

**PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC**  
**Ville de Rosemère**

**A Regular meeting** of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, QC on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 19:30 hours, at which were:

**Present:** Paolo Galati Chairperson; Vicky Kaliozakis, Vice-Chairperson; Bob Pellerin, Vice-Chairperson Alternate; Commissioners Anick Brunet, James Di Sano, Guy Gagnon, Peter MacLaurin, Anne McMullon, Emilio Migliozi, Melissa Wall and Parent Commissioners Tara Anderson, Anthony Beliotis and Stéphane Henley and Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General.

**Also present were:** Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Stephanie Krenn, Interim Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Jérôme Dionne, Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Richard Greschner, Director of Human Resources; Geoffrey Hipps, Director of Pedagogical Services; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order.

**TIME: 19:30 hours**

**0.0 Opening of Meeting**

**0.1 Acknowledgement of the Land**

*“We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Kanien’keha:ka or Mohawk nation. The Mohawk Nation is also known as the “Eastern Door Keepers” and is a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, which also includes the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga and Oneida Peoples.*

*All those who gather here are counted as esteemed stakeholders in our community and most importantly friends.”*

**1.0 Acceptance of Agenda**

The following addition to the agenda was proposed:

**12.0 VARIA:**

12.1 Protocol for Commissioners Receiving Information .....INFO

Acceptance of Agenda

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended in document #SWLSB-2019/02/27-CA-001.

**CC-190227-CA-0125**

**Carried unanimously**

Commissioner Emilio Migliozi left the meeting.

**TIME: 19:32 hours**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Minutes  
 January 23, 2019

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on January 23, 2019, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

**CC-190227-CA-0126**

**Carried unanimously**

Commissioner Migliozi returned to the meeting.

TIME: 19:33 hours

### **3.0 Oath of Office**

#### **3.1 Elementary Parent Commissioner:**

The Director General received the Oath of Office of the Elementary Parent Commissioner, Tara Anderson, and welcomed her to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

On behalf of the Council of Commissioners, the Chairperson congratulated Elementary Parent Commissioner Anderson.

### **4.0 Question Period**

There were no questions.

### **5.0 Report from the Chairperson**

The Chairperson presented his monthly report noting the following:

- An interview with CFMB Radio to promote registration at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the 2019-2020 school year;
- The presentation at Rosemère High School of the cheque for the 14 000\$ raised at the Community Breakfast in December to the Children's Wish Foundation. Congratulations to all of the students, employees and community members who made this event a success;
- The launch of "Hooked on School Days" 2019;
- A new leadership class at Joliette High School for the 2019-2020 school year;
- A project at Joliette High School entitled "No Phone Tuesday" that is spearheaded by a student. The student will be invited to present the project at a meeting of Council in the near future;
- Attendance at speech given by the Ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) on the Pre-Kindergarten Program, taxation and the introduction of two 20 minutes recesses for the 2019-2020 school year in order to meet its goal of more physical activity for students;
- Attendance at the Laval Senior Academy's annual presentation of its Blue and Gold Revue. Congratulations to all involved for such a professional presentation;
- St-Paul Elementary School Choir's singing of the national anthem at the February 23, 2019 Laval Rockets hockey game. This was also a fundraising event for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation;
- The information sessions at Laval Junior Academy and Laval Senior Academy for the Sport-études programs. Congratulations to the Principals of these two schools for the joint efforts to ensure continuity and success of these programs
- Various school events and community fundraisers.

### **6.0 Director General's Report**

The Director General presented her monthly report noting:

- Branding of the school board through the generosity of alumni who allowed the use of their image for the 2019-2020 registration campaign. This involved a lot of work on behalf of the Communications and Public Relations department but since the campaign was launched other alumni have contacted the school board wanting to be involved in future campaigns;
- Although the school board has been providing timely communications through its website, e-push and Facebook, it is expanding on this as a new member of LinkedIn and Instagram;
- The MEES has announced that there would be new Pre-Kindergarten Programs throughout the province beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. The school board has been advised that it has been granted ten new Pre-Kindergarten Programs. The ten schools selected are Grenville, John F. Kennedy, Joliette, Jules Verne, Laurentian, Rawdon, Souvenir, St-Jude, Ste-Adèle and Ste-Agathe Academy Elementary Schools. Some of these schools already have a Pre-Kindergarten Program so a second class will be opened while the program at Grenville Elementary School will be a permanent program. A minimum of six students will be needed to open a class in the Pre-Kindergarten Program. The Council will be advised of the progress of the Pre-Kindergarten Program as information is received from the MEES. A challenge for the school board will be finding the teachers for these Pre-Kindergarten Programs as we currently experience shortage in qualified teachers and everyone in the English sector will be looking for additional staff;
- The school board has been attending education job fairs at various universities to encourage graduating teachers to come and work for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. The school board will also be holding a recruitment evening on March 21, 2019 as it seeks new Administrators for the coming years from its teacher base and the outside. To date 25 people have shown an interest in attending this event. The school board is always interested in recruiting new staff for all of its positions so that it can form a database. This is being branded by using actual employees in the promotional materials;
- Attendance at the Laval Senior Academy Blue and Gold Revue, Comedy Night at Rosemère High School and the Sport-études information sessions at Laval Junior Academy and Laval Senior Academy.

## 7.0 Business Arising:

There was no business arising.

## 8.0 Decision Items:

### 8.1 Corporate Affairs and Secretary General:

#### 8.1.1 2017-2018 Annual Report:

2017-2018  
Annual Report

WHEREAS section 220 of the Education Act requires a school board to produce an Annual Report to advise the population of its territory of its activities;

**CC-190227-CA-0127**

WHEREAS the proposed Annual Report was sent to all Commissioners on February 18, 2019 to obtain feedback;

Commissioner Emilio Migliozi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the 2017-2018 Annual Report, as per document #SWLSB-2019/02/27-CA-002;

AND THAT, as per section 220.1 of the Education Act, the 2017-2018 Annual Report be presented to the public at the March 27, 2019 meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

**Carried unanimously**

### 8.1.2 Policy on School Fees Charged to Parents – Youth Sector – Authorization for Consultation:

In response to questions from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Interim Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General noted:

- Bill 12: *An Act to clarify the scope of the right to free education and to allow the regulation of certain financial contributions that may be required*, a result of the Class Action Suit, was recently deposited in the National Assembly;
- The policy has been aligned with Bill 12 and will be revisited for additional amendments when the Bill is adopted into law;
- Certain sections in the Bill will be subject to MEES regulations;
- Adjustments to the administrative guidelines for this policy will occur as soon as these regulations are public.

Policy on School Fees  
Charged to Parents -  
Youth Sector

**CC-190227-CA-0128**

WHEREAS policy #2006-FR-03: *Policy on School Fees Charged to Parents – Youth Sector* of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board required modifications to align with the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) directives regarding fees charged to parents and free education;

WHEREAS the MEES legislative changes have resulted in the need to modify the said policy;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize for consultation Policy # 2006-FR-03: *Policy on School Fees Charged to Parents – Youth Sector*;

AND THAT the consultation begins on February 28, 2019 and ends on April 10, 2019 with the Governing Boards, Parents Committee, Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Chapter, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association, Laurier Teachers' Union (LTU), SPPOQA (Syndicat des professionnelles et professionnels de l'Ouest de Québec Anglophone), CSN-S18 and SEPB-Québec-FTQ Local 577.

**Carried unanimously**

### 8.1.3 Election of Pedagogical Committee Vice-Chairperson:

The Chairperson advised the Council that the former Elementary Parent Commissioner had also held the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Pedagogical Committee and that a replacement would be required, and called for nominations.

Commissioner Bob Pellerin nominated Commissioner James Di Sano. Commissioner Di Sano accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Anne McMullon nominated Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis. Commissioner Kaliozakis accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT nominations be closed.

**Carried unanimously**

The Council mutually agreed that the vote would take place by a show of hands.

At the request of Commissioner Anne McMullon, the Chairperson invited the candidates to speak as to why they would be suitable for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Pedagogical Committee.

Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis noted that she had previously been the Vice-Chairperson of this committee for four years and that she had not put her name in for the position as the person who previously held it worked closely with the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) and would provide valuable support to the committee.

Commissioner James Di Sano indicated that as a relatively recent graduate of the school board he had a deep appreciation for Pedagogical Services and that he would be able to bring a fresh perspective to the table.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bob Pellerin, the Interim Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General noted that he is correct in his assumption in that section 3.5 of procedure #2013-CA-08: Corporate and Pedagogical Committees, does state that the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee, are not eligible for the positions of Chairpersons or Vice-Chairpersons of either the Pedagogical Committee or the Corporate Committee.

Commissioner James Di Sano was elected by acclamation.

Election of Pedagogical  
Committee Vice-  
Chairperson

**CC-190227-CA-0129**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution #CC-181212-CA-0102, naming the Elementary Parent Commissioner as Vice-Chairperson of the Pedagogical Committee;

WHEREAS the Elementary Parent Commissioner has resigned leaving the position of Pedagogical Committee Vice-Chairperson vacant;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Procedure #2013-CA-08: Corporate & Pedagogical Committees, section 3.2, requires that a Vice-Chairperson be named to this committee;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT James Di Sano be appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Pedagogical Committee for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

## **8.2 Financial Resources**

### **8.2.1 Budget Building Consultation 2019-2020:**

In response to a question from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Director of Financial Resources noted that the consultation period is aligned with the mandate of the Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) in order for it to make budget recommendations to Council in June.

Budget Building  
Consultation  
2019-2020

**CC-190227-FR-0130**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is commencing its budget building process for the 2019-2020 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 "Budgetary Process 2019-2020";

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize for consultation the "Budgetary Process 2019-2020", as contained in document #SWLSB-2019/02/27-FR-001;

AND THAT the consultation begins on February 28, 2019 and ends on April 5, 2019 with the Governing Boards, Parents Committee, Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – SWL Chapter (AQCS) and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA).

**Carried unanimously**

### 8.3 Human Resources

#### 8.3.1 Selection Committee for Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General:

##### 8.3.1.1 Rescind Resolution:

In response to a question from Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis, the Director General noted that there was already a Selection Committee for this position in place but that with the recent changes to the Council there are new Commissioners and Parent Commissioners who may wish to be a part of this process.

Selection Committee for  
Director of Corporate  
Affairs and Secretary  
General

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution CC-180815-HR-0008, approving the Commissioners named to the selection committee in August 2018 for the position of Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General;

Rescind Resolution

WHEREAS the concerned Commissioners' resignations have resulted in two vacant seats on the selection committee;

**CC-190227-HR-0131**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to form a new selection committee;

Commissioner Anne McMullon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind resolution CC-180815-HR-0008, approving the Commissioners named to the selection committee in August 2018 for the position of Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General;

AND THAT a new Selection Committee be established in accordance with procedure 2012-CA-20 and section 5.2 of policy #2000-HR-02: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section Association québécoise des cadres scolaires AND section 5.4 of policy #2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association.

**Carried unanimously**

##### 8.3.1.2 Selection Committee:

In response to questions, the Director General noted that the interviews would take place during the day and that if Commissioners wish to sit on the Selection Committee they must commit to at least one full day, maybe two, depending on the number of suitable candidates. The interview dates are determined upon the availability of the Selection Committee members and the interviews take place at a location outside of the administration centre in order to maintain the confidentiality of the process.

The Chairperson called for nominations for the selection committee for the position of Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General.

The Chairperson noted that he would avail himself of his option to be on this Selection Committee.

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin nominated himself.

Commissioner Anick Brunet nominated Commissioner Guy Gagnon. Commissioner Gagnon accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Melissa Wall nominated herself.

Parent Commissioner Anthony Beliotis noted that he is interested in being on the Selection Committee but that he would need at least a week's advance notice in order to organize his schedule.

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT nominations be closed.

The Chairperson noted that a Commissioner could replace a Parent Commissioner if the Council agreed.

Selection Committee for  
Director of Corporate  
Affairs and Secretary  
General

WHEREAS the structure of a Selection Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board includes the Chairperson, one Commissioner, one Parent Commissioner, one Commissioner Alternate, one Parent Commissioner Alternate, the Director General or Delegate, Director of Human Resources a Representative of the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – SWL Chapter (AQCS) and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA);

Derogation from Process

**CC-190227-HR-0132**

WHEREAS, due to scheduling conflicts, the Council of Commissioners wishes to replace the Parent Commissioner on the Selection Committee with another Commissioner;

Parent Commissioner Anthony Beliotis MOVED THAT for the Selection Committee for the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General a Commissioner replace the Parent Commissioner.

**Carried unanimously**

Selection Committee for  
Director of Corporate  
Affairs and Secretary  
General - Voting Method

Parent Commissioner Anthony Beliotis MOVED THAT the voting method for the Selection Committee for the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General be by secret ballot.

**CC-190227-HR-0133**

**Carried unanimously**

Selection Committee for  
Director of Corporate  
Affairs and Secretary  
General - Scrutineers

Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis MOVED THAT the Assistant Director General and the Interim Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General act as scrutineers for the election of the Selection Committee for the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General.

**CC-190227-HR-0134**

**Carried unanimously**

The the first ballot resulted in a tie between Commissioners Guy Gagnon and Melissa Wall therefore a second ballot between these two candidates would be required.

The results of the second ballot named Commissioner Guy Gagnon as the Commissioner to replace the Parent Commissioner.

The Chairperson called for nominations for alternates.

Commissioner Melissa Wall nominated herself.

Commissioner Anne McMullon nominated Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley. Parent Commissioner Henley respectfully declined the nomination.

Commissioner James Di Sano nominated Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson. Parent Commissioner Anderson respectfully declined the nomination.

Commissioner Melissa Wall nominated Parent Commissioner Anthony Beliotis. Parent Commissioner Beliotis accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT, after noting that there would be a second Commissioner Alternate, nominations be closed.

Selection Committee for  
Director of Corporate  
Affairs and Secretary  
General

WHEREAS the structure of a Selection Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board includes the Chairperson, one Commissioner, one Parent Commissioner, one Commissioner Alternate, one Parent Commissioner Alternate, the Director General or Delegate, Director of Human Resources a Representative of the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – SWL Chapter (AQCS) and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA);

Derogation from Process

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to ensure that, in case of several absences or scheduling conflicts, there will be the appropriate number of representatives on the Selection Committee;

**CC-190227-HR-0135**

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED THAT for the Selection Committee for the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General an additional Commissioner Alternate be added.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairperson asked the Council if anyone would object to Commissioner Melissa Wall being named to the second Commissioner seat, as she was runner up in the vote for the first seat. The Council agreed.

Commissioner Melissa Wall left the meeting.

**TIME: 20:35 hours**

Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis volunteered to sit as the second Commissioner Alternate

Commissioner Wall returned to the meeting.

**TIME: 20:36 hours**

Selection Committee for  
Director of Corporate  
Affairs and Secretary  
General

WHEREAS the position of Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General is vacant and currently occupied by Interim since July 1, 2017;

WHEREAS Human Resources posted the position of Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General as well as utilized the services of a head hunter;

Selection Committee

WHEREAS the retained candidates for the position shall be interviewed by a Selection Committee in accordance with procedure 2012-CA-20 and section 5.2 of policy #2000-HR-02: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section Association québécoise des cadres scolaires AND section 5.4 of policy #2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association;

**CC-190227-HR-0136**

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish the Selection Committee as follows to hold interviews:

Commissioner (Chairperson):	Paolo Galati
Commissioner:	Guy Gagnon
Commissioner:	Melissa Wall
Commissioner Alternate 1:	Peter MacLaurin
Commissioner Alternate 2:	Vicky Kaliozakis
Parent Commissioner: Alternate:	Anthony Beliotis
Director General or Delegate	
Director of Human Resources	
Representative of AQCS	
Representative of SWLAA	

**Carried unanimously**



## 8.4 Material Resources and Transportation

### 8.4.1 Mandate to Negotiate – Land Transfers:

#### 8.4.1.1 Blainville:

In response to a question from Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson, the Chairperson noted that the parc-école would be available to the community after school hours.

Mandate to Negotiate  
Land Transfers

WHEREAS the Ville de Blainville has approached the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to open negotiations on the possibility of transferring a piece of land (391,1 m<sup>2</sup>) located behind Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau Elementary School;

Blainville

WHEREAS the Ville de Blainville has indicated that it would prepare the land and cover the legal costs of the transfer;

**CC-190227-MR-0137**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board would like to further explore this offer of land as it has potential as a parc-école, which would make a nice addition to the schoolyard at Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau Elementary School;

WHEREAS, if the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is considering the offer of land to create a parc-école, the Ville de Blainville would like to negotiate a partnership agreement for use of the parc-école by the community;

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of Material Resources and Transportation to explore this offer of land;

AND THAT, as per By-Law no BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documents related to this transfer of land, if it is concluded to be beneficial to the school board;

AND THAT, if this offer of land is beneficial to the school board, enter into negotiations with the Ville de Blainville for the transfer of this land and for a partnership agreement for the use of the future parc-école;

FURTHER THAT, upon completion of the negotiations for the transfer of land, a partnership agreement with the Ville de Blainville would be brought for review to the Corporate Committee for recommendation to the Council of Commissioners for final approval.

**Carried unanimously**

#### 8.4.1.2 Mascouche:

Mandate to Negotiate  
Land Transfers

WHEREAS the Ville de Mascouche has advised the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board that it has recently acquired Elm Street, previously a private road, located next to Pinewood Elementary School – Annex B (“the school”);

Mascouche

WHEREAS the Ville de Mascouche requires a small piece of lot 6 300 146 (+38 m<sup>2</sup>) of the cadastre du Québec in the district of L’Assomption, on which the school is located in order to make Elm Street conformable to municipal road standards;

**CC-190227-MR-0138**

WHEREAS the Ville de Mascouche is offering 100,00\$ for said piece of land and other considerations;

WHEREAS there is a piece of land owned by the Ville de Mascouche on Elm Street, lot 2 024 910, that follows the property line of the school that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board would be interested in acquiring as it would allow for some safety and security issues to be resolved and for a possible parc-école to be established;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of Material Resources and Transportation explore this sale or exchange of land;

AND THAT the results of this exploration be brought for review to the Corporate Committee for a recommendation to the Council of Commissioners for approval.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **8.4.2 Engagement of Contractors:**

##### **8.4.2.1 Laurentian ES – Renovation Project – Washrooms, Masonry and Door Replacement:**

The Director of Material Resources and Transportation presented the two bids received noting that the lowest conformable bidder has previously worked for the school board.

In response to a question from Parent Commissioner Anthony Beliotis, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation noted that there are nine washrooms to be renovated over three floors.

Engagement of Contractor  
Laurentian ES - Renovation  
Project – Bathrooms,  
Masonry and Door  
Replacement

**CC-190227-MR-0139**

WHEREAS renovation of the bathrooms, masonry work and the replacement of certain doors is required at Laurentian Elementary School;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) has adopted Measures 50621, 50625 and 50626 to assist school boards with the repair, maintenance and renovation of its buildings;

WHEREAS public tenders for the above-mentioned renovation project were called and opened on 20190218;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified;

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the renovation of the washrooms, masonry work and the replacement of certain doors at Laurentian Elementary School to **Construction J Raymond Inc.**, for a total cost of 1 491 000,00\$ before taxes, (1 714 277,25\$, all taxes included or 1 593 681,44\$, net taxes);

AND THAT the Chairperson, or in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairperson, as well as the Director General, or in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project;

FURTHER THAT, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, be authorized to sign documentation concerning this project, as per By-Law no BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

**Carried unanimously**

##### **8.4.2.2 Twin Oaks ES – Renovation Project – Roof:**

In response to questions from the Council, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation noted:

- The roof being repaired is on the old section of Twin Oaks Elementary School and that he would look into the square footage of the roof surface as he does not have the information with him;
- The roof was changed approximately 20 years ago;
- There are some electrical units on the roof of the school.

Engagement of Contractor WHEREAS the renovation and maintenance of the roof is required at Twin Oaks Elementary School;

Twin Oaks ES - Renovation Project – Roof

**CC-190227-MR-0140**

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) has adopted Measures 50621, 50625 and 50626 to assist school boards with the repair, maintenance and renovation of its buildings;

WHEREAS public tenders for the above-mentioned renovation project were called and opened on 20190219;

WHEREAS the conformability of all bidders has been verified;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the renovation and maintenance of the roof at Twin Oaks Elementary School to **Couvreur Verdun Inc.** for a total cost of 819 495,00\$ before taxes, (942 214,38\$, all taxes included or 875 931,57\$, net taxes);

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

FURTHER THAT, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, be authorized to sign documentation concerning this project, as per By-Law no BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

**Carried unanimously**

## **9.0 Information Items**

### **9.1 SWL Foundation Report:**

There was no report.

### **9.2 Parent Commissioners Reports**

#### **9.2.1 Parents Committee Report:**

Parent Commissioner Anthony Beliotis noted that at its last meeting the Parents Committee elected a new Elementary Parent Commissioner to replace Charbel Mourad who had resigned from this position. Mr. Mourad is still a Parent Delegate for Hillcrest Academy on the Parents Committee.

### 9.2.2 SEAC Report:

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley noted that the SEAC Conference held last week went well and thanked those Commissioners who came out to the event.

Commissioner Vicky Kaliozakis noted that she had attended the conference and extended congratulations to the Pedagogical Services team for their informative presentations.

### 9.3 Report of QESBA

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin noted that the President and the Executive Director of the Quebec English School Boards (QESBA) would be visiting all of its member boards in the next couple of months to speak on its Strategic Plan and how it will be implemented. The Strategic Plan is proactive and will display the school boards in a more positive light. He also noted that its implementation will carry a cost and that how this will be funded is under discussion.

The Chairperson indicated that he had sent the QESBA Strategic Plan to the members of Council.

Discussion ensued and it was noted:

- The future of school boards will most likely end up in court and this will have a significant cost so can the QESBA and its member boards afford both this and the implementation of the Strategic Plan?;
- QESBA is a lobbying group that has a long history of going head-to-head with the MEES on English education and language rights;
- The MEES cannot use the notwithstanding clause to eliminate English school boards;
- The MEES would like to have majority control of education from Québec City;
- The new Bills that are being deposited in the National Assembly will allow for the government to insert itself into the daily management of school boards when adopted into law;
- Need to keep in mind that it is essential that there is someone to speak for the students and stakeholders;
- The transfer of Riverdale High School of the Lester B. Pearson School Board to the French school board, while not right, was within the powers of the MEES;
- Only minority language rights are protected not the existence of English school boards.

### 10.0 Question Period:

In response to questions from Commissioner Guy Gagnon, the Director General responded as follows:

- The school board does not ask any new employees about whether or not they wear a religious symbol. The number of employees of this school board who wear a religious symbol is deemed to be minimal;
- The school board must respect the provisions for religion in its collective agreements;
- The government has not yet deposited its Bill to ban religious symbols so the impact on the school board is currently unknown.

### 11.0 Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

**12.0 Varia:****12.1 Protocol for Commissioners Receiving Information:**

Commissioner Anne McMullon expressed some concerns on the communications protocol to ensure that Commissioners receive timely information on changes affecting membership on Council. She said she had learned about the resignation of the Elementary Parent Commissioner from someone in the community the day following the Parents Committee meeting.

The Director General clarified that the Elementary parent Commissioner did not resign from the Parents Committee but from Council.

It is not the mandate of the Parents Committee to inform the Commissioners of the Elementary Parent Commissioner resignation. She also stated that the Elementary School Commissioner sent his resignation to the Chairperson of Council who did forward it to the Interim Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General.

The Interim Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General noted that the *Act respecting school elections* only provides for the process for the resignation of Commissioners not Parent Commissioners. This Act indicates that the Council is to be informed of commissioners' departures at its next sitting, unless there is a mutual agreement between the Chairperson and the Secretary General to disseminate the news otherwise. It is presumed that these procedures would be the same for Parent Commissioners.

Discussion ensued and the Director General advised that the Chairman had received an email from the Elementary Parent Commissioner advising that he was resigning from this position on Council. The Chairperson advised the Directorate and, at this point, there appears to have been a miscommunication as to whom was supposed to advise the Commissioners, the Chairperson or the Directorate. The announcement of the resignation of the Elementary Parent Commissioner was made public at the Parents Committee meeting before Council was informed. Measures will be put in place to ensure that this does not happen in the future

In response to a question asked under item 8.4.2.2, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation advised that the area of the roof to be repaired at Twin Oaks Elementary School is 18 825 sq./ft.

**13.0 Adjournment:**

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 21:22 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ March 27, 2019**