

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2011-08-31

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, 2011-08-31.

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, Tom Mouhteros, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; Parent Commissioners Roberto Bomba and Angelo Grasso; and Anne-Marie Lepage, Director General.

Also present were: Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director of School Organization; Line Desgroseilliers, Director of Information Technology; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources; Heather Halman, Director of Adult Education & Vocational Training; 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: Commissioner Peter MacLaurin and Alain Guay, Assistant Director General.

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone back and wished them a good 2011-2012 school year. He also welcomed the new Director of Adult Education & Vocational Training to the table.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

CC-110831-CA-0001

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2011/08/31-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC-110831-CA-0002

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2011-06-29, 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, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Tom Mouhteros

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 earlier today a Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) meeting was held via conference call. One of the agenda items discussed was the different rates in taxation. A committee of the QESBA is reviewing several potential scenarios that could be considered to resolve the current school taxation situation. The discussions as to what could be proposed to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) as a solution to the school taxation situation are still in the early discussion stages and time will be required to fully examine and comprehend the options available in order to come up with a concrete proposal.

The Council entered into discussion and it was suggested that the school taxation situation be discussed further at the next Financial Resources Committee.

He continued his report noting the promotion project with the high schools in Laval is going well with tools being developed to promote the positive aspects of the four schools as individual schools, as all have a lot to offer the student clientele in Laval. A joint advertising plan for the promotion of the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) at Mother Teresa Junior High School and the Advanced Technology Oriented Math & Science Program (ATOMS) Program at Laval Junior High school is underway for September so that parents are aware of the information sessions, open houses and examinations for these programs.

The Director General noted that the Principals of the four schools have recognized that it is necessary for them to work collaboratively to promote the Laval high schools and to work individually with their respective staff in order to sensitize them to the public perception of their respective schools. The process will take time and it is anticipated that these new programs will be of benefit.

The Chairman presented a thank you letter from the family of Lisa Marie Mazza, who was honoured at the 2011-06-29 Council meeting for her achievements.

4.2 *Report of the Director General:*

The Director General welcomed everyone to the new school year noting that today was the first day of school and everything appeared to run smoothly.

She continued by presenting a document regarding the legal framework that supports her actions as Director General and the actions of the Assistant Director General. She thanked the Chairman for allowing her the opportunity to express these observations.

She went on to note that a welcome back session for Administrators was held on 2011-08-16 in Rawdon and the theme was leadership. With the development of a new Strategic Plan it is a good time to change the focus of the objectives. The new objective is "LEAD", Lead – Encourage – Analyze – Dream. The day was positive with enthusiastic participation in the team building activities. She expressed her appreciation to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) for agreeing to work jointly with the Directorate to present this session.

The Director General asked each department to give an overview of activities since returning from vacation.

The Director of Educational Services advised that Summer School concluded during the week of 2011-08-15 and that 569 students attended with a success rate of 93%. There were 192 students that only wrote exams with a success rate of 69%. These are good numbers and benefit the school board's

success plan. He also noted that the teachers had returned to work on 2011-08-25 and that many workshops were organized for grades 1 through secondary V over the days leading up to the return of the students with the important topics being evaluation and the new report card. He noted that the registrations for the sessions were done on-line using FORTIC, a registration software. He thanked Information Technology for its support on implementing this software.

The Director of Human Resources noted that the department has been active in filling the vacant positions within the schools as well as holding recall sessions for Special Education Technicians and Special Education Attendants. She noted that a new interview process, which has been of great assistance, is being used by Complementary Services prior to the recall session in order to confirm candidate qualifications. She thanked Educational Services and the SEPB 577 Union for their collaboration in making the process run smoothly.

The Director of Information Technology noted that the department has worked closely with Educational Services on the implementation of the FORTIC Registration Program and on the new format of the report card, as well as the set up of the ATOMS lab, the handling of calls by the technicians and the usual tasks that appear in the start of a new school year.

The Director of Financial Resources noted that the focus of Financial Resources is the closing of the the 2010-2011 school year, working with the auditors and assisting the schools with the start up of the new school year.

The Director of Complementary Services advised the Council that the new interview process for the recall of Special Education Technicians and Special Education Attendants worked very well and will be of benefit to the students. She also noted the on going process to staff the vacant professional positions, the adjustment of attendant time and allocations to the schools in order to better serve the students with accurate hours of support, the intake of new students for contained classes, a special needs workshop in conjunction with the Laurier Teachers Union (LTU), and working with School Organization to organize special transport for those students who require it.

The Director of School Organization advised the Council that the first day of school today was a busy one but that everything went smoothly and that the students in Rawdon and Joliette will be going back to school tomorrow. The schools are continuing to register students and that enrolment continues to grow although it is expected to fluctuate.

The Director of Adult Education & Vocational Training advised that the advertising campaign for adult education and vocational training has been quite successful, especially in the health sector so much that there is a possibility that a second lab may have to be opened. Several programs, Hotel Management, Professional Sales and Starting a Small Business; that were to be retired have been revamped to become more individualized and by doing so there has been a renewed interest. The October and January cohorts for the new carpentry courses being offered at the new CDC Laurier-St-Eustache are full and registration is looking very good for the April cohort.

The Director of Material Resources extended his appreciation to his department for all of their hard work in keeping the current projects on track. He noted that there is a delay with the new Joliette Elementary School project as there is a problem with the soil. More information on the delay will be available at the next meeting of the Material Resources Committee. There has also been a request for funding for a synthetic field project at Rosemere High School in partnership with the Ville de Rosemère and movement in the Laval Aquatic Centre project.

The Secretary General advised that the beginning of the school year has been busy with the organization of insurance information for the schools with the new provider and preparation of guidelines for the Principals for use in preparing for their respective General Assembly of Parents. She also noted that Copibec meetings have been held with the staff of the five schools selected for the 2011-2012 school year, Franklin Hill and Morin Heights Elementary Schools, Lake of Two Mountains and Rosemere High Schools, and Hillcrest Academy; to participate in the collection of data used to ensure that authors receive the royalties for the reproduction of their works.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:**6.1 HUMAN RESOURCES****6.1.1 Support to the Director General:**

The Director General advised the Council that with the current absence of the Assistant Director General it has been brought to her attention that in the absence of both herself and the Assistant Director General there should be someone in authority to oversee the daily operations of the school board. This has been discussed at the Directorate and conforms with the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3). There would be no stipend attached to this as it is not a replacement nor an interim position.

WHEREAS the Assistant Director General is currently absent and the Director General has been performing his functions with the support of her Directorate team;

WHEREAS this situation has raised the awareness that should both the Assistant Director General and the Director General be absent from the School Board, it should have someone in authority to ensure the smooth running of the daily operations;

WHEREAS the duties and responsibilities of this person must be done with the knowledge of the Director General;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board recognize the Director of Human Resources as the delegate in the absence of both the Assistant Director General and the Director General from the School Board;

AND THAT the functions and powers for this delegate be the same functions and powers as that of the Assistant Director General;

AND THAT his duties and responsibilities only be accomplished with the knowledge of the Director General.

FURTHER THAT this resolution be effective until replaced.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to several questions, the Director General noted that the Director of Human Resources would perform her usual duties and assume the role of delegate only in the absence of both herself and the Assistant Director General. Should the leave of either position be extended indefinitely the Council would appoint someone to that position on an interim basis.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT the council go in camera. **TIME: 20:48 hours**
Carried unanimously

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 21:09 hours**

The Chairman called for a 5 minute break. **TIME: 21:09 hours**

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 21:15 hours**

The Director General presented an amended version of the resolution for support to the Director General.

On a "point of order" Commissioner Steve Mitchell noted that Commissioner George Benoit must accept the changes to the original resolution before the vote can proceed. Commissioner Benoit accepted the amendments.

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WHEREAS the Directorate has expressed a need to name a delegate should both the Assistant Director General and the Director General be absent from the School Board to ensure the smooth running of the daily operations;

WHEREAS the duties and responsibilities must be done, if possible, with the knowledge of the Director General;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board recognize **Linda Di Domenico**, Director of Human Resources as the delegate in the absence of both the Assistant Director General and the Director General from the School Board;

AND THAT the functions and powers of this delegate be the same functions and powers as those of the Director General;

FURTHER THAT this resolution be effective for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros requested that it be noted that his vote is in no way a reflection on the person named as delegate.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

TIME: 21:17 hours

6.2 MATERIAL RESOURCES

6.2.1 Garbage, Recycling & Compost Collection Services:

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the tender for the garbage, recycling and compost collection services noting that to date the school board has only had garbage collection and paper recycling services and that in order to be more "Green" it wishes to add recycling of all approved materials and composting.

Commissioner Walter Fogel proposed that the resolution be amended by changing the words "are due for tendering" to read "were due for tendering". Commissioner Nancy Rupnik accepted that change.

WHEREAS the garbage collection contracts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's schools and centres are due for tendering;

WHEREAS invitational tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2011-08-11;

*Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the garbage, recycling and compost collection services to **Waste Management Inc.**, for a total cost of 170 697,20\$, before taxes, (194 466,79\$, all taxes included).*

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WHEREAS the garbage collection contracts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's schools and centres were due for tendering;

WHEREAS invitational tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2011-08-11;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the garbage, recycling and compost collection services to **Waste Management Inc.**, for a annual cost of 170 697,20\$, before taxes, (194 466,79\$, all taxes included).

Carried unanimously

6.2.2 Engagement of Contractor – Locker Room Project – 3200 Souvenir:

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the tenders for the renovation of the lockers and showers at 3200 Souvenir noting that the architect has reviewed the tenders and that two bidders did not conform. The work will be completed after school and on the weekends. A portable with locker rooms and showers has been installed. This work could not be completed over the summer months as it is a year long project.

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WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-110629-MR-0102 approving the 2011-2012 capital priorities for its schools and centres which included the locker rooms and showers renovation project at 3200 Souvenir;

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

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2011-07-22;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified by the Architect of the project;

Commissioner William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the locker rooms and showers renovation project at 3200 Souvenir to **Hulix Construction Inc.** for a total cost of 370 000\$, before taxes, (421 522,50\$, 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 renovation project.

Carried unanimously

6.2.3 Construction Project – Physical Layout of CDC Laurier-St-Eustache:

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the estimate received from the owner of the rental location for the new CDC Laurier-St-Eustache for the work required to the physical layout.

In response to a question from Commissioner Walter Fogel, the Director of Material Resources noted that when the school board rents a facility and renovates it to suit its needs, it assumes the costs. The Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) is aware that the school board is renting this facility and that the physical layout needs to be specific to the course needs. The cost to have the space set up to suit the course needs will be submitted to the MELS for reimbursement.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:24 hours

In response to a question from Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the Director of Material Resources noted that the building is under construction therefore, the owner's contractor will do the work to accommodate the school board's needs. Given that, he has made a comparison with previous renovation projects for similar space and the price being quoted by the owner for the work is reasonable.

CC-110831-MR-0006

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-110629-MR-0100, and entered into a 5-year lease agreement with 9179-8025 Québec Inc. for space to open the CDC Laurier-St-Eustache in order to offer courses in Carpentry and Underwater Welding;

WHEREAS the building in which the CDC Laurier-St-Eustache is to be located is currently under construction;

WHEREAS specific physical layout is needed to accommodate the courses that will be offered at CDC Laurier-St-Eustache;

WHEREAS 9179-8025 Québec Inc. has informed the Director of Material Resources that the costs associated with the construction of the physical layout is quoted at 602 420,60\$ without tax (686 307,67\$, all taxes included);

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the costs associated with the construction of the physical layout of the CDC Laurier-St-Eustache as quoted at 602 420,60\$ without tax (686 307,67\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT 9179-8025 Québec Inc. proceed with the construction of the physical layout of the CDC Laurier-St-Eustache.

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 or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Carried unanimously

6.2.4 Sale of Land – Laval Aquatic Centre:

The Director of Material Resources provided background information on the sale of land noting that the proceeds of this sale would be used towards the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's partnership investment in the Laval Aquatic Centre project.

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-090128-MR-0089, mandating the Secretary General and the Director of Material Resources to enter into negotiations with the Ville de Laval to establish a partnership agreement for the construction of an aquatic centre;

WHEREAS the Ville de Laval was approached for the development of the aqua centre project and will contribute a budget of 12 500 000\$ towards the project;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has indicated its support of the aqua centre project and confirmed that it will be a partner;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will also be contributing towards the construction of the aquatic centre;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to sell a maximum of 10 217 m² / 110 000 sq/ft of lot #1165708 (78 170.2 m² / 841 580.37 sq/ft) located at 3200, boulevard du Souvenir O., Laval (Québec), in order to provide financing for its portion of the Laval Aquatic Centre to be constructed at said location;

WHEREAS the Ville de Laval has offered to purchase 10 217 m² / 110 000 sq/ft of lot #1165708 for an amount of no less than 9,00\$ per square foot;

WHEREAS, in order to conform with the Regulation on the norms, conditions and procedure for the disposal of an immovable of a school board (R.S.Q., c. I-13.3, s. 452), the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to sell this land;

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of Material Resources to request an authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to sell a maximum of 10 217 m² / 110 000 sq/ft of lot #1165708 (78 170.2 m² / 841 580.37 sq/ft) located at 3200, boulevard du Souvenir O., Laval (Québec), to the Ville de Laval for an amount of no less than 9,00\$ per square foot.

AND THAT, upon receipt of the authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), the Director of Material Resources and the Secretary General engage a notary with the Ville de Laval to proceed with the transaction for the sale of this land.

AND THAT the revenue from this sale be used as part of the school board's financing of the aquatic centre.

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 or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this sale.

The Council entered into discussion on the sale of land behind 3200 boul. du Souvenir.

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Director of Material Resources advised that a market value evaluation of the land has not been done. He noted that the investment of the other partners in the project is much greater than that of the school board but that the school board will receive the future benefits of the project as it will be the owner of the Centre.

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Vice-Chairman.

Discussion continued with objections being raised about the cost per square foot and several Commissioners requesting that a professional evaluation of the property be conducted.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola left the meeting.

TIME: 21:35 hours

The Director of Material Resources reminded the Council that this project has been on the drawing board since 2007 and that it has been revised several times in order to decrease the costs. The Ville de Laval and the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) will be contributing 12 500 000\$ each while the school board contribution will be 2 500 000\$. The school board contribution would be covered with the profits received from the sale of this land plus a loan from the MELS. The repayment of the loan would be achieved over 15 years through energy savings.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:37 hours

He further noted that at this time the most important part of this exercise is to receive authorization from the MELS to sell the land, while a professional evaluation is being conducted.

Commissioner Steve Bletas informed the Council that this project is finally moving forward and that the other partners have been able to find the funds to invest and that the school board needs to follow suit as it initiated the project.

In response to a question from Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the Director of Material Resources noted that the land being put up for sale is a piece that will continue to be vacant once the Laval Aquatic Centre is constructed. The land on which it will be constructed will remain the property of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

The Director General presented a revised version of the resolution to sell the land for the Laval Aquatic Centre project. Commissioner Walter Fogel accepted the changes.

In response to several questions, the Director of Material Resources noted that he is unaware of any plans that the Ville de Laval may have for this land.

CC-110831-MR-0007

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to establish an aquatic centre in Laval;

WHEREAS the proposed location for this centre is on land belonging to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS only part of this land will be required for the proposed aquatic centre;

WHEREAS the Ville de Laval has expressed an interest in purchasing the unused portion of this land;

WHEREAS it is necessary to request an authorization to sell this unused portion of land from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) before entering into further discussions;

Commissioner Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of Material Resources to request an authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to sell this unused portion of land located at 3200, boulevard du Souvenir O., Laval (Québec).

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources be mandated to seek an evaluation of the market value of this portion of this unused land.

FURTHER THAT this feedback be brought back to the Council of Commissioners for further consideration.

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

The Chairman resumed the chair.

6.2.5 Authorization to Borrow – Laval Aquatic Centre:

The Director of Material Resources reviewed the proposed resolution noting that the repayment of the loan was discussed in item 6.2.4.

In response to a question from Commissioner Robert Dixon, the Director of Material Resources commented that it is necessary for the school board to validate its commitment to the project with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and to provide them with a business plan that indicates where the funding is coming from and how it will be repaid.

The Director General reminded the Council that there are elements of timing with projects of this size and that when the MELS contacts us asking for resolutions for projects in which they are a partner, so it can be included in their project announcements, it is important to act as quickly as possible. She noted that she understands the concerns of the Council and asked them to please take into account the timeline involved for this project.

CC-110831-MR-0008

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-070425-MR-0155, authorizing the participation of the school board in a feasibility study on the proposed Laval Aquatic Centre;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-090128-MR-0089, mandating the Secretary General and the Director of Material Resources to enter into negotiations with the Ville de Laval to establish a partnership agreement for the construction of an aquatic centre;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's financial participation in this project will be 2 500 000\$, with approximately 1 000 000\$ of this amount to be raised through the sale of a piece of land located at 3200 boulevard du Souvenir;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to borrow the balance of its financial commitment to the aqua centre project of 1 500 000\$ under an energy conservation project for building a more energy efficient facility than required by regular norms;

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Director of Material Resources to request from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) authorization to borrow 1 500 000\$ at a term of 15-years to be paid back by annual energy savings.

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners be informed upon receipt of this authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

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

6.3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

6.3.1 GRICS Annual Invoice 2011-2012:

The Director of Information Technology advised the Council that the invoice received from GRICS is its pre-billing for the 2011-2012 school year and that it covers all of the systems and the majority of the programs used by the school board. The increase over 2010-2011 is 2% or approximately 5 000\$.

She also noted that annually programs are purchased, upgraded, replaced with our own programs or cancelled due to the needs of the school board.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

TIME: 21:57 hours

CC-110831-IT-0009

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board uses GRICS (Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires) software for the management of its administrative and pedagogical information systems;

WHEREAS GRICS invoices the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on an annual basis for those software licenses and related support services;

Parent Commissioner Roberto Bomba MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Information Technology and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the payment of invoice #FA-133883 received for the 2011-2012 school year from **GRICS** (Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires) in the amount of 299 873,76\$ (334 654,77\$, all taxes included).

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

Commissioner Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:59 hours

6.4 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.4.1 Commissioners Professional Development:

The Secretary General presented a request received from Commissioner Walter Fogel to attend the 2011 Contingency & Disaster Planning for Schools, Colleges & Universities Conference being held in Toronto, Ontario, from 2011-10-05 to 2011-10-07.

The Council entered into discussion and a couple of Commissioners noted that they feel that this is an unnecessary expense as there is plenty of information available on this issue from other sources at a much lesser cost.

CC-110831-CA-0010

WHEREAS policy #2005-CA-11: Professional Development for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires approval of the Council of Commissioners for Commissioner attendance at conferences;

WHEREAS this policy sets a ceiling of three delegates from the Council of Commissioners to any one conference;

WHEREAS one Commissioner has submitted a request to attend the 2011 Contingency & Disaster Planning for Schools, Colleges & Universities Conference being held from 2011-10-05 to 2011-10-07 in Toronto, Ontario;

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of **Walter Fogel** at the 2011 Emergency Disaster Planning for Schools, Colleges & Universities Conference in Toronto, Ontario from 2011-10-05 to 2011-10-07.

AND THAT registration, travel, accommodations and miscellaneous expenses not exceed 3 000,00\$ Canadian.

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

6.5 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

6.5.1 Sport Études – Hockey:

The Director of Educational Services provided background information on the new Sport étude Program being offered at Mother Teresa Junior and Laurier Senior High Schools noting that the school board was approached by the Fédération Hockey Québec to establish this program in Laval. A "Memorandum of Understanding" is required between Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, Mother Teresa Junior and Laurier Senior High Schools and the Fédération Hockey Québec in order to submit a formal application to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for recognition and funding.

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WHEREAS the Fédération Hockey Québec has approached the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to house a Sport études Hockey Program;

WHEREAS contacts have been established with Mother Teresa Junior and Laurier Senior High Schools to begin offering this program as of September 2011;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, Mother Teresa Junior and Laurier Senior High Schools and the Fédération Hockey Québec have now come to agreement that will permit a formal application to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for recognition and funding;

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Director General and the Principals of Mother Teresa Junior and Laurier Senior High Schools to sign the "Memorandum of Understanding" with the Fédération Hockey Québec.

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

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 SWL Foundation:

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak advised that planning is underway for the 2012-01-12 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Gala and that more information will be available at the 2011-09-27 meeting of the Council.

7.2 Parent Commissioners Report

There was no report but the first meeting of the 2011-2012 school year will be on 2011-10-06 in the boardroom of the Administration Centre.

7.3 Report of the QESBA:

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale informed that Council that the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport is forming a task force on linguistic exchange and she will be seeking feedback from the school boards. The premise of the task force is to examine how to best create French and English facilities that are jointly administered and ensures that all Québec students have some level of being bilingual. More information will be forthcoming.

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale commented on her report from the 2011 Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Conference drawing the Council's attention to the section of the report on Parliamentary Procedure and Rules of Order.

10.0 VARIA:

In response to safety concerns expressed by several of the Commissioners from the Laval area, the Director of Material Resources noted that he would call the Commission scolaire de Laval concerning this lot as it is next to one of its schools. The lot concerned was purchased from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board by the Holy Cross Armenian Apostolic Church to build a new building in 2007.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:10 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2011-09-27