

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2012-06-27**

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, 2012-06-27

Present: Commissioners Nick Milas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chairman; Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, 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, Director General.

Also present were: Clifford Buckland, Interim Assistant Director General; Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director of School Organization; Robin Bennett, Interim Director of Information Technology; Johanne Brabant, Strategic Plan Advisor; Linda Di Domenico, Director of Human Resources; Heather Halman, Director of Adult Education & Vocational Training; 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 Walter Fogel

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

**CC-120627-CA-0169**

Commissioner Steve Bletas MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2012/06/27-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

The Director General welcomed the Principal of Arundel Elementary School, France Celestino, to the meeting and asked that she extended congratulations to Mrs. Hodges' grade 5 class for their article in the Canadian Wildlife Federation magazine "Wild" on black capped chickadees.

He went on to inform the Council that annually the Canadian Parents for French group holds a Concours oratoire in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board students have participated for many years. This concours begins at the school level where the winners move on to the local, regional, provincial and, finally, national competitions. This school year a student of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's competed at the nationals and won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize.

He invited Kate Lavergne, the 2nd place winner from Laval Liberty High School, to share her speech for which she won a 5 000\$ scholarship to study at the University of Ottawa. Congratulations Kate.

A certificate of achievement was presented and photos taken.

## 2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### CC-120627-CA-170

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 2012-05-23, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

**Carried unanimously**

### CC-120627-CA-0171

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2012-05-11, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

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

## 3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

In response to a question from Mr. Wilkinson, a parent with a child who has an Interboard Agreement, the Director General advised that the Council recently mandated the Director of School Organization to create a process and procedure concerning these agreements. The final draft document will be subject to the consultation process and a final version will be adopted by the Council.

## 4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

### 4.1 *Report from the Chairman:*

The Chairman presented his monthly report noting the imbalance between the school tax rates, the 2.9% cost of living increase to the Commissioners remuneration, the implementation of a new process to approve a budget for a Commissioners event prior to its occurrence, a meeting on the Multiservice Centre with the Chef du cabinet of the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport; the success of the 2012 Laurier Gala & Star Fest, the retirement dinner, and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation's lobster dinner.

He went on to thank Gerry Robillard, Director of Educational Services, for all of his years of service to education and wished him well in his retirement. He also thanked Stephanie Krenn, Director of Complementary Services, for her time in that position and wished her well in her return to the position of Principal.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Kmec, the Chairman indicated that the events that will require a budget would be ones that might require representation of some members of the Council. i.e. foundation events of other school boards. Activities like the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) annual conference is not included in this process as there is already a budget for conferences.

In response to a concern expressed by Commissioner Steve Kmec, Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, at the request of the Chairman, advised that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation does not commit any monies to the school board in advance and the only monies guaranteed are those for the Foundations bursaries.

In response to an additional concern from Commissioner Kmec, Commissioner Turchyniak noted that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) provides Measures to assist the school boards in the purchase of technology equipment such as whiteboards, although the Foundation did sponsor the first whiteboards to be placed in the schools.

#### **4.2 Report of the Director General:**

The Director General presented his monthly report noting that he had met with the Governing Board of St-Vincent Elementary School to explain how to go about establishing a 4-year old pre-kindergarten that would meet the regulations of the Ministère de la Famille et des Aînés.

He further noted the following:

- Attendance at the Professional Development Day for Administrative Support Staff on 2012-05-18;
- Receipt of a request from the Network Partnership Initiative (NPI) to distribute its new magazine through the schools and centres of the school board;
- There will be 2 students from South Korea attending Laval Junior High school for 3 months in the Fall;
- A visit to the Arundel Nature & Science Centre (ANSC) with the representative of the International Student Program to gather information on ANSC that will be presented during an upcoming trip to China;
- A meeting with a representative of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) concerning the Multi Service Bilingual Centre. The MELS representative will also be looking into the school board's request for additional Vocational Training Programs made in April 2011 as a response has not yet been received;
- Attendance at the Laurier Gala on 2012-05-29. During the gala everyone was able to enjoy the phenomenal talents of various students of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board during the Laurier Star Fest; and
- The follow-up to the items tabled at the 2012-05-15 meeting of the Executive Committee and the 2012-05-23 meeting of the Council, as contained in his monthly report.

## **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:**

### **5.1 Ethics Commissioners Report – Corrected Version:**

The Secretary General noted that upon receipt of the first version of the report of the Ethics Commissioner there were some corrections to be completed and went on to present the corrected version of the report.

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, the Chairman thanked him for clarifying his position concerning a comment made on him in the report. As for his inquiry on the other matters pending from the report of the Ethics Commissioner those are in the hands of the Ethics and Governance Committee.

On a “point of order”, Commissioner Steve Mitchell noted that he was inquiring what the former Chairman of the school board intends to do now that he has not been vindicated.

The Chairman asked Commissioner Steve Bletas if he wished to address this matter.

Commissioner Steve Bletas noted that after the original report was submitted he resigned as Chairman and now represents his electoral division as a commissioner. He also noted that he will not be resigning as a Commissioner of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

*Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT Steve Bletas be requested to resign from his post as a Commissioner of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 2012-06-30.*

The Council entered in to a lengthy discussion on the report of the Ethics Commissioner with respect to sanctions, transparency, accountability, legal implications, and being ethical, moral and responsible.

**CC-120627-CA-0172**

Commissioner Steve Mitchell MOVED THAT the vote be called.

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

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak indicated that during the normal discussion process an “in camera” session is held when speaking about individuals and that the council is currently discussing a specific commissioner in a public forum.

**CC-120627-CA-0173**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council go “in camera”. **TIME: 20:37 hours**

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

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin stated that he would be leaving the table for the duration of the “in camera” session as he did not wish to participate any further in the discussion.

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros entered the meeting during the “in camera” session. **TIME: 20:55 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 21:02 hours**

**CC-120627-CA-0174**

Commissioner Grace Nesi called for the vote.

<b>THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:</b>	
<b>Commissioners voting YEA:</b>	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, 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
<b>Commissioners voting NAY:</b>	Mario Di Domenico

**CC-120627-CA-0175**

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT Steve Bletas resign from his post as a Commissioner of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, 2012-06-30.

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

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak noted that he had voted against this resolution as there are, **in his opinion**, no legal grounds for requesting this resignation.

### **5.2 Modification to Interboard Agreement Resolution:**

The Director of School Organization presented and reviewed a proposal to rescind resolution #CC-120611-CA-0166 concerning applications for interboard agreements for students entering Kindergarten or Secondary 1.

She advised that if this resolution is not rescinded tonight that after 1 July any application will be declined even if there is a sibling with an interboard agreement.

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mario Di Domenico, the Director of School Organization noted that currently students entering either kindergarten or secondary 1 and have a sibling with an existing interboard agreement are being granted one also but that after 1 July the applications could be declined.

Commissioner Mike Pizzola excused himself for the evening. **TIME: 21:18 hours**

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros left the meeting. **TIME: 21:18 hours**

Commissioner Merle Parkinson proposed that the resolution be amended by adding after June 30, 2012, and Commissioner Steve Kmec accepted the amendment.

Discussion continued

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:24 hours**

On a "point of order", the Director of Material Resources indicated that those around the table should be addressing their respective questions and comments to the Chairman because any other action is disrespectful.

The Director General concurred with the Director of Material Resources and went on to suggest that more information is required on this dossier before going any further.

On a "point of order", Commissioner Carolyn Curiale proposed that resolution #CC-120611-CA-0166 be rescinded.

The Secretary General explained the process to rescind and noted that the dossier will be taken back to the School Organization Committee for further discussion, so status quo for interboard agreements would be maintained for the 2012-2013 school year.

### **CC-120627-CA-0176**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT resolution #CC-120611-CA-0166 concerning any applications for an interboard agreement for students entering Kindergarten or Secondary 1, be rescinded.

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

On a “point of information” from Commissioner Peter MacLaurin, the Director of School Organisation explained that 166 applications for an interboard agreement have been reviewed.

### **5.3 By-Laws – Date, Time & Place of Council & Executive Meetings:**

The Secretary General presented the by-laws for the date, time and place of Council and Executive Committee meetings for the 2012-2013 school year noting that no feedback was received during the consultation period.

#### **CC-120627-CA-0177**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-120425-CA-0097, approving in principle by-law #BL2000-CA-05: Date, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the consultation process for by-laws, as per section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), was adhered to and a public notice published in the 2012-05-04 edition of the *Courrier Laval*;

WHEREAS no comments were received;

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros 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 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 by-law becomes effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

**Carried unanimously**

#### **CC-120627-CA-0178**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-120425-CA-0098, approving in principle by-law #BL2000-CA-15: Date, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the consultation process for by-laws, as per section 392 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), was adhered to and a public notice published in the 2012-05-04 edition of the *Courrier Laval*;

WHEREAS no comments were received;

Commissioner Grace Nesi 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 by-law #BL2000-CA-15: Date, Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT this by-law becomes effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3).

**Carried unanimously**

### **5.4 2012-2017 Strategic Plan & Partnership Agreement:**

The Strategic Plan Advisor presented and reviewed the final version of the 2012-2017 Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Strategic Plan.

**CC-120627-CA-0179**

WHEREAS section 209.1 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) requires a school board to establish a strategic plan covering a period of several years;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners presented the proposed 2012-2017 Strategic Plan publically and approved it in principle in the resolution #CC-120328-CA-0086, subject to the consultation;

WHEREAS a sixty-day consultation was conducted and the results reviewed;

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the "Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Strategic Plan 2012-2017" as contained in document #SWLSB-2012/06/27-CA-002.

**Carried unanimously**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:39 hours**

**CC-120627-CA-0180**

WHEREAS the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) requires all school boards to develop its Strategic Plan in line with the strategic directions and objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS);

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has adopted its Strategic Plan for 2012-2017;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has worked in collaboration with the Administrators of its schools and centres on the means to achieve the goals and measurable objectives determined by the Minister and developed a Partnership Agreement, in conformity with section 459.3 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3);

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the Partnership Agreement, as presented in document #SWLSB-2012/06/27-CA-003.

AND THAT the Chairman, or in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, or in his absence or with his knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign this Partnership Agreement with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

**Carried unanimously**

**5.5 Multi Service Centre:**

The Director of Adult Education & Vocational Training presented and reviewed the need to re-submit the proposal for the Multiservice Centre in partnership with the Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles, for the Laurentian region, noting that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has requested, in writing, that all projects concerning the Plan quinquennal des immobilisations (PQI) 2012-2017 must be submitted no later than 2012-07-03 for Vocational Training centres.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:42 hours**

**CC-120627-CA-0181**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-100518-CA-0138, supporting the proposal for a Multi Service Bilingual Vocational Training Centre in partnership with la Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles, for the Laurentian region;

WHEREAS all school boards received a letter from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), dated 2012-05-29, requesting that all projects concerning the Plan quinquennal des immobilisations (PQI) 2012-2017 must be submitted no later than 2012-07-03 for Vocational Training centres;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board support the proposal for a Multiservice Bilingual Vocational Training Centre in partnership with la Commission Scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Iles, for the Laurentian region, as presented in Document # SWLSB-2012/06/27-AE-001.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **5.6 2012-2013 Organizational Chart for Management:**

The Director General advised the Council that he had received consultation feedback late this afternoon on the 2012-2013 organizational chart for management and that there was not significant time to review it so he is recommending that it be tabled to the 2012-07-10 meeting of the Executive Committee. In accordance with the delegation of functions and powers of the school board, the Executive Committee is delegated all powers of the Council during the summer months.

The Assistant Director General by interim left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:45 hours**

#### **CC-120627-CA-0182**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the 2012-2013 Organizational Chart be tabled to the 2012-07-10 meeting of the Executive Committee.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **6.0 DECISION ITEMS:**

#### **6.1 FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

##### **6.1.1 2012-2013 Budget:**

The Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the proposed 2012-2013 budget noting that the final parameters have not yet been received from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) but are expected shortly. The tax rate may be affected as the MELS is examining the school board tax rates throughout the province. A response to the school board's request to adopt a deficit budget has not yet received a response from MELS. The Financial Resources Committee has reviewed the proposed budget for 2012-2013 and supports it.

The Assistant Director General by interim returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:48 hours**

Commissioner George Benoit left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:48 hours**

A PowerPoint presentation was made on the changes to the budget based on the draft budget parameters.

Commissioner George Benoit returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:51 hours**

*WHEREAS in accordance with the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.1), the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must adopt and submit to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports its operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2012-2013 school year;*

*WHEREAS the budget provides for a deficit for 2012-2013 of 1,459,994\$, which includes an amount of \$286,327 of unspent monies related to provincial ententes carried forward, as permitted by the MELS;*

*WHEREAS the Minister has to authorize the School Board to adopt a deficit budget which exceeds 22% of accumulated surplus at June 30, 2011, excluding the net value of land;*

*WHEREAS the accumulated surplus at June 30, 2011, excluding the net value of land is nil;*

*WHEREAS the standardized assessment included in the real estate tax base which was used to establish the equalization payment is in the amount of 8,816,200,650\$ in conformity with the law, the draft Regulation on the Maximum Taxation Envelope, and the 2012-2013 consultative budgetary parameters;*

*WHEREAS this budget establishes the tax rate for the 2012-2013 school year at 0,35\$ per 100\$ of standardized assessment;*

*WHEREAS this rate respects the limits permitted by law;*

*Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2012-2013 school year, subject to the authorization of the Minister, in accordance with section 279 of the Education Act.*

*AND THAT it be submitted to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports (MELS).*

*AND THAT the tax rate be established at 0,35\$ per 100\$ of standardized assessment.*

*FURTHER THAT the Council of Commissioners mandate the Director General to ensure conformity of school taxes and subsidies for the 2012-2013 school year to all government regulations and, if required, make the necessary adjustments following the final adoption of the 2012-2013 budgetary rules and the Regulation on the Maximum Taxation Envelope.*

Commissioner Mitchell proposed an amendment to the 2012-2013 budget to have a tax rate of 0,00\$. The Chairman advised that having a 0,00\$ tax rate would be a breach of the law. Commissioner Merle Parkinson did not accept the amendment. Commissioner Mitchell withdrew his amendment.

#### **CC-120627-FR-0183**

WHEREAS in accordance with the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.1), the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must adopt and submit to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports its operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2012-2013 school year;

WHEREAS the budget provides for a deficit for 2012-2013 of 1,459,994\$, which includes an amount of \$286,327 of unspent monies related to provincial ententes carried forward, as permitted by the MELS;

WHEREAS the Minister has to authorize the School Board to adopt a deficit budget which exceeds 22% of accumulated surplus at June 30, 2011, excluding the net value of land;

WHEREAS the accumulated surplus at June 30, 2011, excluding the net value of land is nil;

WHEREAS the standardized assessment included in the real estate tax base which was used to establish the equalization payment is in the amount of 8,816,200,650\$ in conformity with the law, the draft Regulation on the Maximum Taxation Envelope, and the 2012-2013 consultative budgetary parameters;

WHEREAS this budget establishes the tax rate for the 2012-2013 school year at 0,35\$ per 100\$ of standardized assessment;

WHEREAS this rate respects the limits permitted by law;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2012-2013 school year, subject to the authorization of the Minister, in accordance with section 279 of the Education Act.

AND THAT it be submitted to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports (MELS).

AND THAT the tax rate be established at 0,35\$ per 100\$ of standardized assessment.

FURTHER THAT the Council of Commissioners mandate the Director General to ensure conformity of school taxes and subsidies for the 2012-2013 school year to all government regulations and, if required, make the necessary adjustments following the final adoption of the 2012-2013 budgetary rules and the Regulation on the Maximum Taxation Envelope.

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

In response to a comment from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Director of Financial Resources explained that with the late receipt of the 2012-2013 budget parameters there will be no time to make additions and corrections to the tax brochure as it had already gone to the printers. A clearer brochure will be prepared for the next taxation period.

### **6.1.2 School Board Tax Rates:**

The Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the discrepancies in the school tax rates within Québec.

#### **CC-120627-FR-0184**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-100623-CA-0169, mandating the Director General to urge the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to propose equitable solutions to resolve the discrepancy in the school tax rate between school boards for future years.

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been made aware that again there are several discrepancies in the taxation rates on its territory between the French and English school boards;

WHEREAS this difference generates discrepancies ranging from 0.0146\$ to 0.2284\$ per 100\$ evaluation, it being higher in the English school board than the French school boards;

WHEREAS these discrepancies create an imbalance between English and French taxpayers and is unfair to the English school board clientele;

**Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director General to again urge the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) to propose equitable solutions to rectify this situation in future years.**

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), Leo LaFrance, Sous-ministre adjoint aux Services à la communauté anglophone, aux affaires autochtones et au Plan Nord, Members of the National Assembly for Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudrière and the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

**Carried unanimously**

## **6.2 HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **6.2.1 Extension of Mandate of Interim Assistant Director General:**

The Director of Human Resources presented and reviewed the proposal to extend the mandate of Interim Assistant Director General.

In response to a request from Commissioner Edward Turchyniak, the Secretary General advised that Regulation respecting certain conditions of senior executive of school boards & of the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal can be found on the Web site of CPNCA and she would send him the link.

#### **CC-120627-HR-0185**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-120125-HR-0072, extending the appointment of the Interim Assistant Director General until 2012-06-30, pending the engagement of a Assistant Director General and a transition period;

WHEREAS the position of Assistant Director General continues to be vacant;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board extend the mandate of **Clifford Buckland** as the Interim Assistant Director General, effective 2012-07-01 until the assignment of the new Assistant Director General and a transition period.

AND THAT this mandate be in effect in accordance with the conditions set forth in the Regulation respecting certain conditions of senior executive of school boards & of the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal.

<b>THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:</b>	
<b>Commissioners voting YEA:</b>	<b>Georges Benoit, 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, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik</b>
<b>Commissioners ABSTAINING:</b>	<b>Steve Bletas, Edward Turchyniak</b>

### **6.2.2 Director of Complementary Services:**

The Director General presented and reviewed the results of the Selection Committee for the position of Director of Complementary Services.

#### **CC-120627-HR-0186**

WHEREAS the position of Director of Complementary Services becomes vacant on 2012-07-01;

WHEREAS this position was posted from 2012-06-12 until 2012-06-26 and a Selection Committee held interviews on 2012-06-27;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School appoint **Frédéric Greschner** as Director of Complementary, effective 2012-07-01.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.2.3 Vice-Principal for Terry Fox E.S.:**

The Director of Human Resources presented the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the position of Vice-Principal at Terry Fox Elementary School.

#### **CC-120627-HR-0187**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-120523-HR-0132, approving the assignment of the Principals, Vice-Principals and Centre Directors for the 2012-2013 school year;

WHEREAS the position for Vice-Principal at Terry Fox Elementary School remained vacant at that time;

WHEREAS a posting was done from 2012-05-26 to 2012-06-07 and a selection process was conducted on 2012-06-21 and 2012-06-26;

WHEREAS this process led to a recommendation to fill this vacancy;

Parent Commissioner Roberto Bomba MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Jennifer Vaughan** as Vice-Principal at Terry Fox Elementary School. Effective 2012-07-01.

AND THAT the following modification be made to the aforementioned resolution:

SCHOOL	PRINCIPALS	VICE-PRINCIPALS
Terry Fox		Jennifer Vaughan

**Carried unanimously**

## **6.3 MATERIAL RESOURCES**

### **6.3.1 2012-2013 Capital Projects:**

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the capital project for the 2012-2013 school year.

#### **CC-120627-MR-0188**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to satisfy priority needs in its schools;

WHEREAS the schools have expressed their needs;

WHEREAS the Directorate has reviewed the requests and classified them in order of board-wide priorities;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2012-2013 capital priorities, for its schools and centres for a total amount of 7 302 088\$ as per Document #SWLSB-2012/06/27-MR-001

<b>AMT (Building upgrading and transformation)</b>	<b>1 664 347\$</b>
<b>MAO (Material, equipment &amp; tools)</b>	<b>370 000\$</b>
<b>MEASURE 30850</b> (Improvement of handicap accessibility) "Amélioration de l'accessibilité des immeubles aux personnes handicapées" (MELS)	<b>120 280\$</b>
<b>MEASURE 50690</b> (Repair and maintenance of buildings) "Maintien des bâtiments" (MELS)	<b>3 314 196\$</b>
<b>MEASURE 50710 (Renovation of buildings)</b> "Résorption du déficit d'entretien " (MELS)	<b>1 833 265\$</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7 302 088\$</b>

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.3.2 Change Orders – Joliette E.S. Construction:**

The Director of Material Resources presented and reviewed the change orders for the Joliette Elementary School construction project noting that these are required in order to finish the school on time.

#### **CC-120627-MR-0189**

WHEREAS, in conformity with the public call for tenders and the bid retained, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-110330-MR-0069 awarding the contract for the construction of the new Joliette Elementary School to **Construction De Castel** for the total amount of 4 315 567,00\$, (4 916 509,70\$ taxes included);

WHEREAS, during the construction, change orders occurred to address specific issues, amounting to 802 791,15\$, before taxes;

WHEREAS change orders in the amount of 786 696,46\$ (before taxes) are due to soil consolidation work that was not provided for in the public call for tenders;

WHEREAS The Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) was apprised of this situation and informed the school board to submit a request for reimbursement of the amount under the Defect in Construction / Litigation Measure;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the change orders in the amount of 802 791,15\$, before taxes (914 579,82\$, taxes included).

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources be mandated to submit a request for reimbursement in the amount of 786 696,46\$ (before taxes), under the Defect in Construction / Litigation Measure.

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 these change orders.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.3.3 Change Orders – Phase 1 of LLHS Locker Room Project:**

The Director of Material Resources reviewed the change orders concerning the locker room project at Laval Liberty High School noting that these costs occurred during the demolition phase of the project.

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:16 hours**

#### **CC-120627-MR-0190**

WHEREAS, in conformity with the public call for tenders and the bid retained, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-110831-MR-0005 awarding the contract for the demolition of 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);

WHEREAS, during the construction, change orders occurred to address specific issues, amounting to 80 990,64\$, before taxes (92 268,58\$, taxes included);

Commissioner Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the change orders in the amount of 80 990,64\$, before taxes (92 268,58\$ taxes included).

AND THAT the total cost of the project, including the change orders, be increased to 450 990,64\$, before taxes (513 791,08\$, taxes included).

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 these change orders.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.3.4 Portables – Twin Oaks E.S.:**

The Director of Material Resources advised the Council that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) had approved the installation of portables, as had the Ville de Laval.

In response to a question from Commissioner Carolyn Curiale, the Director of Material Resources advised that he would have to calculate how many portables are required before a washroom portable is needed and will report back to her

In response to a question from Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the Director of Material Resources noted that as long as there is less than 125 in capacity the school board cannot renovate a building nor request another building, so the portables will be leased until no longer required or until capacity goes over 125.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:21 hours**

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 22:21 hours**

#### **CC-120627-MR-0191**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is facing overcrowding problems at Twin Oaks Elementary School;

WHEREAS it will be necessary to erect two portable classrooms at Twin Oaks Elementary School;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has authorized the rental of the portables in an e-mail dated 2012-06-26;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), upon application, will provide an allocation to cover the cost of the portables;

WHEREAS the Ville de Laval has authorized the installation of two portables at Twin Oaks Elementary School, in a letter dated 2012-05-03;

WHEREAS public tenders were called and subsequently opened on 2012-06-15;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders have been verified by the Professional of the project;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the rental of two portable classrooms for Twin Oaks Elementary School to **AMB Tresec Inc.**, for a total cost of 155 000\$, before taxes, (178 211,25\$, 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 rental.

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

### **6.3.5 Change Orders – McCaig E.S. Renovation/Enlargement Project:**

The Director of Material Resources reviewed the change orders on the renovation/enlargement project at McCaig Elementary School.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 22:23 hours**

### **CC-120627-MR-0192**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-091125-MR-0062, awarding the contract for the enlargement/renovation of McCaig Elementary School to Dorbec Construction Inc. for a total cost of 2 593 134,00\$, before taxes, (2 927 000,00\$, all taxes included);

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-101124-MR-0042, approving change orders and increasing the total cost of the project to 2 670 928,78\$, before taxes (3 014 810,95\$, taxes included) to reflect these change orders for this renovation/enlargement project;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-110927-MR-0019, approving change orders and increasing the total cost of the project 2 875 253,27\$, before taxes (3 202 017,62\$, taxes included) to reflect these additional change orders for this renovation/enlargement project;

WHEREAS during the construction, a final change order occurred finalizing all issues related to the renovation/enlargement project at McCaig Elementary School;

Commissioner Steve Bletas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the change order in the amount of 40 000\$, before taxes (45 150\$ all taxes included) to Dorbec Construction Inc.

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

## **6.4 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

### **6.4.1 SWL Foundation & Selection Committees:**

The Secretary General advised the Council that in recent discussions it was pointed out that there is potential for a conflict of interest between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation as some of its members do business with the school board. Given this, the proposed resolution requests that the delegates from the Council of Commissioners to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation waive their right to participate on any Selection Committee pertaining to tendering, the selection of professionals and/or engagement of companies to complete projects and/or purchases for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

#### **CC-120627-CA-0193**

WHEREAS the by-laws of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation state that two (2) of the members of its Board of Directors are Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and delegated by a resolution of the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS there are other members of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Board of Directors who may have business interests with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the opportunity exists for a potential conflict of interest between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation when making various decisions concerning tendering, the selection of professionals and/or engagement of companies to complete projects and/or purchases for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that Commissioners named to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation waive their right to participate on any Selection Committee pertaining to tendering, the selection of professionals and/or engagement of companies to complete projects and/or purchases for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT this waiver from the concerned Commissioners applies for the duration of their mandate to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.4.2 Council Delegation to Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Board of Directors:**

The Secretary General advised the Council that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation has requested that the school board review its delegation to the Foundation on an annual basis.

She went on to advise that the mandate of the current delegates has expired and two new delegates need to be named.

Commissioner Grace Nesi nominated Commissioners Steve Bletas and Edward Turchyniak. Commissioners Bletas and Turchyniak accepted the nomination.

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

The Council entered into discussion on the voting format and a secret ballot method of voting will be used.

**TIME: 22:33 hours**

**CC-120627-CA-0194**

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

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairman proposed that the meeting continue while the votes are being tallied.

**6.4.3 Statutory Committees:**

The Secretary General advised that the annual nomination of delegates to the Advisory Committee on Transportation needs to be concluded.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale proposed that the delegates and alternates named for 2011-2012 switch for the 2012-2013 school year. The Council concurred.

**CC-120627-CA-0195**

Commissioner Tom Mouhteros MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Commissioners George Benoit and Peter MacLaurin** to the Advisory Committee on Transportation for the 2012-2013 school year; AND THAT **Commissioners Robert Dixon and Merle Parkinson** be named as Alternates.

**Carried unanimously**

The Secretary General advised that the annual nomination of delegates to the Appeals Review Committee needs to be concluded.

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik suggested that the mandate of the current membership be extended for the 2012-2013 school year. The Council agreed but it was noted that Commissioner Walter Fogel would need to be replaced.

Commissioner Steve Mitchell nominated himself.

Commissioner Steve Kmec nominated Commissioner George Benoit. Commissioner Benoit declined the nomination.

**CC-120627-CA-0196**

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the following Commissioners be named to the Appeals Review Committee for the 2012-2013 school year:

Nazario Facchino	Albina Pace
Nick Milas	Nancy Rupnik
Steve Mitchell	Ed Turchyniak
Parent Commissioner Elementary OR Parent Commissioner Secondary	

**Carried unanimously**

#### **6.4.4 Mandate to the Director General – Laval High Schools:**

*WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has recommend to the Council of Commissioners that it gives a mandate to the Director General concerning the registration imbalance between all of the Laval high schools and make recommendations on potential solutions;*

*Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director General to look at the registration imbalance between all of the Laval high schools.*

*AND THAT recommendations be brought to the November 2012 meeting of the Council.*

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso requested that the proposed resolution be amended to include the Governing Board. Commissioner Albina Pace accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak noted that whatever scenarios are proposed for the Laval high schools, they will have to be subject to consultation so the amendment is moot.

Parent Commissioner Angelo Grasso withdrew his amendment.

In response to a question from Commissioner Merle Parkinson, the Director General advised that time is required to look at the options for solution and how the selected solution would impact the process. It is anticipated that a solution will be found for the 2013-2014 school year.

#### **CC-120627-CA-0197**

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has recommend to the Council of Commissioners that it gives a mandate to the Director General concerning the registration imbalance between all of the Laval high schools and make recommendations on potential solutions;

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director General to look at the registration imbalance between all of the Laval high schools.

AND THAT recommendations be brought to the November 2012 meeting of the Council.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **6.4.4 Laval Families Magazine:**

The Director General advised that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been approached concerning the distribution of the new "Laval Families" magazine in its schools and centres. He noted that this will be at no cost to the school board.

#### **CC-120627-CA-0198**

Commissioner Mario Di Domenico MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board support the distribution of the **Laval Families Magazine** through its Laval elementary and secondary schools, as well as its Adult Education and Vocational Training Centers.

**Carried unanimously**

## 6.5 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### 6.5.1 Measure 50681 & Purchasing with CCSR & CPSQ:

The Interim Director of Information Technology presented and reviewed the Measure and the purchasing process with the Centre collégial des services regroupés (CCSR) and the Centre des Services Partagés du Québec' (CSPQ).

The Council entered into discussion.

In response to a question from Commissioner Albina Pace, the Interim Director of Information Technology noted that the taxes are not included in the amounts.

The **Director of Material Resources** advised that the school board will receive a rebate on the taxes paid for the whiteboards.

### CC-120627-IT-0199

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has approved *Measure 50681 L'école 2.0 : la classe branchée* for the 2012-2013 school year for the purchase of interactive whiteboards;

WHEREAS the 2012-2013 budget parameters for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board includes the allocation amount and the number of interactive whiteboards to be purchased;

WHEREAS, under the specifications of *Measure 50681 L'école 2.0 : la classe branchée*, the cost per interactive whiteboard must not exceed 3 000\$;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board does not wish to purchase additional interactive whiteboards to be funded within the Information Technology budget for an amount of 363 000\$;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of the *Centre collégial des services regroupés* (CCSR) the group that will be compiling the monetary commitments in compliance with the *Act respecting contracting by public bodies*;

WHEREAS it is mandatory for school boards to use the tendering services of the 'Centre des Services Partagés du Québec' (CSPQ) in order to receive the allocation for the purchase of the interactive whiteboards under *Measure 50681 L'école 2.0 : la classe branchée* for the 2012-2013 school year;

WHEREAS the *Centre collégial des services regroupés* (CCSR), upon completion of compiling the monetary commitments, will forward all the information obtained to the *Centre des services partagés du Québec* (CSPQ) for the call for tenders;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the purchase of 121 interactive whiteboards for the 2012-2013 school year through *Measure 50681 L'école 2.0 : la classe branchée* for an amount not exceeding 3 000\$ per interactive whiteboard.

AND THAT tendering through Centre des Services Partagés du Québec' (CSPQ) be authorized;

AND THAT this request to purchase be sent to the *Centre collégial des services regroupés* (CCSR) for submission to the Centre des Services Partagés du Québec' (CSPQ) for the call for tenders.

FURTHER THAT the Chairman, Nick Milas, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, Carolyn Curiale, as well as the Director General, Robert Vallerand, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Interim Assistant Director General, Clifford Buckland, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning the tendering process and the subsequent purchase of the interactive whiteboards.

**Carried unanimously**

<b>6.6</b>	<b>QESBA</b>
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**6.6.1 Preliminary 2012-2013 QESBA Membership Fees:**

In response to a question from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, the Chairman indicated that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) is very aware of the current issues with the imbalance of school tax rates. He also noted that this will be addressed when the English school board Chairmen meet next week with the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:52 hours**

In response to a comment from Commissioner Steve Mitchell, Commissioner Carolyn Curiale noted that the QESBA has advocated this issue with the Ministre and that it has also intervened with respect to the budget compressions. The mandate of the QESBA is to act as such on political issues.

Commissioners Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino and Tom Mouhteros left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:55 hours**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale reminded everyone of the Canadian School Boards Association's annual conference in Québec City from July 5 – 7, 2012.

**CC-120627-CA-0200**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA);

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has issued a provisional membership fee statement for the 2012-2013 school year;

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amount of 91 917,39\$ be paid to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA).

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

Commissioners Nazario Facchino and Tom Mouhteros returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 22:57 hours**

The Secretary General advised that Council that the results of the ballot for membership on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation have been tallied and congratulated Commissioners Robert Dixon and Edward Turchyniak on their respective nominations.

**CC-120627-CA-0201**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-100623-CA-0154 naming two Commissioners to the Board of Directors of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation assuming that the mandate would end in November 2011;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) extended the mandate of the Council of Commissioners elected in 2007 to an undetermined date;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation adopted a unanimous resolution requesting that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Council of Commissioners review its current delegation and furthermore that this take place annually;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board revisit resolution # #CC-100623-CA-0154

AND THAT Commissioners Robert Dixon and Edward Turchyniak be named to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Board of Directors effective 2012-07-01 until 2013-06-30.

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

**7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS****7.1 Reports of Committee Chairs:****7.1.1 Communications & Public Relations**

The report of the Chairman of the Communications & Public Relations Committee commented on the International Student Program, the Adult Education & Vocational Training admissions guide, the committee calendar for 2012-2013, the choice of committees for 2012-2013, the 2012-2013 tax brochure, remuneration of Commissioners, the Laurier News, Laval Families magazine, and the report of the Student Ombudsman.

**7.2 SWL Foundation:**

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak advised that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Lobster Dinner had gone very well with approximately 25 000\$ being raised. He thanked everyone who attended.

**7.3 Parent Commissioners Report**

The report of the Parent Commissioners noted topics discussed at the June meeting of the Parents Committee highlighting a letter of thanks to Commissioner Steve Bletas for his years of service as Chairman of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, a letter of acknowledgement received from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) concerning the committee's letter to the Ministre on the budget cuts, and the use of the Parents Committee members and alternates e-mail addresses for advertising community events.

#### **7.4 Report of the QESBA:**

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale drew attention to the information on the 2012-2013 Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) budget, amendments to the constitution and the nominations for the Award of Merit, noting that feedback on the budget and amendments to the constitution are due by 2012-08-30.

#### **8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:**

In response to a question from Scott Traylen, member of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) Executive, the Chairman reminded those present that the Council of Commissioners is an elected body and that as Chairman he is not privy to how commissioners will vote. He appreciates the comments received and will take them into consideration for future discussions.

He also advised that the Communications & Public Relations Committee and the Ethics & Governance Committee would be meeting to address the contents of the report of the Ethics Commissioner.

Commissioner Steve Bletas returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 23:08 hours**

In response to a question from a parent in the audience, the Chairman thanked them for their comments on the right of a parent to choose the school of their child but noted that there are also other factors to be taken into consideration with school capacity and safety and security. He advised that the process was done with the best intentions as the services offered in all of our schools are exceptional. As well the original resolution has been rescinded and the issue has been returned to the School Organization Committee for further review, so it is status quo for the 2012-2013 school year.

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak apologized to the Director of School Organization for questioning her directly earlier in the meeting instead of following protocol.

The Chairman advised that a caucus of Council would be called in the fall to discuss several issues.

#### **9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the correspondence contained in the meeting package.

#### **10.0 VARIA:**

There was no varia.

#### **11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 23:17 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇌ REGULAR ⇌ 2012-08-29**