

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2011-11-23

A regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2011-11-23.

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

Also present were: Clifford Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General; Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director of School Organization; Johanne Brabant, Strategic Plan Advisor; 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; Livia Nassivera, Director of Financial Resources; Gerry Robillard, Director of Educational Services; Fred Greschner, Assistant Director of Complementary Services; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant. Several other persons were also in the audience.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:33 hours.

Commissioner Walter Fogel thanked everyone for the best wishes he has received while recovering.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

CC-111123-CA-0031

Commissioner Mike Pizzola MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2011/11/23-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CC-111123-CA-0032

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2011-10-26, 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, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Walter Fogel, Tom Mouhteros, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

4.1 *Report from the Chairman:*

The Chairman welcomed the Non-Teaching Professionals (NTPs) to the meeting noting that this week is NTP appreciation week.

The Interim Director General thanked all the NTPs present this evening for taking the time to attend. He went on to recognize the dedicated pedagogical and administrative professionals at all levels within the school board and the wealth of expertise that exists within the group. The NTPs challenge us everyday and encourage everyone to share best practices. It is an honour that these exceptional people have chosen to have a career here at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

The Chairman made a special presentation to the Crisis/Grief Team, represented by Paolo Ruscito, Spiritual Care Animator; for their dedication to the school board and the difficult situations they undertake to provide support to the students and employees of the school board.

A certificate presentation and photos followed.

The Chairman advised that at the 2011-10-26 meeting of the Council he had received a request from the Governing Board of Mother Teresa Junior High School (MTJHS) asking for a clarification as to whether or not the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) is a school based or school board based program. The Director General has followed up on this matter and a formal letter will be sent to the Chair of the Governing Board and the Principal of MTJHS indicating that the ALP program is indeed a school based program.

He went on to note that he has received from the Ville de Laval a letter and resolution seeking a partnership for the refurbishing of the auditorium at Mother Teresa Junior and Laurier Senior High Schools. He asked that the Director of Material Resources follow-up on this.

He also noted that Laurier Senior High School is holding a fashion show on the nights of November 24 through 26, 2011; and encouraged Commissioners to attend this event.

He continued noting that the school board has undertaken the "Moi j'apprends in English" marketing campaign in Laval. There will be 17 500 door-hanger pamphlets distributed door-to-door in the areas in Laval that are beginning to show declining enrolment. He expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the Council, to the Coordinator of Communications & Public Relations for all of the time and effort that has been put into this project.

The Interim Director General advised that he had attended the Network Partnership Initiative (NPI) "Portrait of the English-Speaking Community of Laval" Symposium in Laval this past weekend noting that there were many stakeholders present as well as members of the National Assembly representing Laval, employees and former Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. There will be another edition of this symposium in Laval on 2011-11-26. He noted that it was a very worthwhile exercise as it sensitized the community to the needs of its Anglophone members. He recommended that the school board look into the possibility of having similar symposiums in the Laurentides and Lanaudière regions.

The Commissioners who were in attendance at this symposium supported the Director General's comments about its value.

Commissioner Walter Fogel explained that NPI is a federal program that assists with health and social services for minority groups and is currently being run in order to identify the English communities within Québec. He encouraged anyone who had not attended the first symposium to take in the second one as it will be very informative.

The Director General noted that he and the Interim Assistant Director General had been to a 3-day meeting with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and the Treasury Board and it was not a positive meeting. All school boards have been advised that finances are tight, with only a 2.1% increase expected, and that the schools boards are going to have to absorb any increases that may occur, i.e. pay equity, reclassification, etc. This does not appear to be up for discussion as those present were not asked for feedback.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:**5.1 Autism Project Report:**

The Assistant Director of Complementary Services explained that the school board continues to be involved in a partnership with LEARN and Giant Steps. Professional development training is being undertaken for all Complementary Services Consultants and will begin in the coming weeks.

In addition to the initiatives mentioned this evening, Webinars (on-line seminars) are being planned for the entire Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board community in February and May 2012. Additional information will be provided when the dates of the Webinar are available.

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:**6.1 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS****6.1.1 Remuneration of Commissioners 2011-2012:**

The Secretary General presented and provided background on the proposed amendment scenarios for the remuneration of Commissioners.

The Council entered into discussions on the three scenarios noting the pros and cons of each scenario.

CC-111123-CA-0033

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

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

WHEREAS for school year 2011-2012, the maximum allowable amount has been set at 169 175,00\$;

WHEREAS section 175 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) provides for the Council of Commissioners to determine the manner in which the maximum allowable amount is to be distributed to members of the Council;

WHEREAS the new composition of the Executive Committee makes it necessary to review the method of distribution of the annual remuneration of Commissioners;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish the annual remuneration for its Commissioners for services rendered to the school board as follows:

OPTION #1 **

\$6,140.86 x 8 Commissioners =	\$49,126.88
\$7,500.00 x 6 Executive =	\$45,000.00
\$6,890.86 x 3 Executive Delegates =	\$20,672.58
\$21,490.00 x 1 Chairman =	\$21,490.00
\$13,330.00 x 1 Executive Chairman	\$13,330.00
\$9,137.50 x 1 Vice-Chairman =	\$9,137.50
\$10,418.00 x 1 Exec.Vice-Chairman =	\$10,418.00
TOTAL:	\$169,174.96

AND this annual remuneration be divided and paid out in accordance with the payroll schedule of the school board for the 2011-2012 school year, effective 2011-11-24.

FURTHER THAT this resolution for the method of distribution of the annual remuneration be in effect until replaced.

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

CC-111123-CA-0034

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

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

WHEREAS for school year 2011-2012, the maximum allowable amount has been set at 169 175,00\$;

WHEREAS section 175 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) provides for the Council of Commissioners to determine the manner in which the maximum allowable amount is to be distributed to members of the Council;

WHEREAS the new composition of the Executive Committee makes it necessary to review the method of distribution of the annual remuneration of Commissioners;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish the annual remuneration for its Commissioners for services rendered to the school board as follows:

OPTION #2 **

\$6,400.00 x 8 Commissioners =	\$51,200.00
\$7,350.00 x 6 Executive =	\$44,100.00
\$6,900.00 x 3 Executive Delgates =	\$20,700.00
\$21,956.21 x 1 Chairman =	\$21,956.21
\$13,618.75 x 1 Executive Chairman	\$13,618.75
\$9,250.00 x 1 Vice-Chairman =	\$9,250.00
\$8,350.00 x 1 Exec.Vice-Chairman =	\$8,350.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$169,174.96</u>

AND this annual remuneration be divided and paid out in accordance with the payroll schedule of the school board for the 2011-2012 school year, effective 2011-11-24.

FURTHER THAT this resolution for the method of distribution of the annual remuneration be in effect until replaced.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Peter MacLaurin, Albina Pace
Commissioners voting NAY:	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, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak

CC-111123-CA-0035

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

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

WHEREAS for school year 2011-2012, the maximum allowable amount has been set at 169 175,00\$;

WHEREAS section 175 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) provides for the Council of Commissioners to determine the manner in which the maximum allowable amount is to be distributed to members of the Council;

WHEREAS the new composition of the Executive Committee makes it necessary to review the method of distribution of the annual remuneration of Commissioners;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish the annual remuneration for its Commissioners for services rendered to the school board as follows:

OPTION #3 **

\$6,250.00. x 8 Commissioners =	\$50,000.00
\$7,500.00 x 6 Executive =	\$45,000.00
\$6,900.00 x 3 Executive Delgates =	\$20,700.00
\$21,557.50 x 1 Chairman =	\$21,557.50
\$13,417.50 x 1 Executive Chairman	\$13,417.50
\$9,250.00x 1 Vice-Chairman =	\$9,250.00
\$9,250.00 x 1 Exec.Vice-Chairman =	\$9,250.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$169,175.00</u>

AND this annual remuneration be divided and paid out in accordance with the payroll schedule of the school board for the 2011-2012 school year, effective 2011-11-24.

FURTHER THAT this resolution for the method of distribution of the annual remuneration be in effect until replaced.

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

In response to a question from Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the Chairman advised that the new remuneration would come into effect tomorrow, 2011-11-24.

CC-111123-CA-0036

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-111123-CA-0033 establishing the method of distribution of the annual remuneration of its Commissioners for services rendered to the school board;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board replace resolution #CC-110629-CA-0107 with resolution #CC-111123-CA-0035, effective 2011-11-24.

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

6.1.2 Election of Executive Committee:

Composition of the Executive Committee

The Secretary General explained the process for the election of the Executive Committee noting that the Council had approved a new Executive Committee format at its 2011-10-26 meeting with the addition of three non-voting delegates. She explained that it is now necessary to confirm the number of voting members of the Executive Committee.

CC-111123-CA-0037

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-071114-CA-0049, establishing the composition of its Executive Committee in accordance with section 179 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3);

WHEREAS the Executive Committee is currently comprised of 7 voting members;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has approved resolution #CC-111026-CA-0030, adding three (3) non-voting delegates to the Executive Committee;

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish the composition of its Executive Committee as seven (7) voting members, including the Chairman of the Council of Commissioners, two (2) Parent Commissioners as non-voting members, and three (3) non-voting delegates.

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

Term of Office of the Executive Committee

The Secretary General explained that it is necessary to establish a term of office for the Executive Committee.

The Council entered into discussion and several suggestions were made.

Commissioner Nick Milas accepted that the mandate of the Executive Committee should be two years.

CC-111123-CA-0038

Commissioner Nick Milas MOVED THAT the term of office for the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be a 2-year mandate.

Carried unanimously

Amendments to the Executive Committee Election Procedures

The Secretary General presented and reviewed the changes to the procedures for the election of the Executive Committee noting that they have been revised to take into account the three non-voting delegates.

CC-111123-CA-0039

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT procedure #P2000-CA-07: Executive Committee Elections Procedures be modified by adding to section 4.1 the following:

“The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are not eligible for the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee.”

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, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Peter MacLaurin

Commissioner Steve Mitchell requested that the following be added to the election procedures for the Executive Committee:

“Commissioners nominated for a seat on the Executive Committee are invited to speak to their nomination.”

The Council entered into discussion.

CC-111123-CA-0040

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT procedure #P2000-CA-07: Executive Committee Elections Procedures be modified by adding between section 2.3 and 2.4 the following:

“Commissioners nominated for a seat on the Executive Committee are invited to speak to their nomination.”

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

The Secretary General asked the mover of the resolution for the election procedures which method of voting would be selected for this evening. Commissioner Albina Pace indicated that the vote for the Executive Committee elections would be by secret ballot.

The Council entered into discussion and it was agreed that those not physically present at the meeting could vote via e-mail to one of the scrutinizers and that the procedures should be amended to reflect this. Commissioner Pace accepted the amendment.

CC-111123-CA-0041

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to procedure #P2000-CA-07: Executive Committee Elections Procedures.

AND THAT the voting process is conducted as a secret ballot.

FURTHER THAT Commissioners Walter Fogel, Peter MacLaurin and William Pollock be authorized to e-mail their vote to a designated scrutineer and if vote is not received, once all the ballots are tallied, the said Commissioner be deemed absent for that vote.

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

Nominations – Chairman of Elections & Scrutineers

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak nominated the Interim Director General as Chairman of Elections and that the Interim Assistant Director General and the Secretary General as scrutineers. They all accepted their nominations

CC-111123-CA-0042

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Interim Director General be appointed Chair of Elections; AND THAT the Interim Assistant Director General and the Secretary General be appointed as Scrutineers.

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

The Chairman turned the chair over to the Chairman of Elections.

The Interim Assistant Director General will be the scrutineer to receive the e-mail votes of Commissioners Walter Fogel, Peter MacLaurin and William Pollock.

Nominations & Elections to the Executive Committee

Voting Members

The Chair of Elections called for nominations for seat #1 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Albina Pace nominated Commissioner Edward Turchyniak. Commissioner Turchyniak accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak spoke to his nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-111123-CA-0043

Commissioner Steve Bletas MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak is the first member named to the Executive Committee.

The Chair of Elections called for nominations for seat #2 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Nazario Facchino nominated Commissioner Nick Milas. Commissioner Milas accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Steve Kmec nominated Commissioner Tom Mouhteros. Commissioner Mouhteros declined the nomination.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell nominated Commissioner Robert Dixon. Commissioner Dixon declined the nomination.

Commissioner Nick Milas spoke to his nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-111123-CA-0044

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Nick Milas is the second member named to the Executive Committee.

The Chair of Elections called for nominations for seat #3 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Walter Fogel nominated Commissioner Robert Dixon. Commissioner Dixon declined the nomination.

Commissioner Grace Nesi nominated Commissioner Mario Di Domenico. Commissioner Di Domenico accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico spoke to his nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-111123-CA-0045

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico is the third member named to the Executive Committee.

The Chair of Elections called for nominations for seat #4 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale nominated Commissioner Nancy Rupnik. Commissioner Rupnik accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Steve Kmec nominated Commissioner Mike Pizzola. Commissioner Pizzola accepted the nomination.

Commissioners Mike Pizzola and Nancy Rupnik spoke to their nominations.

There were no further nominations.

CC-111123-CA-0046

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

A vote by secret ballot was taken.

The results of the ballot for seat #4 were as follows:

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik	12 votes
Commissioner Mike Pizzola	6 votes
Abstention / Compromised ballot	1

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik is the fourth member named to the Executive Committee

The Chair of Elections called for nominations for seat #5 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Steve Bletas nominated Commissioner Robert Dixon. Commissioner Dixon accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Steve Kmec nominated Commissioner Steve Mitchell. Commissioner Mitchell declined the nomination.

Commissioner Robert Dixon spoke to his nomination.

There were no further nominations.

CC-111123-CA-0047

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Robert Dixon is the fifth member named to the Executive Committee.

The Chair of Elections called for nominations for seat #6 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico nominated Commissioner Steve Mitchell. Commissioner Mitchell accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Albina Pace nominated Commissioner Carolyn Curiale. Commissioner Curiale declined the nomination.

Commissioner Nick Milas nominated Commissioner Merle Parkinson. Commissioner Parkinson accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros nominated Commissioner Nazario Facchino. Commissioner Facchino accepted the nomination.

Commissioners Steve Mitchell, Merle Parkinson and Nazario Facchino spoke to their nominations.

There were no further nominations.

CC-111123-CA-0048

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

A vote by secret ballot was taken.

The results of the ballot for seat #6 were as follows:

Commissioner Merle Parkinson	10 votes
Commissioner Steve Mitchell	5 votes
Commissioner Nazario Facchino	4 votes

Commissioner Merle Parkinson was the sixth member named to the Executive Committee.

Non-Voting Delegates

The Chair of Elections called for nominations for Delegate #1 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros nominated Commissioner Nazario Facchino. Commissioner Facchino accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Steve Kmec nominated Commissioner Mike Pizzola. Commissioner Pizzola accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Robert Dixon nominated Commissioner Walter Fogel. Commissioner Fogel accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola nominated Commissioner Steve Mitchell. Commissioner Mitchell accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Walter Fogel spoke to his nomination.

The other nominees did not speak to their respective nominations as they had spoke during a pervious nomination.

CC-111123-CA-0049

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

A vote by secret ballot was taken.

The Chairman of elections received the results of the secret ballot and advised the Council that no clear majority was reached on this ballot. He asked the nominees if any of them wished to withdraw from the election for Delegate #1. Commissioner Steve Mitchell withdrew his nomination. The Chairman of Elections called for a second ballot.

A second vote by secret ballot was taken.

The results of the ballot for Delegate #1 were as follows:

Commissioner Nazario Facchino	11 votes
Commissioner Walter Fogel	4 votes
Commissioner Mike Pizzola	4 votes

Commissioner Nazario Facchino was the first delegate named to the Executive Committee.

The Chair of Elections called for nominations for Delegate #2 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico nominated Commissioner Steve Mitchell. Commissioner Mitchell accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik nominated Commissioner George Benoit. Commissioner Benoit accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Nick Milas nominated Commissioner Grace Nesi. Commissioner Nesi accepted the nomination.

Commissioners George Benoit and Grace Nesi spoke to their nominations.

The other nominees did not speak to their respective nominations as they had spoken during a previous nomination.

CC-111123-CA-0050

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

A vote was taken by secret ballot and there was no clear majority therefore, the Director General drew everyone's attention to section 2.8 of the election procedures and inquired if any of the nominees wished to withdraw. Commissioner George Benoit withdrew.

A second vote by secret ballot was taken.

The results of the ballot for Delegate #2 were as follows:

Commissioner Steve Mitchell	11 votes
Commissioner Grace Nesi	8 votes

Commissioner Steve Mitchell was the second delegated named to the Executive Committee.

The Chair of Elections called for nominations for Delegate #3 on the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Robert Dixon nominated Commissioner Walter Fogel. Commissioner Fogel accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Nick Milas nominated Commissioner Grace Nesi. Commissioner Nesi accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell nominated Commissioner Mike Pizzola. Commissioner Pizzola declined the nomination.

The nominees had previously spoken to their respective nominations and had no additional information to add.

CC-111123-CA-0051

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT nominations cease.

Carried unanimously

A vote by secret ballot was taken.

The results of the ballot for Delegate #3 were as follows:

Commissioner Grace Nesi	10 votes
Commissioner Walter Fogel	9 votes

Commissioner Grace Nesi is the third delegate named to the Executive Committee.

The Chairman of Elections called for a motion to destroy the ballots.

CC-111123-CA-0052

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT the ballots for the election of the Executive Committee be destroyed.

Carried unanimously

The ballots were destroyed.

The Chairman of Elections thanked everyone for their participation and patience.

The Chairman of Elections turned the chair back to the Chairman of the Council of Commissioners.

The Chairman called for a 5 minute break.

TIME: 22:04 hours

Commissioners Carolyn Curiale, Walter Fogel and Mike Pizzola excused themselves for the evening.

TIME: 22:04 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 22:12 hours

6.2 MATERIAL RESOURCES

6.2.1 Engagement of Contractor – Roofing Project – Laurentian ES:

The Director of Material Resources provided background information on the roofing project at Laurentian Elementary School.

CC-111123-MR-0062

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 replacement of the roof at Laurentian Elementary School;

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 2011-11-09;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the replacement of the roof at Laurentian Elementary School to **Couvertures Victo 2000 Inc.**, for a total cost of 267 500\$, before taxes, (304 749,38\$, 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 his absence or with his knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Carried unanimously

6.2.2 AVEC Projects 2011 to 2014:

The Director of Material Resources advised that this is a proposal for the renewal of the school board's entente with AVEC (Avenir-Viable-École-Communauté) for a three year period.

The Director General advised the Council that within this entente there is a clause that allows for a partner to withdraw from the agreement and that the other partners may request a 30 day advanced notice.

In response to a question from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Director General noted that the rewards of being a partner in AVEC are numerous. He went on to note the recent awards given to Laval Liberty High School who received a silver award for their "green" initiatives and Souvenir Elementary School received a platinum award for its "green" initiatives. Both schools will be honoured for their respective initiatives at the 2011-12-14 meeting of Council.

CC-111123-MR-0063

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a partner in the "AVEC (Avenir-Viable-École-Communauté)" program and has participated in program since 2005;

Commissioner Robert Dixon 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 to renew the entente with AVEC (Avenir-Viable-école-communauté).

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners authorize the 20 000\$ per school year cost of this program for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

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

Carried unanimously

6.3 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION & TRANSPORTATION

6.3.1 Modifications to 2011-2012 Deeds & Three-Year Plan:

The Director of School Organization advised the Council that with the new CDC Laurier-St-Eustache and the resurrection of the CDC Laurier-Boisbriand it is necessary to create a deed and three-year plan for each building and have policy #2010-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment & Three Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables amended to include them.

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has established a new Laurier Competency Development Centre in St-Eustache to accommodate the Carpentry Program for Vocational Education;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has re-opened the Laurier Competency Development Centre in Boisbriand to accommodate an Emploi-Québec course;

WHEREAS it is necessary to add these two Laurier Competency Development Centres in policy #2010-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment & Three-Year Plan for the Allocation & Destination of Immoveables;

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the School Organization Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the deeds of establishment and three-year plan for the CDC Laurier – St-Eustache and CDC Laurier – Boisbriand.

AND THAT policy #2010-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment & Three Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables be modified to include these two new centres.

Carried unanimously

6.4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

6.4.1 Purchase of Interactive Whiteboards – Measure 50680:

The Director of Information Technology advised the Council that under Measure 50680 a purchase of 90 interactive white boards will be made for the schools and centres of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. She also noted that this measure is available to all school boards in the province so in order to ensure that this school board is able to receive its entire order it is prudent to do so as soon as possible.

In response to a question from Commissioner Nick Milas, the Director of Information Technology noted that there is confidence in this product line.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak noted that it is the school board's best interest to purchase these interactive whiteboards now before the 1% increase in the sales tax rate takes effect on 2012-01-01.

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WHEREAS the Provincial Government has put in place a measure to equip all classrooms of the province with interactive whiteboards within the next five years;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has set an allocation and number of interactive whiteboards for each school board for 2011-2012;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier school Board was granted 90 interactive whiteboards for 2011-2012 for a total allocation of 270,000 \$;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has allowed school boards to use the CCSR (Centre collégial de services regroupés) purchase tender offer for Smart boards;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of the CCSR and part of the global tender for Smart equipment;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the purchase of 90 Smart boards kits, including projectors and wall mounts, speakers, vga and audio cable, delivery and installation from **Sharps' Audiovisual** at a total cost of \$ 283, 180.50 before taxes (322 613,39\$ after taxes).

Carried unanimously

6.5 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

6.5.1 Mandate to Director General – International Student Program:

The Director General advised the Council that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been approached to participate in an International Student Program whereby this school board would host approximately 45 cycle III elementary students from outside North America so that they can improve their language skills in English and French. This would be a good experience for everyone involved.

In response to several questions the Director General noted:

- the students will begin the program in the spring and will be here for 6 weeks
- the schools that were selected are Jules Verne, St-Paul & St-Vincent Elementary Schools; after consultation with the teachers and the Governing Boards of several schools;
- there will be costs involved for this program therefore, there will be fees charged to these students; and
- the students would be billeted with volunteer families within each of the 3 schools;

In order to proceed with this project he requires a mandate.

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board hosts foreign students in its schools and centres on an annual basis;

WHEREAS this International Student Program would have foreign students attend several elementary schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in order to improve their language skills in English;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to further develop its participation in International Student Programs;

Parent Commissioner Roberto Bomba MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director General to further develop its participation in International Student Programs.

AND THAT the Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Assistant Director General is authorized to enter into agreements with the service providers to that effect.

FURTHER THAT the Director General or the Assistant Director General reports back to the Council of Commissioners on these agreements and the development of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's participation in International Student Programs.

Carried unanimously

6.6 QESBA

6.6.1 Balance of 2011-2012 QESBA Membership Fees:

This proposed resolution was tabled to the 2011-12-14 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 *Reports of Committee Chairs:*

In response to a request from Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso, the Chairman advised that there will be no reports from committee chairs if no meeting was held during the month.

TIME: 22:30 hours

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Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT meeting be extended to the completion of the agenda.

Carried unanimously

7.1.1 Educational Services

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin, Chairman of the Educational Services Committee, noted that at its last meeting the committee received information on the Oralys Pilot Project, a speaking and reading project, being conducted at Souvenir Elementary School; the Memorandum of Understanding with Educational Services and the Grand Yellowhead School Board, etc.; and discussion took place on home schooling.

7.1.2 Material Resources

Commissioner Steve Kmec advised that at its last meeting the Material Resources Committee received preliminary feedback on the consultation on the proposed sustainable development policy. The roofing project at Laurentian Elementary School, an update on the operating budget, the Laval Aquatic Centre, project timelines, an update on the construction of the new Joliette Elementary School and an update on Ecosystem.

7.1.3 Other Reports

Arundel Nature & Science Centre Sub-Committee Report:

The ANSC Sub-Committee met on 2011-11-14 and the following was discussed:

- safety and security concerns;
- financial issues;
- the use of the facilities;
- a grant received from the Caisse Populaire Desjardins; and
- the future of ANSC.

Executive Committee Report:

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, Chairman of the Executive Committee presented his report noting that the main topic at the 2011-11-15 meeting was the informative presentation by the Director of Material Resources on the Laval Aquatic Centre.

7.2 *SWL Foundation:*

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak reminded the Council to get their tickets to the "Big Bang" Gala on 2012-01-12 at the Château Royal. The tickets are 225\$ each and approximately 450 guests are expected to attend.

He provided an update on the progress of the Laurier Gala/Talent Show organizing committee noting that each elementary school will be asked to submit one performance and the high schools two for the auditions.

The Foundation is also looking into holding a lottery throughout 2012 with the draw being at the January 2013 Gala.

The Foundation has also welcomed three new members Louis Beaupré, Christian Frechette and Marcus Tabachnick, as well as a returning member André Michalopoulos.

7.3 Parent Commissioners Report

The report of the Parent Commissioners commented on the consultations for the Sustainable Development Policy, the 2012-2013 enrolment criteria and the 2012-2013 school calendar with the exception of the schools transported by Commissions des Laurentides et des Samares, the upcoming English Parents Committee Association (EPCA) general assembly scheduled for 2011-11-12, and the impact of recent cuts on smaller schools.

7.4 Report of the QESBA:

The Chairman advised that at the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Annual General Meeting the election for the position of President went to several ballots and when it reached the third ballot Commissioner Carolyn Curiale withdrew from the race.

The future of school boards is an area of concern for the QESBA so a Task Force has been struck to keep track of the plans of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and to establish the position of its members.

7.5 Memorandum of Understanding:

The Director General advised the Council that the school board has a few Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) for non-monetary, short term partnerships and that it would be beneficial for the school board to expand on this format with other potential partners for expertise related to the services the school board provides. He will advise the Council of any new MOU's in his monthly report.

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 William Pollock MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:39 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ 2011-12-14

Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman