

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, Rosemère, QC on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 19:30 hours, at which were:

Present: Paolo Galati Chairperson; Vicky Kaliozakis, Vice-Chairperson; Bob Pellerin, Vice-Chairperson Alternate; Commissioners James Di Sano, Guy Gagnon, Anne McMullon, Melissa Wall and Parent Commissioners Tara Anderson, Anthony Beliotis, and Stéphane Henley and Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General.

Also present were: Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Anna Sollazzo, Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and School Organization; Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources; François Badin, Assistant Director of Human Resources and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

Absent: Commissioners Anick Brunet, Peter MacLaurin and Emilio Migliozi.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and verified quorum with the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General.

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General confirmed quorum.

TIME: 19:30 hours

0.0 Opening of Meeting

0.1 Acknowledgement 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 Approval of the Agenda

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CC-191127-CA-0037

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2019/11/27-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson advised that Commissioners MacLaurin and Migliozi were absent with regret.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 October 18, 2019:

Approval of Minutes
October 18, 2019

Parent Commissioner Anthony Beliotis MOVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on October 18, 2019, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

CC-191127-CA-0038

Carried unanimously

2.2 October 23, 2019:

Approval of Minutes
October 23, 2019

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on October 23, 2019, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

CC-191127-CA-0039

Carried unanimously

2.3 November 11, 2019:

Approval of Minutes
November 11, 2019

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 November 11, 2019, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

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| THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION: | |
| Commissioners & Parent Commissioners voting YEA: | Tara Anderson, James Di Sano, Guy Gagnon, Paolo Galati, Stéphane Henley, Vicky Kaliotzakis, Anne McMullon, Bob Pellerin, Melissa Wall |
| Commissioners & Parent Commissioners ABSTAINING: | Anthony Beliotis |

3.0 Question Period

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General reviewed the procedure for the question periods noting that no written questions had been received for the first question period.

4.0 Report from the Chairperson

The Chairperson read the following:

"I'd like to begin my report by mentioning the importance of protecting our English minority rights against the adoption of Bill 40.

Beyond its anti-democratic foundation that both removes duly elected officials from office in the French network, and makes it difficult and even unlikely, that taxpayers will be likely to run in English school service centre elections of the future, Bill 40 is an assault on the Constitutional rights of the English language community of Quebec.

As taxpayers and, as minority language citizens of Quebec, I must insist upon our right to freely and fairly elect board representatives and/or, run for elected office, if anyone so chooses, without the limits placed upon those rights, which are proposed in this complicated legislation.

A legislation that does not address the most important factor, which is student success. How will this new model increase our student success?

English school boards across the province boast some of the best success rates in the province with a documented 86% success rate.

This accomplishment is the direct result of our community's commitment to our English schools, school boards and to the English-speaking community they serve. We take our responsibility to control and manage our English school system in Quebec very seriously. It is also our right, under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

*The Council of Commissioners has major concerns about Bill 40 and the way the CAQ government has decided to proceed without proper consultation. Again, as I stated, there is no mention nor demonstration that Bill 40 will improve student success, which is our main mission. Therefore, you will have received an email with **links to letters you are encouraged to read, adapt, sign and send to our Minister of Education** should you wish to personally voice your concerns regarding Bill 40."*

He went on to present his monthly report noting his attendance at the following events:

- October 28, 2019 – A session at Commission scolaire de Laval concerning Bill 40, *An Act to amend mainly the Education Act with regard to school organization and governance*. Commissioner Emilio Migliozi also attended this session with the Chairperson;
- November 1-2, 2019 – Along with Vicky Kalitziakis, Vice-Chairperson as well as Commissioners Peter MacLaurin, Bob Pellerin and Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson, the Chairperson attended the Quebec English School Boards Association's (QESBA) fall professional development session, which focused and reiterated on the importance of school governance and student success, and Annual General Meeting;
- November 4, 2019 – The QESBA, in the presence of several of its Chairperson members, deposited its brief concerning Bill 40 at the Assemblée nationale. The brief contains the position and points on what should be modified to better protect English Language Minority Rights as well as a focus on the strengths of the English educational sector with respect to the student success rates;
- November 6, 2019 – The QCGN (Québec Community Groups Network) Awards. These awards celebrate two individuals who have contributed to the vitality and understanding of English-speaking Québec and are honoured with either the Sheila & Victor Goldbloom Community Service Award or the Young Quebecers Leading The Way Award;
- November 8, 2019 – Genesis Elementary School *Cirque en soirée*. Congratulations to the Genesis Home and School Association for the successful evening. These types of events would not take place without the dedication of a school community and the students of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board are very fortunate to be able to benefit school-community linked events as they are linked directly to student achievement and school success. In attendance were also Commissioners Anick Brunet and James Di Sano;
- November 9, 2019 – The QFHSA (Québec Federation of Home and School Associations) 75th Anniversary celebrations;
- November 10, 2019 – Wreath laying at the Laval Remembrance Day Ceremony. The laying of the wreaths were assisted by the students from Jules Verne Elementary School. Vicky Kalitziakis, Vice-Chairperson, as well as Commissioners James Di Sano, Bob Pellerin and Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson also attended;
- November 14, 2019 – Cosmodôme Foundation – This Foundation enables children who are underprivileged or encountering hardship to access the Cosmodôme's various programs in order to develop a knowledge of space and science;
- November 20, 2019 – World Children's Day at the Ville de Laval. This is an annual event concerning children's rights that is celebrated worldwide. On this date in 1959 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the *Declaration of the Rights of the Child* and on the same date in 1989 it adopted the *Convention on the Right of the Child*. Commissioner Emilio Migliozi and Adam Gordon, Chairperson of the Parents Committee, also attended this event.
- November 22, 2019 – Along with Commissioner James Di Sano, the Chairperson attended Our Lady of Peace Elementary School's first official STEAM fair – 150 students participated and all of the school staff were engaged in the event making it a great success. There were student run and hands-on activities such as coding, programming of robots, brain challenges, virtual trips and more. Congratulations to the Principal, staff, students, and volunteers, including the chair of the Parent Participation Organization, who helped make this event a success.

5.0 Report from the Director General

The Director General presented her monthly report noting that she had attended many of the same events as the Chairperson and commented as follows:

- October 26, 2019 – Joliette High School graduation. This was a beautiful ceremony with each staff member giving a personalized message to the graduating students;
- October 30, 2019 – Visited the Arundel Nature and Science Centre (ANSC) with representatives of Commission scolaire de Laval as there is a partnership opportunity for the use of the centre. A grant has been applied for that will enable both school boards to use the \$13,000 in total towards using ANSC;
- October 31, 2019 – Celebrating Halloween at the head office with a team building activity (pumpkin carving contest) that saw Financial Resources take the prize of a healthy snack;
- November 5, 2019 – The 2nd Annual Future Administrators information session was held with 30 potential new administrators in attendance, of which 25% were from outside of the school board. A survey was sent to all who attended the session ;
- November 7, 2019 – the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) hosted its first corporate networking event on communication. This event met one of the SWLSB priorities: professional growth. The Director General applauds this SWLAA initiative;
- November 11, 2019 – Attended the Rosemere High School student-led Remembrance Day ceremony;
- November 18-22, 2019 – Educational Professionals Week saw all of the school board's professionals receive, at their home, a certificate of Appreciation;
- November 19, 2019 – Coffee with the Director General at Mountainview Elementary School;
- November 22, 2019 – Attended the Our Lady of Peace Elementary School's first ever STEAM Fair. The entire school staff were present at the event to support the students;
- November 27, 2019 - Coffee with the Director General at Terry Fox Elementary School;
- November 27, 2019 – The *Congrès main-d'oeuvre Lanaudière* was held. The school board was invited to attend by Services Québec to have an information booth for Vocational Training and service aux entreprises. The Assistant Director General represented the school board at this event.

The Director General reminded the Council that on March 29-30, 2020 the first English "Embracing Diversity" event will take place at Laval Senior Academy. The cost per person is \$125.00. Thank you to Stéphane Henley, SEAC Parent Commissioner, the Pedagogical Services team and the committee members for their assistance in organizing this event.

6.0 Business Arising:

6.1 Jeux du Québec

In response to questions and concerns, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation noted:

- Arrangements will be made for the 2020 Summer School, if required, but at this time there does not appear to be any major conflicts;
- The number of athletes to be accommodated at Laval Senior Academy (LSA) is currently unknown but will be looked into and Commissioners advised;
- The washroom renovation project at LSA is already underway and it is expected that the work will be done by July.

Jeux du Québec
CC-191127-MR-0041

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board had been approached by the organizing committee of the *Finale des Jeux du Québec 2020* to enter into an agreement for the use of classrooms, auditorium, gymnasiums, showers, cafeteria and other public areas at Laval Junior Academy and Laval Senior Academy as accommodations for athlete delegations;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution CC-170927-MR-0021 approving the use of Laval Junior Academy and of Laval Senior Academy for the *Finale des Jeux du Québec 2020* from July 15, 2020 to July 25, 2020, inclusively;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was recently informed of a change in dates for the *Finale des Jeux du Québec 2020*;

WHEREAS the *Finale des Jeux du Québec 2020* will now be held from July 26, 2020 to August 12, 2020, inclusively;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the use of Laval Junior Academy and of Laval Senior Academy for the *Finale des Jeux du Québec 2020* from July 26, 2020 to August 12, 2020, inclusively;

AND THAT the Chairperson, or in their absence or with their knowledge the Vice-Chairperson, as well as the Director General, or in their absence or with their knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this agreement.

Carried unanimously

7.0 Decision Items:

7.1 Material Resources and Transportation

7.1.1 Bank of Professionals – Architects and Engineers

Bank of Professionals
Architects and Engineers
CC-191127-MR-0042

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-170524-MR-0089 approving the call to tender for the creation of a bank of professionals, architects, civil and structural engineers, mechanical and electrical engineers and geotechnical engineers, for a three-year period, for the projects for which the sums for professional fees are less than \$101,100.00;

WHEREAS elements of this process are the preparation of a public notice of qualification and the creation of a Selection Committee;

WHEREAS a public notice of qualification to allow the qualification of other service providers for the third and last year of the bank was prepared and proposals were received on September 26, 2019;

WHEREAS the proposals must be reviewed by a Selection Committee composed of a secretary and at least three members;

WHEREAS a meeting of the Selection Committee was held on November 4, 2019;

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the addition of the qualified firms to the bank of professionals for projects for which the sums for professional fees are less than \$101,100.00, as per document #SWLSB-2019/11/27-MR-001;

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

FURTHER THAT, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, be authorized to sign documentation concerning this project, as per by-law #BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

7.1.2 Energy Project – Authorization to Borrow

Commissioner Guy Gagnon noted that the savings guarantee on this energy project is in writing.

In response to questions, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation noted:

- Some of the measures are attached to the equipment that has to be replaced;
- The timeline for the project is approximately 18 months and will begin during the month of March 2020.

Energy Project -
Authorization to Borrow

CC-191127-MR-0043

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolutions #CC-180627-MR-0159, approving in principle the ecologically responsible buildings project and #CC180705-MR-0004, approving the Selection Committee;

WHEREAS on March 19, 2019 the Selection Committee proceeded with the evaluation of the qualitative offers from the firms retained;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-190327-MR-0151, approving a mandate to Ecosystem to conduct a feasibility study;

WHEREAS, in conformity with section 29 of Decree #532-2008 adopted on May 28, 2008, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board retained the firm with the best "valeur économique pondérée (VAN)" weighted economic value, that being the firm Ecosystem;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) has invited school boards to carry out work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and has therefore approved a new measure (Measure 50643 – Établissements écoresponsables) to help achieve this objective;

WHEREAS following the detailed feasibility study, Ecosystem has established the cost of the project to be supported by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board at \$6,145,500.33 before taxes or \$6,568,725.57 net taxes, less the amount of \$1,500,000.00 provided by Measure 50621 (Maintenance des bâtiments) for a cost of \$4,840,868.88 before taxes or \$5,174,247.42 net taxes;

WHEREAS Measure 50643, other financial incentives and tax returns will reduce the financial responsibility of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to a net amount of \$2,408,729.00 with a PRI (prix de revient indexé) of 10.2 years;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School make the request to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) with regards to Measure 50643 to borrow the amount \$4,840,868.88 before taxes or \$5,174,247.42 net taxes to realize the above mentioned project as detailed in document SWLSB-2019|11|27-MR-002;

AND THAT the Chairperson, or in their absence or with their knowledge the Vice-Chairperson, as well as the Director General, or in their absence or with their knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, be authorized to sign documentation concerning this project, as per by-law #BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

8.0 Information Items

8.1 SWL Foundation Report:

There was no report.

8.2 Parent Commissioners Reports

8.2.1 Parents Committee Report:

The report of the Parents Committee is in the meeting package.

8.2.2 SEAC Report:

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley advised the Council that the SEAC meeting scheduled for November 19, 2019, was cancelled due to inclement weather and will now take place on December 3, 2019.

8.3 Report of QESBA

There was no report.

9.0 Question Period

There were no questions.

10.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11.0 Varia

There was no varia.

12.0 Adjournment

The Chairperson welcomed the Director of Human Resources back to the table after a brief absence.

He went on to thank the members of the audience for their continued support of the school board with their attendance at Council meetings.

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:14 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇌ REGULAR ⇌ December 11, 2019