

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2010-10-27

A regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2010-10-27.

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chairman; Georges Benoit, Mario Di Domenico; Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi; Tom Mouhteros, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; Parent Commissioners Lisa Chartier and Angelo Grasso; and Anne-Marie Lepage, Director General.

Also present were: Alain Guay, Assistant Director General; Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Johanne Brabant, Director of Adult & Vocational Education; Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources; Daniel Hogue, Director of Material Resources; Stephanie Krenn, Director of Complementary Services; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; Gerry Robillard, Director of Educational Services; **Heather Halman, Strategic Plan Advisor**; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioner Peter MacLaurin

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:36 hours.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

CC-101027-CA-0025

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2010/10/27-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC-101027-CA-0026

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 2010-09-29, 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, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Robert Dixon

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 this evening is Lisa Chartier's last meeting as Elementary Parent Commissioner, as she decided not to pursue the position for this school year. He went on to thank her for her dedication to the students and her input and participation with the school board, and wished her well in her future endeavours.

He went on to read into the minutes a letter from Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier to the Council of Commissioners and a letter from Silvana Di Medio, past President of the Parents' Committee:

Dear Steve,

I would like to take this moment to say thank you to you and the other commissioners for their dedication to the welfare of students from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. When I first got interested in the school board I was not optimistic that I could forge any change, however I am happy to say that I was surprisingly wrong.

This Board and its council are completely dedicated to advancing our students and giving them the latest and best opportunity available to them. All the departments work so well, collaborating with each other and respecting the level of work and importance each area holds. This is a very forward thinking board with lively discussion and inclusiveness for all stakeholders, especially the students. I have never seen or heard of any Board which includes stakeholders. This was new for me as I once believed that all decisions were made top down, what a great relief to find the opposite was happening here.

I learned a lot from you and the commissioners on this board, the different perspective, ideas, viewpoints, but even through hearty discussion respect was always held high and in the end the needs of the students was always at the heart.

I have had a very rewarding experience and I truly loved my time as Parent Commissioner. I wish you all continued success and I refuse to say goodbye because my experience was so rewarding I will say until next time when I can be part of this great team.

Sincerely,

Lisa Chartier

Good evening Lisa,

On behalf of the 2007-2010 Parents Committee members I would like to commend you on your exemplary representation of the Parents Committee on Council. Over the past three years your dedication to both our students and committee was certainly appreciated and will most definitely be missed. Your proactive demeanor as Parent Commissioner has brought this position to a new level. Congratulations and I wish you luck in your future endeavours. I hope you will enjoy the extra free nights!

*Silvana Di Medio
Chair, Parents' Committee 2007-2010*

The Chairman presented Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier with a plaque honouring her dedication and participation with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and a small gift of appreciation.

Commissioner Walter Fogel left the meeting.

TIME: 19:50 hours

He went on to present his report noting that Cody Roach-Griffin, a student at Laval Liberty High School, has been awarded a bursary by the Montréal Impact Soccer in the amount of 2 500\$, and that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Professional Development Session & Annual General Meeting is being held on November 5 & 6, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Pointe-Claire.

Commissioner Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

TIME: 19:52 hours

He further noted that the launch of the recent issue of "Laval Girl Talk" has been a big success and that copies were distributed to the National Assembly by MNA Guy Ouellette, who also spoke about the project in the National Assembly congratulating the girls for their hard work on the magazine. "Laval Girl Talk" has also been posted on the Corporate Web site and on the National Assembly Web site. He extended congratulations, on behalf of the Council of Commissioners, to Lise Montagne, Project Development Officer for the Community Learning Centre at Laval Liberty High School, for her initiative on this project.

4.2 2009-2010 Auditor's Report:

The Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the audited financial statements for the period ending 2010-06-30 noting that the auditor was present when the statements were presented to the Financial Resources Committee/Audit Committee. Under the new requirements of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) the auditors conducted a thorough examination of the school board's internal controls. Overall it was a positive audit given that it was the first one using the new MELS requirements.

The Council entered into discussion on the audited 2009-2010 financial statements.

The Director of Financial Resources advised the Council that, to coincide with the reform of government accounting, surpluses and deficits are no longer carried over to the next year. The only exception is for school boards that were in a surplus position at June 30, 2008. They are permitted to spend a maximum of 10% of this surplus each year and those that were in a deficit position carry forward 100% of their deficit.

The resolution for the audited 2009-2010 financial statements was presented.

On a "point of order", Commissioner Walter Fogel noted that the resolution concerning the financial statements appears as item 6.1 on the agenda and as it was not moved to 4.0 before approval of the agenda, it cannot be processed until that agenda item is reached.

4.3 Career Exploration Centre:

The Chairman advised the Council that at the 2010-10-07 meeting of the Parents Committee an informative presentation on the Career Exploration Centre (CEC) was made. He invited the Strategic Plan Advisor to tonight's meeting to make a similar presentation in order to bring the Council up to speed on what is being done to promote the centre.

The Strategic Plan Advisor made her presentation noting that she and the Centre Coordinator are working hard to promote the centre by holding an open house, speaking to Principals, being on Facebook and Twitter and attending career fairs. The CEC will be sharing a kiosk with the Arundel Nature & Science Centre at the November Teachers' Convention to promote the centre to other school boards. A presentation will also be made to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

The secondary schools have built participation in the CEC into their respective partnership agreements as it offers interesting opportunities for teachers and is a guided approach to learning. The CEC would also like to put modules on-line so that northern schools can participate, as travel time to Laval to use the centre reduces what can be achieved while at the centre. Translation of certain modules is also being looked into in order to seek partnerships with the French school boards.

She further noted that a new logo is being developed and will be presented to the Communications & Public Relations Committee for its input. An event is being planned for sponsors of the CEC so that they can see their investment in action.

The Chairman noted that he will be approaching the planning committee of the next Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) to see if a workshop can be planned on Career Exploration Centres.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Strategic Plan Advisor noted that the centre is promoting itself in the community as well with the French school boards in the region as an option for its English second language classes.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Strategic Plan Advisor noted that in order to meet the needs of the northern schools, modules could be made accessible on-line or portable equipment could be loaned to these schools for a period of time.

The Chair thanked the Strategic Plan Advisor for her informative presentation.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 *Recommendation - Director of School Organization & Transportation:*

The Director General advised the Council that interviews for the position of Director of School Organization & Transportation were held on 2010-10-19 and that 3 candidates were interviewed, 2 internal and 1 external. The Selection Committee was unanimous in its recommendation of Gaëlle Absolonne.

CC-101027-HR-0027

WHEREAS the position of Director of School Organization & Transportation will become vacant as of 2010-12-31;

WHEREAS a Selection Committee was formed and conducted interviews on Tuesday, 2010-10-19;

WHEREAS the members of the Selection Committee were unanimous in their recommendation for the position of Director of School Organization & Transportation;

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint **Gaëlle Absolonne** to the position of Director of School Organization & Transportation, effective 2011-01-10.

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

Ms. Absolonne thanked the Council for its vote of confidence noting that she is looking forward to the challenge.

The Chairman noted that the next meeting of the School Organization Committee is being held on 2010-11-03 and invited Ms. Absolonne to attend.

5.2 *Posting of Commissioners Expenses:*

The Secretary General presented the resolution on the posting of Commissioners expenses, which had been tabled by the Council at its 2010-09-29 meeting to the Communications & Public Relations Committee (CPRC). CPRC discussed this proposed resolution at length and feels that requests for information on Commissioner's expenses are rare and that if anyone wishes to have this type of information it can be requested through "*An Act respecting access to documents held by public bodies and the protection of personal information*". The proposed resolution was not supported and an alternate resolution was drafted.

The Chairman noted that Commissioner Steve Mitchell, who presented the original resolution, was present at the CPRC meeting and is aware of the alternate resolution.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell advised the Council that he is not prepared to accept the alternate resolution but that he had agreed to strike out the second "Whereas" in his original resolution as the intent of his resolution is for the Council to take a leadership position of transparency with respect to Commissioners expenses.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale noted that at the CPRC meeting none of the members expressed a problem with being transparent with respect to expenses but felt that by gaining access through "An Act respecting access to documents held by public bodies and the protection of personal information", it would allow for the Secretary General, who handles requests received under this Act, to provide background information on the expenses.

CC-101027-CA-0028

WHEREAS Commissioners must adhere to policy #1999-FR-01: Travel and Representation Expenses Reimbursement Policy;

~~WHEREAS the current climate surrounding Commissioner expenses has a negative impact on our school board;~~

WHEREAS many school boards post Commissioner expense accounts in a public forum, including notably the Lester B. Pearson School Board;

WHEREAS transparency is our goal;

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT all Commissioner expense accounts, including all cell phone expenses and expenses paid via school board credit cards, be detailed and posted on our website within 15 days of payment.

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

In response to a question from Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the Secretary General noted that the Question & Answer section being developed for the Corporate Website of the school board should be uploaded sometime in January 2011.

Commissioner Walter Fogel suggested that the resolution proposed by CPRC be amended by adding:

WHEREAS the proposed resolution was discussed at the 2010-10-18 meeting of the Communications & Public Relations Committee (CPRC);

Commissioner Grace Nesi accepted this amendment.

CC-101027-CA-0029

WHEREAS a proposed resolution was presented at the 2010-09-29 meeting of the Council of Commissioners regarding Access to Commissioners Expense Accounts;

WHEREAS the proposed resolution was tabled for further discussion at the committee level;

WHEREAS the proposed resolution was discussed at the 2010-10-18 meeting of the Communications & Public Relations Committee (CPRC);

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications & Public Relations Committee (CPRC), the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Directorate to address the Commissioners' remuneration and professional development in the Question & Answer section being developed for the Corporate Website of the school board.

AND THAT it be noted, in this Question & Answer section on the Corporate Website, that Commissioners' expense accounts are available through "*An Act respecting access to documents held by public bodies and the protection of personal information*" by requesting such information in writing from the Secretary General of the school board.

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

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.1 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

6.1.1 2009-2010 Financial Statements:

This subject was discussed under item 4.2.

CC-101027-FR-0030

WHEREAS the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) requires that a school board submit annual financial statements;

WHEREAS the firm Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton s.e.n.c.r.l., has completed the audit of the records and statements of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the period ending 2010-06-30;

WHEREAS in accordance with section 286 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) a public notice was given on 2010-10-09 and the financial statements were published on 2010-10-21

WHEREAS the financial statements have been prepared according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and include an adjustment to the beginning accumulated deficit in order to reflect financing of the deficit due to the Reform of Government Accounting;

WHEREAS the 2009-2010 Financial Statements show the following:

Beginning Accumulated (Deficit)	(22,476,473)\$
Adjustments to beginning Accumulated Deficit	26 363 888 \$
Revised Beginning Balance	3 887 415 \$
Current Year Surplus:	
Operations:	
Revenues	138 556 725 \$
Expenses	<u>137 708 531 \$</u>
Net surplus from operations	848 194 \$
MELS Current Year Financing	<u>497 120 \$</u>
Total Current Year Surplus	1 345 314 \$
Ending Accumulated Surplus, including school surpluses	5 232 729 \$

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT **2009-2010 audited Financial Statements** of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the period ending 2010-06-30 be received by the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board as submitted by the Director General.

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

6.2 MATERIAL RESOURCES

6.2.1 Offer to Purchase Land – Ste-Agathe Academy:

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the four new offers on the land adjacent to Ste-Agathe Academy noting that the bid accepted is higher than the **appraised** value.

CC-101027-MR-0031

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 m² / 2 buildable lots), located in Ste-Agathe (Québec) adjacent to Ste-Agathe Academy up for sale;

WHEREAS Dominique Pomerleau made an offer on 2010-10-13, to purchase lots 13A-P and 13A-3P (2 124.0 m² / 2 buildable lots), in the amount of 74 000\$. (taxes not included);

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

Commissioner Walter Fogel 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 accept the offer in the amount of 74 000\$ (taxes not included), made by Dominique Pomerleau, to purchase lots 13A-P and 13A-3P (2 124.0 m² / 2 buildable lots), located in Ste-Agathe (Québec) adjacent to Ste-Agathe Academy.

AND THAT Dominique Pomerleau accepts all legal and notarial fees related to the sale.

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

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

6.2.2 Adjustments to Professional Fees – McCaig Renovation/Enlargement Project:

The Director of Material Resources provided background information on the adjustments to professional fees for the McCaig Elementary School renovation/enlargement project noting that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and the Comité consultatif d'urbanisme of the Ville de Rosemère requested modifications to the project, for different reasons, which had an impact on the cost of architectural and engineering services.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, the Chairman noted that these changes were requested by MELS and the Ville de Rosemère therefore, these adjustments could not be avoided.

In response to a question from Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the Director of Material Resources noted that the survey costs for both the architect and the engineer amounted to approximately 16 500\$, for time and labour.

CC-101027-MR-0032

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC081126-MR-0062 retaining the services of **Héloïse Thibodeau**, architect, to prepare the architectural specifications, drawings, tendering documentation and provide supervision for the enlargement/renovation of McCaig Elementary School;

WHEREAS the cost of these services are to be paid in accordance with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) remuneration scale for professionals;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and the Comité consultatif d'urbanisme of the Ville de Rosemère requested modifications to the project, which had an impact on the cost of architectural services;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the fee adjustment for the services of **Héloïse Thibodeau**, architect, for the enlargement/renovation of McCaig Elementary School for a total cost of 163 398,88\$, before taxes (184 436,62\$, all taxes included), as presented in document #SWLSB-2010/10/27-MR-001.

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

CC-101027-MR-0033

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC081126-MR-0063 to retain the services of **Cima+**, consulting engineers, to prepare the technical engineering specifications, drawings, and tendering documentation and provide supervision for the enlargement / renovation of McCaig Elementary School.

WHEREAS the cost of these services are to be paid in accordance with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) remuneration scale for professionals;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and the Comité consultatif d'urbanisme of the Ville de Rosemère requested modifications to the project, which had an impact on the cost of engineering services;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the fee adjustment for the services of **Cima+**, consulting engineers, for the enlargement / renovation of McCaig Elementary School for a total cost of 203 809,00\$, before taxes (230 049,41\$, all taxes included), as presented in document #SWLSB-2010/10/27-MR-002.

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

6.3 HUMAN RESOURCES

6.3.1 Amendments to SWLAA Working Conditions:

The Director of Human Resources presented the amendments negotiated with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) to policy #2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrator's Association. This policy will be subject to a short consultation.

CC-101027-HR-0034

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association has made a request for a revision of policy #2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrator's Association;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association have negotiated the revisions;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve in principle the amendments to policy #2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrator's Association.

AND THAT this document be subject to a 25-day consultation.

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

6.4 QESBA

6.4.1 2010-2011 QESBA Revised Budget:

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that after the consultation period with its member boards the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) made some revisions to its 2010-2011 budget.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, the Chairman advised that the President, Vice-President and the Executive Committee of QESBA receive a stipend.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale noted that this stipend is taxable.

CC-101027-CA-0035

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-100825-CA-0006, recommending the approval of the 2010-2011 Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) budget, as presented on 2010-08-25, at the Annual General Meeting being held on 2010-11-05;

WHEREAS, after consultation with its member boards, the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has revised its proposed 2010-2011 budget;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board recommend the approval of the revised 2010-2011 budget of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), as presented in document #SWLSB-2010/10/27-CA-001.

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

6.4.2 QESBA 12-Year Award:**CC-101027-CA-0036**

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board submit the name of **Peter MacLaurin** as a candidate for the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) 12-Year Service Award on the occasion of the 2010 Annual General Meeting

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Mike Pizzola left the meeting.

TIME: 21:00 hours

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**7.1 SWL Foundation:**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak informed the Council that Joé Bélanger has been elected as the new Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation President. Mr. Bélanger is the General Manager of the Caisse Desjardins Thérèse-de Blainville.

He went on to note that the next gala "Dance & Music Festival" will be held on 2011-01-13 at the Château Royale and that Gilles Vaillancourt, Mayor of Laval, will be the honorary chairman of the event.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:03 hours

7.2 Parent Commissioners Report

Parent Commissioner Lisa Chartier advised that at the 2010-10-07 meeting of the Parents Committee a decision was taken to have the monthly meetings begin at 19:00 hours.

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso thanked Parent Commissioner Chartier for all of her work and dedication to the Parents Committee over the past 4 years.

The Assistant Director General left the meeting.

TIME: 21:05 hours

7.3 Report of the QESBA:

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has made some changes to the 2010 Fall Professional Development Session and Annual General Meeting (AGM) in that the AGM will now be held on Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. Also, the Minister of Education, Leisure and Sports is no longer able to be present to address the group. She recommended Commissioner participation, since every effort was made to increase PD programming while keeping the costs very low - in keeping with the spirit of Bill 100.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 21:07 hours

The Assistant Director General returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:07 hours

The Chairman informed the Council that Commissioner Curiale had attended the 2010-10-25 meeting with the Minister of Education, Leisure and Sports on special needs, in her capacity as Vice-President of QESBA. The groups in attendance were permitted to submit their respective opinion papers on the subject of special needs.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:09 hours

Commissioner Curiale noted that she hoped that the Minister would take into consideration suggestions submitted for changes that would benefit special needs students throughout Québec.

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.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:12 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇌ REGULAR ⇌ 2010-11-24

Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman