

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2011-04-27

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, 2011-04-27.

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chairman; Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson (via telephone), William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; Parent Commissioners Roberto Bomba and Angelo Grasso; and Anne-Marie Lepage, Director General.

Also present were: Alain Guay, Assistant Director General; Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director of School Organization; 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; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: Commissioners Georges Benoit and Mike Pizzola

Guests: Anne-Isabelle Cuvillier and Kelly Fahey, **Teachers at ANSC**, and Michael Quinn, Pedagogical Consultant.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours.

#### 0.0 PRESENTATION ON ANSC

The Chairman welcomed Anne-Isabelle Cuvillier, Kelly Fahey, and Michael Quinn to the meeting noting that these three people and Educational Services have been instrumental in establishing the new direction of the Arundel Nature & Science Centre (ANSC).

The group went on to make a presentation to the Council on what has been done to bring the centre up to its full potential **and aligned with the Quebec Education Plan (QEP)**, as follows:

- ❖ Inquired with the schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board as to why some do not use the facility – most cited the cost of transportation and the distance.
- ❖ Did outreach work with these schools within the board that have never made use of the centre which has resulted in a large increase in reservations. The goal is to have every school within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board go to ANSC at least once a year. The Accelerated Learning Program at Mother Teresa Junior High School is a frequent visitor.
- ❖ Did outreach work with other school boards to make them aware of the services offered. This has **helped** the increase in reservations.
- ❖ Entered into a partnership with the GrandeYellowhead Regional School Division in Alberta, who run a similar facility, in order to gain experience from them.
- ❖ Conducted a major clean-up of the facility.
- ❖ Developed outdoor education programs that would hold the interest of students and encourage their natural curiosity.
- ❖ Invested in technology, i.e. hand held GPS, telescopes, underwater cameras, etc.; that can be used outdoors which has been made possible through donations and other sources of funding.
- ❖ Developed a new Web site.
- ❖ Attended conferences to promote the centre.

- ❖ Applied for a grant for special needs students as good experiences have occurred at ANSC in the last year with special and at-risk students.

Mr. Quinn expressed his appreciation to the Council of Commissioners, the Director General, the Director of Educational Services, ANSC Educators, the Coordinator of Communications & Public Relations, and anyone who has supported this project. He invited everyone to come and experience ANSC.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Cuvillier, Ms. Fahey, and Mr. Quinn for their informative presentation, commendable work and the video of students making use of the centre.

He went on to advise that over the past few years the Caisse Desjardins in Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière has been contributing generously to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. He invited Joé Belanger, president of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation and Directeur général of Caisse Desjardins Thérèse-de-Blainville; and Laurent Puize, Conseiller en communication, Vice-présidence régionale Laval-Laurentides of the Caisse Desjardins; to join him at the front of the Council room. Mr. Belanger and Mr. Puize presented ANSC with a cheque for 10 000\$ to be used towards the centre.

Pictures were taken and Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Anne-Isabelle Cuvillier, Kelly Fahey, and Michael Quinn.

## 1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

### CC-110427-CA-0073

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2011/04/27-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

Commissioner Merle Parkinson entered the meeting via telephone.

**TIME: 20:03 hours**

Commissioner Nazario Facchino entered the meeting.

**TIME: 20:03 hours**

## 2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### CC-110427-CA-0074

Roberto Bomba MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2011-03-22, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

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

## 3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:06 hours**

#### 4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

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

The Chairman presented a letter received from parents of a student at Laval Liberty High School (LLHS) who has Asperger's Syndrome, thanking the staff of LLHS and several Principals and Directors of the school board.

He noted that there was also an article in The Gazette about this student.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:09 hours**

The Chairman continued by presenting another letter from the Principal of Souvenir Elementary School to the Director General expressing the unwavering commitment of Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology, regarding the project with the Montreal Children's Hospital over live conferencing with a sick student.

He went on to comment on the Town Hall Summary noting that the summary will substantiate the efforts of all who participated in the Town Hall and be provided as information to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), as well as to those who participated in the session. He thanked the Coordinator of Communications & Public Relations and her team for their quick and efficient work in providing the summary so quickly after the session.

He advised the Council that Suanne Stein Day has been elected the new Chair of the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

He also noted that tomorrow he and the Director General would be attending a meeting with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and the Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale (MESS) for "Adéquation Formation-Emploi".

The Director General advised that an invitation to this meeting was sent to all Chairs and Directors General of school boards, CEGEPS, Universities, community groups and unions by the MELS and MESS for a consultation on how vocational training can find ways of bridging the gap between training and the labour market. It is a province wide consultation and three questions have been provided to collect feedback, which will be reviewed in early June.

##### 4.2 *Safety & Security:*

The Chairman advised the Council that the issue of Safety & Security is becoming a much more important issue than it has been in the past and that it will be a discussion topic at the next Material Resources Committee meeting so that a plan of action can be developed. He asked for the Council's support in re-establishing the Safety & Security Committee and invited all Commissioners to the 2011-05-11 meeting of the Material Resources Committee.

#### 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

##### 5.1 *Consultation Results – 2011-2012 Budget Building Process:*

The Director of Financial Resources advised that 23 responses had been received on the 2011-2012 budget building process. The top requests received were for more behavior technician time, in school professional time, building repairs and maintenance, and upgrading technology. It is hoped that some of these requests can be entertained in the 2011-2012 budget.

She also noted that feedback will be provided to the schools on what was retained from their consultation responses.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Chairman indicated that the family of Student "AS" have contacted several of the Commissioners about having the Council decision concerning Student "AS" overturned and that the Director General is aware of this.

## 6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

### 6.1 HUMAN RESOURCES

#### 6.1.1 2011-2012 Assignment & Transfer of In-School & Centre Administrators:

The Chairman presented and explained the process of assignment and transfer of in-school Administrators.

The Chairman moved that the Council go "in camera".

**TIME: 20:32 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 21: 11 hours**

The Director General presented and reviewed the assignments and transfers of in-school Administrators for the 2011-2012 school year, effective 2011-07-01. She also announced that Susan Gilmore, Principal of Phoenix Alternative School; Hazel Milley, Principal of Twin Oaks Elementary School; and Savario Mirarchi, Day Care Coordinator, would be retiring at the end of the current school year and wished them well in their future endeavours.

#### CC-110427-HR-0075

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Director General to recommend to the Council of Commissioners the assignment of the in-school and centre administrators prior to May 15 annually in accordance with Policy n° 2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association;

WHEREAS principals and vice-principals have submitted their career plans for 2011-2012 to the Director General as requested;

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

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

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

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the assignment of the in-school and centre administrators, effective 2011-07-01, as follows:

| ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS       | PRINCIPALS          | VICE-PRINCIPALS |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Arundel (50% teaching)   | VACANT              |                 |
| Crestview                | Mary-Helen Goyetche |                 |
| Franklin Hill            | Daniel Tremblay     |                 |
| Genesis                  | Irene Agosto        |                 |
| Grenville (50% teaching) | Nancy Bennett       |                 |
| Hillcrest                | Nathalie Rollin     |                 |
| John F. Kennedy          | Florence Delorme    |                 |
| Joliette                 | Paul Fogel          |                 |

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| Jules Verne                             | Aimee Parsons           |                        |
| Laurentia                               | Karen Moore             |                        |
| Laurentian Elementary                   | Darlene Reeves          |                        |
| McCaig                                  | Serge-Édouard Jeanniton | Sonia Busnardo         |
| Morin Heights                           | Christian St-Pierre     |                        |
| Mountainview                            | Darlene Miller          |                        |
| Our Lady of Peace                       | Marisa Goffredo         |                        |
| Pierre Elliott Trudeau                  | Karen Lorenz            |                        |
| Pinewood                                | André Gionet            |                        |
| Rawdon (50% teaching)                   | Tammie Marlin           |                        |
| Souvenir                                | Carmela Sacco           | Luciana Cifarelli      |
| Ste-Adèle (50% teaching)                | Carolynn Roberts        |                        |
| Ste-Agathe Academy (Elementary)         | VACANT                  |                        |
| St-Jude                                 | Christyne Legault       |                        |
| St-Paul                                 | Ann Cohen               | VACANT                 |
| St-Vincent                              | Grace Courey            | Concetta Larosa        |
| Terry Fox                               | Lisa Verrall            | Lynn Neveu             |
| Twin Oaks                               | Mary Lazaris            |                        |
| <b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>                     | <b>PRINCIPALS</b>       | <b>VICE-PRINCIPALS</b> |
| Joliette High School                    | Robert Simpson          |                        |
| Lake of Two Mountains High School       | Eric Ruggi              | Gail Latter            |
| Laurentian Regional High School         | Christina Shousha       | Nadia Anwar            |
| Laurier Senior High School              | Nicolino Primiano       | Dena Chronopoulos      |
|   |                         | Sarmen Jakalian        |
| Laval Junior High School                | Richard Mason           | Nunziatina Miscio      |
| Laval Liberty High School               | Josée Côté              | Helen Kalipolidis      |
|   |                         | VACANT                 |
| Mother Teresa Junior High School        | Anna Villalta           | Robert Bennett         |
| Mountainview High School (50% teaching) | Louise McLaughlin       |                        |
| Phoenix                                 | Sollie Glikzman         |                        |
| Rosemere High School                    | Scott Traylen           | David Mitchell         |
|   |                         | Christina Cichon       |
|   |                         | Charles Chagnon        |
| Ste-Agathe Academy (Secondary)          | VACANT                  |                        |
|   | <b>CENTRE DIRECTOR</b>  |                        |
| Adult Education                         | Gina Persechino         |                        |
| Vocational Training                     | Jules Goulet            |                        |

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

The Chairman called for a 10 minute break.

**TIME: 21:20 hours**

Commissioner Merle Parkinson excused herself for the evening.

**TIME: 21:20 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 21:31 hours**

### **6.1.2 Policy – Code of Conduct for Employees:**

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the proposed policy on the Code of Conduct for Employees noting that this was a joint venture with Human Resources. The proposed policy has been reviewed by the Human Resources Committee, Communications & Public Relations Committee and the Executive Committee. This is to make formal what is already applied.

Commissioner Albina Pace returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:33 hours**

The Director of Human Resources noted that the foundation of the policy is strong as it is based on what is currently applied and that upon review by the various committees a few changes were made especially with respect to the use of technology in the workplace. The code is necessary as the school board needs to advise its employees of its expectations.

The Council entered into discussion.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chairman in order to speak to the upcoming motion, more specifically with respect to section 6.2 of the policy

The Vice-Chair reminded Commissioners that this is proposed policy and subject to consultation therefore, any changes that Commissioners wish to see made to the policy can be addressed to the Secretary General.

#### **CC-110427-HR-0076**

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Communications & Public Relations Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle proposed policy #2011-HR-08: Code of Conduct for all Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT this proposed policy be subject to a 60-day consultation.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairman returned the chair.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:42 hours**

## **6.2 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

### **6.2.1 Amendments to Travel Policy:**

The Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the amendments to the travel policy noting that several responses had been received from the consultation. The most significant change concerns travel for in-school professionals who provide direct service to students. Reducing that travel rate was also discussed but the Financial Resources Committee decided to maintain status quo.

The Council entered into discussion and it was noted that the Council has reduced spending by more than 25% in all areas.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:44 hours**

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chair in order to comment on the issue being discussed.

In response to a statement by Commissioner Walter Fogel, Commissioner Steve Bletas noted that just because the other school boards and the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) may have lowered their respective travel rate does not mean that this school board has to. The school board has made reductions in other areas.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell excused himself for the evening.

**TIME: 21:53 hours**

**CC-110427-FR-0077**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution # CC-100929-FR-0015 approving 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;

WHEREAS a consultation took place and the comments received were reviewed and taken into consideration;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik 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 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.

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

The Chairman returned to the chair.

**6.3 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**6.3.1 Amendment to By-Law: Date, Time & Place of Council Meetings:**

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the draft amended by-laws for the date, time and place of meetings for both Executive Committee and Council noting that the pattern of meetings follows the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month for Executive Committee and the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month for Council with a couple of exceptions in order to meet contractual deadlines and to respect certain religious holidays.

**CC-110427-CA-0078**

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 2011-2012 meeting dates for the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications & Public Relations Committee and the Executive Committee, 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 2011-06-30 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.3.2 Amendment to By-Law: Date, Time & Place of Executive Meetings:**

#### **CC-110427-CA-0079**

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 2011-2012 meeting dates for the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Communications & Public Relations Committee and the Executive Committee, 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 2011-06-30 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

**Carried unanimously**

## **6.4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

### **6.4.1 Bill 133 – Governance & Management of Information Resources:**

The Director of Information Technology advised the Council that the Conseil du Trésor du Québec has recently deposited Bill 133: *An Act respecting the governance and management of the information resources of public bodies and government enterprises* to the National Assembly for its consideration. The deposit of this proposed law has led to many briefs being submitted by various groups expressing their concerns about this proposed law as it will interfere with the operations of school boards and other public bodies and government enterprises. A meeting is being held tomorrow, 2011-04-28, for all Directors of Information Technology in Québec to discuss this issue as it has gained everyone's interest.

#### **CC-110427-IT-0080**

WHEREAS the Conseil du Trésor du Québec has recently deposited Bill 133: *An Act respecting the governance and management of the information resources of public bodies and government enterprises* for adoption by the National Assembly;

WHEREAS Bill 133 introduces new obligations and responsibilities for all public bodies including school boards;

WHEREAS Bill 133 increases governmental controls and bureaucracy in the management of information resources and imposes additional obligations on school boards;



WHEREAS Bill 133 disregards the autonomy of duly elected school board commissioners in the administration of their school board in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations;

WHEREAS, amongst other organizations, the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) presented a brief during the March-April public hearings of the Commission des finances publiques concerning Bill 133 in which it asked for the withdrawal of Bill 133;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to support the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) request for withdrawal;

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that the Conseil du Trésor withdraw Bill 133: *An Act respecting the governance and management of the information resources of public bodies and government enterprises.*

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Conseil du Trésor du Québec, the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), the Quebec English School Boards Association, the Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec, and Members of the National Assembly representing Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière.

**Carried unanimously**

## **6.5 ADULT EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

### **6.5.1 Request to MELS for Additional Vocational Training Programs:**

The Director General advised the Council that in recent weeks the school board discussed applying for more vocational training options so that the course offerings are bilingual and mirror what Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles is offering. The following resolution is to request these programs from the MELS.

#### **CC-110427-AE-0081**

WHEREAS regional partnerships are encouraged by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to facilitate the organization of vocational training services;

WHEREAS English and French school boards are willing to work hand in hand to improve the vocational training offer and to maximize investments;

WHEREAS the Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier School Board and the Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles have been in discussion about a Multiservice Bilingual Center for Vocational Training in the Laurentians;

WHEREAS both institutions have expressed the interest in ensuring that bilingual options be offered;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles has adjusted its program offer as a result of the recent round of authorizations;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board did not request these new options as part of the Plan d'aménagement;

WHEREAS the proposed amendments to the Plan d'aménagement des Laurentides require a resolution;

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for the following programs: Plastering, Tiling, Residential and Commercial Painting, Preparing and Finishing Concrete.

**Carried unanimously**

## **6.6 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

### **6.6.1 Transfer of École Marcelle-Gauvreau:**

The Director of Material Resources informed the Council that the school board has received a request from the Commission scolaire de Laval (CSDL) to reclaim École Marcelle-Gauvreau due to an urgent need for additional space as a result of the new ratios set by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

He went on to note that on 2009-03-25 the Council approved a resolution that requested the transfer of École Marcelle-Gauvreau from Commission scolaire de Laval as of July 1, 2010, in order to accommodate the increasing student population in sectors 2 and 3 in Laval, but since that time the new demographic numbers for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board are not showing a need for additional space before 2015.

This request has been discussed with Gilles Marchand, directeur de l'équipement scolaire for the MELS. It has also been discussed at length with the Director General, the Material Resources Committee and the School Organization Committee and it is felt that perhaps the school board would be better served with an eventual enlargement to Twin Oaks Elementary School.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:06 hours**

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Director of Material Resources noted that recouping of the funds already spent on École Marcelle-Gauvreau was discussed with M. Marchand.

### **CC-110427-MR-0082**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-090325-CA-0105 requesting the transfer of École Marcelle-Gauvreau from Commission scolaire de Laval as of July 1, 2010, in order to accommodate the increasing student population in sectors 2 and 3 in Laval;

WHEREAS the new demographic numbers for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board are not showing a need for additional space before 2015;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received a request from Commission scolaire de Laval to reclaim the building due to an urgent need for additional space due to the new ratios set by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS);

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's needs for additional space in these sectors have been communicated to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and will be followed up upon in a timely manner;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the request of Commission scolaire de Laval to reclaim École Marcelle-Gauvreau, upon receipt of authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources be mandated to oversee this transfer and related subsequent follow ups with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

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

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

Commissioner Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 22:10 hours**

## **7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **7.1 SWL Foundation:**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak noted that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation held a reflection day on 2011-04-09 to examine what it has accomplished and its future directions. The Foundation is interested in funding a major project for the schools and is currently assessing its options. It will continue to sponsor the Citizenship Bursaries and individual school projects.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:11 hours**

He went on to note that the Lobster fest will be held on 2011-06-16 at the Château Royal and that tickets are on sale for 150\$ each.

### **7.2 Parent Commissioners Report**

The report of the Parent Commissioners commented on a presentation by the Director of School Organization on the policy concerning the drop off and pick up of students at the bus stop, the 2011-2012 Budget Building Process, the amendments to the Deeds of Establishment & Three-Year Plan, and lockdown procedures in schools.

### **7.3 Report of the QESBA:**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that earlier today there was a Task Force meeting on linguistic exchanges to address the Premiers comments on increasing English in grade 6. This Task Force was established with the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) and the Association of Administrators of English Schools of Québec (AAESQ) so as to ensure that the English school boards have a voice in these discussions and so it can bring a positive view of the English language.

She also noted that there has been no update on school elections and that the QESBA is concerned about this and will be doing some inquiring.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 22:14 hours**

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, Commissioner Carolyn Curiale noted that the issue of school taxation was discussed and that the QESBA is developing a proposal for presentation to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) on this ongoing issue and that they have sought out a professional to assist them with the writing of the proposal to ensure that it is properly formulated.

**8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:**

There were no questions.

**9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Chairman drew attention to the correspondence in the meeting package.

**10.0 VARIA:**

There was no varia.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 22:17 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2011-05-18**

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**Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General**

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**Steve Bletas, Chairman**