

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Ville de Rosemère

A Special 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, October 10, 2018 at 19:00 hours, at which were:

Present: Dean Dugas, Acting Chairperson; Commissioners Guy Gagnon, Paolo Galati, Anne McMullon, Emilio Migliozi, Ailsa Pehi, Melissa Wall and Parent Commissioners Sergio Di Marco, Stéphane Henley and Bob Pellerin and Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General.

Absent: Commissioners Vicky Kaliozakis and Peter MacLaurin; and Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General

Also present were: Stephanie Krenn, Interim 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; Geoffrey Hipps, Director of Pedagogical Services; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

0.0 Recognition of the Land:

"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 Opening of Meeting:

The Acting Chairperson called the meeting to order.

TIME: 19:09 hours

2.0 Process, Timeline and Criteria to Fill Vacant Seats:

2.1 Process and timeline for the nomination of a new Chairperson or Commissioner:

TIMELINE		
DATE/ TIMELINE	EVENT	Education Act/ Act Respecting School Elections REQUIREMENTS
October 2	Chairperson disqualified – officially as of October 6.	Bill 185 section 3 allows for filling vacant seats as per section 199 of the Act Respecting School Elections Act Respecting School Elections section 21.3
October 4 Day 2	PC consulted on Criteria of Eligibility for any Ward seats and for Chairperson seat Deadline to submit suggestions is October 10 12:00 p.m.	Section 199 of the Act Respecting School Elections Required to consult PC

October 5 Day 3	Notice of Special Council meeting for October 10.	Section 199 of the Act Respecting School Elections
October 10 Day 8	<p>Receipt of PC criteria for Chairperson and Commissioner</p> <p>Council Caucus meeting to discuss recommendations of PC.</p> <p>Special CC meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resolution adopting the process, timeline & criteria to fill vacant seat(s) 	
October 12-16 Day 10-14	Public Notice: Call for candidates Post on Website, Facebook, schools and centres	Not mandated by law to post publicly in newspapers
October 16 Day 14	Closing date for candidates to submit their nomination papers by noon	Evaluate eligibility of candidates as per the Act Respecting School Elections
October 17 or 18 Day 15	<p>Presentation of candidates evening before CORP meeting 6:30 p.m.:</p> <p>Council and PC members invited to attend</p> <p>Council members to receive PC recommendation as a result of the presentations</p>	
October 24 Day 22	<p>Regular Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of Chairperson - Election of Commissioner for vacant seat 	Section 199 of the Act Respecting School Elections
In event of vacant seats resulting from previous nominations:		
Nov 2-6	Public Notice: Call for candidates Post on Website, Facebook, schools and centres	Not mandated by law to post publicly in newspapers
November 6	Closing date for candidates to submit their nomination papers by noon	Evaluate eligibility of candidates as per the Act Respecting School Elections
November 14	<p>Presentation of candidates evening before CORP meeting 6:30 p.m.:</p> <p>Council and PC members invited to attend</p> <p>Council members to receive PC recommendation as a result of the presentations</p>	
November 28	<p>Regular Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of Commissioner for vacant seat(s) if applicable 	

WHEREAS Jennifer Maccarone, Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was elected to the Québec National Assembly;

WHEREAS section 21 of the Act respecting school elections renders any Commissioner who is a member of the National Assembly ineligible;

WHEREAS the provincial election of Ms. Maccarone has left the position of Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board vacant;

WHEREAS the vacant position of Chairperson must be filled within 30 days in accordance with section 199 of the Act Respecting School Elections;

WHEREAS section 3 of An Act to defer the next general school election and to allow the Government to provide for the use of a remote voting method provides for the Council of Commissioners to fill vacancies as per section 199 of the Act respecting school elections;

WHEREAS a public notice for the call for nominations will be posted in the schools and centres, Website and Facebook page of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on October 12, 2018, with responses of interested candidates sent to the Interim Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General by noon on October 16, 2018.

WHEREAS a new Chairperson must be appointed no later than November 1, 2018;

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the proposed process and timeline, as per document #SWLSB-2018/10/10-CA-001, and the above-mentioned actions be executed by the Interim Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General immediately.

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners extend its heartfelt appreciation to Ms. Maccarone for her dedication to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in her tenure as Chairperson and wish her well in her new role as Member of the Québec National Assembly.

Commissioner Melissa Wall proposed that the resolution be amended by adding a whereas that would prioritize the filling of vacant positions.

Amendment to proposed resolution – process and timeline

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Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT the resolution on the proposed process and timeline, be amended by adding after the last Whereas, the following:

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to prioritize filling the position of Chairperson prior to potential vacant Commissioner seats;

Carried unanimously

Process and timeline for the nomination of a new Chairperson

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WHEREAS Jennifer Maccarone, Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was elected to the Québec National Assembly;

WHEREAS section 21 of the Act respecting school elections renders any Commissioner who is a member of the National Assembly ineligible;

WHEREAS the provincial election of Ms. Maccarone has left the position of Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board vacant;

WHEREAS the vacant position of Chairperson must be filled within 30 days in accordance with section 199 of the Act Respecting School Elections;

WHEREAS section 3 of *An Act to defer the next general school election and to allow the Government to provide for the use of a remote voting method* provides for the Council of Commissioners to fill vacancies as per section 199 of the *Act respecting school elections*;

WHEREAS a public notice for the call for nominations will be posted in the schools and centres, Website and Facebook page of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on October 12, 2018, with responses of interested candidates sent to the Interim Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General by noon on October 16, 2018.

WHEREAS a new Chairperson must be appointed no later than November 1, 2018;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to prioritize the filling of the position of Chairperson prior to potential vacant Commissioner seats;

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the proposed process and timeline, as per document #SWLSB-2018/10/10-CA-001, and the above-mentioned actions be executed by the Interim Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General immediately.

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners extend its heartfelt appreciation to Ms. Maccarone for her dedication to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in her tenure as Chairperson and wish her well in her new role as Member of the Québec National Assembly.

Carried unanimously

2.2 Criteria to fill vacant seats:

WHEREAS the position of Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is currently vacant with the provincial election of Jennifer Maccarone to the Québec National Assembly;

WHEREAS further seats may become vacant on the Council of Commissioners resulting from the nomination of a new Chairperson;

WHEREAS section 199 of the Act Respecting School Elections requires that a consultation with the Parents Committee take place on the criteria for the position of Commissioner;

WHEREAS a consultation of the Parents Committee was initiated by the Director General and the Acting Chairperson on October 4, 2018;

WHEREAS the Parents Committee was requested to provide comments and/or recommendations on the criteria for a vacant seat by noon on October 10, 2018;

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Parents Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the proposed criteria, as per document #SWLSB-2018/10/10-CA-002;

AND THAT the public notice for the call for nominations contain the criteria as outlined in the aforementioned document.

Commissioner Anne McMullon advised that the Parents Committee had responded to the consultation on the criteria to fill the vacant seats and proposed that some of the points made be used to amend the criteria.

The Acting Chairperson thanked the Parents Committee for taking the time to respond to the consultation.

Amendment to proposed resolution – criteria to fill vacant seats

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Parents Committee, the criteria to fill vacant seats, as contained in document #SWLSB-21018/10/10-CA-002, be amended as follows:

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- Under eligibility criteria, point 3 – add the word “anywhere” after the word “domiciled”;
- Under additional criteria, point 1 – remove the word “recent”.

Carried unanimously

Criteria to fill vacant seats

WHEREAS the position of Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is currently vacant with the provincial election of Jennifer Maccarone to the Québec National Assembly;

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WHEREAS further seats may become vacant on the Council of Commissioners resulting from the nomination of a new Chairperson;

WHEREAS section 199 of the Act Respecting School Elections requires that a consultation with the Parents Committee take place on the criteria for the position of Commissioner;

WHEREAS a consultation of the Parents Committee was initiated by the Director General and the Acting Chairperson on October 4, 2018;

WHEREAS the Parents Committee was requested to provide comments and/or recommendations on the criteria for a vacant seat by noon on October 10, 2018;

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Parents Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the proposed criteria, as per document #SWLSB-2018/10/10-CA-002;

AND THAT the public notice for the call for nominations contain the criteria as outlined in the aforementioned document.

Carried unanimously

2.3 Call for nominations to fill vacant seats:

Commissioner Guy Gagnon noted that the resolution calling for nominations to fill vacant seats should have the final point “Further that” amended by adding either until the next election or a change in legislation.

Amendment to proposed resolution – Call for nominations to fill vacant seats

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the proposed resolution on the call for nominations to fill vacant seats be amended by adding at the end of the “Further that” the words “... or until new legislation comes into effect”.

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Carried unanimously

Call for nominations to fill vacant seats

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (the Council) approved resolution #CC-181010-CA-0030, approving the process and timeline for the nomination of a new Chairperson AND approving resolution #CC-181010-CA-0032 concerning the criteria;

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WHEREAS the process for the nomination of a new Chairperson may leave a vacant Commissioner seat in one of the nine electoral divisions;

WHEREAS the vacant positions of Chairperson or Commissioner must be filled within 30 days in accordance with section 199 of the *Act Respecting School Elections*;

WHEREAS section 3 of *An Act to defer the next general school election and to allow the Government to provide for the use of a remote voting method* provides for the Council of Commissioners to fill vacancies as per section 199 of the *Act respecting school elections*;

WHEREAS a consultation of the Parents Committee was initiated by the Director General and the Acting Chairperson on October 4, 2018;

WHEREAS a public notice for the call for nominations will be posted in the school and centres, Website and Facebook page of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on October 12, 2018, with responses of interested candidates sent to the Interim Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General by noon on October 16, 2018;

WHEREAS candidates for the vacant seat(s) will be presenting to the Council of Commissioners and Parent Committee members on October 17, 2018;

Parent Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Parents Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board call for nominations for the vacant seat(s), as per document # document #SWLSB-2018/10/10-CA-001

AND THAT any additional elected Commissioner vacancies be subject to the process and timeline structure set out in the above-mentioned document;

FURTHER THAT this resolution be in effect until replaced or until new legislation comes into effect.

Carried unanimously

3.0 Question Period

There were no questions.

4.0 Adjournment

Commissioner Paolo Galati MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 19:23 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ October 24, 2018