

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 1999-09-22

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, 1999-09-22 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svoltelis and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Mario Gaulin and Pierre Niding, Parent Commissioners; 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: Linda Gagnon and Glen Haines, Commissioners.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours.

**1.0 INTRODUCTION:**

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

**5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:**

5.6	<i>Proulx Report</i> .....	INFO
5.7	<i>Former Bus Drivers</i> .....	INFO

**6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:**

6.3	<i>Executive Committee Minutes</i> .....	INFO
6.4	<i>Hillcrest Academy</i> .....	INFO

**9.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES:**

9.2	<i>McCaig Annex</i> .....	INFO
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**11.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:**

11.1	<i>Interboard Agreements</i> .....	RES
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**990922-CA-0020**

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended.

**Carried unanimously**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

In a verbal notice Steve Kmec advised that on page 208 of the minutes of the regular meeting of 1999-08-25, in resolution #990825-CA-0007 his name was omitted from the vote and should be recorded in the NAY section.

In a verbal notice Carolyn Curiale advised that on page 210 of the same minutes that the vote on #990825-CA-0011 should read "**Carried unanimously**".

The following secretarial errors were noted: page 203, point 1.0: Additions to the agenda, 6.0 should read Corporate Affairs; page 205 paragraph 8 should read ". . . Edward Turchyniak for **the** intervention. . ."; and page 216, point 15.0, line 4 should read ". . .contacted with a **decision** as soon as possible."

#### 990922-CA-0021

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 1999-08-25, 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, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik

### 3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) annual workshop to be held on 1999-10-30 and asked that those who wish to attend to please contact Jocelyne Thompson-Ness to register.

#### 990922-CA-0022

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the expense of a 30\$ registration fee and travel expenses for Commissioners and Administrators who wish to attend the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) workshop on 1999-10-30.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis

**NAY:** Walter Fogel

**ABST:** Edward Turchyniak

In response to an inquiry from the Chairman concerning the Proulx Report, Carolyn Curiale advised that the government has extended the deadline for feedback on this consultation to 1999-10-22 and that the sub-committee intends to meet in order to prepare a more in-depth report than presented on 1999-08-25. She went on to note that in order for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to submit its feedback on the Proulx Report the report of the sub-committee would have to be brought to the Executive Committee for approval, as the next Council meeting falls after the deadline date.

In response to a question from Peter Haldimand concerning the input of parents on the Proulx Report, Mrs. Curiale indicated that there has not been enough time, due to constrictive deadlines, to consult the parent groups of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Pierre Niding advised that the Parents' Committee has discussed the Proulx Report but had not come to any conclusions. He stated that if there is an opportunity for the Parents' Committee to discuss the issue before 1999-10-22, it will submit its opinion to the sub-committee on the Proulx Report.

The Chairman went on to note that a joint committee to study transportation funding of school boards has been formed and is made up of the Ministère de l'Éducation, the QESBA, the Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec and the Association of Transporteurs Écolier Québec. George Paquette, Supervisor of Transportation, is a member of the committee. A report is expected around the end of December.

In response to questions concerning the special transportation grant for 1998-1999 received from the Ministère de l'Éducation, the Director General advised that the 250 000\$ grant received from the Ministère de l'Éducation is a one time non-recurrent grant and is to help offset the 1998-1999 budget deficit in transportation.

In response to a question from the Chairman concerning the shortfall in the funding of special needs students, the Director General advised that this is a complaint of all school boards and that the government is currently reviewing funding in this area.

The Deputy Director General presented a letter from François Legault expressing his concern over student walkouts and the danger that this action entails.

Mario Gaulin left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:13 hours**

The Director General reported on walkouts over the suspension of extracurricular activities, which had taken place in some of the board's high schools.

Mario Gaulin returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:15 hours**

The Council entered into discussions on walkouts.

At the request of the Chairman, the Director General provided the Council with an update on the request for an interlocutory injunction regarding the organization of transportation services noting that the hearing has been delayed until 1999-09-29 at the request of the lawyer for the Plaintiffs.

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

Linda Kafenzakis, Chairperson of the Genesis Governing Board, presented the Council with a petition from the Genesis Elementary School concerning the modification to the French Immersion program in the proposed policy on the program of studies for the elementary school and asked that the Council maintain the status quo.

The Director General advised the Council that the concerns of the Genesis Elementary School had been received and were reviewed by the Education Committee when studying the policy.

James O'Grady, a parent from Hillcrest Academy, presented the Council with a petition from Hillcrest Academy also concerning the modification to the French Immersion program proposed by the new policy on the program of studies for the elementary school.

The Director General advised the Council that the position of Hillcrest Academy had been received and reviewed by the Education Committee when considering the policy.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Kafenzakis and Mr. O'Grady for their petitions.

## 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

### 5.1 Policy #99-ED-04: Program of Studies for the Elementary School:

The Director General reviewed the changes made to the proposed policy on the program of studies for the elementary school resulting from the consultation. He noted that the most controversial area was the requirement to teach English at least sixty (60) minutes a day as this modified the grade one French Immersion program. The requirement to teach French at least sixty (60) minutes a day had been well received.

He explained that this policy provides the framework under which the board would assume its mandate to ensure the application of the Basic School Regulations (Régimes pédagogiques) and the terms of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3).

*Grace Nesi 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 as revised to reflect the consultation feedback.*

The Council entered into discussions on the proposed program of studies for the elementary school.

#### 990922-ED-0023

Walter Fogel MOVED TO AMEND policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School by changing sub-section 2.4.1, line 4 to read “. . .a minimum of 60 minutes per day in levels 2-6.”

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

#### 990922-ED-0024

Walter Fogel MOVED TO AMEND policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School by removing from section 2.5, line 2 the words “per day of English”.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

#### 990922-ED-0025

Walter Fogel MOVED TO AMEND policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School by adding at the end of the paragraph in sub-section 4.10.2 the words “with the exception of French Immersion programs where English must be given from levels two to six.”.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**990922-ED-0026**

Grace Nesi 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 as revised to reflect the consultation feedback.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

**5.2 Policy #99-ED-04: Program of Studies for the Secondary School:**

The Director General reviewed the changes resulting from the consultation to the policy on the program of studies for the secondary school.

Mario Gaulin and Pierre Niding excused themselves for the evening. **TIME: 21:10 hours**

*James McDougall 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 as revised to reflect the consultation feedback.*

The Council entered into discussion on the policy.

James McDougall accepted the suggestion of Walter Fogel that article 4.9.1 as it appears in policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School also be indicated in the Program of Studies for the Secondary School.

**990922-ED-0027**

James McDougall 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 as revised to reflect the consultation feedback.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairman called for a ten (10) minute recess. **TIME: 21:17 hours**

The meeting resumed. **TIME: 21:27 hours**

Pierre Garofano voiced his concerns over the repeatedly premature departure of the Parent Commissioners as a number of items had been added to the agenda at the request of the latter would now be left unanswered.

**5.3 Policy #99-ED-05: Evaluation of Learning:**

The Director General reviewed the results of the consultation on the policy concerning the evaluation of learning noting that the policy provides the framework under which the board and schools will fulfil their mandates with respect to assessment and evaluation. He pointed out that the policy also includes the standards for promotion from one cycle to the next.

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**990922-ED-0028**

Pierre Garofano 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 as revised to reflect the consultation feedback.

**Carried unanimously**

**5.4 Policy #99-FR-01: Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy:**

The Director General reviewed the changes to the proposed policy as the result of the consultation.

The Council entered into discussion on the policy and agreed to include the following changes:

- Article 4.1.8 – “subway ticket expenses” will be changed to “public transportation expenses”.
- Article 4.2.1 – the word “tip” will be changed to “gratuity”.
- Article 5.3 – “added to the pay of the commissioner or the employee” will be changed to read “added to the representation allowance of Commissioners or the pay of the employee”.

**990922-FR-0029**

Walter Fogel 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 as revised to reflect the consultation feedback.

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

**YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak**

**NAY: Steve Kmec**

**5.5 Committee Meeting Dates:**

The Council discussed the schedule of committee meeting dates and agreed to advise Jocelyne Thompson-Ness of any changes during the year.

**5.6 Proulx Report:**

**990922-CA-0030**

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners mandate the sub-committee examining the Proulx Report to submit an updated report to the Executive Committee for its approval and that it be forwarded to the QESBA prior to 1999-10-20.

**Carried unanimously**

**5.7 Former Bus Drivers:**

Carolyn Curiale advised the Council that as follow-up to her questions concerning salary guarantees for bus drivers transferred to contractors, she was pleased to report that she had been contacted by a former school board driver who indicated that the salary being paid by his new employer was close to that received from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Walter Fogel requested "point of order" and noted that on page 205, paragraph 3 of the minutes of 1999-08-25, that not everyone has access to a fax, therefore, could not fax questions to Jocelyne Thompson-Ness for the question period.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel concerning comments made on page 206, paragraphs 7 and 9, of the same minutes, the Director General indicated that there would be an additional cost to extend the playground at the new Rawdon school and that the project will go to tender.

In response to an additional question from Mr. Fogel concerning comments made on page 215, paragraph 4, the Director General advised that the issues raised concerning transportation had been referred to the Transportation Department and had been addressed.

In response to a further question from Mr. Fogel concerning comments made on page 217, paragraph 3, the Director General advised that a process for recognizing student achievement outside the classroom will be set up.

## 990922-CA-0032

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners lift resolution #990825-CA-0007, concerning freedom of choice for language of education, from the table and that the issue be discussed.

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

YEA:	Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Morten Schrier
NAY:	Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak
ABST:	Carolyn Curiale, Nancy Rupnik

In response to a question from Nancy Rupnik concerning comments made on page 207, paragraph 1 of the minutes of 1999-08-25, the Director General advised that he had written a letter to the Rosemere High School Students' Council.

The Chairman further noted that the Material Resources Committee had met in August and had been made aware of the required changes to the plan for the McCaig Annex.

Mrs. Rupnik asked that Commissioners be kept abreast of events such as student walkouts so that they could respond to calls received from interested parties.

## 6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

### 6.1 Sale of Land – Prévost:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the offer to purchase property in the Ville de Prévost by the Ville de Prévost noting that it will be used to build a non-profit day care facility.

*WHEREAS on 1982-05-04 the Laurentian School Board sold lot 348-73 in the Parish of Saint-Jérôme to the Ville de Prévost for 1,00\$ with conditions attached as to the use of the property;*

*WHEREAS the Ville de Prévost and garderie Abri-doux have indicated an interest in acquiring 22 000 sq/ft of Lot 348-73 in the Parish of Saint-Jérôme, located in the Ville de Prévost;*

*WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has agreed to waive the conditions set out in the original sale concerning the use of part of lot 348-73 as a public and community domaine;*

*WHEREAS part of Lot 348-73 is required for the purpose of building a non-profit day care;*

*WHEREAS the Ville de Prévost has offered 10 000\$ for the portion of the lot;*

*WHEREAS the Directorate and the Material Resources Committee support this transaction;*

*Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request the authorization of the Ministre de l'Éducation to proceed with the sale of part of **Lot 348-73** in the Parish of Saint-Jérôme to the Ville de Prévost as per the agreement negotiated by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.*

*AND THAT the remaining portion of said lot continues to be subject to the conditions set out in the original agreement signed on 1982-05-04.*

*FURTHER THAT the sale of land be contingent upon approval of the Ministère de l'Éducation; AND THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be authorized to use the proceeds of this sale for the improvement of buildings on its territory.*

The Council entered into discussions on the offer to purchase property in the Prévost area and the mover of the resolution, Edward Turchyniak, agreed to changes to the text of the resolution as proposed by Walter Fogel.

**990922-CA-0031**

WHEREAS on 1982-05-04 the Laurentian School Board sold lot 348-73 in the Parish of Saint-Jérôme to the Ville de Prévost for 1,00\$ with conditions attached as to the use of the property;

WHEREAS the Ville de Prévost and garderie Abri-doux have indicated an interest in acquiring 22 000 sq/ft of Lot 348-73 in the Parish of Saint-Jérôme, located in the Ville de Prévost;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has agreed to waive the conditions set out in the original sale concerning the use of part of lot 348-73 as a public and community domaine;

WHEREAS part of Lot 348-73 is required for the purpose of building a non-profit day care;

WHEREAS the Ville de Prévost has offered 10 000\$ for the portion of the lot;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Material Resources Committee support this transaction;

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request the authorization of the Ministre de l'Éducation to proceed with the sale of part of **Lot 348-73** in the Parish of Saint-Jérôme to the Ville de Prévost as per the agreement negotiated by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT all associated costs, i.e. notarial and legal fees, survey fees, etc.; be paid by the purchaser.

AND THAT the remaining portion of said lot continues to be subject to the conditions set out in the original agreement signed on 1982-05-04.

FURTHER THAT the sale of land be contingent upon approval of the Ministère de l'Éducation; AND THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be authorized to use the proceeds of this sale for the improvement of buildings on its territory without penalty.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Nick Milas

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## **6.2 Voice Mail:**

The Deputy Director General, as follow-up to a request for voice mail for Commissioners, drew the Council's attention to the list of voice mail extensions and the procedures for accessing their respective extension.

The Council entered into discussions on voice mail and several indicated that they did not wish to have the service nor did they wish to have an e-mail account.

The Director General indicated that those who did not wish to have these services would be removed from the voice mail system and that their e-mail accounts would be cancelled.

## **6.3 Executive Committee Minutes:**

In response to a question from Walter Fogel concerning the minutes of the 1999-08-17 meeting of the Executive Committee and the installation of portables at Joliette Elementary School, the Director General advised that the company installing the portables erred in the placement of the portables and moved them to the proper location.

As a further response, the Director of Material Resources stated that this was done at no cost to the board.

## **6.4 Hillcrest Academy:**

This issue was not discussed, as the Parent Commissioner who requested this item be added to the agenda had departed for the evening.

## **7.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:**

The Deputy Director General provided the Council with background information on the Fiber Optics Network plan noting that the Commission scolaire de Laval and the Commission scolaire des Affluents would be partners in the program and that Service Master has reviewed the plan and finds it to be feasible. The Information Technology Committee has also studied the proposal and supports the venture.

The Council entered into discussions on the proposed Fiber Optics Network.

### **990922-IT-0033**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been invited by the Commission scolaire de Laval to participate in the creation of a Fiber Optics Network;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Information Technology Committee support this recommendation;

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners approve the selection of a Fiber Optic Network for connecting the schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Wide Area Network wherever feasible.

**Carried unanimously**

### **990922-IT-0034**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been invited by the Commission scolaire de Laval to participate in the creation of a Fiber Optics Network;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must advise the Commission scolaire de Laval of its intention to participate before 1999-09-30;

WHEREAS Measure 50590 considers inter connectivity as an admissible expense;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Information Technology Committee support this recommendation;

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners authorize the Director General to enter into a partnership with the Commission scolaire de Laval and Commission scolaire des Affluents for the construction of a Fiber Optic Network. AND THAT Phase I of this network be to link all schools / centres located in Laval and the Administration Centre to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board network.

FURTHER THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board share of Phase I of this project not exceed 450 000\$.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel

#### **990922-IT-0035**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been invited by the Commission scolaire de Laval to participate in the creation of a Fiber Optics Network;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Information Technology Committee support this recommendation;

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners mandate the Director General to explore similar Fiber Optic Network partnerships with other French school boards within the territory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

**Carried unanimously**

The Director General explained that although the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board would like to extend the Fiber Optics Network to all of its schools it is necessary to study the project for the outlying areas of the board in order to determine if the investment is feasible.

#### **990922-IT-0036**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been invited by the Commission scolaire de Laval to participate in the creation of a Fiber Optics Network;

WHEREAS the Directorate and the Information Technology Committee support this recommendation;

William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners authorize the Director General to undertake a feasibility study for a Fiber Optic Network that would cover the entire territory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

**Carried unanimously**

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#### **990922-CA-0037**

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the meeting be extended for thirty (30) minutes.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svotelis, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Nazario Facchino

## 8.0 HUMAN RESOURCES:

### 990922-HR-0038

WHEREAS the position of Vice-Principal at Laval Catholic High School remains vacant after the Assignment of Administrators by the Director General;

WHEREAS this position is governed by the "Conditions of Employment of Management Staff of School Boards";

WHEREAS this position has been posted and a selection committee was convened, as per the "Working Conditions of Management Staff of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association";

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage, the person named below, for the position of High School Vice-Principal, effective 1999-09-23, in accordance with his individual contract. AND THAT he be assigned to Laval Catholic High School.

Chris Roblin

Vice-Principal  
Laval Catholic High School

1999-2000 school year

**Carried unanimously**

The Director General advised that the Professional Improvement System had been negotiated as required by the local agreement.

### 990922-HR-0039

Mary Svotelis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Professional Improvement Committee and the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the **PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM FOR 1999-2000**, as per document #990922-HR-002.

**Carried unanimously**

The Director General advised that the Human Resources Committee had reviewed the Employee Assistance Program.

### 990922-HR-0040

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has approved the continuation of the Employee Assistance Program;

WHEREAS this program has been reviewed by the Human Resources Committee;

WHEREAS this program is being recommended by the Directorate;

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Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage Montrose Inc. as the firm for the Employee Assistance Program as per the terms of the contract, effective 1999-07-01 to 2000-06-30.

**Carried unanimously**

The Director General reviewed the proposed changes to the teachers' local agreement indicating that they reflected the mandate given to him in June.

#### **990922-HR-0041**

WHEREAS both the Laurier Teachers' Union and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have expressed a willingness to review certain clauses of the Local Agreement in effect as of November 7, 1998;

WHEREAS as the Director General was mandated by the Council of Commissioners to proceed with negotiations to modify the Local Agreement;

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board modify the Local Agreement between the Laurier Teachers' Union and Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board as per document #990922-HR-001.

**Carried unanimously**

### **9.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES:**

#### **9.1 John F. Kennedy Renovations:**

The Chairman advised the Council of the current status of the renovations at John F. Kennedy Elementary School noting that the school was to re-open on 1999-09-20, but that on a site visit on 1999-09-13 it was apparent that the school would not be ready for that date.

He went on to advise what measures had been taken for the housing of students of John F. Kennedy Elementary School so that educational services would commence on 1999-09-20.

Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:38 hours**

The Chairman thanked the Director General, the Material Resources department, the Transportation Services department, the Commission scolaire de Laval; Glen Hogan, Principal Sacred Heart Middle School; Siverio Mirarchi, Principal Genesis Elementary School; Garry Morin, Principal St-Paul Elementary School; and Willy Speeckaert, Principal Laval Catholic High School; for all their efforts in helping to relocate the students of John F. Kennedy Elementary School.

He gave special thanks to Linda DiDomenico, Principal John F. Kennedy Elementary School, for her understanding and patience and for having worked tirelessly to assure that the students were well received in their new school settings. He also thanked the teachers of John F. Kennedy Elementary School for their efforts at preparing for the student entry.

Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 22:41 hours**

In response to a question from Steve Kmec concerning planning for possible future renovation problems that would involve housing students in other facilities, the Director General agreed that it would be useful to have an alternative plan, however, in the case of John F. Kennedy Elementary School the lack of space to house 400 students in one building had lead to a decision to delay school opening rather than have the students in many buildings. Unfortunately, because the opening could not be delayed, the undesirable choice of locating students in several buildings had to be acted upon on short notice.

**0230**

The Council entered into discussions on the renovations at John F. Kennedy Elementary School.

Edward Turchyniak suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to all members of the John. F. Kennedy Elementary School staff and any others who have been of service to the board during the renovations.

#### **990922-MR-0042**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accepted to participate in a shared cost project with the Ministère de l'Éducation to renovate John F. Kennedy Elementary School;

WHEREAS the original estimate of the shared cost project for the renovation was evaluated at 1 633 301\$, with the Ministère de l'Éducation share established at 1 035 689\$ and the board's share at 524 113\$;

WHEREAS during renovations a number of additional expenses were incurred due to unforeseen defects in the original structure;

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources has prepared a report for the Directeur Services des équipements scolaires explaining and justifying the reasons for the additional expenses;

WHEREAS the cost of the renovation is now estimated at 2 385 811,40\$;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board cannot absorb the additional costs out of its budget without petitioning the government for permission to borrow the sum of 702 502\$, payable over a number of years;

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that the Ministère de l'Éducation accept to participate in sharing the additional costs incurred in the renovation of John F. Kennedy Elementary School in the same proportion as its initial involvement in the shared cost project namely to assume two thirds of the cost, roughly 452 590 \$. AND THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accepts to assume out of its own budgetary resources a sum of 250 000\$ over and above its initial commitment.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**ASBT:** Walter Fogel

#### **9.2 McCaig Annex:**

In response to a question from Steve Kmec concerning the status of the McCaig Annex project, the Director General advised that the annex opened on 1999-08-30 at 95% completion and that everyone seems to be pleased with the results of the construction.

The Director General extended thanks to the Material Resources department who were the contractors for the McCaig Annex.

#### **10.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES:**

The Director General reviewed the school budgets noting that budgets for Laval Catholic High School and the Adult & Vocational Centres have not yet been adopted by their respective Governing Boards and will be brought to Council once adopted by that body and that the budget of Crestview Elementary School had to be re-submitted to its Governing Board for adoption.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel as to how the school budgets were constructed, the Director General advised that they were all based on the budget parameters approved by the Council in the spring.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec on how the schools without approved budgets will function, the Director General advised that the Directorate will authorize monthly expenditures based on the budget allocation for that school or centre.

#### 990922-FR-0042

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the initial school budgets for 1999-2000 as prepared in accordance with the Schools and Centres Budget Parameters for 1999-2000, as per document #990922-FR-001.

**Carried unanimously**

### 11.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:

#### 990922-ED-0043

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, in accordance with section 213 of Bill 107: Education Act (1988, chapter 84), the Director General be authorized to **ENTER INTO AGREEMENT** with the following educational institutions governed by the Act respecting private education and school boards for the provision of instructional services at the pre-school, elementary or secondary level for the 1999-2000 school year:

English Montreal School Board  
Lester B. Pearson School Board  
Riverside School Board  
Western Quebec School Board  
Commission scolaire Des Samares  
Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys  
Commission scolaire Rivière-du-Nord  
Institut canadien pour le développement neuro-intégratif "Steps Ahead"  
Montreal Oral School for the Deaf  
Peter Hall  
Summit School

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Peter MacLaurin

#### 990922-CA-0044

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the meeting continue until completion of the agenda.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel, James McDougall, Morten Schrier

## **12.0 ADULT EDUCATION:**

Pierre Garofano extended congratulations to the Adult Education Centre for its professional brochure.

## **13.0 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

No report.

## **14.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

No report.

## **15.0 QESBA:**

Carolyn Curiale noted that the next meeting of the QESBA would be held on 1999-09-24 and that a report would be available for the next Council meeting.

## **16.0 QUESTION PERIOD:**

There were no questions.

## **17.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were no questions concerning the correspondence.

## **18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

In response to a question from Walter Fogel on the preliminary guideline for the self-administration of medication, the Director General noted that a more in-depth procedure would be developed by Educational Services as the year progressed and that it would be presented as a policy and consultation would follow.

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the list of dates of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board graduations distributed earlier in the evening and encouraged Commissioners to attend.

Peter Haldimand MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 23:05 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 1999-10-27**

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Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

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Steve Bletas, Chairman