

**The Council adopted the following resolutions:**

**Franklin Hill Elementary School**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been approached by the Commission scolaire des Affluents, with the support of the Ville de Repentigny, to consider an exchange of Franklin Hill Elementary School for a new construction in Repentigny;

WHEREAS, after an evaluation of the needs of that region and discussions with the Ville de Repentigny, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board informed the Ville and the Commission scolaire des Affluents that such an exchange did not meet the needs of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's clientele in that region;

WHEREAS the Chairman of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was copied on a letter from Scott McKay, Member of the National Assembly for Repentigny, to the Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, Marie Malavoy, requesting her intervention in taking Franklin Hill Elementary School from this school board;

WHEREAS comments made to the media by the Chairman of the Commission scolaire des Affluents is causing concern for students, parents and staff which has required intervention from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to reassure them that no change is planned;

WHEREAS the Director General of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has advised the Assistant Deputy Minister, Services à la communauté anglophone et aux affaires autochtones, Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, of the pressure being received;

Commissioner George Benoit MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board fully supports the position expressed by the Director General in her letter to Mme Chantal Beaulieu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Services à la communauté anglophone et aux affaires autochtones, Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, dated February 21, 2014, where she clearly states that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is not considering the cession or exchange of the Franklin Hill Elementary School with Commission scolaire des Affluents.

**Carried unanimously**

**Engagement of Director of Material Resources**

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources tendered his notice of resignation, effective 2013-11-15;

WHEREAS this position was posted on three occasions:

- Posted 2013-10-31 closed 2013-11-13;
- Posted 2013-12-05 closed 2013-12-18;
- Posted 2014-01-24 closed 2014-02-06; and

WHEREAS a Selection Committee held interviews on 2014-02-12;

Commissioner Steve Kmec MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage **Jérôme Dionne** to the position of Director of Material Resources, effective on a date to be mutually agreed upon.

**Carried unanimously**

## **Tripartite Committee – LRHS Pool Rejuvenation Project**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-100127-MR-0085, mandating the Director of Material Resources to submit to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) for consideration a shared cost project for the rejuvenation of the pool at Laurentian Regional High School with the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord and the MRC d'Argenteuil;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-120509-MR-0108, authorizing the presentation of the shared cost pool rejuvenation project to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) within **Phase II** of the Programme de soutien aux installations sportives et récréatives;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) was approached in June 2013 to reconsider the funding for this partnership project due to the increase in construction costs since 2010;

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2013 the Fonds pour le développement du sport et de l'activité physique advised the Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord that the funding for the pool rejuvenation project at Laurentian Regional High School had been authorized;

WHEREAS distribution of the costs of the partnership project have increased to take into account the increase in construction costs with the increase to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board being 24 590,25\$;

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the new distribution of costs for the partnership project for the pool rejuvenation project at Laurentian Regional High School as follows:

	<b>Original Cost</b>	<b>New Cost 2013</b>	Difference
Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS)	1 639 254,00\$	<b>1 721 317,50\$</b>	82 063,50\$
MRC d'Argenteuil	655 740,00\$	<b>688 527,00\$</b>	32 787,00\$
Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord	491 805,00\$	<b>516 395,25\$</b>	24 590,25\$
Commission scolaire Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier	491 805,00\$	<b>516 395,25\$</b>	24 590,25\$
Total :	3 278 604,00\$	<b>3 442 635,00\$</b>	164 031,00\$

**Carried unanimously**

## **Budget Building Process 2014-2015**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is commencing its budget building process for the 2014-2015 school year;

WHEREAS section 275 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) requires that a school board make public the objectives and principles governing budget allocations;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has drafted its "2014-2015 Budgetary Process";

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize for consultation the "2014-2015 Budgetary Process", as contained in document #SWLSB-2014/02/26-FR-001.

AND THAT the consultation begins on February 27, 2014 and ends on April 7, 2014.

**Carried unanimously**

## **CRÉ Laval – Regional Youth Entente**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board entered into a partnership in April 2006 with the Conférence régionale des élus de Laval (CRE-Laval), Ville de Laval, Commission scolaire de Laval and CEGEP Montmorency, concerning the “Regional Youth Entente” for community volunteer work;

WHEREAS this partnership was renewed by resolution #CC-110330-CA-0072;

WHEREAS it has been determined that this “Regional Youth Entente” continues to be beneficial to the students of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in heightening their community action awareness;

WHEREAS the Directorate supports the renewal of the entente;

Commissioner Elio Lattanzio MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board advise the Conférence régionale des élus de Laval (CRE-Laval), of its intent to renew the entente in order to continue to be a full participant in the “Regional Youth Entente”, effective immediately.

AND THAT the Chairman, and in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this entente.

**Carried unanimously**

## **Arundel Nature & Science Centre**

### Sub-Committee

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved resolution #050126-CA-0094, changing the name of the Arundel Forest Management Sub-Committee to the Arundel Management Sub-Committee with no official mandate;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved resolution #0500525-CA-0176, reconfiguring the Arundel Management Sub-Committee as a Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee with a mandate to report to the same;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved resolution #CC-100929-CA0018, changing the name of the Arundel Nature Centre (ANC) to the Arundel Nature and Science Centre (ANSC);

WHEREAS section 193.1 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) allows only the Council of Commissioners to establish other committees to assist it in the exercise of its functions or the examination of specific matters;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that the name of the Arundel Management Sub-Committee be changed to the Arundel Nature and Science Centre Sub-Committee.

AND THAT the Arundel Nature and Science Centre Sub-Committee be reconfigured to become a sub-committee of the Council of Commissioners.

AND THAT the composition of the Arundel Nature and Science Centre Sub-Committee is: a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) commissioners named on an annual basis by the Council of Commissioners, the Director General or her delegate; a Director, an Administrator and the staff assigned to ANSC.

AND THAT the mandate of the Arundel Nature and Science Centre Sub-Committee is to establish the vocation, set the objectives and provide the Council of Commissioners with alternatives to ensure these objectives are achieved, such as facilitating, encouraging and promoting the use of the Arundel Nature and Science Centre (ANSC) to schools and other groups, the whole within all the policy guidelines of the school board with emphasis on the school board's strategic plan.

AND THAT the Arundel Nature and Science Centre Sub-Committee submit a report on its activities to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

FURTHER THAT the Executive Committee submits the results of this report to the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

**Carried unanimously**

*Nominations to Sub-Committee*

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the following Commissioners to the Arundel Nature & Science Centre (ANSC) Sub-Committee:

Robert Dixon	Mike Pizzola
Elio Lattanzio	William Pollock
Peter MacLaurin	

**Carried unanimously**

*Mandate to Director General*

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board operates the Arundel Nature and Science Centre (ANSC) located in the Municipality of Arundel, Quebec;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is the only public school board in Québec to operate such a facility;

WHEREAS research has shown that outdoor education improves the student success at many levels, increases motivation, cooperation, self-esteem, learning, reduces bullying, depression, and provides positive improvements to EHDA students, all of which motivates students to stay in school and helps humans reconnect with nature;

WHEREAS ANSC was established in 1960 and has been an essential component of outdoor education since that time for the former Laurentian School Board and now the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS in 2005 the ANSC was recognized through an award from the MRC des Laurentides for its sustainable development in forest and recreational activities;

WHEREAS ANSC is used by many educational, youth and private groups on a regular basis to increase their understanding of science and nature;

WHEREAS ANSC is regularly used by many other private and public schools, colleges, universities and youth organisations to facilitate their programs or use our programs to enhance their students understanding of science and nature;

WHEREAS ANSC has operated at a deficit for a number of years;

WHEREAS the Arundel Nature and Science Centre Sub-Committee would like to organize fund raising activities to improve its annual financial results;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to maintain the services offered at ANSC in a fiscally responsible manner;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director General to develop a development plan (marketing, sponsorship, fund raising) for the Arundel Nature and Science Centre (ANSC) with the assistance of outside expertise.

AND THAT, in order to provide the best services possible, the Director General considers ANSC as part of the annual school board staffing plan.

**Carried unanimously**

### **Nominations to Selection Committee – Student Ombudsman**

WHEREAS the contract of the Student Ombudsman for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board expired on November 30, 2013 and was extended until a replacement was found;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-131127-CA-0057, approving the continued partnership with the English Montreal School Board for the shared services of a Student Ombudsman, the establishment of a Selection Committee and the process for the selection via invitation;

WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board have agreed that the Selection Committee must include two (2) Commissioners from each school board;

Commissioner Albina Pace MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board nominate the following Commissioners to the Student Ombudsman Selection Committee:

Peter MacLaurin	Nancy Rupnik (Alternate)
Nick Milas	

AND THAT a recommendation be brought to the Council of Commissioners once the selection process has been completed.

**Carried unanimously**

### **Nomination of Returning Officer – November 2, 2014 School Elections**

WHEREAS section 22 of An Act respecting school elections (chapter E-2.3) appoints the Director General of a school board as the returning officer ex officio;

WHEREAS the Director General has the right to refuse to act as such with the authorization of the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners can appoint another person to replace the Director General as returning officer;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General and Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint **Linda Di Domenico** as its Returning Officer for the November 2, 2014 school elections.

AND THAT the Returning Officer is paid in accordance with the Regulation respecting the tariff of remuneration and expense of the members of the electoral staff as established by the Directeur des Élections du Québec.

AND THAT the mandate of the Returning Officer shall enter into force February 27, 2014.

AND THAT the school board shall reimburse the Returning Officer travel and meal costs incurred in the exercise of his functions, at the rate provided for in policy #1999-FR-01: Travel and Representation Expenses Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT the Returning Officer shall oversee employee engagement for each of the steps of the school board elections process, making recommendations to the school board based on remuneration rules.

AND THAT the Returning Officer will collaborate in the preparation of the budget for the school board elections of November 2, 2014 and see to its management.

FURTHER THAT the Returning Officer shall attend training provided relative to the November 2, 2014 school board elections.

**Carried unanimously**