

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Ville de Rosemère

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, January 24, 2018 at 19:30 hours, at which were:

Present: Jennifer Maccarone, Chairperson; Commissioners Dean Dugas, Vice-Chairperson; Guy Gagnon, Paolo Galati, Vicky Kaliozakis, Anne McMullon, Emilio Migliozi (via telephone), Ailsa Pehi, Melissa Wall; and Parent Commissioners Sergio Di Marco and Bob Pellerin.

Absent: Commissioner Peter MacLaurin; Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley; and Paul Lamoureux, Director General

Also present were: Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Stephanie Krenn, Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and School Organization; Jérôme Dionne, Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Richard Greschner, Director of Human Resources; Donna Abel, Assistant Director of Financial Resources; Christina Cichon, Interim Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order.

TIME: 19:33 hours

"We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Kanien'keha:ka or Mohawk nation. The Mohawk Nation is also known as the "Eastern Door Keepers" and is a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, which also includes the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga and Oneida Peoples.

All those who gather here are counted as esteemed stakeholders in our community and most importantly friends."

1.0 Acceptance of Agenda

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Parent Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended in document #SWLSB-2018/01/24-CA-001.

CC-180124-CA-0069

Carried unanimously

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes
December 13, 2017

Commissioner Paolo Galati MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on December 13, 2017, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

CC-180124-CA-0070

Carried unanimously

Approval of Minutes
January 12, 2018

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on January 12, 2018, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as presented.

CC-180124-CA-0071

Carried unanimously

3.0 Question Period

There were no questions.

4.0 Reports from the Chairperson and the Director General

4.1 *Chairperson's Report:*

The Chairperson highlighted her monthly report noting:

- Events attended at the schools and centres during the month of December. The schools are to be commended for their contributions to the community;
- The Council has begun strategic planning sessions to work towards a consultation with stakeholders in order to meet the targets set out by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) while tailoring the plan to reflect the school board;
- The school board needs to achieve a higher graduation rate by 2030;
- The Québec government has unveiled a new strategy for educational services for children 0-8 years old so that there are:
 - Equal opportunities for success;
 - Access to services, early intervention, etc.;
 - Monies to assist parents in preparing their children for school;
 - A focus on transitioning from daycare to elementary school;
- In the next few weeks, the MEES will be making announcements concerning infrastructure projects for the province, as it has added \$87,000,000 to the budget. It is anticipated that the majority of these monies will go to the Montréal school boards. These announcements are being done earlier than normal so this will assist Material Resources in project planning;
- The Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport and the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications have developed an outreach program for parents, who may feel unequipped to support their children, through television and video capsules. These capsules are currently only available in French and a request has been made for some of them to be made available in English;
- A brief will be submitted to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) from the school board concerning Bill 166: An Act to reform the school tax system, as QESBA will be presenting on behalf of all English school boards at a parliamentary commission on January 30, 2018;
- The Coalition Avenir Québec (CAQ) has released its education plan, if elected as the next Québec government, which calls for the elimination of school boards. If this comes to fruition, the school boards will need to be vigilant in order to protect its employees.

4.2 *Director General's Report:*

The Assistant Director General advised that the Director General has passed on his best wishes for a happy New Year and that he is looking forward to when he can return to work.

He went on to note that there had been a two-day reflection on Vocational Training with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport and that the Ministre has invited the school boards to work together to build the service for the 21st century.

He further noted that for the last nine years, Laurentian Regional High School has held a 24-hour fast for the WE initiative to raise awareness on what it is like to be hungry, with the help of other high schools in the school board. This event has raised over \$30,000, which has contributed to the construction of a school in Kenya and clean water.

5.0 Business Arising:

5.1 Engagement of Director of Financial Resources:

The Chairperson welcomed Chao Ling Pan, the new Director of Financial Resources, to the meeting noting that he begins with the school board on February 12, 2018, and that everyone is looking forward to working with him.

Mr. Pan thanked everyone for the kind words noting that, he too, is looking forward to being a member of the school board.

6.0 Decision Items:

6.1 Corporate Affairs & Secretary General

6.1.1 Amendments to Procedure – Nomination and Election of Vice Chair of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Council of Commissioners:

The Chairperson noted that the next two resolutions for amendments are required in order to bring the procedures in line with the changes to the Education Act as per Bill 105: An Act to amend the Education Act.

Amendments to
Procedure – Nomination
and Election of Vice-Chair
of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier
School Board Council of
Commissioners

WHEREAS the Québec Government adopted Bill 105: An Act to amend the Education Act in November 2016;

WHEREAS elements in this Bill make it necessary to amend procedure #P2012-CA-18: Procedure for the Nomination & Election of the Vice-Chair of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Council of Commissioners, in order to conform with the law;

CC-180124-CA-0072

Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to procedure #P2012-CA-18: Procedure for the Nomination and Election of the Vice-Chair of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Council of Commissioners.

Carried unanimously

6.1.2 Amendment to Procedure – Procedures for the Election of the Executive Committee:

Amendment to Procedure –
Procedures for the Election
of the Executive Committee

WHEREAS the Québec Government adopted Bill 105: An Act to amend the Education Act in November 2016;

WHEREAS elements in this Bill make it necessary to amend procedure #P2004-CA-07: Procedures for the Election of the Executive Committee, in order to conform with the law;

CC-180124-CA-0073

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to procedure #P2004-CA-07: Procedures for the Election of the Executive Committee.

Carried unanimously

6.1.3 Amendments to Field Trip Policy

The Chairperson noted that the feedback received from the Corporate Committee has been included in the policy to ensure the safety and security of the students.

Amendments to Field Trip
Policy

CC-180124-ED-0074

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #060713-ED-0003 adopting policy n° 2006-ED-07: Field Trip Policy: Co-Curricular & Extra Curricular Programs

WHEREAS policy n° 2009-ED-13 no longer serves the needs of the school board;

Commissioner Dean Dugas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize for consultation the amendments to policy n° 2006-ED-07: Field Trip Policy: Co-Curricular & Extra Curricular Programs and its procedures;

AND THAT the consultation begins on January 25, 2018 and ends on March 19, 2018.

Carried unanimously

6.2 Information Technology:

6.2.1 Amendments to Use of Information & Communications Technology Resources Policy:

The Director of Information Technology advised that it has been ten years since the last policy revision so amendments have been made to include the new realities faced by the school board with respect to technology.

Amendments to Use of
Information &
Communications
Technology Resources
Policy

CC-180124-IT-0075

WHEREAS policy #2000-IT-01: Use of Information and Communication Technology Resources Policy has not been updated since 2008;

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend said policy in order to reflect the current realities of the use of information and communication technologies by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Parent Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize for consultation the amendments to policy #2000-IT-01: Use of Information and Communication Technology Resources Policy;

AND THAT the consultation begins on January 25, 2018 and ends on April 3, 2018.

Carried unanimously

7.0 Information Items

7.1 SWL Foundation

Commissioner Ailsa Pehi provided an update on the activities of the Foundation noting the following:

- All of the schools have purchased and received the sensory equipment that was sponsored by the Foundation;
- Tomorrow evening is the Foundation's annual January Gala and approximately 220 guests are expected to attend. The estimated profit for this event is in the neighborhood of \$35,000.

The Chairperson advised the Council that the projects submitted to the Ville de Laval earlier this year for consideration for funding through the Fonds Place-du-Souvenir were accepted and a donation of \$33,000 to the Foundation has been made to sponsor these projects at John F. Kennedy Elementary School and Laval Senior Academy. The Foundation is very grateful for this donation.

The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux de Laval will also be supporting the initiatives at these schools.

7.2 Parent Commissioners Report:

Parent Commissioner Bob Pellerin advised that there was no report as the Parents Committee did not have a meeting in January.

7.3 QESBA

The report of the QESBA was provided under item 4.1.

8.0 Question Period

There were no questions.

9.0 Correspondence

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

10.0 Varia

There was no varia.

11.0 Adjournment

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:00 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ February 28, 2018