

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Ville de Rosemère

A **Special meeting** of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held via videoconference on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 9:00 hours, at which were:

Present via videoconference: Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Parent Commissioner Adam Gordon, Vice-Chairperson; Commissioner Melissa Wall, Alternate Vice-Chairperson; Commissioners Karla Abraham Di Francesco, Donna Anber, Anick Brunet, Vincent Cammisano, James Di Sano, Olivia Landry, Emilio Migliozi, Bob Pellerin and Parent Commissioners Tara Anderson and Stéphane Henley; and Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General.

Also present via videoconference were: Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Anna Sollazzo, Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and School Organization; Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Stephanie Krenn, Director of Human Resources; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources; Marilyne Demers, Assistant Director of Material Resources and Transportation and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and confirmed with the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General that the process for calling this special meeting was in conformity with the law.

TIME: 9:03 hours

After roll call, the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General confirmed quorum.

1.0 Opening of Meeting

1.1 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."

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

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Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT the agenda of the special meeting be approved as presented in document #SWLSB-2020/12/17-CA-001.

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Carried unanimously

3.0 Decision Items

3.1 Call to Tender – Air Purifiers

In response to a question from the Chairperson, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation advised that the tender specifications have been set and the tender will be called tomorrow. The type of air purifier is yet to be determined.

Call to Tender
Air Purifiers

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) always advocates for the health and safety of its students and employees;

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WHEREAS the SWLSB maximized the functionality and filtration capacity of its mechanical ventilation systems;

WHEREAS the SWLSB continues to ensure diligent maintenance of all its systems, both mechanical and natural;

WHEREAS the addition of air purifiers can be considered in order to provide an additional level of protection for naturally ventilated classrooms;

WHEREAS a public call to tender is required considering approximately two hundred twenty (220) air purifiers would need to be purchased;

Parent Commissioner Adam Gordon MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director of Material Resources and Transportation to proceed to a public call to tender for the purchase of air purifiers;

AND THAT the specifications of said tender be established by the Director of Material Resources and Transportation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

3.2 Agreement with CISSS des Laurentides

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WHEREAS, in the fall of 2017, the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, in collaboration with the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (the "MEES"), amended the Youth Protection Act and the Education Act to address problems concerning the school attendance of students between the ages of 6 and 16 as well as educational neglect;

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WHEREAS, in a letter dated January 28, 2020, the MEES requested the director general of each school board to enter into an agreement with each Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (the "CISSS") that operates a youth protection centre on the school board's territory;

WHEREAS this agreement clarifies notably the roles and responsibilities of the parties when issues relating to school attendance and educational neglect arise;

WHEREAS the CISSS des Laurentides operates a youth protection centre on the territory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS an agreement was negotiated with the CISSS, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the school service centres in the Laurentides region;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board enter into an agreement with the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux des Laurentides and the School Service Centres of the region;

AND THAT the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this agreement.

Carried unanimously

3.3 Nominations to SWL Foundation

Chair called for nominations for the two Commissioner positions on the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation.

Commissioner Vincent Cammisano nominated Commissioner James Di Sano. Commissioner Di Sano accepted the nomination.

Parent Commissioner Adam Gordon nominated Commissioner Vincent Cammisano. Commissioner Cammisano accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Nominations to SWL
Foundation

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WHEREAS the by-laws of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation state that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board may, from time to time, designate two (2) of its Commissioners to serve as Directors on the Foundation;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to proceed to such a designation;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board designate Vincent Cammisano and James Di Sano on the board of directors of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation;

AND THAT said commissioners remain in office until replaced.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson congratulated Commissioners Cammisano and Di Sano.

3.4 Engagement – Coordinator of Capital Projects

The Director of Human Resources advised that the person selected for this position was the best candidate and has he has experience and an excellent understanding of material resources. He is currently an employee of the school board within the Material Resources and Transportation Department.

Engagement
Coordinator of Capital
Projects

CC-201217-HR-0060

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170125-HR-0050, approving the Organizational Chart for Management for 2017-2018;

WHEREAS the position of Coordinator of Capital Projects is currently vacant;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 5.2.1 of policy no. 2000-HR-02: *Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section* AND section 8.2 of policy no. 2000-HR-01: *Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association*, a selection committee was established to conduct interviews;

WHEREAS this position was posted and the selection committee held interviews on December 10, 2020;

Commissioner Olivia Landry MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage Lucian Iordache as Coordinator of Capital Projects, effective December 21, 2020, in accordance with policies no. 2000-HR-02 and no. 2000-HR-01 on the working conditions of management staff of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson congratulated Mr. Lordache and asked that a letter be sent extending this sentiment on behalf of the Council.

3.5 COVID-19 Vaccination – Education Sector

The Chairperson stated that education is considered to be an essential service, which makes the majority of its employees frontline workers, who deserve to be higher on the list of persons to receive the COVID-19 vaccine so that students can continue to attend school in person.

Commissioner Donna Anber requested that this resolution also be sent to the Centres intégrés de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) of the Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière regions as each has its own team handling this dossier. The Council agreed.

COVID-19 Vaccination
Education Sector

WHEREAS, during the Premier's press conference on December 11, 2020, the Premier confirmed that schools and enterprises experienced the most outbreaks of COVID-19;

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WHEREAS the Premier also specified during said conference that the priority vaccination schedule is established by the public health authorities;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board always advocates for the health and safety of its students and employees;

WHEREAS the employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board are represented by four (4) unions and two (2) associations, namely Laurier Teachers Union (LTU), Syndicat des employées et employés professionnels-les et de bureau (SEPB-577), Sir Wilfrid Laurier Professionals (SWLP), Fédération des employées et employés des services publics (FEESP-CSN), Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA) and Association québécoise des cadres scolaires, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section (AQCS);

WHEREAS educational services have been recognized by the Government of Québec as essential services throughout the pandemic;

WHEREAS the Government of Québec has always emphasized the importance of keeping schools open;

Commissioner Vincent Cammisano MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners formally request the Premier and the public health authorities to recognize all staff working in the education sector as a group to be prioritized in the COVID-19 vaccination schedule;

AND THAT this resolution be sent notably to the Ministère de l'Éducation with an accompanying letter signed by the Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requesting such a prioritization.

Carried unanimously

4.0 Question Period

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General advised that no questions were received during the course of the meeting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Emilio Migliozi, the Chairperson noted the following concerning the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation:

- Board of Directors: Josée Côté, President; Archie Cifelli, Vice President; Steve Ceccolini, Treasurer; Harold Ashenmil, Sandra Di Iorio, Paolo Galati, Christyne Legault, David Paulozza, and Ed Turchyniak
- Administrative support: Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communications and Public Relations; and Susan O’Keeffe, Graphic Arts Technician;
- The Director General of the school board assists when required.

5.0 Adjournment

The Chairperson noted that 2020 is coming to an end and wished everyone a safe, restful holiday and to stay safe.

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 9:23 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ January 27, 2021