

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2010-09-29**

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, 2010-09-29.

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chairman; Georges Benoit, Mario Di Domenico; Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, 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: Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources; Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Stephanie Krenn, Director of Complementary Services; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; George Paquette, Director of School Organization; Gerry Robillard, Director of Educational Services; Gaëlle Absolonne, Assistant Director of Adult & Vocational Education and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioner Robert Dixon and Alain Guay, Assistant Director General

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:32 hours.

**1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

**CC-100929-CA-0009**

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2010/09/29-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**CC-100929-CA-0010**

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 2010-08-25, 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, Mario Di Domenico, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	William Pollock

**CC-100929-CA-0011**

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2010-09-13, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

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

### 3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

### 4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

#### 4.1 *Report from the Chairman:*

The Chairman advised the Council that prior to this meeting a presentation had been made by several students and teachers from Laval Junior High School, as well as some from Laval Liberty High School. The presentation was to honour their "Kajjansi Jewellery" project as a part of their participation in Learners Without Borders.

He went on to note that he had sent an e-mail to the new Minister of Education, Leisure and Sport and the local Members of the National Assembly concerning the different rates in school taxes between the English and French school boards in the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière regions and the fact that this problem may cause the tax base for the English sector to erode, as it has the higher tax rate per 100\$ evaluation. The Premier and the Minister have both commented publically on this issue so our voiced concerns are being heard.

He continued commenting on the last meeting of the Executive Committee and the decision to now include a discussion topic every month on the agenda. The topic for this month was the strategic plan as one needs to be developed, approved in principle, consulted on, and receive final approval for implementation on 2011-07-01. The topic for the month of October is employee recognition, November the marketing of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and January 2011 succession planning.

In closing, he noted that the Aquatic Centre project in Laval is being revived as discussion is occurring in certain political areas to move forward with the project.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin commented on the presentation prior to this evening's meeting noting that it was nice to honour students for projects that "give back" and it was also nice to hear positive feedback from parents present on the great efforts of the teachers involved in the project. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has some amazing teachers so it is always wonderful to hear praise from those outside of the school board.

He also noted that the Arundel Nature Centre (ANC) has recently had a promotional booth at the Tall Ships Exhibition and that it seemed to be well received. An additional donation from a company was recently received. He commented that the people involved in the re-structuring of ANC are really dedicated to this project.

### 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

#### 5.1 *Replacement of Director of School Organization & Transportation:*

The Director General provided an executive summary of the assessment done on the position of Director of School Organization, as per the mandate given to the Directorate, noting that several scenarios were reviewed and that a recommendation is being brought forth this evening for the Council's consideration to keep the position as status quo and that the position be posted and filled before 2010-12-31.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Director General noted that the Directorate has analyzed the impact of the requirements of Bill 100 on staffing.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, the Director General noted that the positions targeted under Bill 100 are not just Directorate positions but all Administrative positions. She also noted that the school level positions are not included under this area of Bill 100.

**CC-100929-HR-0012**

WHEREAS the Director of School Organization & Transportation has submitted his notice of retirement, effective 2010-12-31;

WHEREAS the Directorate has conducted an assessment and is recommending replacement in this position;

WHEREAS this recommendation has been reviewed by the Human Resources Committee;

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director General to post the position for the Director of School Organization & Transportation.

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

**5.2 QESBA Employees:**

In response to a question asked by Commissioner Edward Turchyniak at the 2010-08-25 meeting of the Council, Commissioner Carolyn Curiale noted that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) pays a percentage of employee salaries, as follows; while the balance is paid from other sources or are part-time:

POSITION	PERCENTAGE	# OF EMPLOYEES
Full-Time Employees (Paid through membership fees)	100%	3
Part-Time Employees	60%	1
<b>Or</b>		
Partially-Paid by QESBA	50%	2
(Percentage paid through membership fees)	33%	1
	10%	1

**6.0 DECISION ITEMS:**

**6.1 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

**6.1.1 Reduction Plan – Bill 100:**

The Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the Reduction Plan for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in accordance with Bill 100. It is a three part plan, as follows:

Part 1:	10%	Administrative operating expenses (travel, materials, supplies, service contracts, professional development) – Commissioners, committees, administration, corporate services
Part 2:	25%	Travel, professional development, advertising
Part 3:	10%	Size of management and administrative personnel through attrition, excluding positions for direct services to students

She went on to note that a preliminary plan for the reduction of personnel by attrition is being developed and to date the projection is that this school board will need to have 8 retirements over the next four years in order to meet the Bill 100 criteria. As for the reduction in expenses, the school board is asking that some expenses be excluded from the plan and that areas covered by the recovery plan be taken into account. It is to be noted that this **reduction plan** will be revised annually and submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

The Council entered into discussion.

#### CC-100929-FR-0013

WHEREAS on June 11, 2010, the National Assembly adopted Bill 100 “*An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget speech of March 30, 2010, reduce the debt and return to a balanced budget in 2013-2014*”, which requires all school boards to reduce administrative operating expenses and personnel”;

WHEREAS guidelines were received from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) regarding the application of this law;

WHEREAS Article 12 of the guidelines specifies that School Boards must submit, before September 30, 2010, a **reduction plan** of administrative operating expenses and personnel;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board **approve** the **Reduction Plan** of Administrative Operating Expenses & Personnel, as presented in document #SWLSB-2010/09/29-FR-001.

AND THAT this plan be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) no later than September 30, 2010.

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

Commissioner Mike Pizzola left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:20 hours**

#### **6.1.2 Amendments to Travel Policy:**

The Director of Financial Resources advised that Educational Services asked that the travel policy be reviewed in order to provide for in-school professionals throughout the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière region. The change is that those in-school professionals who travel more than 50km from their place of work will be compensated for the **kilometrage** over the 50 km.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:22 hours**

WHEREAS policy #1999-FR-01: Travel and Representation Expenses Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was reviewed;

WHEREAS it was deemed necessary to amend the policy to include a provision regarding travel for in-school professionals;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the amendments to policy #1999-FR-01: Travel and Representation Expenses Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT this policy be subject to a 45-day consultation.

Commissioner Walter Fogel moved that section 3.2.2 of policy #1999-MR-01 be amended by removing all words after "...alcoholic beverages" and adding "...will not occur".

Commissioner Merle Parkinson did not accept this modification.

**CC-100929-FR-0014**

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the proposed resolution relating to policy #1999-FR-01: Travel and Representation Expenses Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, be amended by removing the following:

3.2.2 The reimbursement of alcoholic beverages with meals, for purposes of representation and school board functions and events, will be closely monitored and a justification may be required by the immediate supervisor. Everyone to whom this policy applies is expected to exercise prudence will not occur.

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

**CC-100929-FR-0015**

WHEREAS policy #1999-FR-01: Travel and Representation Expenses Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was reviewed;

WHEREAS it was deemed necessary to amend the policy to include a provision regarding travel for in-school professionals;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the amendments to policy #1999-FR-01: Travel and Representation Expenses Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT this policy be subject to a 45-day consultation.

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

## 6.2 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

### 6.2.1 2011-2012 Enrollment Criteria:

The Director of School Organization presented and reviewed the 2011-2012 enrollment criteria noting that there are no changes from 2009-2010 and that registration will be during the week of 2011-02-07. The criteria is subject to consultation with the Parents Committee.

#### CC-100929-ED-0016

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS the registration period for students for 2011-2012 is the week of 2011-02-07:

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the establishment of the criteria for enrolment of students in its schools, subject to the availability of space, for the 2011-2012 school year.

AND THAT this enrollment criteria be subject to a 45-day consultation with the parents committee.

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

## 6.3 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

### 6.3.1 Ethics Commissioner:

The Secretary General advised the Council that interviews for the position of Ethics Commissioner were held on 2010-09-17. Approximately 35 CVs **had been** received and 4 candidates were selected for an interview of which 3 were available.

*WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-100324-CA-0113, which mandated the Secretary General of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to post **for** the position of Ethics Commissioner;*

*WHEREAS the position was posted and interviews were held on 2010-09-17;*

*Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Julie Brunelle, Lawyer**, as Ethics Commissioner, effective 2010-10-01 to 2012-06-30.*

*AND THAT **Rossana Piccolino, Lawyer**, be engaged as the alternate Ethics Commissioner, effective 2010-10-01 to 2012-06-30.*

*AND THAT the **Chairman**, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-**Chairman**, 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 service contract.*

The Council entered into discussion on the service contract for the Ethics Commissioner.

In response to a question from Commissioner Peter MacLaurin, the Secretary General indicated that she will look into the official language of a contract and will provide an answer and a translated copy of the draft contract.

Discussion continued on the service contract.

On a "point of privilege", Commissioner Walter Fogel noted that the resolution stipulates a contract and if it is not available in both languages how can its contents be considered.

Several options were considered and it was suggested that the word "contract" be removed from the resolution.

Commissioner Grace Nesi accepted the removal of the word "contract".

### CC-100929-CA-0017

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-100324-CA-0113, which mandated the Secretary General of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to post **for** the position of Ethics Commissioner;

WHEREAS the position was posted and interviews were held on 2010-09-17;

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Julie Brunelle, Lawyer**, as Ethics Commissioner, effective 2010-10-01 to 2012-06-30.

AND THAT **Rossana Piccolino, Lawyer**, be engaged as the alternate Ethics Commissioner, effective 2010-10-01 to 2012-06-30.

AND THAT the **Chairman**, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-**Chairman**, 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 service.

**Carried unanimously**

### 6.3.2 Name Change for Arundel Nature Centre:

The Secretary General advised that a proposal was received to change the name and the logo of the Arundel Nature Centre to the Arundel Nature & Science Centre and that the proposal has been presented to the Communications & Public Relations Committee (CPRC) for review. The CPRC supports the proposal for the name and logo change.

#### CC-100929-CA-0018

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has undertaken a project to increase the educational benefits and usage of the Arundel Nature Centre (ANC);

WHEREAS the school board feels that the name and the logo of the centre should be changed to reflect this project

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications & Public Relations Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the name change of the Arundel Nature Centre (ANC) to the Arundel Nature & Science Centre (ANSC), effective 2010-09-30.

AND THAT the new logo for the Arundel Nature & Science Centre (ANSC) be approved as presented.

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources be mandated to advise the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) of the name change so that the *Banque des Immeubles des commissions scolaires* can be updated to reflect this change.

**Carried unanimously**

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:25 hours**

In response to a question from Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso, the Secretary General advised that the posting for the Student Ombudsman position will expire on 2010-10-01 after which applications will be reviewed, interview candidates selected, interviews conducted and a recommendation be brought to either the October or November meeting of Council.

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:26 hours**

## 6.4 HUMAN RESOURCES

### 6.4.1 Amendments to Harassment Policy:

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the results of the consultation on the amendments to the Harassment Policy noting that the Communications & Public Relations Committee supports the final version of the policy.

#### CC-100929-HR-0019

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-100623-HR-057, approving in principle the amendments to policy #2006-HR-06: Policy on Harassment;

WHEREAS the consultation period ended on 2010-09-17;

WHEREAS feedback was received and taken into consideration;



Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to policy #2006-HR-06: Policy on Harassment.

**Carried unanimously**

## **6.5 MATERIAL RESOURCES**

### **6.5.1 Offer to Purchase Land – Ste-Agathe Academy:**

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that an offer to purchase land adjacent to Ste-Agathe Academy was received in the amount of 50 000\$. The offer has been reviewed by the Material Resources Committee and, given that the appraised value is 69 500\$, it is recommending that the offer be rejected.

#### **CC-100929-MR-0020**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution # CC-100428-MR-0124 mandating the Director of Material Resources to place lots 13A-P and 13A-3P (2 124.0 m<sup>2</sup> / 2 buildable lots), located in Ste-Agathe (Québec) adjacent to Ste-Agathe Academy up for sale;

WHEREAS Normand Lortie (Lortie et Martin Ltée) made an offer, on 2010-09-08, to purchase lots 13A-P and 13A-3P (2 124.0 m<sup>2</sup> / 2 buildable lots), in the amount of \$50,000. (taxes not included);

WHEREAS an appraisal of this land establishes the fair market value at 69 755\$ (taxes not included);

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso 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 reject the offer in the amount of 50 000\$ (taxes not included), made by Normand Lortie (Lortie et Martin Ltée), to purchase lots 13A-P and 13A-3P (2 124.0 m<sup>2</sup> / 2 buildable lots), located in Ste-Agathe (Québec) adjacent to Ste-Agathe Academy.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.5.2 Engagement of Contractor – Renovation Project – Laurentian ES:**

The Director of Material Resources reviewed the offers received on the renovation project at Laurentian Elementary School noting that the contractor being recommended is the lowest conformable bidder.

#### **CC-100929-MR-0021**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-091028-MR-0035 to retain the services of Viau Architectes, to prepare the architectural specifications, drawings, tendering documentation and provide supervision for the renovation project at Laurentian 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 2010-09-01;

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

Commissioner Mike Pizzola 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 at Laurentian Elementary School to **Gaston Champoux 1973 Inc.**, for a total cost of 383 361,38\$, before taxes, (432 700,00\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the **Chairman**, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-**Chairman**, 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**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:50 hours**

### **6.5.3 Engagement of Professionals – Measures 30850, 50690, 50710 & AMT:**

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that several capital projects had been approved in June 2010 and the time has come to engage various professionals to prepare the necessary drawings, plans and tender specifications for the projects.

#### **CC-100929-MR-0022**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to undertake renovation projects at Crestview, Genesis, Grenville, Laurentian and Our Lady of Peace Elementary Schools, Lake of Two Mountains, Laurentian Regional, Laval Junior / Laval Liberty and Rosemere High Schools;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du sport (MELS) has adopted the measures listed below to assist school boards with the repair and maintenance of its buildings:

<b>MEASURE 30850</b>	(Improvement of handicap accessibility) "Amélioration de l'accessibilité des immeubles aux personnes handicapées" (MELS)
<b>MEASURE 50690</b>	Repair and maintenance of buildings "Maintien des bâtiments" (MELS)
<b>MEASURE 50710</b>	(Renovation of buildings) "Résorption du déficit d'entretien " (MELS)
<b>AMT</b>	Building upgrading and transformation

WHEREAS the selection committee has reviewed the list of professionals and is recommending the nominations as presented;

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the engagement of the following architects to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the projects listed below:

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>	<b>PROFESSIONALS</b>
Crestview ES	\$120,000.	elevator	30850	UN Architecte
Genesis ES	\$56,000.	exterior doors	50690	Marco Manini
Grenville ES	\$125,000.	roofing	50710	Anis Nazar
Laurentian ES	\$320,000.	roofing	50690	Héloïse Thibodeau
Our Lady of Peace ES	\$150,000.	Windows and doors	50710	Anis Nazar
Lake of Two Mountains HS	\$600,000.	roofing	50690	Anis Nazar
Laurentian Regional HS	\$560,000.	roofing	50690	Héloïse Thibodeau
	\$500,000.	Roofing	50710	

	\$150,000.	exterior doors	50710	
Laval Junior / Laval Liberty HS	\$200,000.	locker rooms and showers	50690	Héloïse Thibodeau
	\$180,000.	exterior doors	50690	
Rosemere HS	\$150,000.	exterior doors	50690	Arcand Laporte
	\$100,000.	music room	AMT	

AND THAT the cost of these services be paid in accordance with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du sport (MELS) remuneration scale for professionals.

FURTHER THAT, upon receipt of the completed drawings, plans and tender specifications, public tenders be called, when required, for the services of contractors.

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

## **6.6 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

### **6.6.1 Grant for "Girl Talk" Project:**

The Director of Information Technology advised the Council that the Laval Liberty Community Learning Centre recently applied for a 5 000\$ grant to publish a second edition of "Girl Talk" for the Laval area. The grant proposal was accepted by Forum jeunesse and the final funding was 10 000\$.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:52 hours**

The Council entered into discussion.

Commissioners Tom Mouhteros and Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:54 hours**

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director General noted that **when** there is a grant contract for this **type of** project the Council needs to approve signing authority as schools are not legal persons and require authorized signatures in order for the contract to be valid.

### **CC-100929-IT-0023**

WHEREAS the Community Learning Centre (CLC) at Laval Liberty High School applied for a grant from Forum jeunesse Laval (CRÉ de Laval) for the Laval "Girl Talk" Project;

WHEREAS Forum jeunesse Laval, through the Fonds régional d'investissement jeunesse (CRÉ de Laval), granted an amount of 10 000\$ for this project;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik **MOVED THAT** the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the **Chairman**, and in his absence or with his knowledge the **Vice-Chairman**, 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 grant for the Laval "Girl Talk" Project.

**Carried unanimously**

<b>6.7</b>	<b>QESBA</b>
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**6.7.1 Nominations for Award of Merit:**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that member boards of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) are asked annually to nominate Commissioners for the QESBA Award of Merit. This award is not given out every year and nominations for this award must be for people who have gone above and beyond their **service to the educational community**.

The Council entered into discussion and it was agreed that nominations for this award should be discussed several months prior to the QESBA requesting nominations so that thought may be given to persons worthy of the nomination. It was agreed that the issue be closed until next year.

**7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS****7.1 SWL Foundation:**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak advised that there is a Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation meeting tomorrow and that the main topics will be the election of a new President and the planning of the 2011-01-13 Gala.

**7.2 Parent Commissioners Report**

There was no report.

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso noted that the first meeting **for** 2010-2011 will be on 2010-10-07.

**7.3 Report of the QESBA:**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale drew the Council's attention to the various reports of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) contained in the meeting package noting the changes to the proposed QESBA budget as a result of consultation. The 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on Friday, 2010-11-05 prior to the Fall Professional Development Session.

In response to a question from Commissioner Tom Mouhteros, the Chairman advised that he will bring the question concerning criminal background checks for Commissioners to the AGM.

**7.4 Community Learning Centres:**

The Chairman advised the Council that he and the President of the Québec English School Boards Association (QESBA) will be attending a meeting at LEARN to discuss Community Learning Centres. There are concerns that these centres will not exist in a few years as they are struggling to be self sufficient as the annual Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) funding decreases. Innovative methods to generate funding need to be sought.

**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:****10.1 Posting of Commissioners Expenses:**

Commissioner Steve Mitchell advised the Council that public perception of Commissioners expenses is more negative than the reality and feels that perhaps it would be prudent for the school board to post the Commissioners' expenses on the Corporate Web as an attempt to improve public perception.

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that one English school board is currently posting its Commissioners' expenses.

After some debate it was suggested that this issue of posting Commissioners' expenses on the Web be brought to the Communications & Public Relations Committee for further discussion. **Commissioner Steve Mitchell** accepted this proposal.

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Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the proposed **subject** on the publishing of Commissioners Expenses be tabled to the Communications & Public Relations Committee for further review

**Carried unanimously**

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 21:14 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2010-10-27**

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Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

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Steve Bletas, Chairman