

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 1999-10-27**

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, 1999-10-27 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; William Pollock, Vice-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, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Mario Gaulin and Pierre Niding, Parent Commissioners; and Dominic Martini, Director General.

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

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:**

- 5.4 Program of Studies for Elementary Schools .....INFO
- 5.5 LTU Collective Agreement .....INFO

**6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:**

- 6.2 CRDL .....RES
- 6.7 Performance Bonuses.....RES

**991027-CA-0046**

William Pollock MOVED THAT the agenda as contained in document #991027-CA-001, be accepted as amended.

**Carried unanimously**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**991027-CA-0047**

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 1999-09-22, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

**Carried unanimously**

**3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to an article in the Chomedey News concerning Christopher Gaulin, a blind student at Western Laval High School, who received a "Possibilities" award from the Bank of Montreal. He extended congratulations on behalf of the board to Christopher Gaulin.

In recognition of their achievement, the Chairman, on behalf of the current Council of Commissioners, presented plaques of appreciation to Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Commissioners who served on the Provisional Council - Natalie Auclair, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, James McDougall, William Pollock, Mary Svtelis, and Edward Turchyniak; as well as Dominic Martini, Director General; Lorraine Archambault, Director of Financial Services; Laiq Hanafi, Director of Educational Services; Agostino Santini, Senior Advisor to Management; Michael Stirrup, Director of Human Resources; and Raymond Thivierge, Director of Material Resources.

William Pollock, Vice-Chairman, presented Steve Bletas with his plaque for serving on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Provisional Council.

Other persons who participated on the Provisional Council were also presented plaques in absentia – Denise Bissonnette, John Dugal, Ron Edwards, Eleanora Facchino, Norman Liebergott, Audrey McDonough-Fraser, Kathleen Nemes, Astrid Norquay, Howard Sirkin, Alick Torchinsky, and Elizabeth Trusilo.

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

In response to a request from Manon Tessier concerning the transportation of her child to McLearn Elementary School, the Director General advised that parents of children living outside the transportation zone are required to provide their own transportation. Following discussion, the Council concurred.

Mario Gaulin left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:05 hours**

In response to a request from Mr. Martinez, a parent from St-Jude Elementary School, concerning several requests he has made concerning a change in the pick up point for his child, the Director General advised that the matter would be re-evaluated by the Transportation Committee and that Mr. Martinez would be advised of the committee's decision the day following the meeting.

Mario Gaulin returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:09 hours**

In response to a concern expressed by Vicki Gormley, a parent from Mountainview Elementary, over the limited time allocation of speech therapy at Mountainview Elementary School versus that given at St-Jude Elementary School, the Director General advised that the board is in the process of balancing services to the schools and that he would have the Director of Educational Services look into the matter and meet with her.

In response to concerns expressed by Dianne Skoda, a parent from Rosemere High School, on the failure of the board to find qualified teachers to fill teaching positions which were still vacant at Rosemere High School, the Director General advised that the Human Resources department was continuing to search for a teacher because previous offers of service had been refused after brief assignments at the school.

Glen Haines left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:35 hours**

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

##### **5.1 *Interlocutory Injunction –Update:***

The Director General advised the Council that the hearing for the interlocutory injunction will be held on March 23 or 24, 2000.

Glen Haines returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:40 hours**

##### **5.2 *John F. Kennedy Project – Update:***

The Director General advised the Council that the renovation project at John F. Kennedy Elementary School is nearing completion and that it is expected that the building will be ready for occupation in the very near future.

William Pollock, Vice-Chairman, assumed the chair.

Steve Bleats, Chairman, left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:43 hours**

The Council entered into discussion on the work remaining at John F. Kennedy Elementary School and a plan for the reopening of the school.

Steve Bletas, Chairman, returned to the meeting and assumed the chair. **TIME: 20:48 hours**

Nancy Rupnik left the meeting

**TIME: 20:48 hours**

### **5.3 Proulx Report - Update:**

The Director General reviewed the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee on the Proulx Report reminding those present that the Council had delegated this power to the Executive at its meeting of 1999-09-22.

Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:50 hours**

Nancy Rupnik returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:50 hours**

### **5.4 Program of Studies for the Elementary School:**

Pierre Niding advised the Council that the Parents' Committee had arranged a meeting with a representative of the Ministère de l'Éducation to discuss the changes made to the Program of Studies for the Elementary School concerning the French Immersion program in various schools. He went on to circulate a letter to the Council with the results of that meeting.

Nazario Facchino returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:54 hours**

Mr. Niding presented the following resolution for the Council's consideration:

*WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #990922-ED-0026 on September 22, 1999 concerning Policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School;*

*WHEREAS four out of five schools with French Immersion programs have opposed the proposed changes to the French Immersion program for their schools;*

*WHEREAS the parent Commissioners have voiced the opinion of the schools at various levels of the school board;*

*WHEREAS the Parent Commissioners went public over the issue and also requested a ruling from the Ministère de l'Éducation;*

*WHEREAS since 1997 Governing Boards have been given new powers, including sections 84 to 90 of the Education Act, some powers which previously were under the authority of school boards;*

*WHEREAS on September 17, 1999 a judgement was rendered by the Courts as follows:*

*"Ce qu'il faut retenir de cette législation nouvelle est que le gouvernement définit les paramètres généraux et obligatoires du régime pédagogique et qu'il s'en rapporte dorénavant au conseil d'établissement pour adapter ce régime aux conditions locales et aux besoins particuliers de la clientèle desservie par une école.*

*Le conseil d'établissement est donc investi d'un pouvoir décisionnel sur les matières qui lui sont confiées. La seule limite imposée au conseil est que les politiques pédagogiques qu'il détermine doivent respecter les paramètres établis par le règlement du gouvernement."*

(705-05-004-184-993: Lyse Ouellet et Jean Loïselle c. Commission scolaire des Affluents et al.)

WHEREAS in the opinion of the Ministère de l'Éducation in a letter addressed to the Parent Commissioners it is stated as follows:

*'Par conséquent, nous sommes d'avis que si votre projet respecte le régime pédagogique et qu'il est approuvé par le conseil d'établissement de l'école, celui-ci a pleine autorité pour le mettre en place. Ce projet peut inclure l'enrichissement d'une matière, une modification du temps accordé à chaque matière ainsi qu'un réaménagement de l'horaire des élèves. Par ailleurs, bien que la commission scolaire doit s'assurer de la qualité des services éducatifs dispensés sur son territoire et du respect des régimes pédagogiques en vigueur, elle ne peut agir à l'encontre des décisions du conseil d'établissement d'une école dans les domaines qui sont sous la responsabilité de celui-ci.'*

BE IT RESOLVED that as long as the programs of schools respect the Basic School Regulations "Régime Pédagogique", that the Governing Board of each school shall be empowered to decide on its program of studies.

BE IT RESOLVED that resolution #990922-ED-0026 adopted on September 22, 1999 concerning Policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School be and is hereby rescinded;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Policy #99-ED-03 be amended to remove the impositions placed on schools, and that the Policy be resubmitted for approval following such amendments.

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the request of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents' Committee and rescind resolution #990922-ED-0026; AND THAT Policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School be resubmitted for discussion and consultation.

The Director General advised that it would be necessary for him to review the letter more closely before commenting on its content; however, he noted that the letter from the person who had written this opinion cited by Mr. Niding indicated that the Governing Board had to respect the Basic School Regulation (Régime pédagogique). Since the Basic School Regulation (Régime pédagogique) does not define or authorize any of the many French Immersion models but requires that each subject be taught each year, he remained of the opinion that the school board could determine under what conditions it will consider that a Governing Board has met its obligation to respect the Basic School Regulation (Régime pédagogique).

The Council entered into discussion on the request of the Parents' Committee.

#### 991027-CA-0048

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT the proposed resolution presented on behalf of the Parents' Committee concerning policy #99-ED-003: Program of Studies for the Elementary School be tabled to the Educational Services Committee for further discussion.

#### 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, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svetelis, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

Mary Svtelis left the meeting

**TIME: 21:00 hours**

**5.5 LTU Collective Agreement:**

In response to a question from Mario Gaulin concerning the receipt of minutes by the Laurier Teachers' Union, the Director General advised that the union receives the minutes of meetings once they have been approved by the Council of Commissioners or the Executive Committee.

Walter Fogel requested Commissioners Privilege and asked that resolution #990825-CA-0007 be lifted from the table for discussion.

**991027-CA-0049**

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, Morten Schrier  
**NAY:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Edward Turchyniak  
**ABST:** Carolyn Curiale, Grace Nesi

Mary Svtelis returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:04 hours**

**6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:**

**6.1 Governing Board – Adult Education:**

The Director General provided background information on the candidate recommended to fill the vacated seat on the Adult Education Governing Board

**991027-CA-0050**

WHEREAS section 102, subsection 3 of the Education Act requires the board to appoint two (2) persons representing the socio-economic and community groups to the Governing Boards of adult education centres and technical vocational training centres;

WHEREAS one of the current socio-economic and community representatives has resigned, effective 1999-09-22, and a replacement is needed to fill the balance of the term of office;

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT THE Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name **Lawrence Veilleux**, Agent de développement with the Carrefour jeunesse emploi de Laval; to the Governing Board of the Adult Education Centre, effective immediately.

**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, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak  
**NAY:** Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier  
**ABST:** Steve Kmec

Natalie Auclair left the meeting

**TIME: 21:12 hours**

**6.2 Conseil régional de développement de Laval:**

The Director General explained the following proposed resolution advising that it is a request for the Anglophone community to have seat on this council without displacing other members.

Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:15 hours**

Walter Fogel requested that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Thomas Mulcair and Gilles Vaillancourt.

**991027-CA-0051**

WHEREAS the Laurenval School Board, a predecessor board of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, has been a member of the Conseil régional de développement de Laval since its inception in 1994 as a member of the Education sector and more particularly that of School Boards;

WHEREAS the representatives on the Conseil régional de développement de Laval Board of Directors have always been from the school boards other than Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, notably the French language boards;

WHEREAS the creation of linguistic school boards has resulted in only two school boards serving the Elementary, Secondary, Adult Education and Vocational Education population of Ville de Laval;

WHEREAS following the restructuring of the representation of the Conseil régional de développement de Laval the education sector is now composed of two (2) French language institutions and one (1) English language;

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that a seat be created on the Board of Directors of the Conseil régional de développement de Laval to allow for representation by Laval's English-speaking community.

**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, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Natalie Auclair

**6.3 Zoning – Rawdon school:**

The Director General provided background information on the proposed zoning change for the Rawdon Elementary School and Joliette High School and advised that Rawdon Elementary School and Joliette High School will be consulted on this matter.

Walter Fogel left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:17 hours**

In response to question from Steve Kmec concerning the effect on staffing at Joliette High School by transferring a portion of Secondary 1 students to Rawdon, the Director General advised that this matter had been addressed and may require a modification to the staffing at Joliette High School.

Walter Fogel returned to the meeting

**TIME: 21:20 hours**

In response to a question from Grace Nesi as to whether or not the Rawdon grade 6 students would have a choice between attending their current school or Joliette High School for Secondary I, the Director General advised that the Rawdon grade 6 students would be provided transportation only to Rawdon Elementary School if the resolution is adopted.

#### 991027-CA-0052

WHEREAS the new school in Rawdon was built to accommodate students from Kindergarten to Secondary II;

WHEREAS the new school could begin to accommodate secondary students as of the 2000-2001 school year;

WHEREAS secondary students should be enrolled on a progressive basis, beginning with students entering Secondary I in 2000-2001;

Glen Haines MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle that the catchment area of Rawdon Elementary School serve students Kindergarten to Secondary I. AND THAT the catchment area for Joliette High School exclude students entering Secondary I from Chertsey, Entrelacs, Rawdon, Ste-Julienne, Village of St-Calixte.

**Carried unanimously**

#### 6.4 *Overcrowding in Laval Elementary Schools:*

The Director General presented the discussion paper on the overcrowding of certain Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools in the Ville de Laval notably Crestview, Our Lady of Peace, Souvenir and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools. He advised that he would be meeting with the Governing Board of each school to explain the overcrowding scenario in respect to their particular school and invite each Governing Board to forward its recommendation for the Council's consideration at its January meeting.

Peter Haldimand left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:45 hours**

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion on the overcrowding problem in certain schools in the Ville de Laval.

Pierre Niding noted that the discussion paper was well received by the Parents' Committee and encouraged the Council members to approach the Governing Boards involved to open discussion on the issue.

Peter Haldimand returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:49 hours**

In response to a question from Pierre Garofano as to when the Council would meet to discuss the overcrowding issue and the recommendations received, the Director General advised that a special meeting of the Council would be convened sometime before the meeting of 2000-01-26.

#### 991027-CA-0053

WHEREAS the increased enrolment in the elementary schools in Laval has resulted in overcrowding in certain schools, overcrowding which is expected to persist, especially at Crestview, Our Lady of Peace, Souvenir and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools;

WHEREAS the board has seven (7) portables in place to accommodate the overcrowding in certain of its schools (Crestview – 2; Our Lady of Peace – 1; Souvenir – 2; Terry Fox – 2);

WHEREAS the deployment of portables is expected to be a short term, temporary measure to address overcrowding;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to consult the Governing Boards of the schools in Laval in order to receive proposals best suited to serve the children attending these schools;

WHEREAS a discussion paper, document #991027-CA-003, has been prepared with preliminary recommendations designed to address the issue of overcrowding at certain schools (Crestview, Our Lady of Peace, Souvenir, Twin Oaks);

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board ratify the decision of the Executive Committee to mandate the Director General to present and seek solutions to the overcrowding, which exists particularly at Crestview, Our Lady of Peace, Souvenir and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools. AND THAT the Director General also present and seek solutions which eliminate or minimize the need for portables at Crestview, Our Lady of Peace, and Souvenir Elementary Schools. FURTHER THAT a proposal for the school organization for schools in Laval be presented for adoption by the Council of Commissioners at its regular meeting of 2000-01-26.

**Carried unanimously**

### **6.5 Forestry Management:**

The Deputy Director General provided the Council with background information on the forest trail clean-up project at the Arundel Natural Science Centre.

Morten Schrier left for the evening.

**TIME: 21:52 hours**

### **991027-CA-0054**

WHEREAS the severe wind storm in the first week of July 1999 caused substantial damage on the network of trails at the Arundel Natural Science Centre;

WHEREAS it has become necessary to initiate a clean up of these damaged trails;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board intends to submit a second project request to the Ministère des Ressources naturelles – Forêt Québec, to seek financial aid in such a clean-up project;

WHEREAS the sale of the wood products obtained from the clean up of the damaged wood lot will provide some financial resources to offset the cost of this project;

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the allocation of a budget of 5 000\$ for the clean up of the damaged trails at the Arundel Natural Science Centre. AND THAT the funds received from the Ministère des Ressources naturelles and from the sale of wood products be used to reimburse the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for its advance of 5 000\$ to fund the clean-up of the network of trails.

**Carried unanimously**

The Deputy Director General reviewed the grants received concerning the forests at the Arundel Natural Science Centre.

### **6.6 RRSSSL- Update:**

Linda Gagnon explained the role of the Régie régional de la santé et des services sociaux – Laval Liaison Committee noting that it is an umbrella group for Laval that includes such agencies as the CLSC. The mandate of the committee is to review what services are offered and what services are lacking.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec concerning similar services to the north shore and the Laurentians, the Director General explained that the Deputy Director General sits on the committee for Access to English Language Services for the Laurentian area but that such a committee had not been established in the Lanaudière region, though what services are provided through the local CLSC are offered largely in French.

**6.7 Performance Bonuses:**

William Pollock MOVED THAT the Council go into committee.

**Carried unanimously  
(TIME: 22:12 hours)**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 22:55 hours**

**991027-CA-0055**

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

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

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

**ABST:** Glen Haines, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall

The Chairman explained the process for the issuance of bonuses for the Director General and the Deputy Director General for the 1998-1999 school year in conformity with the regulation to amend the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards.

**991027-CA-0056**

WHEREAS the Treasury Board announced on March 10, 1999 its decision to lift, as of 1998-99, the moratorium on the payment of lump sum bonuses to recompense the performance of management staff in the public and parapublic sectors in effect since 1992;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education, by order-in-council dated August 12, 1999, amended the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards with respect to the payment of lump sum performance bonuses to directors general and assistant directors general;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has reviewed the directive to amend the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards and understands its obligation to implement the provisions of the regulation;

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners grant the Director General a performance bonus for 1998-99 in accordance with the regulation to amend the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards in an amount equal to 5% of his salary on June 30, 1999.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, William Pollock

**ABST:** Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Nancy Rupnik

Walter Fogel noted that he found it necessary to vote against the motion because no criteria had been established for evaluation of performance.

**991027-CA-0057**

WHEREAS the Treasury Board announced on March 10, 1999 its decision to lift, as of 1998-99, the moratorium on the payment of lump sum bonuses to recompense the performance of management staff in the public and parapublic sectors in effect since 1992;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education, by order-in-council dated August 12, 1999, amended the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards with respect to the payment of lump sum performance bonuses to directors general and assistant directors general;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has reviewed the directive to amend the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards and understands its obligation to implement the provisions of the regulation;

Mary Svotelis MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners grant the Assistant Director General a performance bonus for 1998-99 in accordance with the regulation to amend the regulation respecting the conditions of employment of management staff of school boards in an amount equal to 4% of his salary on June 30, 1999.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Mary Svotelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel, , Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, William Pollock

**ABST:** Nazario Facchino, Steve Kmec, Nancy Rupnik

William Pollock, Vice-Chairman, assumed the chair.

Steve Bleats, Chairman, left the meeting.

**TIME: 23:00 hours**

Mario Gaulin, Glen Haines, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall and Pierre Niding left for the evening.

**TIME: 23:00 hours**

**7.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:**

The Deputy Director General provided an overview of the proposed modifications to the Information technology organizational chart.

Steve Bletas, Chairman, returned to the meeting and assumed the chair. **TIME: 23:00 hours**

The Council entered into discussion on the modifications and the fiscal impact it would have on the budget.

The Director General informed the Council that the needs of the schools exceed the manpower currently available in the Information Technology department.

In response to a question from Edward Turchyniak inquiring if funding for salaries for these additional positions was being made available through measure 50590, the Deputy Director General explained that no funding for salaries was available through the measure but that these positions would be funded through a new measure to provide technological support announced by the Minister. He noted that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board had received approximately 170 000\$ to that end.

**991027-IT-0058**

WHEREAS the Director of Information Technology has revised the organizational chart for the Information Technology Department for the 1999-2000 school year;

WHEREAS this modified organizational chart has been reviewed and supported by the Directorate, the Information Technology Committee, and Human Resources;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board support the changes to the Information Technology organizational chart.

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

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

**NAY:** Walter Fogel

**8.0 HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**991027-HR-0059**

Edward Turchyniak 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:

John McGrail	Vice-Principal	
	McCaig Elementary School	1999-2000 school year

**Carried unanimously**

**9.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES:**

The Director General explained the following proposed resolution noting that the Ministère de l'Éducation is giving priority of consideration to projects which could reduce the cost of energy consumption.

**991027-MR-0060**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to renovate the Rosemere High School building;

WHEREAS Material Resources has prepared a project estimate for a first phase involving mostly energy, lighting, insulation and fenestration (windows) components;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board desires to present an application for a shared cost project with the Ministère de l'Éducation;

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee and the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the application for a shared cost project with the Ministère de l'Éducation.

**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, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Linda Gagnon

**10.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES:****10.1 Approval of School and Centre Budgets:**

The Director General reviewed the budgets concerned by this following resolution.

**991027-FR-0061**

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 #991027-FR-001.

**Carried unanimously**

**10.2 Statement of Taxes in Arrears:**

The Director General explained that the statement of taxes in arrears would allow the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to proceed with the collection of unpaid taxes.

**991027-FR-0062**

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept, in accordance with section 339 of the Education Act, the statement prepared by the Director General for school taxes remaining in arrears as at 1999-10-22 in the amount of **3 552 064,31\$**.

**Carried unanimously**

**11.0 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:****11.1 Emergency Preparedness Courses:**

The Deputy Director General explained a course in strategic planning for emergency preparedness is being organized for the in-school administration to be held in March.

**11.2 Modification of Composition of Committee:**

The Deputy Director General explained the request of the Emergency Preparedness Committee to have its status of a board committee revoked in order to have an Advisory Committee on emergency Preparedness established in its place.

*WHEREAS the Emergency Preparedness Committee wishes to expand the composition of the committee;*

*WHEREAS the Emergency Preparedness Committee is a standing committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;*

*WHEREAS the Executive Committee has reviewed the request of the Emergency Preparedness Committee to expand the committee and wishes to maintain the present composition of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board standing committees;*

*Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the request of the Emergency Preparedness Committee to relinquish its status as a standing committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board; AND THAT in its place an Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness be established.*

*FURTHER THAT the composition of the Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness include:*

33     *One (1) Parent from each Governing Board of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*  
 2     *Delegates from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Administrators Association*  
 2     *Delegates from the Association des cadres scolaires du Québec (ACSQ)*  
 2     *Delegates from the Laurier Teachers' Union*  
 2     *Delegates from SEB 57*  
 2     *Delegates from the Association of Professionals and Guidance Counsellors*  
 1     *Director*  
 6     *Commissioners*  
**50**

The Council entered into discussion on the composition of the committee and its mandate.

In response to a concern expressed by Edward Turchyniak over the number of persons being proposed for membership on the Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness, Walter Fogel explained that a steering committee would be formed from the membership and the entire group would be called to meet on a quarterly basis.

Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

**TIME: 23:40 hours**

The Director General suggested that the Emergency Preparedness policy developed by the Lauroval School Board, one of its predecessor boards, is not a well known document within the system and that perhaps it should be put to a review and adopted in principle at a future Council meeting.

Linda Gagnon noted that it would be prudent for the schools to be educated on this before sending the document out for consultation.

Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 23:43 hours**

Nick Milas left the meeting.

**TIME: 23:43 hours**

The Council entered into discussion

The discussion became heated resulting in Walter Fogel using unparliamentary language towards a member of the Council.

Nick Milas returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 23:45 hours**

It was agreed that a mandate for an Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness should be established and that the composition of the committee should be examined further.

Carolyn Curiale and Mary Svtelis left for the evening.

**TIME: 23:45 hours**

Discussion on the issue continued.

Natalie Auclair left for the evening.

**TIME: 23:56 hours**

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Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners table the proposed resolution to dissolve the current Emergency Preparedness Committee and establish an Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness for further discussion to the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

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

**YEA:** Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, William Pollock, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nancy Rupnik

Steve Kmec and Edward Turchyniak left for the evening.

**TIME: 00:00 hours** (1999-10-28)

**12.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

No report.

**13.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

No report.

**14.0 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

No report.

**15.0 QSBA:**

No report.

**16 QUESTION PERIOD:**

No questions

**17.0 CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

Grace Nesi MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 00:02 hours** (1999-10-28)

**NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 1999-11-24**

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman