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COMMISSION SCOLAIRE SIR-WILFRID-LAURIER
SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD

Annual Report

2016-2017



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Message from the Chairperson

The 2016-2017 school year has been another busy year for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB). Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all our stakeholders, we saw many projects come to completion during the year and others begin.

A major highlight among these projects was the construction of the new vocational centre in Saint-Eustache in partnership with Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles, which got under way this year. This was a great achievement for both partner school boards as this project had been in development for more than 10 years! As of September 2017, we will be offering five bilingual programs in high-demand trades in the construction sector. In Laval, we completed the construction project for Twin Oaks Elementary and inaugurated the school's new extension. As a result, the school capacity has increased from 399 to 738 students.

This has been an important year for Laurentian Regional High School. Premier Couillard and his team visited the school and met with students, staff and members of the Council of Commissioners to discuss regional challenges and bring forth solutions. The swimming pool rejuvenation project for this high school was made possible thanks to another major partnership between our school board, Commission scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord, the Regional County Municipality of Argenteuil and the City of Lachute. Students can now enjoy a variety of sports throughout the year as well as aquatic activities during physical education class.

The Council of Commissioners was very active this year, taking part in several initiatives that are important to its members, such as the public consultation of the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur on educational success which made it possible for the education community to bring many significant issues to the attention of the Minister of Education. Council also created an Aboriginal Education Committee and was very active in political dossiers such as Bill 105 (An Act to Amend the Education Act) and the normalization of the school tax rate.

The Regroupement lavallois pour la réussite éducative was launched in 2016. As a board member of this regional committee, the SWLSB works on initiatives with local community organizations and our schools to improve perseverance and educational success for all youth and adult students in Laval. Our school board is also a board member of the PREL, Partenaires pour la réussite éducative dans les Laurentides, and we regularly participated in board meetings throughout the year, as well as *Hooked on School Days* across our 3L territory (Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière).

The SWLSB also implemented the new History of Québec and Canada program in Secondary III in 2016. This implementation was based on the recommendation of the Directors of English Education Network (DEEN), an organization that represents all nine English school boards. Expanding the curriculum over two years provided a much needed reform to what was a very challenging course for our students and professionals. History, as always, comes with interpretations, and this new program is not an exception. We are grateful our teachers will have the opportunity to address content and provide their students History lessons that are pedagogically sound and socially respectful.

And, most important of all, our graduation rate continues to rise despite budget cuts and regional challenges. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board ranks among the top ten school boards of this province and boasts an 85.9% graduation rate! We continue to offer "An English Education, A Bilingual Future" to all our students, and are proud that SWLSB students rank first in the province on the ministry's Français, langue seconde exams.

Always remember that education belongs to the community, and everyone has a role to play to ensure education remains a priority. Thank you to our teachers, staff, administrators, parents and students, for ensuring the success of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.



Jennifer Maccarone



Vision & Mission

Vision

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board believes that all our students deserve our complete commitment to their success.

Mission

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's mission is to provide a stimulating learning environment, develop accessible educational services and enable our students of all ages to become responsible independent citizens in their community and beyond.



Council of Commissioners



Jennifer Maccarone*
Chairperson



Peter MacLaurin
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Ward 2



Guy Gagnon*
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Anne McMullon*
Ward 4



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Ward 8



Paolo Galati
Ward 9



Sergio Di Marco*
Parent Commissioner
Elementary



Bob Pellerin
Parent Commissioner
Secondary



Stephane Henley
Parent Commissioner
Students with Special Needs

*Members of the Executive Committee

SWLSB Portrait

Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

26 Elementary Schools 7,709 students

9 High Schools 5,178 students

Total enrolment YOUTH SECTOR 12,887

4 Adult Education and Vocational Training Centres

1 Service aux entreprises (Qualification)

Laval

11 Elementary Schools 4,112 students

3 High Schools 2,768 students

Total enrolment YOUTH SECTOR 6,880

2 Adult Education and Vocational Training Centres

Laurentides

11 Elementary Schools 2,426 students

5 High Schools 2,185 students

Total enrolment YOUTH SECTOR 4,611

2 Adult Education and Vocational Training Centres

1 Nature and Science Centre

Lanaudière

4 Elementary Schools 1,171 students

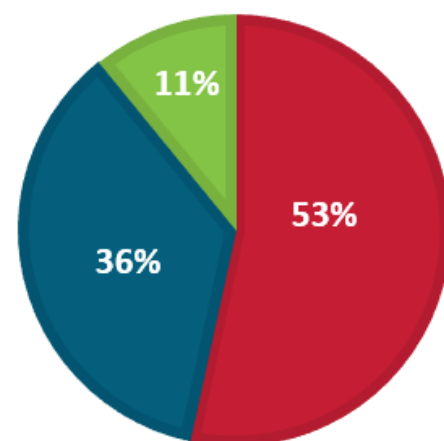
1 High School 225 students

Total enrolment YOUTH SECTOR 1,396

■ Laval

■ Laurentides

■ Lanaudière



SWLSB Employees

Teachers (regular and part-time) 1,001

Management (Principals/Vice-Principals/Administrators) 78

Professionals 78

Support Staff | Daycare Educators | Special Education 493

Maintenance | Manual Support 92

TOTAL 1,742

Strategic Plan & Partnership Agreement

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools range in enrolment from 60 students in an elementary school in a rural Laurentian setting to more than 1,600 students in our largest secondary school located in Laval.

This annual report focuses on the final year of the 2012-2017 Partnership Agreement that was developed and accepted as the operating agreement between our school board and the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES).

Over the past few years we have significantly changed our practices to become more data-driven and have developed new and innovative ways of examining our results and tracking the success of our students in our schools and centres.

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board boasts an 85.9% graduation rate and is proud to rank in the top ten in the province.

Strategic **PLAN • PLAN** stratégique

2012 2017



Results in Achieving the MEES Targets

Goal 1: Increased graduation rates and qualifications before age 20

Graduation rates

Year	SWLSB	Public Sector	Québec
2016	85.9%	76.5%	80.1%
2015	82.8%	74.9%	78.8%
2014	84%	73.8%	77.7%

Source: Portrait des statistiques ministérielles, table 1.1, October 2017

Goal 2: Improved mastery of French as a second language and English Language Arts

Secondary 5 French Second Language / Success rate in Reading and Writing competencies

	2015	2016	2017	MEES Target 2017
Compréhension orale et écrite	89.8%	88.8%	88.4%	90.0%
Production écrite	89.0%	89.0%	83.4%	84.0%

Source: School board statistics, data extracted from the DBMS (database management system) in November 2017

Secondary 5 English Language Arts / Success rate in Reading and Writing competencies

	2015	2016	2017	MEES Target 2017
Global results	98.2%	96.6%	97.7%	97.0%
Reading	97.3%	90.4%	94.6%	94.0%
Writing	99.0%	97.9%	98.3%	98.0%

Source: School board statistics, data extracted from the DBMS (database management system) in November 2017



Results in Achieving the MEES Targets

Goal 3: Improved levels of retention in school and academic success among certain target groups, especially among handicapped students or students with learning or adjustment difficulties

Special needs students who obtained certification or qualification by age 20

Indicator	2015	2016	2017
	Results %		MEES Target
Certification	67% (24 out of 36)	68% (34 out of 50)	43.0%
Qualification			10.0%
PWT**	64% (7 out of 11)	83.3% (10 out of 12)	
TSST*	64% (7 out of 11)	75.9% (22 out of 29)	

Source : School board statistics, data extracted from Lumix in December 2017

**PWT: Prework Training

*TSST: Training for a Semi-skilled Trade

Goal 4: A healthier and safer school environment

The Partnership Agreement focuses on two specific aspects, i.e., improving the school climate to support learning and reducing the number of incidents of both bullying and violence. Our school board has in place an Anti-Bullying, Anti-Violence (ABAV) Plan for each school and expects all schools to apply it as required.

Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plans in schools

Indicator	Results				MEES Target
	2013*	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total number of perpetrators of bullying	142	194	78	31	128
Elementary	64	87	29	18	
Secondary	78	107	49	13	
Total number of perpetrators of violence	160	199	141	150	144
Elementary	128	169	112	131	
Secondary	32	30	29	16	

*Year 1 (2013) implementation of Bill 56 spanned only six months of the school year.

Source: School board statistics, Memo Management module, GRICS, data extracted November 18, 2016



Results in Achieving the MEES Targets

Goal 5: An increase in the number of students under 20 enrolled in Vocational Training

Vocational Training

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board offers a range of vocational training programs to meet the diverse interests of young adults under 20. There has been a substantial growth in the student population between 2011 and 2017. In the 2016-2017 school year, the student population increased by 15%, with 131 students registered in vocational education programs. This represents an increase of 31% above our 2017 target.

New students under the age of 20 / Vocational Training Programs

2013	2014	2015	2016	MEES Target 2017
49	64	131	121	100

Source: 2016 data extracted from Lumix

Once again, the sector has seen an increase in enrolments within this target population. As per previous years, studies in Carpentry and in Health, Assistance and Nursing remain popular, with 39 and 21 students respectively registered in these two programs. In addition, the influx of international students has contributed to the overall 15% increase in enrolment.

Enrolment in all other programs offered through the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has remained constant throughout the years.

Career exploration opportunities were also supported through organized visits to both CDC Pont-Viau and CDC Saint-Eustache. These visits gave students the opportunity to participate in program-specific activities and experience vocational education first-hand. The centres will continue to offer and improve these events.

Adult Education

For the General Adult Education sector, academic and general interest courses are offered at CDC Vimont and CDC Lachute and in our satellite location at Joliette High School. These courses are available to students who are at least 16 years of age before July 1st of the year of their application. Academic classes enable students to obtain the required credits for a high school diploma or the prerequisites for enrolling in a vocational program or continuing their post-secondary education.

In 2016-2017, there were 1077 students registered in Adult Education classes in our centres across our three territories. The overall contribution to the SWLSB graduation rate has remained stable.



Celebrating Success



Laurier Gala | Star Fest

The Laurier Gala/Star Fest has become a tradition students look forward to! This evening is meant to celebrate and recognize students who achieved outstanding results in Academics, School Perseverance, Sports, Arts and Community Involvement. The entertainment portion of the gala features performances by students who won the Star Fest auditions. This annual celebration brings together more than 1200 people from across our territory.



Inauguration of the enlargement at Twin Oaks

The long-awaited extension of Twin Oaks Elementary was inaugurated in December 2016, increasing the school's capacity from 399 to 738 students. After many years of being in overcrowded conditions, students and staff now have room to continue growing.



Premier visits Laurentian Regional High

Premier Philippe Couillard visited Laurentian Regional High School in March. Students were incredible: engaged, curious and brilliant. This was a shining moment for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and LRHS as we showcased why we are one of the top ten boards in the province! The Premier, Minister Christine St-Pierre, and Argenteuil MP Yves St-Denis stayed for lunch with the students. It was a unique opportunity to share concerns from our community, as well as share our successes and accomplishments.



McCaig Elementary's Parc École

On June 19, the Town of Rosemere donated \$40,000 to McCaig Elementary School for the revitalization of its playground. The development of play areas at school is essential to the well-being of our students. The contribution will be used for installing two swings and refurbishing the existing playground. As of the new school year, our students will get to enjoy their new facilities.

Celebrating Success



Construction of a Vocational Training Centre in Saint-Eustache

In May 2016, the groundbreaking ceremony of the new CSSMI-SWLSB Vocational Training Centre, which results from a partnership between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) and Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles (CSSMI), took place with all partners involved. Construction got underway during the 2016-2017 school year. The centre will service the English- and French-speaking clientele of the region, in a bilingual setting, starting in the fall of 2017.



SWLSB Annual Softball, Soccer and Hockey Games for School Perseverance

In August, September and February, annual softball, soccer and hockey games took place during which SWLSB staff and students from Laval Junior High played friendly games with Ville de Laval officials. This partnership with Ville de Laval promotes healthy lifestyle habits and the importance of persevering in school.



L'Or du roi Midas

In February, hundreds of students from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and school boards in the greater Montreal region took part in the launch of the book and CD of *L'Or du roi Midas* at the Palace Convention Centre in Laval.

Our Partner

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Citizenship Bursary is awarded on behalf of the Foundation, a non-profit organization that works in collaboration with businesses, parents and schools to build partnerships with the goal of giving back to the students of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Over the past 13 years, the Foundation has invested more than \$700,000 in our schools and centres and has awarded each year citizenship bursaries to graduating students in the youth and adult sectors. The money raised by the Foundation comes from two major fundraisers held in January and June.



The Foundation, in partnership with the school board, also finances the annual Laurier Gala/Star Fest, an evening that recognizes more than 200 students in our school board and highlights the musical talents of over 20 students.

Board of Directors of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation

President	Christian Fréchette
Vice-President	Ailsa Pehi
Treasurer	Harold Ashenmil
Members	Steve Ceccolini • Archie Cifelli • Josée Côté Paolo Galati • Jennifer Maccarone • Andre Michalopoulos David Paulozza • Alan Simoneau • Ed Turchyniak



International Student Program Report

Enrolments: Vocational Training

PROGRAMS	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Carpentry		1	1
Computing Support	31	14	33
Professional Sales			31
Health, Assistance and Nursing	9	11	9
Homecare Assistance			17
Industrial Mechanics		1	1
Secretarial Studies	9		2
TOTAL	40	27	94



Reports



Parents' Committee 2016-2017

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents' Committee is composed of one representative from each of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's 35 schools (26 elementary schools and 9 high schools), elected during the meeting of parents at the annual general assembly, pursuant to section 189 of the Education Act. One representative from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) also sits on the Parents' Committee, designated by and from among the parents who are members of SEAC.

The Parents' Committee has its first meeting to elect a chair and the executive committee members in October (section 190 of the Education Act). Subsequent meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month until June, in the boardroom of the Administration Centre of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board at 235, montée Lesage, in Rosemère. This year, eight meetings were held.

The Parents' Committee is a committee composed of parents whose mandate is to promote the participation of parents at all levels to allow them to have a voice in their children's education. The committee plays an important role in the success of our students. It advises the school board by means of consultation, informs members and parents within the community on various issues and offers them training, holds conferences with guest speakers, and recognizes and promotes students' perseverance and achievements through student awards. The committee also recommends members on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

It has been a busy year for the Parents' Committee and I would like to thank all members for their involvement, dedication and time. Their valuable input enriched the exchange of ideas for the betterment of our students.

I would also like to thank the school board for their continued support and assistance and for their willingness to facilitate this year's meetings. We look forward to pursuing this close collaboration with the school board for the benefit of our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Tosti
Chairperson, 2016-2017 SWLSB Parents' Committee

PC executive composition	Committees PC members sit on	Consultations/presentations/training sessions	Topics discussed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Elementary Parent Commissioner Secondary Parent Commissioner Treasurer Secretary Ex-Officio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Parents' Committee Association (EPCA) Regroupement des parents 3L - RCP3L Transportation Advisory Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolment Criteria Deeds of Establishment & Three-Year Plan History curriculum School calendar Top 3 priorities to EPCA Budget building process Demographic projection Bill 105 LEARN Quebec Marketing our schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of budget Best practices Organizational chart Anti-bullying program Smart board security Recruitment Students fieldtrips to the U.S.

Reports

Report on the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct

For the year ending June 30, 2017, the undersigned, in my capacity as Ethics Officer charged with the enforcement of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct of the Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, received no complaints.

Vincent Guida, Lawyer

Person charged with the enforcement of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct of the Commissioners

Report from the Student Ombudsman

As per section 220.2 of the Education Act, the Student Ombudsman must send the school board an annual report stating the number of complaint referrals received and their nature, the corrective measures recommended and any action taken.

Report as per section 9.3 of by-law no. BL 2009-CA-19

Effective April 1, 2017, the undersigned was named temporary alternate student ombudsman until such time as a new ombudsman is officially named by the Council of Commissioners.

In this capacity and for the year ending June 30, 2017, the undersigned received no complaints.

Vincent Guida, Lawyer

Alternate Student Ombudsman



Balance Sheet

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at June 30

	2017	2016
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash (Bank Overdraft)	\$ (3,181,397)	\$ 1,706,912
Government Grants Receivable Operations	18,682,855	14,897,291
Government Grants Receivable Capital Assets	997,445	1,047,438
Government Grants Receivable Financing	19,525,668	20,677,155
School Taxes Receivable	3,666,227	3,901,797
Accounts Receivable	4,761,264	3,568,191
Other Assets	-	-
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	\$ 44,452,062	\$ 45,798,784
LIABILITIES		
Short-term Debt	\$ 16,300,000	\$ 17,995,385
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	14,602,745	17,516,134
Deferred Contributions Acquisition of Capital Assets	2,991,457	2,955,312
Deferred Revenues	1,992,805	1,587,443
Provision for future fringe benefits	9,532,262	9,150,502
Long-term Debt assumed by the school board	3,208,001	4,003,045
Long-term Debt subsidized by the MEES	105,922,893	97,584,580
Environmental Liabilities	373,765	442,780
Other Liabilities	1,580,310	1,265,529
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 156,504,238	\$ 152,500,710
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS (DEBT)	\$ (112,052,176)	\$ (106,701,926)
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Fixed Assets	\$ 118,833,543	\$ 113,551,989
Prepaid Expenses	21,118	35,230
TOTAL NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS	118,854,661	113,587,219
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	\$ 6,802,485	\$ 6,885,293



Revenues & Expenses

OPERATING RESULTS

For the period ended June 30

	2017	2016
REVENUES		
Operating Grants	\$ 112,137,973	\$ 108,753,084
Other Grants and Contributions	669,819	917,395
Taxation Revenue	33,709,635	31,886,302
Tuition and Fees	2,237,507	1,861,915
Goods and Services Revenue	8,330,901	8,435,347
Other Revenues	3,180,552	2,910,348
Depreciation of deferred revenues related to the acquisition of fixed assets	242,932	346,799
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 160,509,319	\$ 155,111,190
EXPENSES		
Educational Activities	\$ 82,504,907	\$ 78,312,858
Educational Support Activities	28,531,959	26,841,023
Complementary Services	17,407,707	17,686,703
Administrative Activities	7,487,760	7,421,972
Buildings and Equipment	16,621,393	16,868,609
Other Related Activities	7,656,641	7,770,415
Variation in Employee Future Benefits Provision	381,760	317,691
Loss (gain) on disposal of Fixed Assets		(33,634)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 155,185,637	\$ 155,185,637
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (82,808)	\$ (74,447)

STATEMENT OF ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT)

For the period ended June 30

	2017	2016
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT), BEGINNING	\$ 6,885,293	\$ 6,959,740
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(82,808)	(74,447)
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT), ENDING	\$ 6,802,485	\$ 6,885,293

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