

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON MAY 25, 2016

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, May 25, 2016 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Present: Jennifer Maccarone, Chair; Commissioner Dean Dugas, Vice-Chair; Commissioners Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Paolo Galati, Vicky Kallotzakis, Peter MacLaurin, Anne McMullon, Emilio Migliozi, Ailsa Pehi and Parent Commissioners Pamala Cripton, Sergio Di Marco and Angela Martorana; and Frédéric Greschner, Interim Director General.

Also present were: René Brisson, Assistant Director General; Gaëlle Absolonne, Interim Assistant Director General; Johanne Brabant, Secretary General; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Richard Blondin, Director of Financial Resources; Jérôme Dionne, Director of Material Resources; Richard Greschner, Director of Human Resources; Tina Korb, Director of Educational Services; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant.

The Chair called the meeting to order.

TIME: 19:30 hours

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting noting that having students present this evening is a very important to the Council.

0.0 RECOGNITION:

The Interim Director General noted that the school board is always very proud to highlight the achievements of its students and employees and this evening six people would be recognized.

He went on to welcome and congratulate Andrea Venditti, a Science & Technology and Physics Teacher at Rosemere High School, for being honoured with a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. This award honours exceptional elementary and high school teachers throughout Canada in all disciplines for their remarkable achievements in education and for their commitment to preparing their students for a digital and innovation based economy.

The Chair and Director General congratulated Ms. Venditti and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition.

The Interim Director General continued, welcoming and congratulating Marc-Albert Paquette, Pedagogical Consultant French Second Language, for being honoured with the Ghislaine-Coutu-Vaillancourt Award at the 35th Conference of the Association québécoise des enseignants de français langue seconde (AQEFLS). This prize is awarded annually to a member of the education community who has demonstrated excellence through the work accomplished for the association and for his/her outstanding contribution to the teaching of French as a second language.

The Chair and Director General congratulated M. Paquette and presented him with a Certificate of Recognition.

The Chair welcomed and congratulated Lee-Ann Sacks, Social Studies Teacher at Laval Junior Academy, for her initiative in planning a Mock Council, an event that was held earlier this evening, with students of the school. The event reflected the actual process of a Council of Commissioners meeting with the students whereby an agenda

was set to discuss and make a decision on the results of a Transportation Survey conducted by the students to see which mode of transportation is best suited for the Laval high school students.

The Chair and Director General congratulated Ms. Sacks and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition.

The Chair went on to welcome and congratulate Wilfred Mason, Thomas Ribeiro and Jonathan St-Onge, students at Laval Senior Academy, for their individual achievements at the Super Expo Sciences Hydro-Québec held from April 22 – 24, 2016. The achievements of these young men are as follows:

- Jonathan St-Onge, Secondary V – Project: Stem cell Expansion in Culture
Award: Têtes chercheuses Merck Award
- Wilfred Mason, Secondary V – Project: HEXA Leaf
Awards: Réseau CDLS-CLS Silver Medal
Francis-Boulva reconnaissance Award
Jeune Innovateur Award from l'ADRIQ (Association pour le développement de la recherche et de l'innovation du Québec)
- Thomas Ribeiro, Secondary IV – Project: SUPER-PLANT
Awards: Hydro-Québec First Prize – this prize is awarded to the project with the highest overall score. As 1st prize winner he will participate in the 2017 MILSET Expo-Science International in Brazil.
Réseau CDLS-CLS Gold medal
Concordia University Award
ArcelorMittal Award

She further noted that Thomas Ribeiro and Wilfred Mason had attended the International Science Fair in Phoenix, Arizona, in May where they finished, respectively, in fourth and third place in their category.

The Chair and Director General congratulated Messrs. Mason, Ribeiro and St-Onge and presented each of them with a Certificate of Recognition.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

CC-160525-CA-0101

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2016/05/25-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CC-160525-CA-0102

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2016-04-27 having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously

3.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions

4.0 REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR & DG

4.1 *Chair Report:*

The Chair commented on her monthly report noting the following:

- attendance at:
 - the Laval Junior Academy play "Pride Rock", an event for which everyone who took part in it should be congratulated;
 - Laval Senior Academy Awards night, a wonderful evening for the celebration of success in sports and academics;
 - the 2016 AAESQ/QESBA Spring Conference May 12-14, in St-Sauveur. This school board was the host board and congratulations are to be given to the Organization Committee for a successful event;
- the new Ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur has withdrawn Bill 86 noting that it offers no clear advantages to students;
- the Ministre will revisit the Québec History course for high school students due to complaints of the minority group contributions to the history of Québec being ignored;
- student success is moving forward as the Ministre looks at 4 year-old Kindergarten, making it mandatory to stay in school until 18 years of age, providing more resources for students with learning difficulties, creating a professional order for teachers and improved French language instruction;
- a ground breaking ceremony and press conference were held for the Multi Service Centre in St-Eustache;
- a TedxLaval Talk given on the future of education in Québec.

She went on to note that both the Premier and the Ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur have highlighted the excellence of the nine English school boards with the graduation rates and called on the French school boards to take note of our practices.

4.2 *Interim Director General's Report:*

The Interim Director General presented his monthly report highlighting:

- a visit by the Montréal Alouettes at Morin Heights Elementary School to promote its "Together at School" program;
- reading assessment training for French teachers at Souvenir Elementary School for grades 1 to 5;
- the school supply store at Ste-Adèle Elementary School that was established by one of the school's students;
- pink shirt day at Ste-Adèle Elementary School to promote anti-bullying and anti-violence;
- the incorporation of a guide to ride your bicycle safely session initiated by the Physical Education teacher at Jules Verne Elementary School, which promotes the well-being goal of the Strategic Plan.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 *Evaluation of Learning:*

The Chair advised that the following policy was discussed at length at the Corporate Committee and is now recommended to the Council for its consideration.

CC-160525-ED-0103

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-160224-ED-0073, authorizing for consultation policy #1999-ED-05: Evaluation of Learning in the Elementary & Secondary Schools;

WHEREAS the consultation period expired on 2016-04-11, and feedback received was taken into consideration;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to policy #1999-ED-05: Evaluation of Learning in the Elementary & Secondary Schools.

Carried unanimously

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.1 HUMAN RESOURCES

6.1.1 Administrative Dismissal:

The Chair MOVED THAT the Council go "in camera".

TIME: 19:53 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 20:02 hours

CC-160525-HR-0104

WHEREAS Employee #8352, Maintenance Workman Class II, was hired on 2002-03-04;

WHEREAS Employee #8352 started a disability leave in May 2012;

WHEREAS Employee #8352 ended the two (2) years paid by the school board in May 2014;

WHEREAS the school board granted Employee #8352 a one-year leave of absence without pay to evaluate if the medical condition would change to permit a return to work and this leave was extended;

WHEREAS on April 25th, 2016, the employee's physician replied to the letter sent by Human Resources on March 17th, 2016, indicating that Employee #8352 would have permanent limitations incompatible with the work of a Maintenance Workman Class II and that the physician considers a status of "totally and permanently disabled" for employee #8352;

WHEREAS according to the employee's own physician, Employee #8352 is no longer able to fulfil the basic obligations associated with the employment relationship for the foreseeable future;

WHEREAS the employee was duly met by the school board in the presence of the employee's union representative to inform the employee of the reasons for the dismissal and to invite the employee to the meeting of the Council of Commissioners, if the employee wishes to address the Council;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Director, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board administratively dismiss employee #8352 for the reason of physical incapacity, effective May 12, 2016.

Carried unanimously

6.2 COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.2.1 *Delegation of Functions & Powers to Executive – Staffing:*

The Chair provided background information on the need to amend this by-law noting that the amendments are being made in order to reflect current practices.

CC-160525-CA-0105

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has historically approved the staffing plans of the maintenance personnel, the professional personnel and the support personnel at an Executive Committee meeting during the month of May;

WHEREAS when by-law #BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was last amended this delegation was not included as part of Annex I: Delegation of Functions & Powers to the Executive Committee;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to return this delegation to the Executive Committee by amending Annex I: Delegation of Functions & Powers to the Executive Committee;

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to by-law #BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, Annex I: Delegation of Functions & Powers to the Executive Committee.

Carried unanimously

6.2.2 *Entente Policière:*

The Secretary General presented a reviewed entente policière and answered questions and concerns as follows:

- the entente is for three (3) years and will be renewed automatically on the expiry date for another two (2) years, if no amendments are required;
- the entente is now being signed and the Police can now work with the schools and centres;
- there will be 17 other similar ententes that will be signed with other municipalities;
- this entente will be used as a template when negotiating with the other Police forces.

CC-160525-CA-0106

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) adopted the *"Regulation respecting agreements entered into by school boards with respect to collaboration with police forces for prevention and investigation purposes and interventions by police officers in an emergency or when an act of bullying or violence is reported"*;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, the Commission scolaire de Laval and the Service de Police de Laval endorse the "Frame of Reference – Police Presence in Educational Institutions: Provincial Consultation on Violence, Youth and the School Environment" currently in effect and have included several of its provisions in this mutually negotiated agreement and have agreed to refer to them as needed;

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the "Agreement Pertaining to Police Intervention from the Laval Police in the Educational Institutions of Commission scolaire de Laval and Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board".

Carried unanimously

6.3 ADULT EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL TRAINING

6.3.1 Vocational Training Entente with CS de Laval:

The following resolution was presented and reviewed:

WHEREAS regional partnerships are encouraged by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) to facilitate the organization of Vocational Training services;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is disadvantaged in its Vocational Training program options;

WHEREAS English and French school boards are willing to work collaboratively to improve the Vocational Training offer and to maximize investments;

WHEREAS the objective #5 in the partnership agreement between the MEES and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires "an increase in the number of students under 20 years in vocational training";

WHEREAS Vocational Training is a priority for Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to support increased accessibility to programs for students in our territory;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has the authorization for the Vocational Training Program DVS 5695 Welding and Fitting but does not have the necessary facilities;

WHEREAS Commission scolaire de Laval has the facilities required to conduct Vocational Training Program DVS 5695 Welding and Fitting

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has negotiated an entente with the Commission scolaire de Laval for the use of its facilities on Saturday and Sunday to conduct Vocational Training Program DVS 5695 Welding and Fitting;

Commissioner Vicky Kalotzakis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the entente with the Commission scolaire de Laval for the use of its facilities in order to conduct Vocational Training Program DVS 5695 Welding and Fitting.

AND THAT the Chair, 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 entente.

Commissioner Guy Gagnon noted that he would like to amend the last "WHEREAS" by adding after the word "Sunday" the following "...and during periods when the facilities are not in use by Commission scolaire de Laval...". Commissioner Kalotzakis accepted the amendment.

CC-160525-AE-0107

WHEREAS regional partnerships are encouraged by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) to facilitate the organization of Vocational Training services;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is disadvantaged in its Vocational Training program options;

WHEREAS English and French school boards are willing to work collaboratively to improve the Vocational Training offer and to maximize investments;

WHEREAS the objective #5 in the partnership agreement between the MEES and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires *"an increase in the number of students under 20 years in vocational training"*;

WHEREAS Vocational Training is a priority for Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to support increased accessibility to programs for students in our territory;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has the authorization for the Vocational Training Program DVS 5695 Welding and Fitting but does not have the necessary facilities;

WHEREAS Commission scolaire de Laval has the facilities required to conduct Vocational Training Program DVS 5695 Welding and Fitting

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has negotiated an entente with the Commission scolaire de Laval for the use of its facilities on Saturday and Sunday and during periods when the facilities are not in use by Commission scolaire de Laval to conduct Vocational Training Program DVS 5695 Welding and Fitting;

Commissioner Vicky Kalitziakos MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the entente with the Commission scolaire de Laval for the use of its facilities in order to conduct Vocational Training Program DVS 5695 Welding and Fitting.

AND THAT the Chair, 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 entente.

Carried unanimously

6.3.2 Entente with Edu Edge:

The Council entered into discussion on the entente with Edu Edge Inc. noting the following:

- the course will be held at the Edu Edge Centre in Montréal and there will be approximately 75 students;
- the students taking the course will be Edu Edge students but will be listed as part of the ETPs for this school board;
- the cohort for the Computing Support course is for International Students only;
- the Chair and the Director General will have the authorization to sign the final version of the entente when the negotiations have concluded.

WHEREAS the Assistant Director General responsible for Adult Education & Vocational Training presented a project with Edu Edge Inc. to provide a Vocational Training program in Computing Support, with a goal of generating revenues for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS this Vocational Training program in Computing Support would take place outside the territory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board at the Edu Edge Inc. centre in Montréal;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and Edu Edge Inc. wish to enter into a partnership to establish the Vocational Training program in Computing Support outside of the territory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Parent Commissioner Angela Martorana MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Interim Director General to negotiate an entente with Edu Edge Inc. regarding a Vocational Training Program to be offered at the Edu Edge Inc. centre in Montréal.

AND THAT the Chair, as well as the Interim Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this entente.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin proposed that the resolution be amended to indicate that the course is for International Students only. Parent Commissioner Angela Martorana accepted the amendment.

CC-160525-AE-0108

WHEREAS the Assistant Director General responsible for Adult Education & Vocational Training presented a project with Edu Edge Inc. to provide a Vocational Training program in Computing Support, with a goal of generating revenues for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS this Vocational Training program in Computing Support would take place outside the territory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board at the Edu Edge Inc. centre in Montréal;

WHEREAS this Vocational Training Program in Computing Support delivered at the Edu Edge Inc. centre in Montreal would be accessible strictly to International Students;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and Edu Edge Inc. wish to enter into a partnership to establish the Vocational Training program in Computing Support outside of the territory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Parent Commissioner Angela Martorana MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Interim Director General to negotiate an entente with Edu Edge Inc. regarding a Vocational Training Program to be offered at the Edu Edge Inc. centre in Montréal.

AND THAT the Chair, as well as the Interim Director General, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this entente.

Carried unanimously

6.4 MATERIAL RESOURCES

6.4.1 Engagement of Contractor – Capital Project – St-Jude ES Roof:

In response to a question from the Vice-Chair, the Director of Material Resources informed the Council that six companies had purchased the tender documents and that when only one bid was received an investigation was launched as to why none of the other companies who purchased the documents submitted a tender and it appears to be because it was a shingle roof rather than a flat roof. The Professionals were contacted to examine the bid and they validated the bid received.

CC-160525-MR-0109

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-151104-MR-0028, approving the engagement of the architects and engineers to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the 2015-2016 capital projects and that, upon receipt of the completed drawings, plans and tender specifications, public tenders be called for the services of contractors;

WHEREAS public tenders for the roof renovation project at St-Jude Elementary School were called and subsequently opened on 2016-04-28;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified by the Professional;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon 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 roof renovation project at St-Jude Elementary School to **Groupe Cirtech Inc.**, for a total cost of 188 625,00\$, before taxes, (216 871,59\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the Chair, 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

6.4.2 Engagement of Contractor – Capital Project – Hillcrest Academy Roof & Paving:

In response to a question from the Vice-Chair, the Director of Material Resources advised that this project is for a flat roof with a membrane.

CC-160525-MR-0110

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-151104-MR-0028, approving the engagement of the architects and engineers to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the 2015-2016 capital projects and that, upon receipt of the completed drawings, plans and tender specifications, public tenders be called for the services of contractors;

WHEREAS public tenders for the roof and paving renovation project at Hillcrest Academy were called and subsequently opened on 2016-05-03;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified by the Professional;

Commissioner Vicky Kalliotzakis 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 roof and paving renovation project at Hillcrest Academy to **Construction Genfor Ltée**, for a total cost of 657 000,00\$, before taxes, (755 385,75\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the Chair, 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

6.4.3 Engagement of Contractor – Capital Project – LSA Roof, Paving & Windows:

In response to a question from the Chair, the Director of Material Resources advised that this project is for a flat roof.

CC-160525-MR-0111

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-151104-MR-0028, approving the engagement of the architects and engineers to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the 2015-2016 capital projects and that, upon receipt of the completed drawings, plans and tender specifications, public tenders be called for the services of contractors;

WHEREAS public tenders for the roof, paving & windows renovation project at Laval Senior Academy were called and subsequently opened on 2016-05-03;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified by the Professional;

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi 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 roof, paving & windows renovation project at Laval Senior Academy to **9160-5188 Québec Inc. (Hulix Construction)**, for a total cost of 1 424 000,00\$ before taxes, (1 637 244,00\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the Chair, 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

6.4.4 Engagement of Contractor – Capital Project – Ste-Agathe Academy Washrooms:

CC-160525-MR-0112

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-151104-MR-0028, approving the engagement of the architects and engineers to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the 2015-2016 capital projects and that, upon receipt of the completed drawings, plans and tender specifications, public tenders be called for the services of contractors;

WHEREAS public tenders for the washrooms renovation project at Ste-Agathe Academy were called and subsequently opened on 2016-05-13;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified by the Professional;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin 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 washrooms renovation project at Ste-Agathe Academy to **9220-9733 Québec Inc. (Naxo)**, for a total cost of 159 000,00\$, before taxes, (182 810,25\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the Chair, 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

6.4.5 Engagement of Contractor – Capital Project – Lake of Two Mountains HS Roof:

In response to a question from the Council, the Director of Material Resources noted that:

- the cost of the tender documents are based on cost per page;
- for a project like the St-Jude Elementary School roof the cost of the tender documents would be in the neighbourhood of \$100 - \$150 whereas the tender documents for larger projects would cost more because there are more pages;
- when the projects are posted any contractor in the province can purchase the tender documents and submit a bid. In the case of these eight capital projects the winning bids went to Montréal area contractors.

CC-160525-MR-0113

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-151104-MR-0028, approving the engagement of the architects and engineers to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the 2015-2016 capital projects and that, upon receipt of the completed drawings, plans and tender specifications, public tenders be called for the services of contractors;

WHEREAS public tenders for the roof renovation project at Lake of Two Mountains High School were called and subsequently opened on 2016-05-13;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified by the Professional;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon 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 roof renovation project at Lake of Two Mountains High School to **J. Raymond Couvreur & Fils Inc.**, for a total cost of 471 176,00\$, before taxes, (541 734,61\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the Chair, 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

6.4.6 Engagement of Contractor – Capital Project – Rosemere HS Roof:

In response to a questions from the Council, the Director of Material Resources noted that:

- the west section of the roof, over the gymnasiums, at Rosemere High School (RHS) was re-done last year;
- it will take 4 – 5 phases of construction to replace the entire roof at RHS;
- with the monies available the school board has to prioritize projects and be equitable so completing a roofing project the size of RHS all at once would not leave any funding for other projects;
- the difference in the bids for a project may be due to the schedule of the contractor;
- the roofing projects are measure monies and are allocated by building. Projects can be merged so that one contractor is awarded the contract but this can be prohibitive because if a bid comes in over \$2,500,000 professionals have to be engaged;
- the school board can afford to complete 8 to 9 projects over the summer months.

CC-160525-MR-0114

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-151104-MR-0028, approving the engagement of the architects and engineers to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the 2015-2016 capital projects and that, upon receipt of the completed drawings, plans and tender specifications, public tenders be called for the services of contractors;

WHEREAS public tenders for the roof renovation project at Rosemere High School were called and subsequently opened on 2016-05-11;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified by the Professional;

Commissioner Anne McMullon 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 roof renovation project at Rosemere High School to **J. Raymond Couvreur et Fils Inc.**, for a total cost of 556 000,00\$, before taxes, (639 261,00\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the Chair, 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

6.4.7 Engagement of Contractor – Capital Project – McCaig ES Washrooms & Elevator:

In response to a question from the Council, the Director of Material Resources noted that:

- the washrooms to be renovated are the girls and boys in the older part of the school;
- the décor in the washrooms will be similar to what is already there but updated;
- the work will take place over the summer;
- the cost of the elevator is close to the majority of the budget for this project.

CC-160525-MR-0115

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-151104-MR-0028, approving the engagement of the architects and engineers to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the 2015-2016 capital projects and that, upon receipt of the completed drawings, plans and tender specifications, public tenders be called for the services of contractors;

WHEREAS public tenders for the washrooms and elevator renovation project at McCaig Elementary School were called and subsequently opened on 2016-05-13;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified by the Professional;

Commissioner Anne McMullon 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 washrooms and elevator renovation project at McCaig Elementary School to **Bernard Malo Inc.**, for a total cost of 453 515,00\$, before taxes, (521 428,87\$, all taxes included).

AND THAT the Chair, 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

6.4.8 Unusually Low Price Committee – St-Vincent ES Washrooms, Façade & Paving:

The Council entered into discussion and the Director of Material Resources explained the following:

- the external member can be a Commissioner;
- the RORC for the school board is himself and the process for the dismissal of the lowest bid after the committee meets is that a letter is sent to the lowest bidder explaining why the bid was rejected and they have a time frame in which to respond to the letter as to whether they agree or disagree with the committee's decision. Once a response is received the next steps to be taken are to either offer it to the next lowest bidder or retender;
- as the lowest bid was 25% lower than the next lowest bid and the average bid was close to that of the second lowest bidder.

CC-160525-MR-0116

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-151104-MR-0028, approving the engagement of the architects and engineers to prepare the drawings, plans and tender specifications for the 2015-2016 capital projects and that, upon receipt of the completed drawings, plans and tender specifications, public tenders be called for the services of contractors;

WHEREAS public tenders for the washrooms, façade & paving renovation project at St-Vincent (St-Jacques Centre) Elementary School were called and subsequently opened on 2016-05-13;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified by the Professional;

WHEREAS the lowest bidder appears to have deposited an unusually low price bid;

WHEREAS, as per Division IV.I of Chapter II of the Regulation respecting construction contracts of public bodies, if the price of a tender seems unusually low, the public body forwards the tender to a committee set up for that purpose for analysis of the low price status;

WHEREAS paragraph 18.4 of Division IV.I of Chapter II of the Regulation respecting construction contracts of public bodies stipulates that *the committee is composed of the contract rules compliance monitor (RORC - Responsable de l'observation des règles contractuelles) in the public body and at least 3 members designated by the chief executive officer of the public body who are not involved in the awarding process;*

Parent Commissioner Pamala Cipton MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the committee set up for the analysis of the unusually low price tender for the washrooms, façade & paving renovation project at St-Vincent (St-Jacques Centre) Elementary School be composed of the following members:

1	Contract Rules Compliance Monitor (RORC Responsable de l'observation des règles contractuelles)
1	Secretary General
1	Assistant Director General
1	External Member

AND THAT the Committee present in a report its conclusions and the reasons in support of these conclusions to the Council of Commissioners for approval.

Carried unanimously

6.5 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION & TRANSPORTATION

6.5.1 Interboard Transportation Agreements 2016-2017:

CS des Laurentides

CC-160525-TS-0117

WHEREAS student transportation is required for all schools under the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS Commission Scolaire des Laurentides transports students to Ste-Agathe Academy and Arundel Elementary School;

WHEREAS Commission Scolaire des Laurentides receives the cost to transport these students in a grant from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES);

WHEREAS the cost of the net taxes are not included in this grant;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the transportation agreement with Commission scolaire des Laurentides to transport students attending Ste-Agathe Academy and Arundel Elementary School at a cost of \$21,059.25, for the 2016-2017 school year to cover the cost of net taxes.

Carried unanimously

CS des Samares

In response to questions from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Interim Assistant Director General noted that Commission scolaire des Samares transports in the neighbourhood of 250 Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board students so this school board is responsible for the costs related to the transport of the additional 55 students. This is provisioned for in the budget.

CC-160525-TS-0118

WHEREAS student transportation is required for all schools under the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS Commission Scolaire des Samares transports students to Joliette Elementary School and Joliette High School;

WHEREAS Commission Scolaire des Samares receives the cost to transport up to 195 students in a grant received from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES);

WHEREAS any additional students are charged at the average cost per student that is identified by the MEES;

Commissioner Dean Dugas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the transportation agreement with Commission scolaire des Samares to transport students to Joliette Elementary and Joliette High School for the 2016-2017 school year at no additional cost for the first 195 students. Additional students will be charged at the average cost per student as recognized by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur.

Carried unanimously

6.5.2 Additional Transportation Needs 2016-2017:

The Interim Assistant Director General explained that the cost of a berline per year is \$30,000 whereas for a larger bus it is \$50,000.

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #EC-120619-TS-0082, renewing contracts with various transportation contractors for 5-years beginning 2012-07-01 and ending 2017-06-30;

WHEREAS School Organization & Transportation has reviewed its transportation network for the 2016-2017 school year;

WHEREAS School Organization & Transportation recommends the removal of three (3) berline vehicles to be replaced by one (1) mini-bus;

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the of the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the addition of the following vehicle to the contract with Groupe Renaud for the period 2016-07-01 to 2017-06-30:

<i>Vehicle #</i>	<i>Capacity (Passenger)</i>	<i>Cost 2016-2017</i>
<i>909</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>\$47,473.56</i>

AND THAT resolution #EC-120619-TS-0082 and the contract be modified to include this new vehicle.

Commissioner Guy Gagnon proposed that the resolution be amended by adding the vehicles that are being removed from the contract. Commissioner McMullon accepted the amendment.

CC-160525-TS-0119

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #EC-120619-TS-0082, renewing contracts with various transportation contractors for 5-years beginning 2012-07-01 and ending 2017-06-30;

WHEREAS School Organization & Transportation has reviewed its transportation network for the 2016-2017 school year;

WHEREAS School Organization & Transportation recommends the removal of three (3) berline vehicles to be replaced by one (1) mini-bus;

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the of the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the addition and removal of the following vehicle to the contract with Groupe Renaud for the period 2016-07-01 to 2017-06-30:

ADDITION		
Vehicle #	Capacity (Passenger)	Average Cost 2016-2017
909	30	\$47,473.56

REMOVAL		
Vehicle #	Capacity (Passenger)	Average Cost 2015-2016
909	6	\$31 175.00
927	6	\$31 175.00
928	6	\$31 175.00

AND THAT resolution #EC-120619-TS-0082 and the contract be modified to include these changes.

Carried unanimously

6.6 QESBA

6.6.1 Preliminary Membership Fees 2016-2017:

The Chair advised the Council that there is no increase in the Quebec School Boards Association (QESBA) membership fees for 2016-2017.

Commissioner Robert Dixon indicated that he does not believe in these fees and has never voted for them but he does believe in the Chair's leadership both as Chair of this School board and as President of the QESBA. He congratulated her on all of the excellent work she did on Bill 86 noting that her presentation at the public consultation hearing definitely contributed to its demise.

The Chair thanked Commissioner Dixon for his kind words noting that it could not have been done without the support received from this Council, QESBA and the Chairs of other school boards. The defeat of Bill 86 was a collective effort.

In response to questions from the Commissioners, the Chair responded as follows:

- the QESBA fees are based on student numbers;
- there has been no increase in the QESBA fees charged for the last six years;
- declining enrollment is of concern to the QESBA Executive Committee because it affects the membership fees and makes it difficult for the organization to accomplish some of the things it would like to do for English education in Québec;

- the issue of the inequity in taxation between school boards is something that has been brought to the attention of the Ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur at several meetings over the past year. It is a challenging conversation because if a harmonized school tax is implemented across the province it is possible that it will lead to further imbalances because school boards on the island of Montréal would see a significant increase in the rate. Discussion is still on going and there may be a possibility of regionalizing the school taxes to have something similar to the Conseil de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal.

CC-160525-CA-0120

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

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association has issued a provisional membership fee statement for the 2016-2017 school year;

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amount of 89,942.51\$ be paid to the Quebec English School Boards Association.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Dean Dugas, Guy Gagnon, Vicky Kaliozakis, Peter MacLaurin, Anne McMullon, Emilio Migliozi, Ailsa Pehi
Commissioners voting NAY:	Robert Dixon

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 *SWL Foundation:*

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi, a member of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation, provided an update on recent activities noting:

- the Laurier Gala & Star Fest is tomorrow evening where approximately 200 students will be recognized for achievements in academics, sports, art and the community;
- 90 students auditioned for the Star Fest portion of the evening from which 13 acts were selected to perform;
- special performances by Marco Gonzalez Clemente, a student at Laval Senior Academy, a recent contestant on La Voix will perform as will Vanessa Piuanno, a student at Rosemere High School. These two performers will be some of the evening's highlights;
- the Lobster Gala is 2016-06-09 at the Chateau Royale in Laval and will be hosted by Franco Taddeo;
- the winners of the Laurier Lottery will also be drawn that evening;
- two sub committees have been formed to bring more visibility to the Foundation, fundraising and communications;
- the Foundation will continue to host the January and Lobster Galas but it is looking for new events for fundraising;
- considering re-branding the Foundation;
- the Foundation will make a presentation to the Parents Committee in the fall of 2016.

Parent Commissioner Pamala Crompton excused herself for the evening.

TIME: 21:08 hours

7.2 *Parent Commissioners Report:*

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco noted that Rhonda Boucher, President of the English Parents Committee Association (EPCA), had been invited to speak about the committee and what had been done with respect to Bill 86. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents Committee has two Directors on the EPCA Board of Directors.

The guest speaker in June will be Linda Mastroianni (Special Education and Autism Consultant) and she will be talking to the committee about several topics including transitioning of special needs children to adulthood as well as tips to help young adults with autism transition into the workplace. Everyone is welcome to attend as the Parents Committee meeting is public.

7.3 *Report of QESBA:*

This was covered under item 4.1.

8.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

10.0 VARIA:

There was no varia

11.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:10 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ 2016-06-29

