

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2000-03-22

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the Library of Rosemere High School, 530 Northcote, Rosemere, QC on Wednesday, 2000-03-22 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, and Mary Svoltelis, Commissioners; Pierre Niding, Parent Commissioner; and Dominic Martini, Director General.

Also present were: Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General; Lorraine Archambault, Director of Financial Resources; Laiq Hanafi, Director of Educational Services; Jean-Guy Messier, Director of Information Services; 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: William Pollock, Vice-Chairman; Natalie Auclair, Glen Haines, Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; and Mario Gaulin, Parent Commissioner.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:34 hours.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Carolyn Curiale noted that item 16.0 – Adult Education is included as part of item 15.0 - Educational Services and should be removed from the agenda permanently.

Nazario Facchino entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:36 hours

The following additions and changes to the agenda were proposed:

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

6.2 Montreal Region Emergency Preparedness TableRES

18.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

18.1 Letter from Quebec Home & SchoolINFO

000322-CA-0175

Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as amended in document #000322-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a verbal notice Carolyn Curiale advised that on page 0311 of the minutes of the meeting held on 2000-02-23, resolution #000223-CA-0160 should read as follows:

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the proposed amendments to the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) constitution, as contained in document #2000/02/23-CA-002, AND THAT the proposed amendments be again amended to read in paragraph 2 in sections 10e and 10f "The Commission shall consist of two Directors, not from the same school board, a non-Director Commissioner,"

Walter Fogel noted that on page 0312 of the same minutes the vote on resolution #000223-CA-0163 should read "Carried unanimously" not a split vote, as he had not abstained.

It was also noted that on page 0314 condition 4 of resolution #000223-FR-0165 should read as follows:

4) That the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman with either the Director General or the Director of Financial Resources to sign on behalf of the said board the note or notes, to take any action and to sign any other document deemed useful to give full effect to this resolution.

The following secretarial errors were also noted:

- ◆ on page 0315, Item 6.4, line 5 should read "... did not seem..." instead of "... did not seen..."
- ◆ on page 0317, the time should read 21:20 hours instead of 21:10 hours; and in resolution #000223-HR-0164 the fourth line should read "...and his individual contract." instead of "...and her individual contract

000322-CA-0176

Nick Milas MOVED THAT the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2000-02-23, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

Carried unanimously

3.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman commented on the success of the symposium "*Governing Boards, Parents' Committee and Council of Commissioners: Understanding Their Roles and Inter-Relationships*" held on 2000-03-11 at Lake of Two Mountains High School noting that it was well attended, informative and provided an opportunity for the Council of Commissioners, Administrators and Governing Board members to exchange information and ideas. He indicated that future workshops would be organized along the same format.

4.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Georges Benoit, a parent from Laurentia Elementary School, presented a letter addressed to the Chairman requesting that the Council of Commissioners reconsider it's decision to rezone students living in the Saint-Janvier area to Laurentian Elementary School.

Ismael Boisvert, a student from Laurentia Elementary School, read to the Council of Commissioners a statement expressing the wish of the students from Laurentia to remain at this school.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Benoit for his letter and noted that the matter will be referred to the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities and that a response to the matter will be presented at the 2000-04-26 meeting of the Council.

In response to a concern expressed by Susan Bourque, a parent from Lake of Two Mountains High School, over the matter of requests over several years to have the public address system at her school repaired being ignored, the Chairman advised that this matter had been referred to the Material Resources Committee and that an update on the matter would be given at the next Council meeting on 2000-04-26.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 *Cost of QESBA 1999 Conference & Annual Meeting:*

In response to a request at the meeting of 2000-02-23 from Walter Fogel, the Director General advised the Council of Commissioners that the expenses claimed by Council, Directorate and in-school Administrators for the 1999 Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Spring Conference and Annual General meeting totalled 8 619,66\$.

5.2 *Policy #2000-CA-03: Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a Student:*

The Director General reviewed the feedback and recommendations received from the consultation process on proposed policy #2000-CA-03.

Walter Fogel noted that the response to some of the consultations was minimal and that if the consultation process is to be reflective of the school community Principals should be encouraging their respective Governing Boards to respond to each consultation that it receives even if it is only to approve or reject what is being presented.

Peter Haldimand noted that at the 2000-03-11 Symposium, Joanne Smith of the Fédération des comités de parents de la Province de Québec Inc. (FCPPQ) had addressed the issue of consultation and had encouraged the Governing Boards to understand the aims and objectives of a consultation and to respond to each request even if the Governing Board is in agreement.

000322-CA-0177

Morten Schrier MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #2000-CA-03: Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a Student as revised to reflect the consultation feedback.

Carried unanimously

5.3 *Policy # 2000-IT-01: Acceptable Use of Information & Communication:*

The Director General reviewed the feedback and recommendations received from the consultation process on proposed policy #2000-IT-01. He informed Council that, in response to concerns expressed in the consultation, a filtering system, Cyber Patrol, has been installed on the board's main server in order to reduce the possibility of access to unsavoury Internet sites.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec on what sort of computer access a student who's parents have refused to sign the "Student User Agreement" would have, the Director General advised that the student would only be denied access to the Internet.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion on computer etiquette and fraud.

000322-IT-0178

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT section 1.2 of policy #2000-IT-01: Acceptable Use of Information and Communication Technology Resources be amended by adding the word "*fraud*" after copyright infringement.

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Carolyn Curiale, Walter Fogel, Nick Milas

NAY: Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svoltelis

Discussion continued and it was requested that a dictionary definition of the word "fraud" be brought to the next meeting.

000322-IT-0179

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve policy #2000-IT-01: Acceptable Use of Information & Communication Technology Resources as revised to reflect the consultation feedback.

Carried unanimously

5.4 Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness:

Walter Fogel, Chairman of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, reluctantly presented a motion to withdraw the resolution proposing the creation of an Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness as a result of the lack of consensus identified during the consultation. He noted that he personally opposed the withdrawal of this motion.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion.

000322-CA-0180

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT resolution #991124-CA-0073, approved in principle at the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners on 1999-11-24, for the creation of an Advisory Committee on Emergency Preparedness be withdrawn from the table.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA:	Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Sotelis
NAY:	Walter Fogel
ABST:	Nick Milas, Morten Schrier

6.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

6.1 Three-Year Plan & Deeds of Establishment:

The Director General presented proposed policy #2000-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables drawing the Council's attention to changes to Phoenix Alternative School, Rawdon Elementary School and the board garage.

The Council entered into discussion.

000322-CA-0181

WHEREAS section 211 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) requires the school board each year establish a three year plan of allocation and destination of its immovables;

WHEREAS section 211 also requires the school board to draw up, in accordance with the plan, a list of its schools and of its vocational training and adult education centres and issue a deed of establishment to them;

Mary Svotelis MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Use of Schools and Other Facilities, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle proposed policy #2000-CA-02: Deeds of Establishment and Three Year Plan for Allocation and Destination of Immovables.

Carried unanimously

6.2 Montreal Region Emergency Preparedness Table:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on this table noting that the Council must approve participation on the table.

000322-CA-0182

WHEREAS the Montreal Urban Community has taken the initiative to invite Montreal Island school boards to form an Emergency Preparedness Table to share information and planning;

WHEREAS this table after its initial meeting has requested the participation of school boards within the Greater Montreal area;

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board participate in the Montreal Region Emergency Preparedness Table; AND THAT Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General, be named as a delegate of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to this table.

Carried unanimously

000322-CA-0183

Steve Kmec MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Walter Fogel as a delegate of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the Montreal Region Emergency Preparedness Table.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Carolyn Curiale, Walter Fogel, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svotelis

NAY: Steve Bletas, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand

ABST: Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon

7.0 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Director General provided background information on the proposed sale of the remaining board owned buses and routes.

In response to a question from Pierre Niding concerning the ability of drivers to speak English, the Director General indicated that the drivers who currently drive the buses being sold will follow their buses to the new owner and that our contract carries such a requirement. However, there are cases when bussing is provided through another school board and the driver does not speak English.

In response to a question from Steve Kmec as to how the funds from the sale of the buses and routes will be distributed, the Director General stated that the money received from the sale of the buses will be returned to the Ministère de l'Éducation as they originally subsidized their purchase. He also noted that the money received as "goodwill" for the purchase of the routes would go into the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's general revenues.

In response to an additional question from Mr. Kmec concerning the possibility of recouping the cost of the "extras" that the board had installed on its buses, the Director General advised that the buses are sold fully equipped.

000322-TS-0184

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has adopted a resolution favouring the sale of the buses and routes which it operates;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorized a call for public tenders for the sale of its buses and routes to the highest bidder;

WHEREAS the public tenders were opened on 2000-03-13;

WHEREAS the offer was reviewed by the Financial Resources Committee;

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the sale of board owned bus routes and vehicles to J.J. Campeau Inc for the sum of 161 500\$ for goodwill and the sum of 491 000\$ for the buses as listed below:

Route	Vehicle Serial #
101	1HVBBABP5TH295888
201	1HVBBABM4TH370117
202	1HVBDABM2SH637618
203	1HVBBPLM1NH460698
300	1HVBBABP3TH295890
401	1HVBBABPXTH370116
403	1HVBDABP6SH602204
601	1HVBBACP9FH637632
602	1FDPJ75C3PVA06231
702	1HVBBPEP0PH470360
703	1HVBBABP7TH295889
731	1HVBBABP4WH615206
801	1HVBBPHP6PH544134
802	1HVBBABP5TH295891
804	1HVBBACP4SH637635
806	1HVBBACP6SH637636
821	1HVBBNPP4NH390980
SPARE	1FDPJ75C0PVA05912
SPARE	1HVBBNPP6NH390561

AND THAT the transfer of ownership of the buses and routes take effect on 2000-04-10.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svoltelis

NAY: Walter Fogel, Nick Milas

8.0 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Deputy Director General provided an update on the status of the course to be offered to in-school Administrators on emergency preparedness noting that there will be nine (9) sessions during the 2000-2001 school year.

The Director General left the meeting.

TIME: 20:59 hours

He advised the Council that a written proposal for the emergency preparedness courses had been received prior to this evening's meeting and would be distributed to the Emergency Preparedness Committee for consideration.

The Director General returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:02 hours

9.0 PARENT COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Pierre Niding, Chairman of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents' Committee, commented on the 2000-03-11 Symposium noting that it was well attended and appreciated and that it is hoped that a similar event can be developed for the 2000-2001 school year.

He went on to note that at the last meeting of the Parents' Committee did not have quorum but that an informative discussion had taken place with Lorraine Archambault, Director of Financial Resources, on Governing Board budgets and with Laiq Hanafi, Director of Educational Services, on the 2000-2001 proposed school calendars. He expressed satisfaction with the fact that the calendar had been submitted for consultation to the Parents' Committee prior to the beginning of the negotiations on the calendar with the Laurier Teachers' Union.

10.0 QESBA

Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council go in camera.

TIME: 21:10 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:24 hours

Mrs. Curiale advised the Council of the annual meeting of the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) that will take place in July in Prince Edward Island and asked if the Council had anything of national interest that it might want to contribute to its newsletter.

Nick Milas and Morten Schrier left the meeting.

TIME: 21:25 hours

The Chairman noted that boards were still awaiting the new rules governing to allocation of the transportation budget and have been informed that these will be based on the recommendations contained in a transportation study undertaken by the Ministry in cooperation with school board associations.

Nick Milas and Morten Schrier returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:29 hours

11.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

11.1 *Fiber Optic Network:*

The Director General explained and provided background information on the following resolutions noting that this phase of the Fiber Optic Network project would provide service for schools located in the Deux-Montagnes and Rosemere areas.

In response to a question from Pierre Niding, the Director General advised that Measure 50590 had been used to finance phase 1 of the Fiber Optic Network project but that the cost for phase 2 of the project would not be financed through that measure.

Walter Fogel expressed his concern over the expense to complete phase 2 of the Fiber Optic Network project noting that the board has a deficit.

Carolyn Curiale left the meeting.

TIME: 21:32 hours

James McDougall reminded the Council that this Fiber Optic Network project is a one-time opportunity and that it is to the long-term benefit of the students and schools that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board participates in the project.

Mary Svotelis left the meeting.

TIME: 21:33 hours

000322-IT-0185

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been invited by the Commission scolaire Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles to participate in the creation of a Fiber Optics Network;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board had adopted a resolution favouring the participation of the school board in building a Fiber Optic Network with Other partners;

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

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier school Board authorize the Director General to enter into a partnership with the Commission scolaire Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles for the construction of a Fiber Optic Network.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik

NAY: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

000322-IT-0186

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve a reserve of 250,000\$ from 2000-2001 Capital Expenditure Budget in order to complete phase 2 of the Fiber Optic Network project with Commission scolaire Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik

NAY: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

Carolyn Curiale returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:36 hours

11.2 Short Term Telecommunication Solutions:

The Director General explained that the following resolution addressed the need to ensure that the schools that do not have access to the Fiber Optic Network have a comparable system, which is also available at no additional cost to the school.

Mary Svotelis returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21: 36 hours

The Council entered into discussion.

000322-IT-0187

WHEREAS all schools cannot be linked to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Wide Area Network through the Fiber Optic Network project;

WHEREAS it is important to link all schools to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Wide Area Network, including those schools not included in the first phases of the Fiber Optic project;

WHEREAS in order to respect the principle of equity, schools not on the Fiber Optic Network be granted a telecommunications service whose annual fees would be absorbed by the board;

WHEREAS this project represents annual recurrent fees estimated at 45,000\$.

Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Information Technology Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the installation of short-term telecommunication solutions for all the following schools:

Arundel Elementary School
Grenville Elementary School
Holy Rosary Elementary School
Joliette Elementary School
Laurentia Elementary School
Laurentian Elementary School
Lewis King Elementary School

Morin Heights Elementary School
Rawdon Elementary & Middle School
Ste-Adèle Elementary School
Ste-Agathe Academy
Joliette High School
Laurentian Regional High School
Mountainview High School (Batshaw)
Phoenix Alternative School

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svotelis

NAY: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

Pierre Niding left the meeting.

TIME: 21:40 hours

12.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

12.1 *Abolition of a Support Staff Position:*

The Director General explained that the current position of Translator Technician was no longer required due to the creation of a professional Translator position through funding from the Ministère de l'Éducation.

000322-HR-0188

WHEREAS a budget review was required for the 1999-2000 School Year due to its financial situation;

WHEREAS the positions listed below have become vacant by attrition;

WHEREAS the school board has the right to abolish, modify or replace positions when they become vacant as per Clause 7-1.01 of the agreement of Unions representing Support Staff employees of school boards, SEPB57;

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, that the following positions be abolished effective 2000-03-15:

POSITION	HRS/WK	LOCATION
Translator Technician	35	Administrative Centre

Carried unanimously

Pierre Niding returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21:44 hours

12.2 Annual Evaluation:

The Director General reviewed the policy #2000-HR-03: Annual Evaluation of the Director General.

The Council of Commissioners entered into discussion on the evaluation process, procedures and criteria.

Steve Kmec left the meeting.

TIME: 21:48 hours

Steve Kmec returned to the meeting.

TIME: 21: 52 hours

000322-HR-0189

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners mandate the Chairman to carry out the annual evaluation of the Director General in accordance with the objectives, procedures and criteria established in policy # 2000-HR-03.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Mary Svolitis

ABST: Walter Fogel, Morten Schrier

12.3 Transfer and Assignment of Principals:

The Director General explained that due to the large number of in-school Administrators who have given notice of retirement he was presenting his recommendations for the transfer and assignment of in-school Administrators one (1) month earlier than usual. He went on to explain that he had asked each administrator for a career plan, specifically reviewed the appointments of those who had five (5) years in the same school, met with individuals to discuss their career plan, took into consideration the requests received for a change in current assignment.

He went on to note that the transfers and assignments have been completed with the agreement of the individuals involved.

Walter Fogel MOVED THAT the Council go in camera.

TIME: 22:05 hours

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 22:10 hours

James McDougall left the meeting.

TIME: 22:10 hours

000322-HR-0190

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Director General to recommend to the Council of Commissioners the assignment of the Principals and Vice Principals in accordance with the management Policy adopted by the board;

WHEREAS Principals and Vice Principals were asked to submit their career plans to the Director General;

WHEREAS these have been reviewed by the Director General;

Grace Nesi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners approve the assignment of the in-school and centre administrators as follows, effective 2000-07-01:

**School & Centre Administration
2000 - 2001**

ELEMENTARY	PRINCIPAL	VICE-PRINCIPAL
Arundel	Bob Bennett (50%)	
Crestview	Effie Maniatis	Michael D'Alessio
Genesis		
Grenville	Bob Bennett (50%)	
Hillcrest Academy		
Holy Rosary	Mary Sorrentino	Judy Freedman
John F. Kennedy	Linda DiDomenico	
Joliette	Norma Moussa	
Laurentia	Anne Poland	
Laurentian	Gary Thomas	
Lewis King	(50)%	
McCaig	Doug Clarke	Gloria Kadanoff / John McGrail
Morin Heights	Bill MacLeod	
Mountainview		
Our Lady of Peace	Carole Léger	
Rawdon	Bob Berry	
Souvenir	Charlotte Dennick	Rhoda Kazdan
Ste-Adele	Josée Côté (50%)	
Ste-Agathe		
St-Jude	Stephanie Krenn	
St-Paul	Gary Morin	Jeanne Bourdon
Terry Fox	Elizabeth Clarke	Karen Moore
Twin Oaks		
SECONDARY	PRINCIPAL	VICE-PRINCIPAL
Batshaw	Hazel Milley	
Joliette High	Bruce Scott	
Lake of Two Mountains	Les Harding	Doug Morrison
Laval Catholic	Willy Speeckaert	Chris Roblin
Laurentian Regional	Andy Mason	Glenn Cuggy
Phoenix	Anne-Marie Roigt (30%)	
Rosemere High	Alain Guay	Don Muir
Sacred Heart	Glenn Hogan	Tony Sciaraffa
Ste-Agathe		
Western Laval		Laird Bracken
CENTRE	DIRECTOR	ASST. DIRECTOR
Commercial Education Centre	Ron Barton	Maurice Gally (Interim)

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svotelis

NAY: Steve Kmec

13.0 MATERIAL RESOURCES

The Director General commented on the following resolution noting that discussions are continuing with the Ville de Laval on the protocol of agreement for the use of the gymnasium at Laval Catholic High School.

James McDougall returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:14 hours

In response to a question from Linda Gagnon concerning the different cost figures to refurbish the gymnasium floor, the Director General stated that if the under-flooring of the gymnasium has rotted it will cost in the neighbourhood of an additional 100 000\$ to replace it.

In response to a question from Grace Nesi as to when the work will be done, the Director General advised that the work would begin in mid-June and throughout the summer.

The Council entered into discussion.

Nick Milas called "point of order" in that the Council is aware of the extent of the damage to the gymnasium floor and suggested that the meeting move forward.

000322-MR-0191

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is planning to refurbish the Laval Catholic High School gymnasium in the summer of 2000;

WHEREAS the cost of the gymnasium floor renovation project is estimated at 240 000.00\$;

WHEREAS Material Resources Committee supports the project;

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 retain the services of **François Lafontaine**, Architect, for the Laval Catholic High School gymnasium renovation project at a total cost of 22 000.00\$.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Sotelis

ABST: Walter Fogel

14.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

14.1 *Revised Budget 1999-2000:*

The Director General reviewed the revised budget.

Walter Fogel indicated that he could not support this revised budget, as the school board has not adopted measures to reduce its deficit.

Nazario Facchino MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Financial Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the **revised budget for 1999-2000**.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Linda Gagnon, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, James McDougall, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svotelis

NAY: Walter Fogel

14.2 Budget Parameters 2000-2001:

The Director General informed the Council that the Budget Parameters have been reviewed by the Financial Resources Committee and the Executive Committee and are being deposited for information and feedback purposes. He went on to note that the parameters are used to assign funds to each school after consultation with the Parents' Committee and the Management Advisory Committee. The Budget Parameters for 2000-2001 will be presented for the approval of the Council once the consultation and review process have been completed.

He went on to point out that the board must trim 2 000 000\$ from its 2000-2001 budget in order to produce a balanced budget and highlighted the areas targeted for budget reduction.

Pierre Garofano MOVED THAT the meeting be extended for 15 minutes.

Carried unanimously

The Council entered into discussions on the proposed Budget Parameters for 2000-2001.

Linda Gagnon left the meeting.

TIME 22:31 hours

In response to a question from Pierre Niding concerning the consultation period, the Director General advised that the Budget Parameters are not a policy, therefore a sixty (60) day consultation is not required.

Linda Gagnon returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:34 hours

Grace Nesi left the meeting.

TIME: 22:34 hours

Discussions continued.

Pierre Niding left for the evening.

TIME: 22:37 hours

14.3 Delegation to the Ministère des Finances – Contract of Long-Term Loan:

The Director General explained that the Quebec government had recently passed a regulation transferring to a new corporation, Financement Québec, its responsibilities with respect to financing long-term loans for school boards.

He went on to explain that a long-term debt had to be negotiated on our behalf.

Grace Nesi returned to the meeting.

TIME: 22:39 hours

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1999, Financement-Québec (the “Corporation”) has been established under *An Act respecting Financement-Québec (1999, c. 11)* (the “Act”);

WHEREAS the main mission of the Corporation is to provide the financial services to public bodies designated by the Act and, for that purpose, may finance them by granting loans to them;

WHEREAS the responsibilities arising from the outstanding loans contracted with the Minister of Finance, as manager of the financing fund, have been transferred to the Corporation to be effective as of October 1, 1999;

WHEREAS it is deemed appropriate that a loan of an amount of 6 270 000\$ be contracted with the Corporation;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has to approve the terms and conditions of the aforesaid loan;

Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT

1. The school board be authorized to make a loan of an amount of 6 270 000\$ with the Corporation (the “loan”) and, for the purpose of this loan, enter into a loan agreement; a draft of which is attached to the present resolution as being part of thereof;
2. The school board approves the terms and conditions of the loan as mentioned in Schedules A and B attached to the present resolution as being part thereof;
3. For the purposes of the loan, the school board be authorized to subscribe in favour of the Corporation a note to the amount of 6 270 000\$; a draft of which is attached to the present resolution as being part thereof;
4. A request be made to the Minister of Education to determine the terms and conditions and grant, on behalf of the Government, a subsidy out of the funds voted annually for such purpose by the Parliament, for the payment of the principal and interest of the aforesaid loan;
5. To secure the payment of the principal and interests of the loan, the school board be authorized to consent in favour of the Corporation a movable hypothec without delivery affecting the subsidy granted by the Minister of Education, on behalf of the Gouvernement du Québec, and for that purpose to enter into a movable hypothec act; a draft of which is attached to the present resolution as being part of thereof;
6. The draft of the loan agreement, the draft of the movable hypothec act and the draft of the note annexed hereto be approved and that any one of the Chairman, of the Director General, of the Secretary General or of the Director of Financial Resources of the school board, provided that they be two acting jointly, be authorized on behalf of the school board, to sign the loan agreement, the movable hypothec act and the note to be entered into, to consent to all provisions and guarantee not substantially in contradiction with the terms and conditions hereof, to receive the net proceeds of the loan and to give good discharge thereof, to deliver the note to the Corporation and to do all things and to sign all other documents necessary or useful in order to give full effect to this present resolution;
7. This present resolution replace all the previous resolutions adopted for the same purposes.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:

YEA: Steve Bletas, Carolyn Curiale, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, Pierre Garofano, Peter Haldimand, Steve Kmec, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Nancy Rupnik, Morten Schrier, Mary Svtelis

ABST: Linda Gagnon, James McDougall, Grace Nesi

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15.1 Time Allocations – Elementary Schools:

The Director General presented the time allocations for St-Paul and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools noting that they respect regulations and board policy.

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Peter Haldimand MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the time allocations approved by the Governing Board of the following elementary schools for the 2000-2001 school year, as they are in compliance with section 2.2 of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board policy #99-ED-03: Program of Studies for the Elementary School:

St-Paul Elementary School
Twin Oaks Elementary School

Carried unanimously

15.2 Computer User Support Program (Tec. Voc.):

The Director General advised the Council that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been authorized to offer a technical vocational course in “*Computer User Support*” and that it is expected that the course will attract a large number of students from Laval and the Montreal area.

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WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has awarded to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board a Technical Vocational Diploma program in Computer User Support #5729;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is the only English school board in the greater Montreal area to be awarded a permanent authorization for this DVS program;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation authorization for the program also allocates \$409,778 representing 66 percent of the total start up cost of \$614,668;

WHEREAS the funding formula for this program requires that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board invest \$204,890 as its share of 33 percent of the total start up cost;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board expenditure of \$204,890, which could be incurred fully in 1999-2000, will be recovered from the revenues generated by the program over the next two school years;

WHEREAS the Coordinator of Adult Education and Technical Vocational Program has determined that the implementation of the program will not require any building modifications to the facilities at Chomedey Commercial Education Centre;

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Nick Milas MOVED THAT on the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Council of Commissioners approve the implementation of the Computer User Support Program at a start up cost of \$614,668 for the year 1999-2000.

Carried unanimously

17.0 QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

18.0 CORRESPONDENCE

In response to a question from Steve Kmec, the Director General noted that he had responded to the letter received from the Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations Inc. concerning English education and that he had advised them that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board offers primarily English education except in those schools which offer exclusively a French Immersion program of studies.

Linda Gagnon noted that if there were any questions concerning her report on the RRSSSL to please bring them to the next meeting of the Council.

19.0 VARIA

Nil.

20.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Morten Schrier MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:45 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇔ REGULAR ⇔ 2000-04-26

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Steve Bletas, Chairman