

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2010-06-23

A regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2010-06-23.

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chairman; Georges Benoit, Mario Di Domenico; Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, 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 Robert Dixon, Peter MacLaurin and William Pollock

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

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

In response to a question from Commissioner Mario Di Domenico, the Chairman advised that the questions pertaining to the abolition of the Recreation Technician Position at the Arundel Nature Centre (ANC) and the Documentation Technician at Lake of Two Mountains High School would be answered during this meeting.

CC-100623-CA-0139

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2010/06/23-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC-100623-CA-0140

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2010-05-18, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

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

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

4.1 *Report from the Chairman:*

The Chairman welcomed from Laurier Senior High School, Gail Spillane, Vice Principal, and students, Anusan Anandan, Andrew Bouchard, Joseph Ghaleb, Peter Malek and Peter Mavridakis; who had won an award at the Toronto Student Film Festival earlier this year for their film "Corrupt Blood". The film was one of 26 finalists and it won the Editor's Choice Award. He extended congratulations to all of the students and their teacher, Vanessa Vaughan, for this achievement.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:46 hours

The Chairman presented the students with certificates of recognition and photos were taken.

He continued his report by extending the Council's sympathies to Commissioner Albina Pace on the passing of her mother.

He went on to advise the Council that the Minister of Education, Liesure & Sport has begun preparing for the Fall Summit 2010 and she met yesterday with the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA). The Fall Summit is to discuss topics such as the future of school boards and whether commissioners should be elected or appointed. The Minister has asked the QESBA to submit other possible topics for discussion no later than 2010-08-15.

The Chairman noted that the Bills 100 and 86 have both been adopted into law this month and that both will have an effect on schools boards. Bill 103 has been deposited for feedback to be provided no later than 2010-08-16.

The date of the next school board election is still not known but until it is, the Council of Commissioners must appoint replacements, if the need arises, until the end of this current mandate.

The Chairman extended, on behalf of the Council of Commissioners, his appreciation to Theresa Kralik, President of the Laurier Teachers' Union; and Silvana Di Medio, Chairman of the Parents Committee; for their hard work over the years with the school board, as they are leaving their respective positions on 2010-06-30.

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Stephanie Krenn, the new Director of Complementary Services.

Ms. Krenn thanked the Council for their vote of confidence in appointing her as director, and that she is looking forward to the challenge.

4.2 *Evaluation of the Director General:*

The Chairman presented the evaluation of the Director General for the 2009-2010 school year as per policy #2000-HR-03: Annual Evaluation of the Director General. Feedback for the evaluation was gathered from the Council of Commissioners at a caucus meeting and presented to the Director General. The Council of Commissioners felt that the Director General had set the following goals and met them: a leadership of inclusion, problem solving, clear and valued communications with the Council, achievement of the goals of the Strategic Plan of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, positive relationships with the various groups associated with the school board and an overall commitment to the school board. The evaluation of the Director General shows that she has exceeded expectations in all aspects of her position and that she be granted the maximum rating for her exceptional work.

CC-100623-HR-0141

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has conducted its annual evaluation of the Director General in accordance with policy #2000-HR-03: Annual Evaluation of the Director General;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Chairman, the Council of Commissioners **grant the Director General the "A" rating** for 2009-2010 in accordance with the Regulation respecting certain conditions of employment of senior staff of school boards.

AND THAT the documentation related to the Annual Evaluation of the Director General, as per policy #2000-HR-03, for the year 2009-2010 be entered in the employee file of the Director General.

Carried unanimously

The Director General thanked the Council for its vote of confidence noting that it has been a very productive year. She thanked the Directorate for its support over the past year in dealing with some of the difficult situations faced in 2009-2010.

4.3 Evaluation of the Assistant Director General:

The Director General presented her evaluation of the Assistant Director General noting that he provides great support and collaboration to her office and the school board. She recommended to the Council of Commissioners that the Assistant Director General be granted the maximum rating for his commitment to the school board.

CC-100623-HR-0142

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners grant the **Assistant Director General the "A" rating** for 2009-2010 in accordance with the Regulation respecting certain conditions of employment of senior staff of school boards.

AND THAT the documentation related to the annual evaluation of the Assistant Director General be entered in his employee file.

Carried unanimously

The Assistant Director General thanked the Council of Commissioners and Director General for their confidence in him.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 Update on 2010-2011 Administrative Assignments:

The Director General advised the Council that she is bringing a recommendation to fill the position of Principal at Genesis Elementary School.

CC-100623-HR-0143

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolutions #CC-100428-HR-0120 and CC-100518-HR-0135, approving the assignment and transfer of in-school Administrators for the 2010-2011 school year;

WHEREAS circumstances have made it necessary for the Director General to recommend some modifications to the assignment and transfer of in-school Administrators;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the following modification to the aforementioned resolution:

| ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | PRINCIPAL |
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| Genesis | Irene Agosto |

Carried unanimously

In response to a question from Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the Director General advised that the right candidate for the Vice-Principal position at Laval Liberty High School has not yet been found.

In response to a question from Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier, the Director General advised that before replacement Principals can be selected, for those on leave, it is necessary to make the regular appointments.

In response to questions from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director of Human Resources noted that at this time anyone teaching in this province must have a Québec teacher's license, but the government is investigating having inter-provincial agreements for teachers.

The Chairman indicated that this issue would be brought to the attention of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale indicated that there will be an entente coming into force that will allow for professionals from out of province to work without special permits.

CC-100623-CA-0144

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman to approach the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) regarding adapting Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) regulations to allow out-of-province administrators to be considered for vacant positions in Québec schools.

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

5.2 Modifications to 2007-2011 Strategic Plan:

The Director General presented the revisions for the final year of the 2007-2011 Strategic Plan noting that the section of the plan for 2010-2011 was revised in order to meet the 5 goals set out by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS). Some of the feedback received from the consultation, which ended on 2010-05-25, was retained and has been integrated into the final version of the plan.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola left the meeting.

TIME: 20:29 hours

CC-100623-CA-0145

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-100324-CA-0106, approving in principle the modifications to the 2007-2011 Strategic Plan in order to align it with the 5 goals of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) Strategic Plan;

WHEREAS a consultation was conducted and concluded on 2010-05-25;

WHEREAS the results were reviewed and the feedback was taken into consideration;

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the modifications to the 2007-2011 Strategic Plan for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, as contained in document #SWLSB-2010/06/23-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Mike Pizzola returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:31 hours

5.3 By-Law – Student Ombudsman:

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the feedback received from the consultation, which concluded on 2010-04-26. The feedback has been presented to the Communications & Public Relations Committee.

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution # CC-100224-CA-0092, approving in principle by-law #BL2010-CA-19: Procedure for the Examination of Complaints of Students or Their Parents;

WHEREAS the consultation process for by-laws, as per section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), was adhered to and a public notice published in the 2010-02-27 edition of the Journal Le Courrier (Laval);

WHEREAS the comments received were reviewed and taken into consideration;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve by-law #BL2010-CA-19: Procedure for the Examination of Complaints of Students or Their Parents.

AND THAT this By-Law becomes effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

In response to a concern expressed by Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso, the Secretary General noted that there is a mention in the by-law that **allows** for parents to by-pass the normal appeal process with the school board and go directly to the Student Ombudsman.

She also noted that if a conflict of interest arises between the Student Ombudsman and the complainant requesting services, arrangements will be made with another school board to use its Student Ombudsman.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 20:36 hours

In response to a question from Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier, the Secretary General advised that an information pamphlet is being drafted to explain clearly the process for using the Student Ombudsman.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 20:40 hours

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico and Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso asked that the proposed resolution be amended to include the process for the use of Student Ombudsman and the creation of a pamphlet explaining the role of the Student Ombudsman. Commissioner Nazario Facchino accepted these amendments.

Commissioner Walter Fogel objected to the amendment as it is insinuating that a member of the Directorate is not doing their job.

CC-100623-CA-0146

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the amendment proposed to include an obligation to prepare a pamphlet be stricken from the resolution.

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

Commissioner Steve Mitchell indicated that the proposed resolution should be further amended by moving section 8.3 of the by-law to make it in section 6, as it helps clarify the process. Commissioner Nazario Facchino accepted this amendment.

CC-100623-CA-0147

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution # CC-100224-CA-0092, approving in principle by-law #BL2010-CA-19: Procedure for the Examination of Complaints of Students or Their Parents;

WHEREAS the consultation process for by-laws, as per section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), was adhered to and a public notice published in the 2010-02-27 edition of the Journal Le Courier (Laval);

WHEREAS the comments received were reviewed and taken into consideration;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve by-law #BL2010-CA-19: Procedure for the Examination of Complaints of Students or Their Parents.

AND THAT this By-Law becomes effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

Carried unanimously

5.4 Policy – Deeds of Establishment & Three-Year Plan:

The Director of School Organization advised that the consultation period ended on 2010-04-26 and that the School Organization Committee has reviewed the deeds and the three-year plan for each school and centre. The feedback received was mostly cosmetic in nature.

CC-100623-CA-0148

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-100224-CA-0091 approving in principle policy #2010-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables;

WHEREAS the consultation period expired on 2010-04-26;

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #2010-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables of all schools, centres and other buildings.

Carried unanimously

The Director General announced that she has received, with regret, a notice of retirement from George Paquette, Director of School Organization, effective 2010-12-31, after 32 years with the school board **and its antecedents**. She noted that it has been a pleasure to work with him.

The Chairman noted that the Director of School Organization will be greatly missed as he is a true professional not only in difficult situations but everyday.

In response to a request from Commissioner George Benoit, Chairman of the School Organization Committee, the Director General advised that there is a process to be followed when a position becomes vacant. She also noted that the new government regulation has to be examined to see how it affects this process.

Several of the Commissioners shared fond memories of working with the Director of School Organization.

The Director of School Organization thanked the **Director General and Council members** for their kind words.

5.5 Policy – Special Needs:

The Director of Educational Services presented and reviewed the amendments to the Special Needs Policy noting that the consultation concluded on 2010-06-11. The majority of the feedback received from the consultation was retained.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 21:03 hours

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised that the Special Education Advisory Committee was very pleased to have been included in the process of amending this policy.

CC-100623-ED-0149

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-100324-ED-0111 approving in principle the amendments to policy #2005-ED-06: Organization of Services for Students with Handicaps, Social Maladjustments or Learning Difficulties;

WHEREAS the consultation period expired on 2010-06-11;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to policy #2005-ED-06: Organization of Services for Students with Handicaps, Social Maladjustments or Learning Difficulties.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Albina Pace left the meeting.

TIME: 21:07 hours

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.1 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

6.1.1 2010-2011 Budget:

The Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the 2010-2011 budget noting that a detailed presentation had taken place with the Council prior to this meeting. She went on to highlight the major points of the budget in a PowerPoint presentation.

She also noted that the preliminary budget parameters from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) have not yet been received.

Commissioners George Benoit and Mike Pizzola left the meeting. **TIME: 21:08 hours**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak left the meeting **TIME: 21:09 hours**

She continued by pointing out that during the 2010-2011 school year the school board will begin to feel the impact of decreased enrolment in the budget envelope.

Commissioners Albina Pace and Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:11 hours**

She further noted that the implications of Bill 100 are not yet incorporated into the budget and will be considered for the revised budget in January 2011, which will provided a clearer financial picture when presented as the audit will have been concluded.

Commissioner Georges Benoit, Tom Mouhteros and Mike Pizzola returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:16 hours

CC-100623-FR-0150

WHEREAS in accordance with the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.1), the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must adopt and submit to the Minister its operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2010-2011 school year;

WHEREAS the budget provides for a surplus in operations for 2010-2011;

WHEREAS the standardized assessment included in the real estate tax base which was used to establish the equalization payment in the amount of 7 848 982 480\$ in conformity with the law and the 2010-2011 budgetary rules;

WHEREAS the budget establishes the tax rate for the 2010-2011 school year at 0,35\$ per 100\$ of assessment;

WHEREAS this rate respects the limits permitted by law;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners adopt the operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

AND THAT it be submitted to the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport for approval under the terms and conditions determined by the Minister.

FURTHER THAT the tax rate be established at 0,35\$ per 100\$ of assessment

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

The Director General presented an additional resolution concerning the annual delay in receiving budget parameters.

CC-100623-FR-0151

WHEREAS the members of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board met to study the proposed budget for 2010-2011;

WHEREAS the preparation of the yearly budget is an important, time consuming and strategic tool for proper and responsible governance;

WHEREAS the members of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wish to express their dissatisfaction with the conditions for 2010-2011 budget preparation in terms of the late availability of budget parameters from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) required in order to prepare said budget;

WHEREAS the timeline for adoption of the budget is extremely tight in order to issue tax bills early in July;

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) that in the future, final parameters be available to school boards by May 15th to allow the school board adequate time to prepare the budget and commissioners sufficient time to review it and offer feedback for consideration in the final budget;

AND THAT the Director General be mandated to notify the representatives at the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport of this recommendation.

FUTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and to all nine English school boards.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

TIME: 21:24 hours

In response to several questions asked at the 2010-05-18 Council meeting, the Director of Human Resources advised that a meeting had been held with the SEPB 577 Union concerning the positions of Documentation Technician at Lake of Two Mountains High School and the Recreational Activities Technician at the Arundel Nature Centre.

The results of the meeting were that as soon as the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) provides funding to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to engage a second School Board Librarian, it was agreed that this position would have some dedicated time for the library at Lake of Two Mountains High School and, if required, some funding could be provided for clerical tasks. As for the Recreational Activities Technician at the Arundel Nature Centre, a one month grace period will be granted to the position for the transition period.

In response to a concern expressed by Commissioner Mario Di Domenico, the Director General advised that no clear response has been received from the MELS concerning the 1 for 2 replacement of administrators policy. She will provide an answer when it is available.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:28 hours

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Director General noted that many of the new appointments recently made were to existing positions on the school board's organigram. The only new position is the Director of Complementary Services.

6.1.2 2010-2011 Employee Computer Purchase Program:

The Director of Financial Resources advised that the Financial Resources Committee is recommending that the Employee Computer Purchase Program be offered for 2010-2011. During the 2009-2010 year, 15 employees utilized the program.

CC-100623-FR-0152

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Financial Resources Committee recommend that a Computer Purchase Program for Full-Time Employees be renewed for the 2010-2011 school year;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will advance to any employee a designated sum upon the signing of a contract for repayment, as per document #SWLSB-2010/06/23-FR-001;

WHEREAS the employee agrees to reimburse the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board the advance sum plus interest calculated at **5%** on the declining balance;

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the renewal of the Computer Purchase Program for Full-Time Employees as per the conditions set out in document #SWLSB-2010/06/23-FR-001.

Carried unanimously

The Chairman called for a 10 minute recess.

TIME: 21:31 hours

The meeting resumed.

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| 6.2 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS |
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6.2.1 Statutory Committees 2010-2011:

The Secretary General advised that this is an annual resolution.

The Chairman noted that those currently sitting on **the Transportation** Advisory Committee have indicated that they wish to remain.

There were no other nominations.

CC-100623-CA-0153

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Robert Dixon and Walter Fogel** to the Advisory Committee on Transportation for the 2010-2011 school year; AND THAT **Georges Benoit and Merle Parkinson** be named as Alternates.

Carried unanimously

6.2.2 Nominations to Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation:

The Chairman advised that since the creation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation there have been two Commissioners named by the Council of Commissioners to the Foundation Board of Directors. At this time, it is necessary to nominate two commissioners to sit on the Board of Directors until the end of the current Commissioners mandate.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale nominated Commissioners Steve Bletas and Edward Turchyniak. Commissioners Bletas and Turchyniak both accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-100623-CA-0154

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board offers a strong commitment to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation has a Board of Directors composed of business persons, administrators from the public sector, parents, community representatives and a legal advisor;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation wishes to benefit from the membership of two Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board named by the Council of Commissioners;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Commissioners Steve Bletas and Edward Turchyniak** to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation for the period 2010-06-24 until the end of the current Commissioners mandate.

Carried unanimously

6.2.3 Adoption of Partnership Agreement:

The Director General informed the Council that the following mandate is required in order for the Chairman and herself to sign the Partnership Agreement with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS). The agreement is currently under review at the MELS and will be signed once approved at that level.

In response to a question regarding safety from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, the Director General noted that she agrees with his point regarding safety, as it can always be improved. As for setting benchmarks concerning this issue, the school board needs to be accurate.

The Council entered into discussion and the Chairman asked that the issue of safety be placed on the agenda of the next Educational Services Committee meeting.

CC-100623-CA-0155

WHEREAS the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) requires all school boards to revise their Strategic Plans to align with the five (5) new Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) goals;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has adopted its amended Strategic Plan for 2010-2011;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has worked in collaboration with the Administrators of its schools and centres on the means to achieve the goals and measurable objective determined by the Minister and developed a Partnership Agreement;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the Partnership Agreement, as presented in document #SWLSB-2010/06/23-CA-001.

AND THAT the Chairman, or in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, or in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign this Partnership Agreement with the Minister.

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

6.2.4 Bill 100:

The Secretary General advised the Council that Bill 100 has been passed into law.

The Council entered into discussion and it was agreed that the Québec Government should be advised of the opinion of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on this matter.

CC-100623-CA-0156

WHEREAS Bill 100, *"An act to implement certain provisions of the budget speech of 30 march 2010, reduce the debt and return to a balanced budget in 2013-2014"*, has been adopted by the Assemblée Nationale du Québec;

WHEREAS this bill will require school boards to make reductions in administrative expenditures of 10% by the end of the 2013-2014 fiscal year and by 25% in expenditures on travel, professional development and publicity, starting in the 2010-2011 fiscal year;

WHEREAS this bill calls into question the expertise and autonomy of school boards by prescribing, arbitrarily, how and where these cuts must be made therefore depriving school boards of the opportunity to implement reductions in a manner consistent with their expertise and experience in delivering quality educational and support/complementary services;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is committed to providing all students with the best possible educational and complementary services;

WHEREAS in order to fulfill that commitment, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must be able to exercise its full and legitimate role as an elected level of government, and do so in the most responsible and effective manner possible;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board demonstrates sound management of its public funds;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board recognizes and accepts its responsibility to contribute to the necessary task of debt reduction in Québec and thus, does not dispute its over-all obligation to reduce the expenditures prescribed in Bill 100;

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that the Gouvernement du Québec respect the legitimate right of school boards in Québec to manage their financial responsibilities in accordance with the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) by amending Bill 100 and removing the arbitrary and potentially detrimental imposition of specific directives with respect to how school boards must achieve reductions in their expenditures between now and the completion of the 2013-2014 fiscal exercise.

AND THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board advise the Gouvernement du Québec that it is ready to participate in the over-all cost reductions prescribed by Bill 100 but only in its over-all expenditures and in a manner consistent with its mission of providing the best possible educational and support/complementary services and by virtue of its autonomy under the Education Act.

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the **Premier of Québec**, the **Minister of Finance**, the Quebec English School Boards Association; and the Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec.

Carried unanimously

6.2.5 *Modification to the Harassment Policy:*

The Secretary General advised the Council that the Harassment Policy is undergoing some amendments in order to clarify the follow-up procedures. The Communications & Public Relations Committee (CPRC) has reviewed the proposed amendments. The policy will be sent for consultation with the unions and associations of the school board and will be brought to the 2010-09-29 Council meeting for consideration.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 22:06 hours

CC-100623-HR-0157

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #060426-HR-0201, adopting policy #2006-HR-06: Policy on Harassment;

WHEREAS this policy was recently revisited and some amendments were recommended to better explain the full process;

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communication & Public Relations Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the amendments to policy #2006-HR-06: Policy on Harassment.

AND THAT the amendments to this policy be sent out for consultation to all unions and associations of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

FURTHER THAT this consultation be conducted from 2010-06-25 until 2010-09-17 and any amendments be presented at the 2010-09-29 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

Carried unanimously

6.2.6 *Remuneration of Commissioners 2010-2011:*

The Secretary General presented the proposed remuneration for Commissioners for 2010-2011 noting that the cost of living adjustment, as of 2009-12-31, is 1.003%.

WHEREAS the Gouvernement du Québec adopted Decree number 836-2000 concerning the maximum annual amounts that are to be provided to school board commissioners;

WHEREAS this decree provides for annual increments based on the annual average consumer price index as established by Statistics Canada as of December 31st of the preceding year, which as of December 31, 2009 was 1.003%;

WHEREAS for school year 2010-2011, the maximum allowable amount has been set at 166 184,00\$;

WHEREAS Section 175 of the Education Act provides for the Council of Commissioners to determine the manner in which the maximum allowable amount is to be distributed to members of the Council;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish the annual remuneration for its Commissioners for services rendered to the school board as follows:

The annual base amount for each commissioner:

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| 3 249 \$ x 21 commissioners | = | 68 229 \$ |
| 4 364 \$ x 9 commissioners (Executive Committee) | = | 39 276 \$ |
| 13 743\$ x 1 Chairman of the Council of Commissioners | = | 13 743 \$ |
| 5 727 \$ x 1 Vice-Chairman of the Council of Commissioners | = | 5 727 \$ |
| 5 727 \$ x 1 Chairman of Executive Committee | = | 5 727 \$ |
| 2 866 \$ x 1 Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee | = | 2 866 \$ |

Balance available for distribution 30 616 \$

TOTAL ENVELOPE: **166 184 \$**

AND THAT the balance amount will be divided equally among all members of the Council of Commissioners, excluding the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council of Commissioners, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Commissioners on the Executive Committee.

FURTHER THAT this annual remuneration will be divided and paid out in accordance with the payroll schedule of the school board for the 2010-2011 school year.

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier requested that the proposed resolution be amended to include Parent Commissioners at the end of the 8th paragraph. Commissioner Tom Mouhteros accepted this amendment.

CC-100623-CA-0158

WHEREAS the Gouvernement du Québec adopted Decree number 836-2000 concerning the maximum annual amounts that are to be provided to school board commissioners;

WHEREAS this decree provides for annual increments based on the annual average consumer price index as established by Statistics Canada as of December 31st of the preceding year, which as of December 31, 2009 was 1.003%;

WHEREAS for school year 2010-2011, the maximum allowable amount has been set at 166 184,00\$;

WHEREAS Section 175 of the Education Act provides for the Council of Commissioners to determine the manner in which the maximum allowable amount is to be distributed to members of the Council;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish the annual remuneration for its Commissioners for services rendered to the school board as follows:

The annual base amount for each commissioner:

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| 13 743\$ x 1 Chairman of the Council of Commissioners | = | 13 743 \$ |
| 5 727 \$ x 1 Vice-Chairman of the Council of Commissioners | = | 5 727 \$ |
| 5 727 \$ x 1 Chairman of Executive Committee | = | 5 727 \$ |
| 2 866 \$ x 1 Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee | = | 2 866 \$ |

Balance available for distribution 30 616 \$

TOTAL ENVELOPE: **166 184 \$**

AND THAT the balance amount will be divided equally among all members of the Council of Commissioners, excluding the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council of Commissioners, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Commissioners on the Executive Committee, including Parent Commissioners.

FURTHER THAT this annual remuneration will be divided and paid out in accordance with the payroll schedule of the school board for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

6.2.7 Rescinding of Outdated/Replaced Policies:

The Secretary General presented a proposed resolution to rescind all policies of the Laurentian School Board, Laurenval School Board and Laurentienne Dissentient School Board as they have been replaced or are outdated.

CC-100623-CA-0159

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was formed on 1998-07-01 and was comprised of the former Laurentian School Board, Laurenval School Board and the Laurentienne Dissentient Protestant School Board;

WHEREAS these school boards each operated with its own functions, powers, by-laws, and policies;

WHEREAS since the 1998 merger of these school boards many of these policies have been replaced, are inactive or are redundant;

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners rescind all the policies for the former Laurentian School Board, Laurenval School Board and the Laurentienne Dissentient Protestant School Board.

Carried unanimously

6.2.8 Date, Time & Place of Council Meetings:

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the proposed changes to the by-laws concerning the date, time and place of regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board noting that these by-laws will set the meeting dates for the 2010-2011 school year. The Communications & Public Relations Committee has reviewed the proposed changes and supports them.

CC-100623-CA-0160

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #000126-CA-0130, adopting by-law #BL2000-CA-05: Date, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS it has become necessary to amend this by-law to bring it in line with the 2010-2011 meeting dates for the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the amendments to by-law #BL2000-CA-05: Date, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT this proposed by-law be subject to the consultation process for by-laws, as per section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

FURTHER THAT this by-law will be presented for adoption at the 2010-08-25 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

Carried unanimously

6.2.9 Date, Time & Place of Executive Meetings:**CC-100623-CA-0161**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution # CC-080625-CA-0232, adopting by-law #BL2008-CA-15: Date, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS it has become necessary to amend this by-law to bring it in line with the 2010-2011 meeting dates for the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the amendments to by-law #BL2008-CA-15: Date, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT this proposed by-law be subject to the consultation process for by-laws, as per section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

FURTHER THAT this by-law will be presented for adoption at the 2010-08-25 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

Carried unanimously

6.3 MATERIAL RESOURCES**6.3.1 Capital Projects 2010-2011:**

The Director of Material Resources reviewed the proposed capital projects and applications for measure funding for 2010-2011 noting that the Measure 50690 applications must be completed and returned to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) before 2010-06-30. Measure 50710 funding will only be confirmed in January 2011. The Material Resources Committee has reviewed the projects and supports them.

CC-100623-MR-0162

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to satisfy priority needs in its schools.

WHEREAS the schools have expressed their needs;

WHEREAS the Directorate has reviewed the requests and classified them in order of board-wide priorities;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2010-2011 capital priorities, for its schools and centres for a total amount of 6 318 905\$ as per Document #SWLSB-2010/06/23-MR-001.

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| AMT (Building upgrading and transformation) | 1 585 450\$ |
| MAO (Material, equipment & tools) | 260 000\$ |
| MEASURE 30850 (Improvement of handicap accessibility) "Amélioration de l'accessibilité des immeubles aux personnes handicapées" (MELS) | 120 280\$ |
| MEASURE 50690 (Repair and maintenance of buildings) "Maintien des bâtiments" (MELS) | 3 156 972\$ |
| MEASURE 50710 (Renovation of buildings) "Résorption du déficit d'entretien " (MELS) | 1 196 203\$ |
| TOTAL | 6 318 905\$ |

Carried unanimously

6.3.2 Five-Year Investment Plan (PQI) 2011-2016:

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the 2011-2016 Five Year Plan to be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

CC-100623-MR-0163

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) requires that school boards submit their respective 2011-2016 « Five-year Investment Plans » no later than July 2, 2010;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2011-2016 Five-Year Investment Plan as per document #SWLSB-2010/06/23-MR-002 and as prioritized below:

Financing from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for the acquisition of material equipment and tools (acquisition de mobilier, appareillage, outillage (MAO) (estimated at 250 000\$) and for Library funds (estimated at 70 000\$) for the opening of building 885-055, St-Vincent Annex Elementary School.

AND THAT this Five-Year Investment Plan 2011-2016 be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) no later than July 2, 2010.

Carried unanimously

6.3.3 Sale of Land to Ville de Rosemère:

The Director of Material Resources advised that a request has been received from Ville de Rosemère to purchase a tract of land on Roland-Durand for the installation of a sound barrier on Autoroute 640.

CC-100623-MR-0164

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board owns lot #4 361 260 on Roland-Durand which is the buffer property at the back of lots 4 195 307, 4 195 308 and 4 195 309 (previously identified as part of lot 241 298 23);

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-100324-MR-0107 accepting the offer to purchase lots 4 195 307, 4 195 308 and 4 195 309 (previously identified as part of lot 241 298 23) made by Construction N. Roy Inc.;

WHEREAS the Ville de Rosemère wishes to install a sound barrier at the back of the said lots and autoroute 640;

WHEREAS the Ville de Rosemère is asking the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to sell this land (lot #4 361 260) to them for the amount of 1\$;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the sale of lot #4 361 260 on Roland-Durand to the Ville de Rosemère for the amount of 1\$.

AND THAT the Ville de Rosemère accepts all legal and notarial fees related to the sale.

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

Carried unanimously

6.3.4 Servitude with Hydro & Bell – Souvenir ES:

The Director of Material Resources advised that requests have been received for servitudes for Souvenir and Terry Fox Elementary Schools with Hydro Québec and Bell for the installation of poles.

CC-100623-MR-0165

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received a request from Hydro-Québec and Bell Canada for a servitude on the property of Souvenir Elementary School;

WHEREAS Hydro-Québec and Bell Canada require a 1.5 meter wide tract of land, at Souvenir Elementary School in order to install utility poles for a new development;

WHEREAS this land identified as part lot #1 720 228, is not required by the school or the school board;

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the servitude for a 1.5 meter wide tract of lot #1 720 228 in Ville de Laval, in favour of Hydro-Québec and Bell Canada at Souvenir Elementary School.

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this servitude.

Carried unanimously

6.3.5 Servitude with Hydro & Bell – Terry Fox ES:

CC-100623-MR-0166

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received a request from Hydro-Québec and Bell Canada for a servitude on the property of Terry Fox Elementary School;

WHEREAS Hydro-Québec and Bell Canada require a 1.5 meter wide tract of land at Terry Fox Elementary School in order to install utility poles for a new development;

WHEREAS this land identified as part lot #1 421 988, is not required by the school or the school board;

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the servitude for a 1.5 meter wide tract of lot #1 421 988 in Ville de Laval, in favour of Hydro-Québec at Terry Fox Elementary School.

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Deputy Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this servitude.

Carried unanimously

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| 6.4 QESBA |
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6.4.1 QESBA Preliminary Membership Fees 2010-2011:

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that this proposed resolution is the preliminary fees for the 2010-2011 school year for Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA). Upon receipt of the 2010-09-30 enrolment figures an invoice for the balance of fees will be received.

CC-100623-CA-0167

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA);

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has issued a provisional membership fee statement for the 2010-2011 school year;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amount of 87 730,72\$ be paid to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

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

She went on to note that for the 2010-08-25 Council meeting the QESBA 2010-2011 budget will be presented for feedback.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 SWL Foundation:

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak advised the Council that the 2010 Lobster Fest was a success with 530 people in attendance and approximately 35 000\$ raised. The next gala is 2011-01-13.

He went on to extended congratulations to the Coordinator of Communications & Public Relations for all her hard work on this event and to her assistants for a wonderful evening. He gave a special congratulations to Olivia Landry, a 2010 graduating student at Rosemere High School, who spoke on how the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation has supported her school during her time there.

7.2 Parent Commissioners Report

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier, on behalf of the Parents Committee, thanked all of the Commissioners who attended meetings of the committee over the 2009-2010 school year. She noted that their presence is very much appreciated by the committee.

She went on to further note that at the last meeting, preliminary planning for the 2010-2011 school year was done for meetings and Governing Board training. The internal rules of procedure were also discussed in terms of an employee of the school board being Chairman of the Parents Committee and members felt that this was not an issue as long as a potential candidate for the position of Chairman declares that they are an employee.

In closing, she announced that she would not be running for Parent Commissioner in 2010-2011. She also advised that Silvana Di Medio, Chairman of the Parents Committee, would not be running as Parent Delegate in 2010-2011.

The Chairman thanked Parent Commissioner Chartier for her time and commitment as Elementary Parent Commissioner for the past 4 years.

CC-100623-CA-0168

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until the completion of the agenda.

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

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso asked that Principals be asked to refer to the Corporate Calendar before planning their respective Governing Boards meetings, as during the past year there were many conflicts with Parents Committee meetings even though these meetings have been on the first Thursday of every month for many years.

The Chairman also asked that Principals use the Corporate Calendar when they are planning graduations so as not to conflict with other events or meetings.

The Director General agreed that this would make for better communications.

The Chairman reminded the Council of the caucus meeting on 2010-06-29 at 7 p.m., where the future of school boards will be discussed.

7.3 Report of the QESBA:

There was no report.

7.4 Modifications to Abolition & Creation of Positions & Staffing Plans 2010-2011:

The Director of Human Resources advised the Council that at the 2010-05-17 meeting of the Executive Committee there was an error in the classification plan for the maintenance staff for the 2010-2011 school year and one in the percentage of work for two non-teaching professional positions for 2010-2011. The details of the modifications can be found in the 2010-06-15 Executive Committee meeting package.

7.5 Tax Rate – CS de Laval :

The Director of Financial Resources advised the Council that the school board was recently made aware that the taxation rate for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is 0.35\$ per 100\$ evaluation compared to 0,29934\$ per 100\$ valuation for the Commission scolaire de Laval (CSDL). The CSDL has exceeded the maximum amount of tax revenue it can collect so the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has reduced its taxation rate. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has not reached its maximum taxation revenue so the Ministère is maintaining status quo. The net difference between the two rates is approximately 0.05\$ per 100\$ valuation.

The Director General noted that this issue was discussed at length at the Executive Committee and it was debated as to whether or not an information pamphlet should be inserted with the 2010-2011 school tax bills for Laval residents. The opinion of the Executive Committee is to be proactive and develop an insert for the tax bills.

The Director General noted that another format to advise tax payers in Laval could be to place ads in the local papers explaining the difference between the tax rates of the two school boards.

She also advised that this situation with the different tax rates should be brought to the attention of the Members of the Assemblée National (MNA) for Laval as a recent conversation with one member drew attention to the fact that they are unaware of this difference. The school board needs to try to get the MAN's for Laval to lobby the Québec government to have the current regulation changed.

The Council entered into discussion.

Commissioner Steve Kmec left the meeting.

TIME: 22:42 hours

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 22:43 hours

In response to questions from Commissioners Mario Di Domenico and Merle Parkinson, the Director of Financial Resources noted that the discrepancies in the school tax rates has been discussed at the Table des directeurs(trices) des ressources financiers for Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière and all agree that this method of taxation makes it very confusing for the tax payer and a request has been made to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to simplify the process.

Commissioners Carolyn Curiale and Steve Kmec returned to the meeting. **TIME: 22:46 hours**

Discussion continued and it was noted that the school board may lose tax payers who do not have children in school as they have a choice as to which school board they pay their taxes.

CC-100623-CA-0169

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been made aware of the discrepancy in the taxation rates in laval between the French and English school boards;

WHEREAS this difference generates a discrepancy of approximately 0,05\$ per 100\$ evaluation, it being higher in the English school board than the French school board;

WHEREAS this discrepancy represents a difference of 100\$ on a property evaluated at 200 000\$ if taxes are paid to the English school board;

WHEREAS this discrepancy has been brought to the attention oif the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS);

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director General to urge the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to propose equitable solutions to rectify this situation in future years.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

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

CC-100623-CA-0170

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the notice concerning the discrepancy in the tax rate between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and Commission scolaire de Laval be included in the tax bill for the Laval tax payers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

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

In response to a question from Commissioner Nick Milas, the Director of Financial Resources advised that an e-mail for school tax inquiries already exists.

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

10.0 VARIA:

There was no varia.

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik advised the Council that in a recent issue of The North Shore News there was an article about 4 students and a teacher from Lake of Two Mountains High school that had won a 5 000\$ prize for its presentation of "Projet Equestre Goldie", a therapeutic riding farm in St-Eustache for children with mental and physical disabilities. This presentation was developed for a special project on "The Youth & Philanthropy Initiative" a sub-organization of the Toronto-based Toskan Casale Foundation. The students donated their prize back to the Toskan Casale Foundation.

She asked that a letter be sent to these students congratulating them for their remarkable achievement.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 23:12 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2010-08-25