

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 1999-08-25

A Regular meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the Library of Rosemere High School, 530 Northcote, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 1999-08-25 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Pierre Niding, Parent Commissioner; and Dominic Martini, Director General.

Also present were: Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General; Lorraine Archambault, Director of Financial Resources; Laiq Hanafi, Director of Educational Services; Jean-Guy Messier, Director of Information Services; Agustino Santini, Senior Advisor to Management; Michael Stirrup, Director of Human Resources; Raymond Thivierge, Director of Material Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Recording Secretary. Several other persons were also in the audience.

Absent: William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, and Mary Sotelis, Commissioners; and Mario Gaulin, Parent Commissioner.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:40 hours.

**1.0 INTRODUCTION:**

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

**6.0 BUSINESS ARISING:**

6.5 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Children & Violence.....INFO

**13.0 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:**

13.1 Bus Drivers.....INFO

**15.0 QESBA:**

15.2 Proulx Report .....INFO

**17.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

17.1 Cancer Research .....INFO

**990825-CA-0001**

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended.

**Carried unanimously**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

In a verbal notice Walter Fogel advised that on page 176 of the minutes of the special meeting of 1999-06-07, in resolution #990607-MR-0294 the words "to sign" appear twice in the "AND THAT" clause.

**990825-CA-0002**

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 1999-06-07, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi,

**ABST:** Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, James McDougall, Edward Turchyniak

In a verbal notice Walter Fogel advised that on pages 181 through 184 of the minutes of the regular meeting of 1999-06-16, the words "after consultation" should be added after the "MOVED THAT" in resolutions #990616-CA-0302, #990616-CA-0303 and #990616-CA-304.

Mr. Fogel further noted that on page 188 of the said minutes in the third paragraph the name "Joe Schwartz" should be corrected to read "Joe Schwarcz".

**990825-CA-0003**

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 1999-06-16, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi,

**ABST:** Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, James McDougall, Edward Turchyniak

In a verbal notice Walter Fogel advised that on page 191 of the minutes of the special meeting of 1999-06-29 that the meeting took place in the Library not the Cafeteria.

He further noted that on the same page under point 1.0 the vote for going into committee was omitted and should read "Carried unanimously".

**990825-CA-0004**

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 1999-06-29, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines

In a verbal notice Walter Fogel advised that on page 195 of the minutes of the adjourned meeting of 1999-06-29 under point 3.0 "The Chairman MOVED THAT. . ." should read "The Chairman ORDERED THAT. ..". He also noted that resolution #990629-HR-0320 should read "Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT, on the recommendation. . ." not "Peter Haldimand the recommendation. . .".

He further noted that on pages 199 and 200 of the said minutes resolutions #990629-MR-0330 and #990629-MR-0332 concerning the asbestos at Souvenir Elementary School and Twin Oaks Elementary School, respectively, should appear un-numbered before the numbered resolutions.

Mr. Fogel also noted that on page 201 the title of 6.5 should read "Conseil de développement regional de Laval" and that the body should be "Walter Fogel reported that the naming of the representative of the education sector to the Conseil should have gone to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board but the members chose to ignore a previous agreement." He also pointed out that the representative of the education sector should read CEGEP Montmorency not Commission scolaire de Laval.

### 990825-CA-0005

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the minutes of the ADJOURNED meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 1999-06-29, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

#### THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines

### 3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman advised those present that there would be two (2) question periods during the meeting of twenty (20) minutes. He also noted that priority would be given to questions received in writing one (1) day prior to the meeting and that these questions should be faxed to his attention care of Jocelyne Thompson-Ness at the Administration Centre.

He went on to provide an update on the removal of friable asbestos at Crestview, Genesis, John F. Kennedy, Souvenir Elementary Schools and Rosemere High School. The removal of friable asbestos in Western Laval High School is currently in progress.

The Chairman extended congratulations on behalf of the Council to Raymond Thivierge, Director of Material Resources, and his staff for the efficient manner in which the removal of friable asbestos was undertaken.

He further noted that there have been some setbacks in the renovations of the John F. Kennedy Elementary School, which has necessitated a delayed start to the school year. Students who attend this school will start on Monday, 1999-09-20 and a letter to this effect will be sent to all parents with children enrolled at John F. Kennedy Elementary School. An information session will be held on 1999-08-30 at Laval Catholic High School for parents of children attending John F. Kennedy to answer any questions or concern that they may have.

He continued providing an update on the McCaig Elementary School Annex noting that the classrooms are ready to be occupied. He went on to explain that plans for the exterior entrance way to the annex were altered because the tenders had far exceeded the budget estimate and that it had been necessary to obtain permission from the Ville de Rosemere to install portables for use as the annex entrance. The road and loading/unloading area is expected to be completed for 1999-08-30.

The Chairman extended thanks to Edward Turchyniak for intervention with the Mayor of Rosemere that resulted in the City giving permission to install portables for the McCaig Elementary School annex entrance.

The Chairman continued advising the Council that Mario Gaulin sent his regrets for his absence at this evening's meeting due to an emergency meeting of the Hillcrest Academy's Governing Board.

The Chairman wished Natalie Auclair a "Happy Birthday" and welcomed back Pierre Garofano and Dominic Martini, who had both been off on sick leave. He went on to extend thanks to Robert Vallerand for all his assistance during Mr. Martini's absence.

The Chairman presented each Commissioner with a pin depicting the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board logo.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Director General reported that the motion to set a date for a hearing on the interlocutory injunction requested by three (3) parents has been delayed until 1999-09-15. The lawyer for the Plaintiffs stated that he was not prepared to proceed at this time.

In response to a question from Edward Turchyniak concerning the safety of classrooms now that the friable asbestos had been removed, the Deputy Director General advised that reports have been received indicating that the schools involved were safe for occupation.

The Chairman advised the council that the QESBA will be holding a workshop on 1999-10-30 and that information concerning the workshop will be forwarded upon receipt.

Pierre Garofano left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:06 hours**

#### **4.0 QUESTION PERIOD:**

In response to concerns expressed by Meryl Parkinson, Chair of the Rawdon Elementary School Governing Board, over the size of the playground at the new Rawdon school, the Director General advised that the suggested plans forwarded to him by the Governing Board have been reviewed and that the Directorate believes that the request to have the playground enlarged is a reasonable one and will be carried out.

Pierre Garofano returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:10 hours**

He went on to advise Mrs. Parkinson that the installation of playground equipment at the new school will only be considered as a project for the 2000-2001 school year due to current budget constraints and that it would not be feasible to transfer the old equipment from the present Rawdon Elementary School to the new school.

In response to a question from Mrs. Parkinson concerning student attendants, the Director General noted that the needs of each school are currently being examined.

In response to questions from Connie, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, requesting that a bus route to Hillcrest Academy from the Vimont - Duvernay area be added, the Director General advised that since the area involved is out of the Hillcrest Academy zone the board does not provide transportation. He advised that if those involved want the zoning changed an official request should be made in writing and that the Transportation Committee will examine the request when zoning for 2000-2001 is discussed.

In response to a question from Dianne Skoda, a parent from Rosemere High School, concerning the new road to the McCaig annex and the fact that it cuts through the baseball diamond and the mini soccer field, the Director General noted that the needs of all parties involved were considered but that in order to receive a permit to cut the necessary trees to make the road, the Ville de Rosemere requested changes to the original plans so as to permit a wider treed area between the school and the neighbours.

Mrs. Skoda requested that the Director General write to the Rosemere High School Students' Council and explain why they have now lost their baseball diamond and their mini soccer field.

In response to a concern expressed by Serge Rouleau, a parent from Lake of Two Mountains High School, over the fact that his daughter and ten (10) other families had only found out in the last few days that they had been rezoned to Rosemere High School, the Director General advised that he would look into the matter and resolve the matter in the morning.

#### **990825-CA-0006**

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT question period be extended for an additional five (5) minutes.  
(TIME: 20:28 hours)

**Carried unanimously**

In response to a plea from Heather Emedy, a parent from Lake of Two Mountains High School, to please allow the students of the eleven (11) families who were unaware of the rezoning of their children to remain at LTMHS, the Chairman advised that the matter will be examined by the Administration and the Transportation Department.

The Chairman called for a ten (10) minute recess.

**TIME: 20:30 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 20:40 hours**

#### **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:**

The Chairman advised that at the Executive Committee meeting of 1999-08-17 it was recommended that the following resolutions be tabled to the 1999-09-22 meeting of the Council, as the Directorate and the Educational Services Committee have not had a chance to review the feedback from the consultation due to the vacation period.

The Council discussed the matter and agreed to table the following resolutions to the 1999-09-22 meeting:

##### **5.1 POLICY #99-ED-03: PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**

\_\_\_\_\_ MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Education Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School.

##### **5.2 POLICY #99-ED-04: PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL:**

\_\_\_\_\_ MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Education Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #99-ED-04: Program of Studies for the Secondary School.

##### **5.3 POLICY #99-ED-05: EVALUATION OF LEARNING:**

\_\_\_\_\_ MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Education Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #99-ED-05: Evaluation of Learning in the Elementary and Secondary Schools.

##### **5.4 POLICY #99-FR-01: TRAVEL AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #99-FR-01: Travel and Representation Expenses Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Walter Fogel requested "Commissioner's privilege" and pointed out that in the minutes of the regular meeting on page 180, paragraph 4, line 3 should read ". . .it would be acceptable if each Governing Board. . .", as the rules of a Governing Board should be modeled on its own concepts not that of the Council.

In response to a question from Mr. Fogel on the receipt of verification certificates from the company who removed the friable asbestos in the schools, the Deputy Director General advised that the certificates had been received today and that they will be forwarded to the schools involved.

## **6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:**

### **6.1 Committee Meeting Dates:**

The Council discussed the draft calendar of committee meetings for the 1999-2000 school year and all committees agreed to follow the schedule for the month of September but would advise the Recording Secretary of their respective schedules for the remainder of the year.

### **6.2 Access to English Education:**

The Chairman ORDERED the Council into committee.

**TIME: 21:20 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 22:10 hours**

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, after due reflection, recommend that the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) adopt a position of freedom of choice for language of education.

## **990825-CA-0007**

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the proposed resolution on the freedom of choice for language of instruction be tabled for further discussion.

### **THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA: Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Edward Turchyniak**

**NAY: Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano**

### **6.3 Mission Statement:**

The Chairman explained the premise for the creation of a mission statement and noted that input would be sought from students, parents, and all employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and ratepayers.

## **990825-CA-0008**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is interested in adopting a Mission Statement;

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director General to establish a committee to develop a Mission Statement to which all segments of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will be invited to participate.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Walter Fogel

#### **6.4 Entente with Ville de Laval – Use of Laval Catholic High School:**

The Director General reported on the condition of the gymnasium floors at Laval Catholic High School (LCHS) noting that the expert hired to evaluate the gymnasium floors has recommended that the gymnasium be limited to the use by the students' during their physical education classes and extra curricular program. The expert also recommended that the floors be monitored on a daily basis.

He went on to advise that the Ville de Laval has made preliminary overtures concerning the renewal of the protocol of agreement for the use of the gymnasium.

*WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received a request from the Ville de Laval to continue to use the gymnasium at Laval Catholic High School in accordance with the Protocol of Agreement between it and the board;*

*WHEREAS the floors in the gymnasium have deteriorated over the years;*

*WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has requested an expert opinion on the safe use of these facilities;*

*WHEREAS the expert opinion states that the gymnasium floors can only tolerate limited use associated with the school's program of studies and extra curricular activities;*

*WHEREAS the expert opinion further states that the condition of the gymnasium floors be monitored on a daily basis;*

*WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must accord priority to the students of Laval Catholic High School and Sacred Heart Middle School;*

*Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Directorate enter into discussions with the Service de la culture, des loisirs et de la vie communautaire of the Ville de Laval to determine their minimum needs in regard to the use of the gymnasium at Laval Catholic High School during the 1999-2000 school year.*

The Council entered into discussions on the use of the LCHS gymnasium and the protocol with the Ville de Laval.

After some discussion Edward Turchyniak agreed to modify the resolution by removing the words "at Laval Catholic High School" in the 4<sup>th</sup> line of paragraph 7 of the proposed resolution.

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received a request from the Ville de Laval to continue to use the gymnasias at Laval Catholic High School in accordance with the Protocol of Agreement between it and the board;

WHEREAS the floors in the gymnasias have deteriorated over the years;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has requested an expert opinion on the safe use of these facilities;

WHEREAS the expert opinion states that the gymnasium floors can only tolerate limited use associated with the school's program of studies and extra curricular activities;

WHEREAS the expert opinion further states that the condition of the gymnasium floors be monitored on a daily basis;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must accord priority to the students of Laval Catholic High School and Sacred Heart Middle School;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Directorate enter into discussions with the Service de la culture, des loisirs et de la vie communautaire of the Ville de Laval to determine their minimum needs in regard to the use of the gymnasias during the 1999-2000 school year.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi

**NAY:** Steve Kmec

**ABST:** Walter Fogel, Edward Turchyniak

**990825-CA-0010**

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT the meeting be extended for an additional 30 minutes. (22:34 hours)

**Carried unanimously**

Pierre Garofano left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:35 hours**

**6.5 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Children and Violence:**

**990825-CA-0011**

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the attendance of Carolyn Curiale at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Children and Violence: Our Individual, Family and Collective Responsibilities; being held 1999-10-13 through 1999-10-15 in Laval.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Carolyn Curiale

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Steve Kmec recommended that members of the Parents' Committee also attend this conference.

Pierre Garofano returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 22:38 hours**

**7.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:**

No report.

**8.0 HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**990825-HR-0012**

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners approve the voluntary transfer of **Carole Léger** from Principal/Teacher at Ste-Adèle Elementary School to Principal of Our Lady of Peace Elementary School, effective 1999-08-13, in accordance with the Politique Administrative et Salariale.

**Carried unanimously**

**990825-HR-0013**

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board **promote temporarily** the person named below to the position indicated, for the period indicated in accordance with Article 5-5.00 of the Collective Agreement for Protestant Teachers and his/her individual contract:

Josée Coté	Principal with Teaching Duties Ste-Adèle Elementary School	1999-2000 school year
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**Carried unanimously**

**9.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES:**

No report.

**10.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES:**

The Director General explained the necessity of ratifying of decisions taken by the Executive Committee by virtue of the delegation of authority conferred by Council.

**990825-MR-0014**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners delegated its functions and powers concerning capital projects to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the period 1999-07-01 to 1999-08-18;

WHEREAS it has been necessary to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to utilize these functions and powers;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners ratify the decision taken at the 1999-07-13 meeting of the Executive Committee:

**990713-MR-0003**

*WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resolved to undertake the rebuilding of the Laval Catholic High School roof with a Federal Government subsidy through the Ministère de l'Éducation;*

**0212**

*WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board received a grant in the amount of 1 020 701\$ for the rebuilding of the roof at Laval Catholic High School;*

WHEREAS public tenders were called and opened on 1999-07-08;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the re-building contract for the Laval Catholic High School roof to **Maurice Lachance Inc.** in the amount of **1 041 876,90\$**, taxes included.

AND THAT Steve Bletas, Chairman or in his absence William Pollock, Vice-Chairman and Dominic Martini, Director General or in his absence Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General be authorized to sign all legal documents concerning this re-building project.

Carried unanimously

**Carried unanimously**

#### **990825-MR-0015**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners delegated its functions and powers concerning capital projects to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the period 1999-07-01 to 1999-08-18;

WHEREAS it has been necessary to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to utilize these functions and powers;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners ratify the decisions taken at the 1999-08-17 meeting of the Executive Committee:

#### **990817-MR-0035**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must repair the category 3 friable asbestos in the areas contained in the report prepared by the Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux – Santé publique – Laval at Western Laval High School prior to April 2000;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has adopted a measure to support school boards which are required to remove or repair asbestos in their schools;

WHEREAS tenders were received and opened on 1999-08-17;

WHEREAS the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

WHEREAS section 5.0, sub-section 5.10, of policy #99-MR-01: Supply of Goods and Services, concerning special dispensation has been employed;

James McDougall MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the engagement of Isolation Algon to repair the friable asbestos at Western Laval High School (rooms C306, C310A, D314, D316, D318, the hall entrance, corridor and A202B - General Office) at a cost of 88 097,65\$ taxes included.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, James McDougall, William Pollock

NAY: Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano

#### **990817-MR-0036**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must repair the category 3 friable asbestos in the areas contained in the report prepared by the Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux – Santé publique – Laval at Western Laval High School prior to April 2000;

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WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has adopted a measure to support school boards which are required to remove or repair asbestos in their schools;

WHEREAS tenders were received and opened on 1999-08-17;

WHEREAS the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

WHEREAS section 5.0, sub-section 5.10, of policy #99-MR-01: Supply of Goods and Services, concerning special dispensation has been employed;

William Pollock MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the engagement of Isolation Confort Ltée to repair the friable asbestos at Western Laval High School (rooms C217, D220, D221) at a cost of 103 004,89\$ taxes included.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, James McDougall, William Pollock

NAY: Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano

#### 990817-MR-0037

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must repair the category 3 friable asbestos in the areas contained in the report prepared by the Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux – Santé publique – Laval at Western Laval High School prior to April 2000;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has adopted a measure to support school boards which are required to remove or repair asbestos in their schools;

WHEREAS tenders were received and opened on 1999-08-17;

WHEREAS the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

WHEREAS section 5.0, sub-section 5.10, of policy #99-MR-01: Supply of Goods and Services, concerning special dispensation has been employed;

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the engagement of Construction Gesmonde Ltée to repair the friable asbestos at Western Laval High School (rooms C321, C322, C322A, C322B, D301, D306, C209, C209A, C201C) at a cost of 88 799,30\$ taxes included.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, James McDougall, William Pollock

NAY: Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel

#### 990825-MR-0016

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners delegated its functions and powers concerning capital projects to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the period 1999-07-01 to 1999-08-18;

WHEREAS it has been necessary to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to utilize these functions and powers;

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Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners ratify the decision taken at the 1999-08-17 meeting of the Executive Committee:

990817-MR-0038

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must repair the category 3 friable asbestos in the areas contained in the report prepared by the Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux – Santé publique – Laval at Souvenir Elementary School prior to April 2000;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has adopted a measure to support school boards which are required to remove or repair asbestos in their schools;

WHEREAS tenders were received and opened on 1999-08-17;

WHEREAS the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

WHEREAS section 5.0, sub-section 5.10, of policy #99-MR-01: Supply of Goods and Services, concerning special dispensation has been employed;

William Pollock MOVED THAT the Executive Committee approve the engagement of **Construction Gesmonde Ltée** to repair the friable asbestos at Souvenir Elementary School (A – Corridor of main floor; B – Corridor of 1<sup>st</sup> floor) at a cost of **17 253,75\$** taxes included.

Carried unanimously

**Carried unanimously**

990825-MR-0017

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners delegated its functions and powers concerning capital projects to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the period 1999-07-01 to 1999-08-18;

WHEREAS it has been necessary to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to utilize these functions and powers;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners ratify the decision taken at the 1999-08-17 meeting of the Executive Committee:

990817-MR-0039

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved the renovation of an area of Rosemere High School to accommodate an annex for McCaig Elementary School;

WHEREAS part of the renovations included a bus loading/unloading area for the McCaig annex;

WHEREAS the provision of a bus loading/unloading area requires the construction of a road;

WHEREAS tenders were called and opened on 1999-08-17;

WHEREAS the contract be awarded to the lowest conformable bidder;

WHEREAS section 5.0, sub-section 5.10, of policy #99-MR-01: Supply of Goods and Services, concerning special dispensation has been employed;

James McDougall MOVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the engagement of **Les Excavations Payette Ltée** to construct a road and loading-unloading area for the McCaig annex at a cost of **189 216,11\$** taxes included.

Carried unanimously

**Carried unanimously**

**0215**

## 11.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

The Director General introduced Jean-Guy Messier the new Director of Information Technology.

Walter Fogel left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:50 hours**

## **12.0 ADULT EDUCATION:**

Carolyn Curiale displayed the new Adult Education pamphlet and asked that it be distribute to all of the Commissioners.

## **13.0 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

In response to concerns expressed by Pierre Niding concerning the Société de transport de la Ville de Laval (STL) dedicated bus route 11C and the fact that some students who take this route have to walk further than 1.7 km to catch this bus, the Director General advised that he would refer the matter to Transportation Services.

Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 22:54 hours**

Mr. Niding further noted that he had received several reports that parents had to flag buses down in order to have them stop at designated stops this morning during the STL's parent day.

Several Commissioners noted that they had participated in the STL parent day and that they were pleased with the service and that some leeway must be given to the STL for the first few days as the routes are also new to its drivers.

### **13.1 Bus Drivers:**

In response to a question from Carolyn Curiale concerning whether or not salary guarantees were part of the sale of the buses and routes, the Director General advised that there were no salary guarantees to the drivers transferred to the new owners of the buses and routes.

## **14.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

Pierre Niding advised the Council that the Parents' Committee had sent a letter to all Chairpersons of Governing Boards explaining the process for elections to the Governing Board to take place in September.

The Director General commented on the various measures which teachers will be undertaking as part of their strategy in trying to obtain a new collective agreement and their impact on traditional activities in schools. He noted, however, that at this time the teachers were not planning any strike action and would be fulfilling their core responsibility of teaching.

In answer to a question from Pierre Niding, the Director General stated that teachers have indicated that they will indeed participate on Governing Boards but had not guaranteed for how long.

The Chairman, due to the late hour, asked that points 15.0 and 16.0 on the agenda be switched.

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**990825-CA-0018**

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the meeting be extended for another 30 minutes.

**THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:**

YEA: Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Natalie Auclair, James McDougall

## 15.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

In response to questions from Debra Emedy, a student at Lake of Two Mountains High School, concerning where she will be attending school on 1999-08-30, the Director General advised that the issue had already been addressed earlier in the meeting and that it will be looked into and the families involved contacted with a decisions as soon as possible.

## 16.0 QESBA:

### 16.1 *Reports on QSBA Annual General Meeting & Spring Conference:*

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the reports provided by Commissioners who attended the QSBA Annual General Meeting and Spring Conference.

Carolyn Curiale reported that the QESBA has been speaking with GLOBAL Television about running a series of positive education topics that would feature educationally challenged students. The QESBA will be soliciting member boards for ideas.

### 16.2 *Proulx Report:*

Carolyn Curiale presented a preliminary report on the findings of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board sub-committee to examine the Proulx Report noting that due to the time constraints an in depth review of the material had not been possible.

Peter MacLaurin extended thanks to the members of the committee for being able to provide an informative report on such short notice.

## 990825-CA-0018

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners approve the submission of the report of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board sub-committee on the Proulx Report to the Quebec English School Boards Association as contained in document #990825-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

## 17.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

### 17.1 *Cancer Research:*

Peter Haldimand reported on a bike-a-thon held in the Lachute area to raise money for cancer research noting that this event was developed and is run by Paul Wilson, a student at Laurentian Elementary School, in memory of his best friend Brendan Blake who died of cancer in 1995. The event to date has raised more than 10 000\$ towards cancer research.

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The Chairman accepted his suggestion to send a letter to Paul recognizing his efforts.

The Council entered into discussions on the recognition by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board of students who involve themselves in community work. It was decided that a process for recognition would be set up and that for those who merit recognition a letter would be sent by the Chairman of the Board.

Nazario Facchino advised that the first meeting of the Educational Services Committee would be held on 1999-09-01.

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

Glen Haines MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 23:25 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 1999-09-22**

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Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

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Steve Bletas, Chairman