

**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 1999-11-24**

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, 1999-11-24 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:35 hours.

**1.0 INTRODUCTION:**

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

**6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:**

6.4	<i>Vacancies at Rosemere High School.....</i>	<i>INFO</i>
6.5	<i>Update on New School .....</i>	<i>INFO</i>
6.6	<i>Role of a Sub-Committee.....</i>	<i>INFO</i>

**991124-CA-0064**

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the agenda as contained in document #991124-CA-001, be accepted as amended.

**Carried unanimously**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

In a written notice Walter Fogel advised that on page 238 of the minutes of the meeting held on 1999-10-27, section 6.2 "Conseil de développement régional de Laval" should read "Conseil régional de développement de Laval".

He further advised that on page 240 of the same minutes, item 6.6, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, second line should read ". . . includes such agencies as CLSCs."

Mr Fogel also noted that on page 242 after the listing of the vote on resolution #991027-CA-0057 the following paragraph was omitted "Walter Fogel again noted that he found it necessary to vote against the motion because no criteria had been established for evaluation of performance."

In a verbal notice Steve Kmec advised that on page 242, under item 7.0 the time indicated for the return of the Chairman to the table was incorrect at 23:00 hours and should read 23:03 hours.

In a verbal notice Linda Gagnon advised that on page 243 the vote on resolution #991027-MR-0060 should read "Carried unanimously".

A secretarial error was noted on page 242, paragraph 5; Steve Bleats should read Steve Bletas.

Walter Fogel requested "personal privilege" and proceeded to inquire what the process was for determining what was recorded in the minutes of the Council of Commissioners deliberations.

He then distributed a resolution for the Council's consideration.

In reference to page 245, paragraph 9, he advised that the reference to "unparliamentary language" is not an exact recording of the proceedings as the Council has not set out a process of what is considered to be unparliamentary language. He further noted that the phrase is out of order, as it does not appear in Robert's Rules of Order, which the Council had adopted as its rules of procedure.

**991124-CA-0065**

WHEREAS on page 0245 of the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board of 1999-10-27 the statement "*The discussion became heated resulting in Walter Fogel using unparliamentary language towards a member of the Council*" appeared;

WHEREAS in a generic sense the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board can be considered as a "parliament" as defined in the Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary;

WHEREAS unparliamentary language as defined by other parliaments does not apply ipso facto to the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has adopted Robert's Rules of Order as its rules of procedure at its meetings;

WHEREAS Robert's Rules of Order contains no provision for unparliamentary language;

WHEREAS Robert's Rules of Order in its article 43 refers only to "disorderly words" without defining same;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has not defined what it considers to be "unparliamentary language" or "disorderly words";

WHEREAS Robert's Rules of Order require that:

- Disorderly words by a member towards another member be taken down by the member who objects to them, or by the secretary, and read to the member.
- If a member cannot justify the words he used, and will not suitably apologize for using them, it is the duty of the assembly to act in the case.
- If any business has taken place since the member spoke, it is too late to take notice of any disorderly words he used.

WHEREAS there is no evidence that any alleged disorderly words spoken by Walter Fogel were taken down by the secretary of the alleged offended member and read to him;

WHEREAS the assembly(Council of Commissioners) has not decided anything by vote in relation to any alleged disorderly words by Walter Fogel;

WHEREAS other business has taken place since the alleged disorderly words were spoken and it would thus be too late to take notice of any alleged disorderly words and then taken action;

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT in the sentence *“The discussion became heated resulting in Walter Fogel using unparliamentary language towards a member of the Council”* that appears on page 0245 of the unapproved minutes of the meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board of 1999-10-27, the words *“resulting in Walter Fogel using unparliamentary language towards a member of the Council”* be stricken and that the sentence thus read *“The discussion became heated.”*

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

**YEA:** Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier

**NAY:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, William Pollock, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** James McDougall, Nick Milas

In a verbal notice Peter MacLaurin noted that on page 237 the name of Grace Nesi should be recorded as a “NAY” not as an abstention.

**991124-CA-0066**

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 1999-10-27, 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, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel

**ABST:** Morten Schrier

**3.0 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

At the request of the Chairman, the Director General provided the Council with information on the fire at Holy Rosary Elementary School early this morning. He reported that around 4:00 hours vandals had thrown a Molotov cocktail through a window, causing serious damage to the classroom and considerable smoke damage to surrounding classrooms, gymnasium and corridors. He further reported that the school operated, that cleanup crews specialized in such work had been hired and were in place, and that the police were carrying out their investigation.

He went on to advise that students who use the effected classrooms have been relocated to another part of the school until the clean up is completed. Any repairs that are required will also be completed.

Mr. Martini extended thanks to Natalie Auclair, Robert Vallerand, Mary Sorentino and her staff, and the Mascouche police and fire department for all of their help in handling this unfortunate event.

In response to a question from Peter MacLaurin inquiring if this school had previously been a target of burglary and vandalism, the Director General advised that in the past there have been other minor incidents at Holy Rosary Elementary School but not to the extent of today’s.

The Chairman welcomed and congratulated Mario Gaulin and Pierre Niding on their re-election as Parent Commissioners to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

The Chairman informed the Council that a series of workshops concerning the role of the Council of Commissioners, the role of the parent and the role of the Governing Board will be held on 2000-03-11 at Lake of Two Mountains High School, under the joint sponsorship of the Parents' Committee and the board. Invitations will be sent in January to the Commissioners, the Chairpersons of Governing Boards, Parent delegates, Principals and Directorate.

The Chairman advised the Council on recent developments regarding school transportation. He noted that if the financing of school transportation is downloaded by the government to the school boards it is more than likely that a significant increase in school taxes will be forthcoming.

In response to a question from Edward Turchyniak on the number of students who currently walk to school, the Director General advised that he did not have the exact figures and would look into the request and bring an answer to the next Council meeting.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel on whether or not there could be equalization grants for transportation, the Director General indicated that the answer to that question would be known when the decision on the exact nature of the downloading of financing school transportation is announced by the government.

The Chairman advised the Council that the inauguration of the newly renovated John F. Kennedy Elementary School had taken place on 1999-11-19 and that the Governing Board of the school extended its thanks to the Council of Commissioners for its support in realizing the project.

In response to the expression of disappointment that the inauguration was held during the day voiced by Steve Kmec, the Chairman noted that the ceremony was held during the day so as to include the students.

The Chairman advised the Council that he had been on a tour of the new Rawdon Elementary and Secondary School with William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Glen Haines, Commissioner; Raymond Thivierge, Director of Material Resources; and Christian Soulières, Project Manager; and that he was very impressed with the results of the project and extended congratulations on a job well done. The Director General stated that the students will be entering the school on 2000-01-11 and that plans for the opening ceremony for the school will be finalized when François Legault, Ministre de l'Éducation, advises the board on his availability to attend the ceremony.

Natalie Auclair left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:10 hours**

The Chairman advised the Council that it is his responsibility to ensure good order during the meetings of the Council. He drew the Council's attention to an incident at the Council meeting of 1999-10-27 where disorderly language was used against a member of the Council and that he had written to the Commissioner asking for an apology. He called upon the Commissioner to apologize.

The Chairman advised that he would name the Commissioner if he failed to apologize.

The Commissioner declined to apologize, therefore, the Chairman asked Walter Fogel to apologize publicly for his use of disorderly language towards another member of the Council.

The Chairman ordered the Council into committee.

**TIME: 20:12 hours**

Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:17 hours**

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 20:36 hours**

**991124-CA-0067**

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT resolution #991124-CA-0065 be rescinded.

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

**YEA:** Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand

**ABST:** William Pollock

**991124-CA-0068**

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT on page 0245 of the minutes of the meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on 1999-10-27 the paragraph *"The discussion became heated resulting in Walter Fogel using unparliamentary language towards a member of the Council"* be stricken from these minutes.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Steve Bletas, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand

**ABST:** Linda Gagnon

Walter Fogel stated that his comments were made under "personal privilege" during the meeting of 1999-10-27 but that he realized that he may have erred in his choice of words and apologized to any member of the Council who may have been offended.

Peter MacLaurin, Chairman of the Ethics Review Committee, presented the following resolution for the Council's consideration.

*\_\_\_\_\_ MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Ethics Review Committee and after due consideration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the following sanctions to be imposed on any member whose conduct it considers injurious to the credibility and reputation of the school board:*

- 1. Reprimand for the use of disorderly language; and*
- 2. Request an apology to the Council of Commissioners, its employees, and the public for the unacceptable conduct and ensure them that there will be no reoccurrence of such behaviour; and*
- 3. Revoke the right to speak at all meetings of the Council of Commissioners until such time as the apology mentioned above is forthcoming, to the full satisfaction of the Council of Commissioners.*

Walter Fogel requested that the mandate of the Ethics Review Committee be verified to ensure that its mandate covers the creation of a sanction procedure.

991124-CA-0069

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the proposed resolution concerning the adoption of a sanction procedure, recommended by the Ethics Review Committee, be tabled to the next meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

#### 4.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

In response to a question from Gary Brown, a parent from Lake of Two Mountains High School, the Chairman explained that the monthly compensation for students using public transportation was covered by resolutions of the board adopted after consultation and considerable deliberation and that those resolutions did not include the siblings of those covered by the grandfather clause. As the board was involved in a court action on this matter, the matter was not to be reviewed at this time.

Nazario Facchino left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:46 hours**

Pierre Niding left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:48 hours**

In response to a concern expressed by Walter Fogel on the insurance coverage of students using the private bus hired by parents to transport their children to Lake of Two Mountains High School, the Chairman advised that the parents of these students are responsible for the insurance.

Nazario Facchino and Pierre Niding returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:50 hours**

#### 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

##### 5.1 *Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness*

The Director General informed the Council that, as requested, he had consulted with the Principals on the creation of an Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness and reported that they did not agree with the proposed composition, that they were presently fulfilling their mandates, that they could not accept a mandate in this area without a reduction in their responsibilities, that those who had had previous experience with such a committee in the former Laurenval School Board had found it unsatisfactory, that they would not hold themselves accountable to such a committee but only to the Director General or their immediate superior. They further indicated that they were prepared to attend the strategic planning sessions planned for March and that a better understanding of the policy was required by those who were not part of the Laurenval School Board.

Mario Gaulin left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:51 hours**

Walter Fogel commented that the former Laurenval School Board had worked hard on this policy but that it had failed to gain the support of Principals. He went on to suggest that soliciting parental input on the composition of the proposed Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness may spark interest in the project.

Mario Gaulin returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:55 hours**

991124-CA-0070

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT resolution #991027-CA-0063 be lifted from the table and the issue of the creation of an Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness be discussed and presented for consultation.

**Carried unanimously**

*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

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The Council entered into discussion on the proposed creation of an Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness.

The Council agreed that the Governing Board of each school should have an opportunity to comment on the composition of this committee and suggested that a consultation be conducted on the composition of the advisory committee.

Peter MacLaurin requested that debate on the advisory committee cease.

#### 991124-CA-0072

Walter Fogel MOVED an amendment to the proposed resolution on the creation of an Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness so as to read:

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the creation of an Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness.

AND THAT this Advisory Committee report to the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

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

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Carried unanimously

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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 in principle the creation of an Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness.

AND THAT this Advisory Committee report to the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

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

**YEA:** Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Glen Haines, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand

Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:16 hours**

Walter Fogel requested "Commissioner's Privilege" and went on to express concern over his attempts to have the matter of access to English language education discussed by the Council on several occasions noting that the issue was originally raised at the August meeting of the Council and was tabled for further discussion, which has not yet to occurred. He distributed a resolution concerning access to English education.

Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:19 hours**

*WHEREAS in May 1999 the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) requested its member boards to advise it on their position concerning freedom of choice with respect to the language of education;*

*WHEREAS the deadline for the submission of response of 1999-06-15 was extended to September 1999;*

*WHEREAS at a working session of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Commissioners on 1999-07-07, a consensus, on the subject, was arrived at which was to be formally presented to the Council of Commissioners;*

WHEREAS at the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board of 1999-08-25, a resolution was moved in conformity with the consensus arrived at on 1999-07-07;

WHEREAS the aforementioned resolution was tabled for further discussion by resolution of the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS attempts to lift the resolution from the table in order to discuss the subject at hand were rejected at the meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board of 1999-09-22 and 1999-10-27;

WHEREAS no discussions on the subject of freedom of choice with respect to the language of education has taken place by members of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board other than that of 1999-07-07 and prior to the Council's tabling of the resolution in question on 1999-08-25;

WHEREAS to date the QESBA has not yet formulated its official position as it has not yet received responses from all member boards and has so informed them;

WHEREAS in a position paper of members of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board administrators, dated 1999-06-15, a position was taken in regards to access to English language education and forwarded to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board could certainly be aided in arriving at a position if the views of the board's community were known;

\_\_\_\_\_ MOVED THAT the resolution regarding freedom of choice for the language of education be the object of a board-wide consultation with the deadline for response prior to the 2000-02-23 regular meeting of the Council of Commissioner of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

#### 991124-CA-0074

James McDougall MOVED THAT the proposed resolution on Access to English Language Education be tabled to the meeting of 1999-12-15.

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

YEA: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

NAY: Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Morten Schrier

Nancy Rupnik and Mary Svtelis left the meeting. **TIME: 21:20 hours**

Natalie Auclair and Mario Gaulin left the meeting. **TIME: 21:23 hours**

Mario Gaulin, Nancy Rupnik and Mary Svtelis returned to the meeting. **Time: 21:25 hours**

Natalie Auclair returned to the meeting. **TIME: 21:27 hours**

Walter Fogel left the meeting. **TIME: 21:32 hours**

#### 6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

##### 6.1 Policy on Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a Student:

The Director General commented on the proposed policy #2000-CA-03: Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a Student.

**991124-CA-0078**

Mario Gaulin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle proposed policy #2000-CA-03: Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a Student.

**Carried unanimously**

**6.2 Meeting Date for December:**

The Director General advised the Council that a change in meeting date is being proposed for the December Council meeting due to the holiday season.

Walter Fogel returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:36 hours**

**991124-CA-0079**

James McDougall MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind resolution #990616-CA-0305 concerning the dates of Council meetings for 1999-2000.

**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, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Morten Schrier

**991124-CA-0080**

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be held at 19:30 hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month as follows, except for the month of July where no meeting will be held and December where the meeting will be held on 1999-12-15:

1999-08-25	2000-01-26
1999-09-22	2000-02-23
1999-10-27	2000-03-29
1999-11-24	2000-04-26
1999-12-15	2000-05-24
	2000-06-28

**Carried unanimously**

Morten Schrier left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:37 hours**

**6.3 Creation of a Standing Committee:**

The Director General commented on the proposed creation of a Standing Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities noting that the creation of this committee would remove the notion that the Transportation Committee makes all the decisions concerning how the schools and facilities of the board are used.

The Council entered into discussions on the proposed standing committee.

**991124-CA-0081**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has established a number of standing committees to oversee its operations;

WHEREAS shifting populations and increased enrolment require periodic review and adjustments to the areas served by its schools;

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the creation of a Standing Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities composed of six (6) members drawn from the Council of Commissioners, a Parent Commissioner, the Coordinator of Curriculum Services & School Organization, and the Director General or his delegate as an ex-officio member.

AND THAT the mandate of the committee include the annual review of the Deeds of Establishment of Schools and the Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables, the Criteria for the Enrollment of Students in the schools of the board, agreements with other school boards and private institutions for the provision of educational services and long range planning for the use of the schools and buildings of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Walter Fogel

Morten Schrier returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:45 hours**

In response to several requests for alternating membership on this committee, the Director General noted that consistency on such a committee is essential for it to be effective.

The Council entered into discussion on the composition of the committee.

Walter Fogel noted that the representation for the Laval area on the standing committee should be increased from two (2) to three (3) representatives, as Laval is the most densely populated area of the school board.

Glen Haines left the meeting.

**TIME: 21:49 hours**

**991124-CA-0082**

Walter Fogel MOVED an amendment to the resolution concerning the composition of the Standing Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities asking that the number of representatives for the Laval area be increased from two(2) to three(3).

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

**YEA:** Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Nick Milas, Morten Schrier

**NAY:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**ABST:** Linda Gagnon

Glen Haines returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 21:53 hours**

**991124-CA-0083**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has established a Standing Committee on the Use of its Schools and Other Facilities;

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the following commissioners to the Standing Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities:

- ◆ **Two(2) Commissioners representing Laval:**  
(S. Bletas, N. Facchino, W. Fogel, L. Gagnon, P. Garofano,, S. Kmec, N. Milas, G. Nesi, M. Schrier)
- ◆ **Two(2) Commissioners representing the area north of the Mille Isles River:**  
(P. Haldimand, P. MacLaurin, J. McDougall, W. Pollock, M. Svotelis, E. Turchyniak)
- ◆ **One(1) Commissioner representing the Lanaudière region** (N. Auclair, G. Haines) :
- ◆ **One(1) Commissioner representing the Lake of Two Mountains region** (C. Curiale, N. Rupnik) :
- ◆ **One(1) Parent Commissioner:**  
(M. Gaulin, P. Niding)

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svotelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel

**ABST:** Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Morten Schrier

The Chairman called for nominations for the two(2) representative positions for the Laval area on the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities.

Linda Gagnon nominated Pierre Garofano. Mr. Garofano accepted the nomination.

Linda Gagnon nominated Nick Milas. Mr. Milas accepted the nomination.

Walter Fogel nominated Nazario Facchino. Mr. Facchino accepted the nomination.

Peter MacLaurin nominated Morten Schrier. Mr. Schrier accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chairman called for a vote.

The Chairman declared Pierre Garofano and Nick Milas elected by majority vote to the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities.

**991124-CA-0084**

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT Pierre Garofano and Nick Milas be named to the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities representing the Laval area.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairman called for nominations for the two(2) representative positions for the area north of the Mille Isles River on the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities.

Mary Svotelis nominated Peter Haldimand. Mr. Haldimand declined the nomination.

James McDougall nominated Edward Turchyniak. Mr. Turchyniak accepted the nomination.

James McDougall nominated Peter MacLaurin. Mr. MacLaurin accepted the nomination.

Pierre Garofano nominated William Pollock. Mr. Pollock accepted the nomination.

Edward Turchyniak nominated Mary Svtelis. Mrs. Svtelis declined the nomination.

Edward Turchyniak nominated James McDougall. Mr. McDougall declined the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chairman called for a vote.

The Chairman declared Peter MacLaurin and Edward Turchyniak elected by majority vote to the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities.

#### 991124-CA-0085

James McDougall MOVED THAT Peter MacLaurin and Edward Turchyniak be named to the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities representing the area north of the Mille Isles River.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairman called for nominations for the one(1) representative position for the Lanaudière region on the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities.

Nick Milas nominated Glen Haines. Mr. Haines accepted the nomination.

James McDougall nominated Natalie Auclair. Mrs. Auclair declined the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared Glen Haines elected by acclamation to the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities.

#### 991124-CA-0086

Nick Milas MOVED THAT Glen Haines be named to the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities representing the Lanaudière region.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairman called for nominations for the one(1) representative position for the Lake of Two Mountains region on the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities.

Natalie Auclair nominated Nancy Rupnik. Mrs. Rupnik accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared Nancy Rupnik elected by acclamation to the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities.

#### 991124-CA-0087

Natalie Auclair MOVED THAT Nancy Rupnik be named to the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities representing the Lake of Two Mountains region.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairman called for nominations of one(1) Parent Commissioner to the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities.

Edward Turchyniak nominated Pierre Niding. Mr. Niding declined the nomination.

Pierre Garofano nominated Mario Gaulin. Mr. Gaulin accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared Mario Gaulin elected by acclamation to the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities.

**991124-CA-0088**

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT Mario Gaulin be named to the Standing Committee for the Use of Schools and Other Facilities representing the Parent Commissioners.

**Carried unanimously**

Pierre Niding suggested that, due to the hour, all resolutions be handled first and that other items be moved to the end of the agenda.

The members of the Council concurred.

**7.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**7.1 Enrolment Criteria 2000-2001:**

The Director General commented on the proposed enrolment criteria for the 2000-2001 school year.

Steve Bletas, Chairman, left the meeting and William Pollock, Vice-Chairman, assumed the chair.

**TIME: 22:00 hours**

In response to question from Steve Kmec as to what happens to students enrol just as school opens and do not have an eligibility certificate, the Director General advised that there is a process to allow such students to attend school on a temporary permit until the certificate is received.

Edward Turchyniak left the meeting.

**TIME: 22:10 hours**

**991124-ED-0089**

Walter Fogel MOVED an amendment to the proposed enrolment criteria for the 2000-2001 school year and asked that section 2.0 be removed from the enrolment criteria for 2000-2001.

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

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

**NAY:** Natalie Auclair, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Sotelis

**ABST:** Nick Milas

Discussion ensued on the enrolment criteria.

Peter MacLaurin called for a vote.

Steve Bletas and Edward Turchyniak returned to the meeting and Steve Bletas, Chairman, assumed the chair.

**TIME: 22:12 hours**



- 3.3 Subject to availability of space, siblings of students who are currently attending that school who reside outside the established school territory and whose parents/guardians agree to provide transportation;
- 3.4 Subject to availability of space, students who reside outside of the school territory and whose parents/guardians agree to provide transportation;
- 3.5 Subject to availability of space, students who are under the jurisdiction of another school board but are subject to an agreement between that school board and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and whose parents/guardians agree to provide transportation;
- 4.0 Transportation to a school will be provided to only those students who reside in the designated transportation zone established by the school board. Parents will assume the cost and/or responsibility of transportation for students residing outside of the transportation boundary.
- 5.0 In schools where alternative programs have been approved for 2000-2001, students will be required to meet the admission requirements where they exist.
- 6.0 To enable the School Board to provide an appropriate placement, admission requests for special needs students to receive specialised services or programs must be made in writing, before May 31, 2000, indicating the special needs of the student. Should the school board be unable to provide services for a student, the school board will ensure that educational services are made available through an agreement with another school board or institution. Requests for admission to specialised services or programs received after May 31, 2000 will be considered by the school board and accepted pending the availability of space.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svotelis, Edward Turchyniak

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

**8.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:**

The Director General commented on proposed policy #2000-IT-01: Acceptable Use of Information and Communication Technology Resources.

**991124-IT-0091**

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle policy #2000-IT-01: Acceptable Use of Information and Communication Technology Resources.

**Carried unanimously**

**9.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES:**

The Director General commented on the proposed procedure for the disposal of obsolete, irreparable or unwanted equipment noting that the Principals had requested such a procedure in order to permit them to better manage their school inventory.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel on how the sale of equipment that can be sold will be carried out, the Director General noted that section 5 of the procedure lays out the process.

**0263**

**991124-MR-0092**

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve procedure #P2000-MR-01: Procedures for the Disposal of Obsolete, Irreparable, and/or Unwanted but Reusable Equipment.

**Carried unanimously**

## **10.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES:**

The Director General advised the Council that it would be necessary for the board seek authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation to obtain a loan to cover the cost of various capital projects the board has undertaken since the spring, notably the John F. Kennedy Elementary School renovation and the renovation of a wing of Rosemere High School to accommodate the McCaig Annex.

In response to a question from Walter Fogel concerning whether the board will proceed with the loan prior to receiving a response on the request for the MEQ to increase its portion of the shared cost project for John F. Kennedy Elementary School, the Director General indicated that the loan will be contracted only after a response is received from the Ministère de l'Éducation.

### **991124-FR-0093**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board participated in a shared cost project with the Ministère de l'Éducation for the renovation of John F. Kennedy Elementary school which initially distributed each parties share as 1 035 689\$(MEQ) and 524 113\$(SWLSB);

WHEREAS the actual cost of the renovation is estimated at 2 385 811,40\$, an amount exceeding the original estimate by 702 502\$, not including the additional architectural and engineering fees;

WHEREAS by resolution #990922-MR-0042 adopted on 1999-09-22 the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has requested that the Ministère de l'Éducation increase its participation in the shared cost project by allocating an additional 452 590\$;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has not been advised by the Ministère de l'Éducation of its decision with regards to this request;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has also undertaken to renovate a wing of the Rosemere High School to accommodate over 200 students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 at McCaig Elementary School at its own charge as required by the Ministère de l'Éducation;

WHEREAS the cost of the renovations at Rosemere High School to accommodate the McCaig Elementary School annex has been established at 777 673\$;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board cannot assume these capital expenses in its current operating budget without seriously compromising the educational services which the board offers its students;

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Nick Milas MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request that the Ministère de l'Éducation authorize the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to obtain a loan to

cover the expenses related to the renovations at Rosemere High School to accommodate the overflow of students at McCaig Elementary School and the expenses related to the board's share in the renovations of John F. Kennedy Elementary School in an amount not to exceed 1 600 000\$;

AND THAT this loan be for a period of five (5) years;

AND FURTHER THAT this loan be repaid from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's annual capital budget in an amount equal to the expense related to the repayment of the loan.

**Carried unanimously**

## **11.0 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

### **11.1 Procedure for Change of Address:**

The Deputy Director General commented on the proposed procedure for the change of an address noting that such changes are being requested in writing in order to protect the student.

#### **991124-TS-0094**

Mary Svoltelis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Transportation Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the Transportation Procedure for a Change of Permanent or Alternate Address, as contained in document #P2000-TS-01.

#### **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, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svoltelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Steve Kmec

### **11.2 Rezoning of School Territory:**

The Director General commented on the resolution to rezone students in the St-Eustache area from Rosemere High School to Lake of Two Mountains High School reminding the Council that several parents had approached the board earlier in the school year to request this change.

#### **991124-TS-0076**

WHEREAS students residing in St-Eustache that live south of Autoroute 640, east of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north of Mille Isles River and west of Autoroute 13 were zoned to attend Rosemere High School

WHEREAS these students attended either Mountainview Elementary or St-Jude Elementary Schools.

WHEREAS students attending Mountainview Elementary or St-Jude Elementary Schools would normally attend Lake of Two Mountains High School.

WHEREAS some of the parents of the children living within the boundaries indicated above requested that their children attend Lake of Two Mountains High School for the 1999-2000 school year.

WHEREAS the administration of the School Board reviewed the situation and decided to grant the parent's request.

**0265**

WHEREAS the Transportation Committee was informed of the justifications for the change in zoning and subsequently approved the decision.

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Transportation Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle that the transportation zone for Lake of Two Mountains High School be modified to include the portion of St-Eustache south of Autoroute 640, east of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, west of Autoroute 13 and north of Mille Isles River. Consequently, that the identical area be removed from the Rosemere High School transportation zone.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svoltelis

**ABST:** Walter Fogel, Edward Turchyniak

In response to a question from Walter Fogel on whether there is a process for contacting parents when a bus breaks down and the students must wait for a replacement bus as happened today for a bus serving Hillcrest Academy, the Director General noted that there is a process in place but that he would have to report back on the specifics at the next meeting.

**14.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**

**991124-CA-0095**

William Pollock MOVED THAT the meeting be extended until item 14.0, Parents' Committee, is handled and that adjournment follow.

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

**YEA:** Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svoltelis, Edward Turchyniak

**NAY:** Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

**14.1 Resolution from Parents' Committee:**

Pierre Niding commented that the Parents' Committee is making this request to increase parent representation on the Council of Commissioners so as to ensure more adequate involvement of parents in the decisions of the Council.

*WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents' Committee adopted resolution #PC990909-03 requesting that two(2) additional Parent Commissioners be elected to take part in meetings of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee;*

*WHEREAS the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) stipulates that two(2) Parent Commissioners can be elected;*

*WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents' Committee adopted resolution #990909-04 as follows:*

**PC990909-04**

*Sacred Heart MOVED THAT in the event that the request for four(4) Parent Commissioners is not granted, that the Parents' Committee request that two(2) parents from the Executive of the Parents' Committee be allowed to attend the subcommittee meetings of the school board. Seconded by Ste-Adele.*

*Carried unanimously*

**0266**

WHEREAS section 168 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) states that "Only Commissioners, the Director General of the school board and the persons authorized thereto by the Council of Commissioners may take part in the deliberations of the Council of Commissioners";

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has the latitude to permit other persons to take part in the deliberations of the Council;

WHEREAS the operations of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board standing committees could permit attendance to other persons if the Council of Commissioners approves such a clause;

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board permit that two(2) additional parents from the Parents' Committee to take part in the deliberations of the Council of Commissioners without the right to vote.

AND THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Council of Commissioners permit that the same two(2) additional parents from the Parents' Committee take part in the deliberations of the standing committees under the same rules governing Commissioners taking part in such committees.

The Council entered into discussion on the issue of having two(2) additional parent representatives at the Council table.

**991124-CA-0096**

James McDougall MOVED THAT the proposed resolution concerning the Council permitting two(2) parents from the Parents' Committee to sit at the meetings of the Council of Commissioners be tabled to the meeting of 1999-12-15.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: James McDougall, Nick Milas  
NAY: Natalie Auclair, Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Glen Haines, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, William Pollock, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis, Edward Turchyniak

**991124-CA-0097**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents' Committee adopted resolution #PC990909-03 requesting that two(2) additional Parent Commissioners be elected to take part in meetings of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee;

WHEREAS the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) stipulates that two(2) Parent Commissioners can be elected;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents' Committee adopted resolution #990909-04 as follows:

**PC990909-04**

Sacred Heart MOVED THAT in the event that the request for four(4) Parent Commissioners is not granted, that the Parents' Committee request that two(2) parents from the Executive of the Parents' Committee be allowed to attend the subcommittee meetings of the school board. Seconded by Ste-Adele.

Carried unanimously

WHEREAS section 168 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) states that "Only Commissioners, the Director General of the school board and the persons authorized thereto by the Council of Commissioners may take part in the deliberations of the Council of Commissioners";

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has the latitude to permit other persons to take part in the deliberations of the Council;

WHEREAS the operations of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board standing committees could permit attendance to other persons if the Council of Commissioners approves such a clause;

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board permit that two(2) additional parents from the Parents' Committee to take part in the deliberations of the Council of Commissioners without the right to vote.

AND THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Council of Commissioners permit that the same two(2) additional parents from the Parents' Committee take part in the deliberations of the standing committees under the same rules governing Commissioners taking part in such committees.

**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, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Sotelis, Edward Turchyniak

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

Natalie Auclair MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 22:50 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇔ REGULAR ⇔ 1999-12-15**

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Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

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Steve Bletas, Chairman