

**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 and via video conferencing on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 19:30 hours, at which were:

**Present at Administration Centre:** Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Vicky Kaliotzakis, Vice-Chairperson; Bob Pellerin, Vice-Chairperson Alternate; Commissioners Anick Brunet, James Di Sano, Guy Gagnon, Peter MacLaurin, Anne McMullon, Emilio Migliozi, Melissa Wall and Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General,

**Also present at Administration Centre:** Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Anna Sollazzo, Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

**Present via video conferencing:** Parent Commissioners Anthony Beliotis and Stéphane Henley; Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and School Organization; Geoffrey Hipps, Director of Pedagogical Services; and Stephanie Krenn, Director of Human Resources

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone who is viewing the meeting online.

**TIME: 19:30 hours**

**0.0 Presentation and Recognition**

**0.1 PAB (Préposé aux bénéficiaires)**

The Chairperson highlighted the new PAB (Préposé aux bénéficiaires) Program that was established by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) across Québec to provide additional support to the health care sector during COVID-19. The Council of Commissioners would like to congratulate the following employees for their patience and professionalism that resulted in 34 students completing the program between June 15 and September 2020: Anna Maria Arcaro, Martin Beaubrun, Rosie Calabretta, Michelle Champagne, Heather Halman, Nick Hulse, Geri Jolin, Marlen Glykis, Deborah Montalvo, and Marie-Paule Thibault.

**0.2 Chapeau, les filles!**

The Chairperson noted that the "Chapeau, les filles!" contest showcases the determination and work of women enrolled in a vocational training or technical program or a bachelor's program in science or technology that leads to a traditionally male dominated occupation. The Council of Commissioners would like to congratulate the 2020 grand prize winner Catherine Vachon, a student in the Carpentry Program at Construc-Plus Vocational Training Centre.

**0.3 Thank You Council**

The Chairperson advised that this evening is the final meeting of the current Council of Commissioners and that he would like to take the time to thank everyone for all of the time and effort that has been given over the past years, in particular Commissioner Peter MacLaurin. Commissioner MacLaurin has been an elected official of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for all of its 22 years representing Arundel, Grenville, Morin Heights, and Ste-Adèle Elementary Schools and Ste-Agathe Academy. He congratulated and thanked Commissioner MacLaurin for his passion, dedication, insight and for being an advocate for access to inclusive learning and the betterment of education for all students.

Commissioner MacLaurin thanked the Chairperson for his kind words noting that education is always evolving and that through the efforts of this Council the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is at the forefront of many positive achievements, especially the ever increasing graduation rate that currently stands at 87.7 percent. He thanked all students, employees, fellow Commissioners and stakeholders for their daily dedication to education.

The Chairperson continued expressing thoughts and prayers, on behalf of the Council, to a Hillcrest Academy family whose child is battling cancer.

He continued noting that there have been many challenges, differences and successes over the past six years all of which the Council has faced with passion, determination, resilience and acceptance that things sometimes have to be done differently in order to achieve success. All Council members should be proud of everything that has been accomplished, notably the 87.7 percent graduation rate, the ongoing support of students, employees, stakeholders, and the challenges brought on by COVID-19.

He expressed thanks

- To the Director General for her solution focused approach, rigour, authenticity and for encouraging everyone to think outside of the box in a positive and passionate manner;
- To the management team for making the school board shine and for keeping everyone connected and focused on the objectives;
- To the students for their patience, understanding, resilience and cooperativeness they have shown over the past few months as they have adapted to the new normal for education with the ongoing pandemic.

The Director General thanked the Chairperson for his inspirational message.

She went on to highlight the contributions of the Commissioners noting the countless hours and evenings spent making the best decisions for the students, employees and stakeholders of the school board in order to provide the tools for success. She thanked the current Council of Commissioners and Jennifer Maccarone, former Chairperson; Dean Dugas, former Vice-Chairperson; former Commissioners Robert Dixon and Ailsa Pehi, and former Parent Commissioners Angela Martorana and Sergio Di Marco; and all those who have made invaluable contributions that have helped make the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board successful.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order welcoming everyone who is viewing the meeting online and verified quorum with the Secretary General.

After roll call, the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General confirmed quorum.

**TIME: 20:00 hours**

## **1.0 Opening of Meeting**

### **1.1 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."*

## 2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda  
CC-200923-CA-0001

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2020/09/23-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes  
June 25, 2020

### 3.1 June 25, 2020:

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on June 25, 2020, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

CC-200923-CA-0002

**Carried unanimously**

## 4.0 Question Period

In response to a question from the Chairperson, the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General confirmed that no questions were received for the first question period.

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General explained the parameters of the question periods, as follows:

- As per the rules of procedure, the parameters regarding question periods must be explained to the public prior to the first question period;
- The agenda provides for two 20 minute question periods;
  - **For the first question period**, questions are to be addressed to the Chair either by fax or by email by 13h00 the day of the meeting;
  - The **second question period** must be restricted to questions pertaining to agenda items discussed at the meeting;
  - The purpose of these questions periods are restricted to answering questions only, and not to enter into debates or conversations;
- For the members of the public who might be present in the boardroom:
  - Each speaker is allowed 5 minutes to present all their questions.
  - After each speaker's 5 minute presentation, the Chairperson will provide any available answers.
- For the members of the public who are using the link provided on the school board website to view this meeting, you may type your questions in the Q&A Section of website. Please make sure to type your full name before all your questions.
- For any questions not related to agenda items, please consult the school board website. An FAQ section has been created in the COVID-19 dossier in which you will find answers to Frequently Asked Questions regarding the current extraordinary circumstances. Within this FAQ section, you will also find a link in which you may send the school board your questions and it will make sure to answer them in best possible delays.

## 5.0 Report from the Chairperson

The Chairperson noted that the past six months have been a challenge with the unexpected closing of all schools in March, then the reopening of selected schools in May, the preparation of the return to school full-time for the 2020-2021 school year with new safety and security measures to ensure that everyone is safe. He thanked all stakeholders for their patience during these unprecedented times.

He went on to present his monthly report highlighting the launch of the virtual Laurier News and various activities surrounding the first week of the new school year.

## 6.0 Report from the Director General

The Director General presented her monthly report noting:

- The summer projects to improve the school board infrastructures;
- The passing of Gail Spillane, Vice-Principal at Rosemere High School, over the summer. A moment of silence was held in her memory;
- Back-to-School – priorities and expectations for 2020-2021 within the CARS model and the management of the public funds through the school board budget. The budget for 2020-2021 is \$186,784,537.00 of which \$8,532,442.00 is dedicated and protected measures;
- COVID-19 – as of today there are three schools with positive COVID-19 cases. The school board is respecting the CISSS regulations. Only the classrooms have been isolated not the entire school. She commended all the schools for acting quickly when learning of the COVID cases;
- Celebrations of Success: increasing enrolment, funding for a new school in Joliette, the graduation of 34 students from the Vocational Training Health Care Facility Patient Service Support Skills Program (PAB) and the 87.7 percent graduation and qualification rate;
- Upcoming events: National Education Support Staff Day on September 24, 2020; Mozaik Portal Training for Parents on September 29-30, 2020; Laval Junior Academy Open House on October 15-16, 2020 (method of delivery to be determined) and School elections on November 1, 2020.

A special thanks to the Management Team, as they have risen to the challenge of managing the everyday needs of their respective school or centre, the emotional needs of the students, staff, parents and themselves, plus everything related to COVID-19.

In closing, she gave a heartfelt thank you to the students for the joy they bring to each day in education.

## 7.0 Business Arising:

### 7.1 PQI 2020-2030

In response to questions from the Council, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation responded as follows:

- The MEES does not provide a reason as to why it refuses a request made in the PQI. The MEES examines all projects submitted province wide and then tries to distribute the funding available as equally as possible;
- The Centre de services scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord received funding for a new high school, as did the Centre de services scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles. Unfortunately for the school board, the zone in which it is placed puts it at a disadvantage because when the MEES sees a report it looks as though the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board does not need any new buildings. A change in zone has been requested;
- Every communication with the MEES results in good service to the school board.

PQI 2020-2030

**CC-200923-MR-0003**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) adopted resolution no. CC-191023-MR-0028, approving requests for the *2020-2030 Plan québécois des infrastructures* (PQI 2020-2030);

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the SWLSB also approved an update to the PQI so as to include the resolutions received from the Governing Boards of Crestview, Joliette, Laurentia and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary Schools;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board clearly expressed the most urgent needs of each of its regions, namely Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière;

WHEREAS, for the Laval region, a new school adapted to its special needs students was requested;

WHEREAS this new school is essential considering the insufficient space to service the students of Crestview Elementary School, most of whom have complex physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs;

WHEREAS larger classrooms are necessary to properly service these students who require many resources and adapted materials;

WHEREAS additional rooms are required to enable the professional staff, including speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists and psychologists, to properly assist these students;

WHEREAS Crestview Elementary School lacks a sufficient number of adapted washrooms for students requiring specific hygiene measures;

WHEREAS additional sensory rooms are required for students with special needs who often use specific materials to practise self-regulation;

WHEREAS, in addition to the lack of appropriate space, Crestview Elementary School requires major renovations;

WHEREAS Crestview Elementary School would also greatly benefit from a bus lay-by for adapted vehicles;

WHEREAS both the SWLSB and the Governing Board of Crestview Elementary School have indicated to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES), via their respective resolutions, that Crestview Elementary School has difficulty meeting the needs of the growing number of students within its existing facilities;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding this information, the MEES has rejected the request for the construction of a new school in the Laval area;

WHEREAS, for the Laurentides region, a new school was requested in order to alleviate overcrowding at Laurentia and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary Schools;

WHEREAS the Governing Boards of Laurentia and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary Schools have indicated that their respective schools are operating at overcapacity;

WHEREAS Laurentia and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary Schools cannot offer services to pre-kindergarten students due to this lack of available space despite the demand in this regard;

WHEREAS, despite the requests made by the SWLSB and the aforementioned Governing Boards, the MEES has refused the request for the construction of a new school in the Saint-Jérôme/Mirabel area;

WHEREAS the SWLSB prides itself on its culture of inclusion and integration as well as of its 87.7% graduation rate;

WHEREAS the SWLSB is committed to its students and needs the support of the MEES to provide the best learning environment in order to continue ensuring the success of its students within a culture of inclusion and integration;

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board formally ask the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur to reconsider its decision with regard to the requests made for Crestview Elementary School and a new school in the Saint-Jérôme/Mirabel area;

AND THAT the mandate be given to the chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to write a letter outlining this request and the concerns of the SWLSB, and that said letter be sent notably to the Minister of Education.

**Carried unanimously**

## 8.0 Decision Items:

### 8.1 School Affairs and School Organization

#### 8.1.1 Enrolment Criteria 2020-2021

Enrolment Criteria  
2020-2021

WHEREAS section 239 of the *Education Act* states that each school board must adopt its enrolment criteria;

**CC-200923-TS-0004**

WHEREAS section 193 (6) of the *Education Act* requires that the Parents' Committee be consulted on the enrolment criteria established by each school board;

Commissioner Vicky Kalitziakis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize for consultation the amendments to policy no. 2014-TS-04: *Enrolment Criteria*;

AND THAT this proposed Enrolment Criteria be subject to a 60-day consultation with the Parents' Committee, beginning on September 28, 2020, and ending on November 27, 2020.

**Carried unanimously**

### 8.2 Material Resources and Transportation

#### 8.2.1 Engagement of Contractor – Energy Project

Engagement of Contractor  
Energy Project

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-180627-MR-0159, approving in principle the ecologically responsible buildings project;

**CC-200923-MR-0005**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-180705-MR-0004, approving the composition of a Selection Committee responsible for qualifying energy-savings companies and for selecting one of these companies to conduct the detailed feasibility study;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolutions no. CC-190327-MR-0151, authorizing Ecosystem to conduct the detailed feasibility study, and no. CC-191127-MR-0043, authorizing the school board to borrow the necessary funds to carry out the work detailed in document no. SWLSB-20191127-MR-002;

WHEREAS, following the detailed feasibility study, Ecosystem 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 (*Maintien des bâtiments*), for a cost of \$4,840,868.88, before taxes, or \$5,174,247.42, net taxes;

WHEREAS Measure 50643 (*Établissements écoresponsables*), 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 Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the energy project to Ecosystem for the initial cost of \$6,145,500.33, before taxes, or \$6,568,725.57, net taxes;

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in his absence or with his knowledge, the Vice-Chairperson as well as the Director General, or in her absence or with her 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 no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.*

**Carried unanimously**

## **8.2.2 Engagement of Service Providers**

### **8.2.2.1 Snow Removal – SWLSB Establishments**

Commissioner Melissa Wall commended the Material Resources and Transportation team for questioning the tender bids received and for taking the initiative to negotiate further cost reductions when possible.

Engagement of Service  
Provider

WHEREAS the snow removal and salting contracts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's schools and centres expired on June 30, 2020;

Snow Removal – SWLSB  
Establishments

WHEREAS public tenders for snow removal and salting services for the majority of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier school board establishments covering the school years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 were received and opened on September 3, 2020;

**CC-200923-MR-0006**

WHEREAS the contract is awarded by individual lots;

WHEREAS the only price received for Morin Heights Elementary School is considered unreasonably high and above the budgeted amount, and therefore will be excluded from this contract;

WHEREAS the only prices received for the lots for Mountainview and St-Jude Elementary Schools and Lake of Two Mountains High School did not meet the criteria of conformity, and therefore will be excluded from this contract;

Commissioner Emilio Migliozi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the snow removal and salting services for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, with the exception of the lots for Morin Heights, Mountainview and St-Jude Elementary Schools and Lake of Two Mountains High School, for a total global cost for all lots of \$1,098,673.00, before taxes or \$1,174,335.86 net taxes, as per document no. SWLSB-2020/09/23-MR-001;

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 no BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.*

**Carried unanimously**

### **8.2.2.2 Snow Removal – FHES, Hillcrest Academy and LJA**

*WHEREAS the snow removal and salting contracts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's schools and centres expired on June 30, 2020;*

*WHEREAS public tenders for snow removal and salting services for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years for Franklin Hill Elementary School, Hillcrest Elementary School and Laval Junior Academy were opened on September 11, 2020;*

*WHEREAS the the contract is awarded by individual lots;*

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contracts for snow removal and salting services for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years for Franklin Hill Elementary School, Hillcrest Elementary School and Laval Junior Academy as per the table below, for a total global cost for all three lots of \$192,446.00, before taxes, or \$205,699.27, net taxes;

Lot 1 – Franklin Hill ES	Alekko Inc.	\$48,000.00
Lot 2 – Hillcrest Academy	G�rard Tr�pazier & fils Inc.	\$39,452.00
Lot 3 – Laval Junior Academy		\$104,994.00

AND THAT the Chairperson, or in his absence or with his knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in her absence or with her 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 no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.*

**Carried unanimously**

Commissioner Anne McMullon proposed an amendment to the resolution to correct the name of Hillcrest.

Amendment to Resolution

**CC-200923-MR-0007**

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT in the name Hillcrest Elementary School be replaced with Hillcrest Academy. Seconded by Commissioner Anick Brunet.

**Carried unanimously**

Engagement of Service Provider

Snow Removal – FHES, Hillcrest Academy and LJA

**CC-200923-MR-0008**

WHEREAS the snow removal and salting contracts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's schools and centres expired on June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS public tenders for snow removal and salting services for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years for Franklin Hill Elementary School, Hillcrest Academy and Laval Junior Academy were opened on September 11, 2020;

WHEREAS the the contract is awarded by individual lots;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contracts for snow removal and salting services for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years for Franklin Hill Elementary School, Hillcrest Academy and Laval Junior Academy as per the table below, for a total global cost for all three lots of \$192,446.00, before taxes, or \$205,699.27, net taxes;

Lot 1 – Franklin Hill ES	Alekko Inc.	\$48,000.00
Lot 2 – Hillcrest Academy	G�rard Tr�pazier & fils Inc.	\$39,452.00
Lot 3 – Laval Junior Academy		\$104,994.00

AND THAT the Chairperson, or in his absence or with his knowledge, the Vice-Chair as well as the Director General or, in her absence or with her 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 no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.*

**Carried unanimously**

### 8.2.3 Change Orders – LSA Washroom Renovation Project

Change Orders WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-191023-MR-0029, awarding the contract for the bathroom renovation project at LSA Washroom Renovation Project Laval Senior Academy to Berloy Construction Inc., for a total cost of \$1,466,995.00, before taxes, or \$1,568,023.28, net taxes;

**CC-200923-MR-0009** WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolutions no. EC-2001229-MR-0034, EC-200226-MR-0039, EC-200325-MR-0044, EC-200429-MR-0048, and EC-200714-MR-0004, and the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-200625-MR-0122, approving various change orders in the amount of \$157,998.95, before taxes, or \$168,879.94, net taxes;

WHEREAS, during the project, additional change orders occurred (resulting in a credit) relating to various modifications in the amount of (\$8,283.92), before taxes;

Commissioner James Di Sano 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 change order credit in the amount of (\$8,283.92), before taxes;

AND THAT the total cost of the project, including the change orders, be decreased to \$1,616,710.03, before taxes, or \$1,728,048.81, net taxes;

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in his absence or with his knowledge, the Vice-Chairperson as well as the Director General or, in her absence or with her 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 no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*.

**Carried unanimously**

### 8.2.4 Plan pluriannuel 2020-2024

Plan pluriannuel 2020-2024 WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to satisfy priority needs in its schools and centres;

**CC-200923-MR-0010** WHEREAS the schools and centres have expressed their needs;

WHEREAS Measure 50621 (*Maintien des bâtiments*) and Measure 50622 (*Résorption du déficit de maintien*) are applied to finance the projects required to address these needs;

WHEREAS the list of capital investment projects planned for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years and their respective budgets are detailed in document no. SWLSB-2020/09/23-MR-002;

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2020-2024 Plan pluriannuel (multiyear capital investment plan);

AND THAT the Chairperson, or in his absence or with his knowledge, the Vice-Chairperson as well as the Director General or, in her absence or with her knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation concerning these projects;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign documentation concerning these projects, as per by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*.

**Carried unanimously**

### 8.3 Corporate Affairs and Secretary General

#### 8.3.1 Delegation of Functions and Powers

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General presented and reviewed the amendments to the by-law concerning the delegation of functions and powers.

Delegation of Functions  
and Powers

**CC-200923-CA-0011**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-081022-CA-0038, approving by-law no. the dele(the "By-law");

WHEREAS it has become necessary to revise the By-law's structure, as recommended by the General Directorate;

WHEREAS said revision will improve the By-law's accuracy and ensure its compliance with current practices and laws, as well as its clarity and proper interpretation;

WHEREAS said revision will facilitate efficient governance and management practices while respecting the roles and functions of the Council of Commissioners and the members of senior management;

WHEREAS recommendations were made by the General Directorate, assisted by an external legal firm, to redefine the current delegation of functions and powers with regard to construction contracts, which is the most pressing issue at hand until a final and thorough revision of the By-law can be done at a later date;

WHEREAS section 4.7 of the By-law indicates that "*the delegatee is accountable for his decisions and must report back to the appropriate authority*";

WHEREAS it is understood that the Executive Committee, the General Directorate and the Director of Material Resources and Transportation must report back to the Council of Commissioners concerning the additional powers delegated herein;

WHEREAS a new Council of Commissioners will be formed following the school elections to be held on November 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, once the new Council of Commissioners is in place, the General Directorate will continue working with its external legal consultants to review the By-law in its entirety;

WHEREAS it is estimated that revising the By-law in its entirety will take approximately six (6) months, as the revision must also take into consideration the Court's conclusion to come concerning case no. 500-17-112190-205 (application of Bill 40 to English-Language School Boards);

WHEREAS an update will be given to the new members of the Council of Commissioners no later than March 31, 2021, concerning the revision and recommendations with regard to the By-law;

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the amendments to By-law no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions and Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* as presented in document no. SWLSB-2020/09/23-CA-002;

AND THAT this amended By-law become effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the *Education Act*;

AND THAT an update be given by the General Directorate to the Council of Commissioners no later than March 31, 2021, concerning the revision and recommendations with regard to By-law BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions and Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*;

FURTHER THAT a copy of the amended By-law be sent to all Governing Boards and to the Parents' Committee in accordance with section 395 of the *Education Act*.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **8.4 Information Technology**

##### **8.4.1 Purchase of Additional Laptop Computers – Plan d'action numérique 2020-2021**

Purchase of Additional Laptop Computers

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) continues to invest in technology via the « Plan d'action numérique » for the province of Québec;

Plan d'action numérique 2020-2021

WHEREAS the investment for the Measure 50767 (Mesure spéciale pour l'acquisition d'ensembles numériques) has been increased for the 2020-2021 school year by \$38,400,000;

**CC-200923-IT-0012**

WHEREAS the allocation for Measure 50767 for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is in the amount of \$926,476;

WHEREAS the MEES mandated Collecto in 2019 to conduct a public tender (SAR130-2019) for the acquisition of laptops, desktop computers, monitors and mobile charging carts;

WHEREAS Collecto in April 2020 revised pricing and equipment availability for tender SAR130-2019 - Postes Informatiques et Moniteurs Neufs providing equipment choices from multiple suppliers;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a participant to the tender SAR130-2019 - Postes Informatiques et Moniteurs Neufs for the 2020-2021 school year;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will require additional laptop computers to ensure its students and staff have the necessary access to technology for the 2020-2021 school year;

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Information Technology, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the acquisition of equipment available in public tender SAR130-2019 for an amount not exceeding \$650,000.00 including taxes;

AND THAT the Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this acquisition.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **8.5 Financial Resources**

##### **8.5.1 Commissioners Remuneration 2020-2021**

Commissioners Remuneration 2020-2021

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is composed of nine (9) commissioners, one (1) Chair and three (3) parent commissioners;

**CC-200923-FR-0013**

WHEREAS the annual maximum amount of remuneration to be paid to the members of the Council of Commissioners is established by decree from the Government of Québec;

WHEREAS such decree has not yet been published;

WHEREAS a discussion was held at the Corporate Committee of September 16, 2020 to maintain the same percentage distribution as adopted by the Council of Commissioners during the 2019-2020 school year by resolution CC-190925-FR-0008;

WHEREAS the total amounts to be distributed to each commissioner will be adjusted upon the reception of the decree for the 2020-2021 school year;

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept to maintain the percentage distribution adopted by resolution no. CC-190925-FR-0008 for the 2020-2021 school year or until October 31, 2020 should school elections be held on November 1, 2020.

AND THAT the total amounts to be distributed to the members of the Council of Commissioners be adjusted upon reception of a new decree for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

### 8.5.2 Allocation of Measures 15021 and 15026

Allocation of Measures  
15021 and 15026

**CC-200923-FR-0014**

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) has granted additional funds totaling \$18.8 million dollars to support Québec schools towards the organization of services during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS measure 15021 (*Soutien additionnel à la consolidation des apprentissages et à l'enseignement scolaire des élèves en contexte COVID*) can be used for the consolidation of teaching activities at the elementary and high school levels;

WHEREAS the MEES also granted a new measure for the 2020-2021 school year that can be used for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten groups, namely measure 15026 (*Ajout d'enseignants spécialistes au préscolaire*);

WHEREAS the MEES has requested that said measure be used to provide each pre-kindergarten and kindergarten group with a weekly 30-minute teaching period in physical education, wellness or the arts;

WHEREAS the Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) held a regular meeting on September 18, 2020, to establish the criteria of allocation for these two measures;

WHEREAS the RAC recommends that an amount of \$6,000 from measure 15021 be allocated to the Virtual Campus;

WHEREAS the RAC recommends that the administrative centre manage all funds allocated to the Virtual Campus as well as all funds from measure 15026 (*Ajout d'enseignants spécialistes au préscolaire*);

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Resource Allocation Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the criteria of allocation of measures 15021 and 15026 as detailed below:

Measure	Name	Criteria
15021	<i>Soutien additionnel à la consolidation des apprentissages et à l'enseignement scolaire des élèves en contexte COVID</i>	\$6,000 to administrative centre 40% to elementary schools (per capita) 60% to high schools (per capita)
15026	<i>Ajout d'enseignants spécialistes au préscolaire</i>	100% to administrative centre

**Carried unanimously**

## 9.0 Information Items

### 9.1 SWL Foundation Report:

There was no report.

## **9.2 Parent Commissioners Reports**

### **9.2.1 Parents Committee Report:**

The report can be found in the meeting package.

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson advised that the FCPQ Conference scheduled for September 25, 2020 in Québec City has been cancelled.

### **9.2.2 SEAC Report:**

There was no report.

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley noted that the date for the parent portion of the Embracing Diversity Conference is still pending.

## **9.3 Report of QESBA**

There was no report.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin advised that there has been a stay in the court challenge against Bill 40 in that the provincial government has been allotted the time to develop a legitimate law concerning the English school boards that will be presented to the courts for study as a bill to ensure that it is constitutionally acceptable. If the provincial government loses, the case could eventually go to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Discussion ensued and the overall consensus was that the English school boards have a formula for success that is working and should not have to look to others for how to make things work for its community and to change how it does things would be a mistake.

## **9.4 Decisions taken by the Executive Committee in July and August 2020**

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

## **10.0 Question Period**

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General confirmed that no additional questions had been received during the course of the meeting.

The Chairperson noted that stakeholders do not have to wait until question period at a Council meeting to ask a question, as questions can be sent anytime via email and they will be answered in a timely fashion.

## **11.0 Correspondence**

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

## **12.0 Varia**

There was no varia.

**13.0 Adjournment**

The Chairperson noted that it is bittersweet to see the time of this Council come to a close given that as a group everyone has worked hard to come together as a team to achieve the many successes. He thanked each Commissioner for taking the time to be present and for working collaboratively, the parents for fighting to ensure that their children receive the best of everything possible whether it be education or health care. Be safe, well and blessings to all.

Parent Commissioner Anthony Beliotis MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 21:29 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ November 11, 2020**

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**Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General**

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**Paolo Galati, Chairperson**