

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Ville de Rosemère

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held via videoconference on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 19:30 hours, at which were:

Present via videoconference: Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Parent Commissioner Adam Gordon, Vice-Chairperson; Commissioner Melissa Wall, Alternate Vice-Chairperson; Commissioners Donna Anber, Anick Brunet, 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: Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Resources; Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Geoffrey Hipps, Director of Pedagogical Services; Stephanie Krenn, Director of Human Resources; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources; Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communications; Eve Boucher, Student Representative; Joseph Savastano, Student Representative; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

Absent: Commissioners Karla Abraham Di Francesco and Vincent Cammisano.

Guests: France Celestino, Principal of Ste-Agathe Academy; Gloria Cuccarolo, Teacher at Ste-Agathe Academy; and Sarah Leboeuf, Teacher at Mountainview Elementary School.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order welcoming everyone who is viewing the meeting online and verified quorum with the Secretary General.

TIME: 19:32 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 Kaniien'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 Approval of the Agenda

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CC-220223-CA-0058

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document no. SWLSB-2022/02/23-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson drew attention to the virtual background being used this evening by the Council to honour *Pink Shirt Day*, a worldwide event to stand against bullying. This event began in 2007 in Nova Scotia after a group of young people saw someone being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. This is a simple but impactful gesture that draws attention to the fact that bullying and harassment will not be tolerated. The event is held annually on the last Wednesday in February.

The schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board take part in this annual event to show that everyone should be embraced, accepted and celebrated for being different. One small act of kindness can go a long way.

2.0 Recognition – Mozaik Portal Video

The Chairperson welcomed Gloria Cuccarolo and Sarah Leboeuf to the meeting noting that these two teachers had created a video to promote a tool that will save time for elementary and secondary teachers when using Mozaik. They are both Community Lead Practitioners (CLPs) in their respective schools and help in the promotion of technopedagogical tools.

Ms. Cuccarolo and Ms. Leboeuf explained that they had never met before they began this project. They thanked Tim Foreman and Ron Turchyniak, both Pedagogical Consultants, for their support on this project. The video provides insight into Mozaik for marking and for contacting parents. Mozaik, when used to its fullest potential, is an incredible tool.

The Chairperson thanked them for their informative presentation and added that he hopes they will continue to collaborate on more videos to assist their fellow teachers.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – January 26, 2022

Approval of Minutes
January 26, 2022

CC-220223-CA-0059

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on January 26, 2022, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written and exempt from public reading by the Secretary General.

Carried unanimously

4.0 Question Period

The Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department explained the parameters of the two question periods and drew attention to where people online can type in their questions for the second question period.

She further confirmed that there were no questions received for the first question period and that the second question period is for questions related to agenda items only.

5.0 Report from the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting noting that spring break will soon be here and hoped that everyone will take the time to rest and recharge for the last few months of the 2021-2022 school year.

He went on to present his monthly report noting:

- *Teacher Appreciation Week* February 7-11, 2022
 - He and the Director General prepared and sent a video message to all teachers thanking them for their daily dedication, passion and creativity in education, most especially during these past two years with COVID-19;
 - He was invited by Laurentia Elementary School, via Zoom, to thank the teachers of the school for their service during a surprise lunch put on by the school's PPO;
 - The school board values its teachers and thanked them, on behalf of all the students, parents and non-teaching staff, for putting the students first, helping to shape the future's youth and for everything they do on a daily basis;

- *Hooked on School Days* took place during the week of February 14, 2022, and was a very successful event. Laurent Duvernay-Tardif was the spokesperson for this event for the second year in a row;
- On February 23, 2022, he had the pleasure of being invited to Laurentian Elementary School, as one of its VIPs, to read to students as part of the school's *Love Of Reading/L'amour de la lecture* month. He was joined by the Mayors of Lachute, Brownsburg-Chatham, Wentworth and two Ville de Lachute Councillors. For their special month, the school also sponsored an at-home reading contest and there were prizes for the two families that read the most books, including the parents. Ben Lachapelle, a former student, was also invited to celebrate by sharing the books he has authored and illustrated with his beautiful animal art. There will also be a pajama day for the entire school and a pizza party for the class that reads the most books.

Community Comments from Commissioners

- Commissioner Olivia Landry noted that the teachers at Rosemere High School were recipients of some beautiful glasses provided by the school's Parent Participation Organization (PPO) for Teacher Appreciation Week;
- Commissioner Donna Anber informed the Council that:
 - The students at Morin Heights Elementary School used a drone to film a video message that they sent to Olivia Bouffard-Nesbitt, a cross-country skier, to cheer her on at the Olympics. Ms. Bouffard-Nesbitt responded to their video with one of her own from China thanking them for their encouragement and giving them a tour of the Olympic park.
 - The students at Ste-Adèle Elementary School had the pleasure of having Luca "Lazylegz" Patuelli, who is a hip-hop dancer and a motivational speaker, come to the school for a day to perform and hold workshops with all classes. Mr. Patuelli's mantra is *No Excuses No Limits*. It was a pleasure to have been invited to observe this remarkable person.

Commissioner Anick Brunet entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:50 hours

6.0 Report from the Director General

The Director General presented her monthly report noting the following in relation to the Commitment-to-Success Plan (CTPS):

Orientation 3: Develop a learning and working environment that promotes health, safety and well-being – February 7-11, 2022, was Teacher Appreciation Week and all teachers are to be thanked for their dedication. One week is not enough to celebrate them. February 14-18, 2022, was *Hooked on School Days*, whereby everyone is recognized for their contributions on a daily basis to help kids stay in school. Also to be recognized are all those who volunteer in the school board whether it be as a Governing Board, PC, PPO or Home & School member or as an in-school volunteer;

Orientation 1: Retain and support quality employees – A big thank-you to Human Resources and some in-school Administrators for joining forces to attend the McGill University Education Career Fair on February 11, 2022. The school board is looking to recruit new employees as we are growing.

Proud Moments

- Congratulations to Olivia Bouffard-Nesbitt on her first Olympics participating in four cross-country Skiing events. Ms. Bouffard-Nesbitt is an alumna of Morin Heights Elementary School and Laurentian Regional High School. She is to be commended for being a role model and an inspiration to students and the community;
- *Pink Shirt Day* at Our Lady of Peace Elementary School (OLP) – This year, the OLP ABAV Committee and the Principal wanted to make *Pink Shirt Day* different so a school-wide contest was held asking students to draw what *Pink Shirt Day* means to them. The ABAV Committee reviewed all the drawings received and selected one to be printed on a T-shirt for everyone. The winning drawing was done by Maya, a student in Grade 4;
- Vocational Training – This is a very vibrant sector that graduates students with many different skills. Placement from this program is 100 percent: 80 percent after completion of a stage and 20 percent within the year following graduation.

She wished everyone a restful and enjoyable spring break.

7.0 Business Arising

There were no items.

8.0 Decision Items

8.1 Material Resources and Transportation

8.1.1 Protocole d'entente – Jeux du Québec

The Director of Material Resources and Transportation noted that the school board is proud to be a partner in this event.

Protocole d'entente

Jeux du Québec

CC-220223-MR-0060

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) had been approached by the organizing committee of the *Finale des Jeux du Québec 2020* to enter into an agreement for the use of classrooms, auditorium, gymnasiums, showers, cafeteria and other public areas at Laval Junior Academy and Laval Senior Academy as accommodations for athlete delegations;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the SWLSB had adopted resolutions CC-170927-MR-0021 and CC-191127-MR-0041 concerning the use of Laval Junior Academy and of Laval Senior Academy for the *Finale des Jeux du Québec* in the summer of 2020;

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic made it necessary to postpone the *Finale des Jeux du Québec 2020*;

WHEREAS the *Finale des Jeux du Québec* will now be held from July 22 to July 30, 2022, inclusively;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the use of Laval Junior Academy and of Laval Senior Academy for the *Finale des Jeux du Québec* which will be held from July 22 to July 30, 2022, inclusively.

AND THAT the Director General be authorized to sign all documentation necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously

8.2 Adult Education and Vocational Training / Service aux entreprises

8.2.1 Amendment to Entente – Construc-Plus Vocational Training Centre

Amendment to Entente
 Construc-Plus Vocational
 Training Centre
CC-220223-AE-0061

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-130925-AE-0019, entering into an entente with the Commission scolaire de la Seigneurie-des-Mille-Îles, now known as the Centre de services scolaire des Mille-Îles, for the establishment of a bilingual Multi-Service Vocational Training Centre for the Laurentides region, now known as the Centre de formation professionnelle Construc-Plus Vocational Training Centre (the Centre);

WHEREAS, since the original entente was signed, there have been items within the entente that need to be updated to reflect the current reality, notably with regard to the Centre's financing and operations;

WHEREAS an amended entente has been negotiated and is ready for signing;

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners authorize the Director General to sign the amended entente between the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Centre de services scolaire des Mille-Îles for the Centre de formation professionnelle Construc-Plus Vocational Training Centre as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/02/23-AE-001.

Carried unanimously

8.3 Advisory Committees of Council

8.3.1 Amendment to Procedure no. P2013-CA-08: Advisory Committees

In response to a question from Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley, the Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department noted that the change to quorum for the Advisory Committees can be found in the amended procedure contained in the meeting package.

Amendment to Procedure
 no. P2013-CA-08
 Advisory Committees
CC-220223-CA-0062

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (the Council) adopted resolution no. CC-211027-CA-0011, approving amendments to procedure no. P2013-CA-08: *Corporate & Pedagogical Committees*, now known as P2013-CA-08: *Advisory Committees* (the Procedure);

WHEREAS, since adopting the amendments to the Procedure, the Council has reflected on the membership of both the Advisory Committee – Administration and the Advisory Committee – Student Success (the Advisory Committees) and wishes to give the opportunity to all members of Council to be voting members of these two committees;

WHEREAS the members of the Advisory Committees were named by resolution on October 27, 2021;

WHEREAS the proposal to change the membership of the Advisory Committees in the Procedure was discussed by the Governance and Ethics Committee on February 16, 2022, during which the notion of increasing the quorum ratio for the meetings was raised;

WHEREAS the Governance and Ethics Committee approved a recommendation to the Council to consider a change in membership and quorum for said Procedure;

Commissioner Olivia Landry MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the revised version of procedure no. P2013-CA-08: *Advisory Committees*, as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/02/23-CA-002;

AND THAT this resolution replace resolutions CC-211027-CA-0012 and CC-211027-CA-0016 as to the membership of both advisory committees as of this day.

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:

The report of the Parents' Committee can be found in the meeting package.

9.2.2 SEAC Report:

The report of SEAC can be found in the meeting package.

9.3 Report of QESBA

The report of the QESBA can be found in the meeting package.

9.4 Central Students' Committee Report

The Student Representatives to Council presented the report of the Central Students' Committee (CSC), as follows:

- The most recent meeting of the CSC focused on mental health;
- There were discussions on what the schools have in place to assist students and what can be done to improve what already exists;
- Listening to the students and their ideas will provide much-needed information on how improvements can be made when dealing with mental health;
- Many of the high schools have indicated that there is a *relax room* in the school where one can go to regroup;
- The school survey was a success because it was anonymous which allowed for more truthful responses;
- Some of the things being considered to provide more support are:
 - Workshops once or twice per year where someone can provide students with strategies on how to deal with certain issues;
 - Provide anonymous resources because some students are too shy to ask;
 - Implement a course for younger students as to best habits so that they can stay away from certain issues;
 - Provide tips on sleeping habits, study habits, etc.
 - Have the psychologist assigned to a school introduce themselves and provide background as to why they are in the school and what they do;

- The discussion topic for the next meeting will be the environment.

The Chairperson thanked the Student Representatives for their informative report.

Commissioner Melissa Wall noted that it is one thing for adults to speak about mental health but to hear that students are having this discussion is inspiring because they could be saving someone's life. She is very proud of the CSC for taking on such mature discussions.

10.0 Question Period

There were no questions from the online audience.

11.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence

12.0 Varia

There was no varia.

13.0 Adjournment

The Chairperson wished everyone a safe and restful spring break.

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:20 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ March 30, 2022