

Policy nº 1999-FR-01:	Expense Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of
Policy II 1999-FK-01.	Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

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NOTE: The masculine gender, when used in this document, refers to both women and men. No discrimination is intended.

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To administer in all fairness and equity and in a fiscally responsible manner the public funds at the disposal of the school board.
- 1.2 To define the framework for the reimbursement of travel expenses and other related expenses incurred by the members of the Council of Commissioners and the employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board during the course of their functions.

2.0 PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board acknowledges that any person expected to travel during the course of his functions may be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred for that purpose, up to a reasonable maximum amount set by the Council of Commissioners.
- 2.2 The expenses eligible for reimbursement are those incurred by an individual in the course of his functions at the school board.
- 2.3 Expenses incurred in the course of personal or union activities, or related to activities connected with a professional association, will not be reimbursed.
- 2.4 Travel expenses incurred by unionized employees are reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of their collective agreements.

3.0 AUTHORIZATION

All expenses related to the presence of an employee or a commissioner attending an activity related to the execution of their duties have to be authorized by the immediate superior* i.e.:

- By the Chairman and the Director of Financial Resources for the Director General;
- By the Director General for the Assistant Director General, department directors, center directors and school principals;

- By school principals or center directors for the employees of their respective schools or centers;
- By the department directors for the employees of their respective departments;
- By the Chairman and the Director General for commissioners.

*The immediate superior relates only to the employees of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

4.0 GENERAL RULES

- 4.1 The school board will reimburse travel, meals and accommodation, and other expenses incurred by the persons covered by this policy.
- 4.2 Reimbursement is made from the "Expenses claim" form that must be completed by commissioners and employees. All original receipts and bills submitted for reimbursement must be attached as proof of expense and clearly identify the expense. (A credit or debit card receipt is not considered a detailed description.) The form is available on the corporate website, in the Financial Resources section, and must be completed electronically.
- 4.3 All claims must be signed by the commissioner or the employee concerned.
- In all circumstances, commissioners and employees must strive to travel as economically as possible and avoid any expenses not essential to the proper exercise of their functions.
- 4.5 Commissioners and employees are required to prioritize carpooling and other alternative means of transportation such as car rentals and public transportation as a cost saving measure where practical.
- 4.6 Employees are required to use a hybrid/electric vehicle when available and, if possible make the necessary adjustment to their schedule to use one. (see annex 3)
- 4.7 A travel expense advance may be granted when a commissioner or an employee must travel out of town. The advance requested must not exceed 75% of the estimated cost of the trip.
 - Advance requests, duly authorized, must be submitted to the Financial Resources Department at least one week before the date of departure. However, such advance should not be considered as an expense account. The commissioner or the employee must fill out a Expense Claim Form immediately upon his return and subtract the amount of the advance received. This should be accompanied by a cheque if the advance exceeds expenses incurred.
- 4.8 All claims are verified and approved by the immediate superior, and forwarded to the Financial Resources Department not later than three (3) months after the expense has been incurred. All expenses should be submitted in the proper fiscal year which ends June 30th.

5.0 TYPE OF EXPENSES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

5.1 TRAVEL:

- 5.1.1. Rate reimbursed per kilometre for the use of a personal vehicle as shown in Annexe I. There is a rate for the first 5,000 kilometres and a different rate for each additional kilometre.
- 5.1.2 Expenses actually incurred for the use of a taxi or other transportation. In the case of the use of an aircraft, only the economy class fare is eligible.

- 5.1.3 Employees travelling 1,000 kilometers or more (return trip) are expected to rent a car at the best rate available.
 - Employees who rather use their personal vehicle than rent a car are entitled to compensation in the amount of \$0.145 per kilometer travelled.
- 5.1.4 For travel between schools, centers and the board office, the kilometre chart of distances as established by the Transportation Department will apply. (Annex 2)
- 5.1.5 For all other travel, the distances recognized are those actually travelled, based on the lesser of:
 - the distance between the destination and the regular work place, or
 - the distance between the destination and the residence of the commissioner or the employee.

The tool to be used is Google Maps. Please attach a copy of the Google Maps reading of the kilometers claimed. The shortest route will be the one reimbursed.

- 5.1.6 For in-school professionals providing direct services to students and travelling to more than one school in a week on a regular basis, the distances recognized are those actually travelled based on the lesser of:
 - the distance between the school board and the assigned place of work, OR
 - the distance between the residence of the employee and the assigned place of work;
 and that
 - the calculation of the amount to be reimbursed is based on the excess of 50km from the school board to the assigned place of work, or the excess of 50km from the residence to the assigned place of work.
- 5.1.7 In the case where an employee is required to work outside his regular working hours, or in exceptional circumstances, the employee may claim either the kilometres between residence and work or meals.
- 5.1.8 An amount, as found in Annex 1, per day, round trip will be granted for trips of up to six (6) kilometres.
- 5.1.9 Parking meters and public transportation expenses will be reimbursed without a receipt.

5.2 MEALS

- 5.2.1 The school board will reimburse the meals for an authorized trip outside the school board territory or within the school board territory but outside the normal course of the employee's functions.
- 5.2.2 The school board territory includes Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière.
- 5.2.3 When the meal is included in the cost of a conference or a training session, no reimbursement as a per diem will be granted.

5.2.4 Meal allocation (see Annex 1).

A maximum amount per day will be paid for meals taken during an external assignment which requires an overnight stay (upon presentation of supporting documents).

5.3 REPRESENTATION EXPENSES:

The following persons or their delegates may, in the course of their functions, have to incur reasonable expenses such as travel, accommodation and meals to establish relations that could be beneficial to the school board: The Chairman, the Director General, and the Assistant Director General.

- 5.3.1 The reimbursement of alcoholic beverages with meals, for purposes of representation and school board functions and events, will be closely monitored and a justification may be required by the immediate supervisor. Everyone to whom this policy applies is expected to exercise prudence.
- 5.3.2 The name of the persons invited for a meal and the purpose of the meeting must be indicated on the bill.
- 5.3.3 The perdiem amount is applicable on representation expenses.

5.4 ACCOMMODATION:

- 5.4.1 Accommodation expenses must be reasonable and represent costs actually incurred.
- 5.4.2 The actual expenses incurred in a commercial establishment for activities conducted outside an 80 km radius of the residence of the commissioner or the employee, or the cost of a room when it is deemed necessary to conduct an activity within the course of his functions for more than two days.
- 5.4.3 For a one day meeting in Québec City, Montréal or in the Estrie region no extra night for the evening prior to the meeting will be allowed without a written permission. This also applies for distances less than 200 km.
- 5.4.4 The commissioner or the employee must attempt to obtain the best rate available.
- 5.4.5 A per diem allocation, as found in Annex 1, without supporting documents, will be paid when a commissioner or an employee chooses to stay with a friend or relative instead of renting a room.

5.5 OTHER:

Other related expenses, such as:

- School board business related long-distance calls;
- Tips other than meals (as found in Annex 1 per day);
- Parking and toll fees (including parking meters);
- Purchasing of alcohol for the purposes of Self-financed activity (fundraising, gala...)

6.0 TYPE OF EXPENSES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSMENT

- Expenses for travel between the place of residence and the working place;
- Fines for offences against the Highway Code or parking infractions;
- Personal expenses such as mini-bar and other services;
- Towing charges;
- Insurance deductible;
- Theft:
- Expenses incurred by the spouse;
- Road hazards;
- Alcoholic beverages NOTE: Any purchase of alcohol is at the employee's own expenses and should not
 appear on the meal or hotel bill. If the meal or hotel bill shows the purchase of alcohol and this expense
 has not been removed, the expense claim will be returned to the employee for re-calculation prior to
 reimbursement:
- Mileage from a meeting place and or hotel to a restaurant;
- Alcohol for social activities under schools budget (ex.: back to school, Christmas party, Gifts...).

7.0 DEROGATION CLAUSE

In certain exceptional circumstances, exceedances and the additional costs upon presentation of supporting documents may be authorized by the superior immediate. In this case, the superior immediate have the responsibility to initialise the form to each expenditure covered by the overtake.

8.0 REVISION

The rates in Annexe 1 are subject to an annual review. They can also be modified during the year if circumstances warrant.

9.0 EFFECTIVE DATE:

This policy shall be applicable effective 2015-04-22.

ANNEX I

		MEALS	
Meals*:	Breakfast	\$12.00	
	Lunch	\$20.00	
	Supper	\$30.00	
Maximum	Per day (per diem)	\$62.00	

^{*} Includes taxes and gratuities

		TRAVEL
Kilometers:	• For the First 5,000 km	.48/km
	Each additional km	.45/km
	• Carpooling	.53/km
	Up to 6 km	\$3.00 per day, round trip

ACCOMODATION	
Stay with a friend or relative:	\$25.00 per day
Tips without receipt:	\$5.00 per day

For the complete list of hotels with preferential rates: www.aprovisionnement-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/acheteur/produitset-services/transport et hébergement/répertoire des tarifs préférentiels hôteliers par ville.

ANNEX 2

SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD KILOMETRE CHART

Revised 2014-09-24 with Google 2014 Laval schools JES	Arundel	Arundel Science	CDC Laurier - Lachute	CDC Laurier - Vimont	CDC Laurier - Pont-Viau	CDC St-Eustache	Crestview	Curriculum Center	Franklin Hill	Genesis	Grenville	Hillcrest	John F. Kennedy	Joilette Elementary	Jules Verne		5	Laurentian	Laurentian Regional HS	Laurier Senior HS	Laval Jr HS	Laval Liberty HS	McCaig	Morin Heights	Mother Teresa HS	Mountainview	Mountainview HS - Prévosi		Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Pinewood (Campus A & B)	Rawdon	Rosemere HS	Souvenir	Ste-Adele	Ste-Agathe	enderto	St-Vincent - Campus St- Jacques	or - Campu	SWLSB Administration	Terry Fox	Twin Oaks
Arundel	0	4	58	98	103	99	102	91	126	105	58	103	99 1	20 12	0 104	1 9	8 72	59	61	98	96	98	91	36	96	98	50 9	3 10	2 76	105	96	91	101	48	49 9	7 10	5 10	8 105	91	100	93
Arundel Science	4	0	62	102	107	102	106	95	130	109	62	107	103 1	33 12	4 108	3 10	2 76	63	64	102	100	102	95	40	100	102	54 9	7 10	6 80	109	100	95	105	52	45 10	10	9 11	2 109	95	104	97
CDC Laurier - Lachute	58	62	0	62	68	42	68	56	93	70	25	70	64	94 9	4 7	1 5	2 37	0	3	64	62	64	56	40	62	52	47 5	8 7	0 43	72	88	56	67	60	81 5	5 7	7	3 70	56	64	58
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Pinewood (Campus A & B)		109	72		25				22	21	97		36				5 48		72				19			35			4 29	0		19			94 3				19	22	
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ANNEX 3

	R	oundtrip distanc	e		
	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
Rent-a-car	Over 600 km	Over 800 km	Over 1100 km	Over 1300 km	Over 1500 km
Volts	Up to 600 km	Up to 800 km	Up to 1100 km	Up to 1300 km	Up to 1500 km
Personal car	No minimum	Below 200 km	Below 300 km	Below 400 km	Below 500 km