the Director of Material Resources to oversee this review

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:33 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ SPECIAL ⇨ 2010-05-18

Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chair