

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, Québec, on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, and via videoconference at 19:30 hours, at which were:

Present: Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Commissioner Melissa Wall, Alternate Vice-Chairperson; Commissioners Donna Anber, Barbara Barrasso, James Di Sano, Olivia Landry, Bob Pellerin, and Parent Commissioners Tara Anderson and Stéphane Henley; and Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General.

Also present: Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Resources; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

Present via videoconference: Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and School Organization; Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Geoffrey Hipps, Director of Pedagogical Services; François Badin, Assistant Director of Human Resources; and Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communications.

Absent: Parent Commissioner Adam Gordon, Vice-Chairperson; Commissioners Karla Abraham Di Francesco, Anick Brunet and Vincent Cammisano.

Guests: Sergio Gentile, Returning Officer; Sam Craig, Ziyen Hamelin, and Madison Lummis, Students at Laurentian Regional High School; and Melanie Bujold, CLC Coordinator at Laurentian Regional High 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 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 Approval of the Agenda

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Commissioner Olivia Landry MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented in document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/06/22-CA-001.

CC-220622-CA-0123

Carried unanimously

2.0 Swearing-in of New Commissioner

The Chairperson introduced the President of Elections for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB), Sergio Gentile, and invited him to report on the recent by-election in Electoral Division 6.

Mr. Gentile presented his report noting that the grace period for requesting a recount had expired and that no recount had been requested. He went on to declare Barbara Barrasso duly elected as Commissioner for Electoral Division 6 and proceeded to swear Ms. Barrasso into her new role.

The Chairperson and the Director General congratulated Ms. Barrasso on her election as Commissioner for Electoral Division 6 and welcomed her to the table and to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Gentile for undertaking the role of President of Elections and for conducting a transparent by-election.

3.0 Recognition - LGBTQ+ Initiative at LRHS

The Chairperson welcomed Sam Craig, Ziyen Hamelin and Madison Lummis, students at Laurentian Regional High School (LRHS), and Melanie Bujold, CLC Coordinator at LRHS, to the meeting noting that they are present this evening to be recognized, along with Zoe Ducheneau and Leo Scharley who could not be present this evening, for their unique and very colourful endeavor with the LGBTQ+ Pride Sidewalk Project.

On June 1st, 2022, he and Parent Commissioner Adam Gordon attended a press conference held by the Ville de Lachute (the Ville) to unveil the pride sidewalk and a plaque that explains the evolution of the sidewalk leading to the Bibliothèque Jean-Marc-Belzile. The sidewalk was painted by students from LRHS and Polyvalente Lavigne. It was the school's Gay Straight Alliance (the Alliance) that approached the Mayor of the Ville de Lachute with this project and it was accepted a part of the Ville's desire to be more inclusive and welcoming.

At the invitation of the Chairperson, Ms. Bujold noted that a Gay Straight Alliance was established at the school and that there was a lot of interest from the students. The Alliance members had many ideas on how to bring recognition to the LGBTQ+ community in the area and approached the Ville to encourage the recognition of Pride month. The Mayor of the Ville de Lachute supported the project and provided some municipal services to help with the sidewalk. The students are to be commended for their work.

In response to a question from the Chairperson, Ms. Bujold noted that, although May is an exam period, the Alliance students were able to get the sidewalk ready for June 1st, the first day of Pride month. The project was broken down into sections for the front sidewalk and a small stretch of sidewalk behind the library. The colours used are those that are part of the Pride flag. The sidewalk is also interactive.

The Chairperson thanked them for attending this evening's meeting and wished them well with future endeavors.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.1 May 25, 2022

In response to a question from Donna Anber, the Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department advised that if a Council member is absent from a meeting they can still vote on the minutes of said meeting when presented for approval as the vote lends support.

Approval of Minutes
May 25, 2022

CC-220622-CA-0124

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 May 25, 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

4.2 June 2, 2022

Approval of Minutes
June 2, 2022

CC-220622-CA-0125

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on June 2, 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

4.3 June 7, 2022

In response to a question from Commissioner Melissa Wall, the Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department noted that the rules of order indicate that a Council member can vote on a motion concerning a previous meeting but cannot move the motion.

On a *point of order*, Commissioner Melissa Wall noted that Commissioner Anber was not present at the Council meeting of May 25, 2022, therefore, should not have moved the resolution to approve the minutes of said meeting. Commissioner Wall moved the minutes of May 25, 2022.

Approval of Minutes
May 25, 2022

CC-220622-CA-0126

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 May 25, 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

Approval of Minutes
June 7, 2022

CC-220622-CA-0127

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on June 7, 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

4.4 June 15, 2022

Approval of Minutes
June 15, 2022

CC-220622-CA-0128

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on June 15, 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

5.0 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. There were no questions for the first question period.

She noted that the second question period is for questions related to agenda items only.

6.0 Report from the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the last regular Council meeting of the 2021-2022 school year noting that we have all survived year two of COVID-19 and should be very proud of everything that has been accomplished in spite of the adversity and challenges. All employees, families, partners and students are to be thanked, once again, for their resilience, flexibility, courage and commitment. A special thank you to the Director General for her exceptional leadership, passion, knowledge, authenticity and unwavering commitment to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. COVID-19 has taught us that together we are stronger.

He also noted various events attended:

- May 26, 2022 – Attended the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation's Laurier Gala & Star Fest and it was a spectacular evening where students were honoured for academics, sports, community involvement and perseverance. The student performances in the Star Fest portion of the evening, once again, showed how many talented young people attending SWLSB schools. The performers, for the first time, were accompanied by a live band. The event was hosted by Kelly Alexander, a Rosemere High School alumni and Virgin Radio host;
- May 28, 2022 – A gathering of the partners of the 55th Finale des Jeux du Québec. This provincial event has been delayed since the summer of 2020 due to COVID-19;
- June 1, 2022 – Attended a press conference for an LGBTQ+ project undertaken by Laurentian Regional High School students in partnership with the Ville de Lachute;
- June 1, 2022 – Met with the Management Advisory Committee at Grenville Elementary School for its last meeting of the 2021-2022 school year;

The Director General commended all administrators, whether in-school, centre or head office, for being the daily support team. COVID-19 has been a challenge for everyone but it has definitely made it more difficult for those in leadership roles. She thanked the Chairperson for making the time to join the management team at Grenville Elementary School.

The Chairperson noted that leadership comes from the top so it can become infectious to be positive and engaging. The school board may be small, each community unique, and it is a testament to the administrators that they take what is provided to them and modify it to meet the needs of their respective communities.

- June 3, 2022 – He was joined by Commissioner James Di Sano and the Consule générale et Représentante permanente d'Italie at the Fête Nationale de la République Italienne;
- June 6, 2022 – Attended a meeting with Quebec English School Boards Association and the leader of the Quebec Liberal Party, Dominique Anglade. The discussion was very interesting and an hour-long question and answer session took place on issues such as English school boards and bills 96 and 40;
- June 9, 2022 – The annual Lobster Fest Gala was held at the Château Royal and, thanks to the generosity of sponsors, community partners and friends, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation (SWLF) has surpassed the \$1,000,000.00, fundraising mark for the schools and centres of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Congratulations to the SWLF;
- June 13, 2022 – Attended a beautiful memorial service at Laurentian Elementary School where three trees were planted to remember three teachers who had passed away and a sunflower garden in memory of a student who passed away during the school year;
- June 16, 2022 – Attended the St-Paul Elementary School Grade 6 graduation with Commissioner Anick Brunet;

- June 20, 2022 – Attended the Gala Chapeau les filles!/Hats off to you! with the Assistant Director General and the Centre Director of CDC Pont-Viau in Québec City to see Yvette Rambour, a student in Construction Business Management at CDC Pont-Viau, named as one of the national winners of Chapeau les filles!/Hats off to you! This group recognizes women who select traditionally male-oriented jobs and rewards them for their hard work as role models for other women. Congratulations to Ms. Rambour;
- June 20, 2022 – Attended the Ste-Agathe Academy Class of 2022 graduation with Commissioner Donna Anber and Parent Commissioner Adam Gordon. Congratulations to the Principal and her team for a beautiful ceremony;
- June 21-22, 2022 – Attended the Grade 6 graduations for the following schools and congratulated all of the Principals, their employees and parents for the lovely ceremonies:
 - Genesis Elementary School – Attended with Commissioners Anick Brunet and James Di Sano;
 - St-Vincent Elementary School with the Director General in the newly renovated Laval Junior Academy auditorium;
 - Franklin Hill Elementary School Grade 6 graduation with Commissioner Bob Pellerin and Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Council, wished everyone a well-deserved summer break and to enjoy reconnecting with family and friends.

Community Comments

- Commissioner Olivia Landry wished the Class of 2022 at McCaig and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary Schools and Rosemere High School the best of luck as they move on to high school and CEGEP, respectively;
- Commissioner Donna Anber congratulated the Grade 6 graduates of Arundel, Grenville and Morin Heights Elementary Schools as well as Grade 6 and Secondary V at Ste-Agathe Academy on their achievement. She also noted that the Arundel Elementary School graduating class of twelve students raised over \$1,000.00, for their graduation trip and party;
- Commissioner Melissa Wall attended the graduation at St-Jude Elementary School noting that it was a lovely evening and that watching the students view a montage of themselves from kindergarten to Grade 6 was very touching.

7.0 Report from the Director General

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

Orientation 5: Engage students in physical activities 60 minutes a day

- On June 6, 2022, eleven elementary schools participated in the Défi Laurier, an initiative of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation, at Laurentian Regional High School (LRHS). It was a beautiful day and many thanks to the LRHS team for their hospitality;

Orientation 3: Develop a learning and working environment that promotes health, safety and well-being

- On June 8, 2022, Our Lady of Peace Elementary School held a Tibetan Bowl Meditation Ceremony for its employees whereby they learned about this ritual. The sounds of the bowls provide relaxation which contributes to increased concentration. The invitation to join the school for this event was very much appreciated;

Proud moments

- The Principal of Mountainview Elementary School, André Gionet Jr., was recently featured in Community Connections, a local newspaper in the Deux-Montagnes – St-Eustache region, and he highlighted how pleased he is to be a part of this school community;
- The Lobster Gala raised \$50,000.00 for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation (SWLF) taking its fundraising since 2004 to over \$1,000,000.00. At this event Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communications, and Susan O’Keeffe, Graphic Arts Technician, were honoured with a National Assembly medal for 15 years of volunteering at various events, presented to them by Guy Ouellette, Member of the National Assembly for Chomedey;

The Chairperson also congratulated the Coordinator of Communications and the Graphic Arts Technician on their award noting that they work very well together and are very instrumental in assisting the SWLF in the planning of its events as well as many other events of the school board.

- On May 28, 2022, the Laval Junior Academy Vipers Cheerleaders won 1st place at the Montreal and Canada Kick’s Cheer Championship. Congratulations to the entire cheer squad;
- On June 20, 2022, in Québec City, Yvette Rambour, a student at CDC Pont-Viau in Construction Business Management, won one of the two grand prizes at Chapeau, les filles!/Hats off to you!;
- 2021-2022 SWLSB in numbers highlighted
 - The 88.1% graduation rate which puts the school board in the top ten provincially. The goal is 90% by 2030, and the SWLSB is up to the challenge;
 - The servicing of 14,018 students in the youth and adult sectors. The school board has exceeded the MEQ’s projects for the 2022-2023 school year;
 - The thirteen Vocational Training programs, eight at CDC Pont-Viau and three at Construc-Plus Training Centre. This is a sector that relies on constant promotion.

Opportunities

- Summer School 2022 will take place from July 4-24, 2022, at Laval Junior Academy and offers the opportunity to students to graduate and improve results. The SWLF is to be thanked for making it possible for students who live far from the Summer School location to be able to participate from a distance;
- The Material Resources and Transportation Department will be undertaking fourteen summer projects.

The Director General thanked students, parents, teachers, partners, Commissioners and all employees for being engaged and for building meaningful connections that allow the students to achieve, and wished everyone a restful summer break.

8.0 Business Arising**8.1 Amendment to Resolution - Engagement of Supplier - Acquisition of School Furniture**

Amendment to Resolution

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-220525-MR-0109, awarding a two-year contract (1 year + 1 optional year) to various suppliers for the acquisition of school furniture;

Engagement of Supplier

Acquisition of School Furniture

WHEREAS an omission was discovered within the tender documents submitted by the recommended suppliers for Lot 4 (*Tables with adjustable height*) and Lot 9 (*Wobble stools*), which necessitates the rejection of these bids;

CC-220622-MR-0129

WHEREAS it is necessary to select the lowest conformable supplier for Lots 4 and 9;

Commissioner Olivia Landry MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board amend resolution no. CC-220525-MR-0109, by adding Alpha-Vico Inc. as the retained supplier for Lot 4 (*Tables with adjustable height*) and Brault & Bouthillier Ltée as the retained supplier for Lot 9 (*Wobble stools*), and updating the total cost as indicated in the grid below.

Lot number	Lot name	Supplier	Estimated 2-year purchase value
2	Storage units	Alpha Tabco Inc.	\$69,526.00
3	Chairs for students	Alpha-Vico Inc.	\$71,528.00
4	Tables with adjustable height	Alpha-Vico Inc.	\$33,340.59
5	Desks for students	Alpha Tabco Inc.	\$71,426.25
6	Office furniture	Novexco Inc.	\$29,617.88
7	Relaxation mats	Brault & Bouthillier Ltée	\$4,162.60
8	Desks for students with adjustable height	Brault & Bouthillier Ltée	\$2,262.45
9	Wobble stools	Brault & Bouthillier Ltée	\$1221.15
10	Sit'n'Gym balls	Brault & Bouthillier Ltée	\$306.90
11	Disc 'O' Sit cushions	Brault & Bouthillier Ltée	\$490.35
12	Little wooden kitchen sets	Brault & Bouthillier Ltée	\$15,748.90
	Total cost, before taxes		\$299, 631.07
	Total cost, net taxes		\$320, 265.92

Carried unanimously

9.0 Decision Items

9.1 Human Resources

9.1.1 Nomination of an Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services

The Assistant Director of Human Resources provided background information on the selection process for the position of Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services. The recommended candidate meets all of the criteria.

Nomination of an Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services

CC-220622-HR-0130

WHEREAS the position of Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services will be vacant for the 2022-2023 school year;

WHEREAS policies no. 2000-HR-01: *Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association* and no. 2000-HR-02: *Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section*, have been applied (the Management Policies);

WHEREAS this position was posted and a Selection Committee held interviews on June 15, 2022;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Odie Miller-Mabougou as Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services in accordance with the Management Policies of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, effective August 15, 2022.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson congratulated Ms. Miller Maboungou and welcomed her to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Ms. Miller Maboungou thanked everyone for the opportunity to become a member of this school board noting that it is an honour.

The Director General noted that Ms. Miller Maboungou's experience will be a great asset to the school board as new ideas and outlooks are always appreciated.

The Director of Pedagogical Services noted that he had ceded his seat on the Selection Committee to the incoming Director of Pedagogical Services, who is going to do a wonderful job and wishes her well.

The Chairperson noted that this evening marks the last meeting of Geoffrey Hipps, Director of Pedagogical Services, and extended appreciation, on behalf of the Council and the school board, for all of his contributions, hard work and dedication over the years and wished him a healthy and happy retirement.

9.2 Financial Resources

9.2.1 2022-2023 Initial Budget

The Director of Financial Resources presented the key elements of the 2022-2023 initial budget noting:

- The initial budget is based on the consultation parameters. The initial parameters will only be available at a later date;
- The assumptions will be revised once the initial parameters are received and the official enrolment is confirmed;
- The tax rate for 2022-2023 has been lowered from \$0.1054 per \$100.00 evaluation to \$0.1024;
- Projected enrolment is the element that drives the budget;
- The initial budget for 2022-2023 is \$207,748,701.00;
- The revenues from the MEQ account for more than 70 percent of the overall budget with the balance coming from local needs financing and other sources of revenue, such as daycare, Qualification and other self-financing activities;
- The largest expenses for the school board are the teacher envelope, special needs, decentralized measures, transportation, Adult Education and Vocational Training, other educational activities and other MEQ measures. The management of the school board and transportation are funded from other sources;
- Overall systems costs have been indexed by two percent for salaries on April 1, 2022, due to the new collective agreements, 4.1 percent for local needs, and transportation needs are indexed by 3.4 percent, which could be revised to eight percent to meet the demands of the transporters for the new contracts. It must be noted 909.94 teachers have been allocated by the MEQ for 2022-2023 but the school board has allocated 917.55 leaving a deficit of 7.61 in ETPs or \$750,000.00. There will be revisions to the ETPs once the final enrolment figures are confirmed later this fall;
- Other educational activities – The number of homeschooled students has increased significantly since the 2016-2017 school year, most probably due to COVID-19, but the numbers should decrease as the cases of COVID-19 decrease and parents send their children back to school;

- Measures:
 - Decentralized measures will be increased by \$1,623,939.00, for 2022-2023;
 - Special needs measures will be increased by \$1,317,665.00, for 2022-2023;
 - Small school measures will receive a \$595.00, increase for 2022-2023;
 - The funding in unrestricted measures can be moved around without any limitations;
 - Dedicated measures can be moved around but the limitation is that it must be within the family of measures it is associated with;
 - Protected measures are limited to being used within the criteria and cannot be used for anything else;
 - Eight protected measures will become dedicated measures;
 - There are new decentralized measures;
 - Measures for special needs have been indexed to meet the increases brought on by the new collective agreements;
 - School board management has been increased by 3.6 percent for salaries, energy consumption and building maintenance;
 - There are new measures to compensate for the lower tax rate, recruitment resources, building maintenance and information technology security;
- Transportation for 2022-2023 will be \$14,853,761.00, part of which will be funded through local needs (\$6,284,198.00), and the MEQ (\$8,469,563.00), for an increase of \$568,852.00. Currently, the funding from the MEQ is insufficient given that it has yet to reach an agreement with the transporters, a situation that will be monitored closely over the summer months;
- Daycare Services will be impacted by the new regulation that will come into effect on July 1st, 2022.
- Capital investments will see an increase of \$2,446, 880.00 for 2022-2023;
- Elements to consider are that the parameters on which this budget is built are not the final version, there may be new measures announced, precisions are needed for transportation and there is no measure for COVID-19 at this time.

The Chairperson extended appreciation to the Director of Financial Resources and his team for all of the time that went into preparing this initial budget noting that the stakeholders will be very happy to see the lower tax rate.

In response to a question from Commissioner Donna Anber, the Director of Financial Resources noted that there are many new annexes to the collective agreements and that the allocation of any funds emanating from an election campaign promise will have to be looked at by a committee.

2022-2023
Initial Budget

CC-220622-FR-0131

WHEREAS, in accordance with the *Education Act*, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must adopt and submit to the Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ) its operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2022-2023 school year (the Budget);

WHEREAS the Budget was built based on the budget consultation parameters presented on June 15, 2022;

WHEREAS the Budget is balanced for the 2022-2023 school year;

WHEREAS the school tax proceeds in the amount of \$9,993,482 were determined by taking into account:

- an adjusted standardized assessment of taxable immovables of \$25,000.00 and less in the amount of \$30,951,972,
- a number of 23,926 taxable immovables of more than \$25,000.00, and
- the rate of \$ 0.1024 per \$100 of the assessment set by the Minister for the 2022-2023 school tax;

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee - Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2022-2023 school year, providing for revenues of \$207,749,249 and expenses of \$207,749,249, subject to the authorization of the Minister, in accordance with section 279 of the *Education Act*;

AND THAT it be submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation.

Carried unanimously

9.2.2 Year-End Update – Commissioners' Remuneration

Year-End Update
Commissioners'
Remuneration

CC-220622-FR-0132

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-211124-FR-0031, approving the 2021-2022 distribution of the Commissioners' remuneration;

WHEREAS the Commissioner for Electoral Division 6 resigned on March 11, 2022;

WHEREAS Ms. Barbara Barrasso was declared elected on June 17, 2022 as the new Commissioner for Electoral Division 6;

WHEREAS there is a residual remuneration of \$1,777.17 due to the resignation of the Commissioner for Electoral Division 6;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the remuneration distribution plan, as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/06/22-FR-001, to be paid before June 30, 2022.

Carried unanimously

9.3 Material Resources and Transportation

9.3.1 PQI Request - Sector 7

PQI Request - Sector 7

CC-220622-MR-0133

WHEREAS the Québec Government allocates funds to school boards and school service centres on an annual basis to assist in the construction and expansion of schools and centres;

WHEREAS school boards and school service centres are required to submit their requests annually through the Plan québécois des infrastructures (PQI);

WHEREAS, in its 2020-2030, 2021-2031 and 2022-2032 PQI requests, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) included a request for a new school in the Saint-Jérôme area which has not been retained by the Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ);

WHEREAS the building capacity of Laurentia Elementary School in Saint-Jérôme is recognized by the MEQ as having eight classrooms;

WHEREAS the population in the Saint-Jérôme area is growing on an annual basis;

WHEREAS, for the 2022-2023 school year, 16-classroom groups have been authorized for Laurentia Elementary School, representing a 200 percent overcapacity;

WHEREAS the SWLSB has undertaken to alleviate the overcrowding situation at Laurentia Elementary School with the installation of two portable classrooms in the summer of 2020 and the upcoming installation of two additional portable classrooms in the summer of 2022, representing approximately 50 percent of the school's effective capacity, while encroaching upon the school yard/play space of the students;

WHEREAS, even with the installation of two additional portable classrooms this summer, the school will still be lacking space when the 2022-2023 school year begins;

WHEREAS there is also a significant lack of space for student development and for non-teaching professionals to meet and assist students with learning difficulties;

WHEREAS, while the SWLSB has leased the building adjacent to Laurentia Elementary School and is currently analyzing the possibility of renovating it to accommodate two to three classrooms, this is far from an ideal solution to alleviate the overcrowding situation;

WHEREAS, over the next four to five years, the number of classroom groups at Laurentia Elementary School will continue to increase and the SWLSB is out of options to accommodate this growth;

WHEREAS, even though the SWLSB has other elementary schools in the Laurentians, the nearest are up to 35 kilometres away and are also at capacity and cannot accommodate any additional students;

WHEREAS the SWLSB has approached the Centre de services scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord to inquire if they might have space available, and they have confirmed that there is no space available in the Saint-Jérôme area;

WHEREAS the Governing Board of Laurentia Elementary School adopted a resolution requesting the MEQ to approve the request of the SWLSB for a new school in the Lower Laurentians to alleviate the overcrowding situation at the school, and said resolution was submitted to the MEQ by the SWLSB as part of its update to the 2022-2032 PQI in March 2022;

WHEREAS, now that the lack of space at Laurentia Elementary School has reached the critical level, the MEQ must reconsider its decision concerning the SWLSB's request for a new school in Sector 7;

WHEREAS the MEQ, when reconsidering its decision, must also take into account that Laurentia Elementary School ranks as an eight on the Socio-Economic Environment Index (IMSE);

WHEREAS the SWLSB is committed to providing learning and working environments that promote health, safety and well-being as per its Commitment-to-Success plan;

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board formally request the Ministère de l'Éducation to reconsider its decision with regard to the request made for a new school in Saint-Jérôme to alleviate the lack of space at Laurentia Elementary School;

AND THAT the mandate be given to the Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to write a letter outlining this request and the concerns of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

FURTHER THAT this letter be sent to the Ministère de l'Éducation with a copy of this resolution.

Carried unanimously

9.4 Adult Education and Vocational Training / Service aux entreprises

9.4.1 Request to MEQ to Renew Vocational Training Program Authorization – DVS Machining

Request to MEQ to Renew Vocational Training Program Authorization

DVS Machining

CC-220622-AE-0134

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution no. CC-180523-AE-0129, requesting a renewal of the provisional authorization for DVS 5723 Machining Technics;

WHEREAS this provisional authorization will be expiring on June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ) has changed the code and name of this DVS program to 5871 Machining;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to request a permanent authorization for DVS 5871 Machining;

WHEREAS the English Language Vocational Education Council (ELVEC) and the Provincial Organization of Continuing Education Directors, English (PROCEDE), tables have endorsed the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's request for a permanent authorization from the MEQ for this program;

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request a permanent authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ) for the following program:

- DVS 5871 Machining

AND THAT the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign any documentation required in this regard.

Carried unanimously

9.5 Legal, Corporate and Communications

9.5.1 Risk Management Plan 2022-2023

Risk Management Plan 2022-2023

CC-220622-CA-0135

WHEREAS the Conseil du trésor adopted the *Directive concernant la gestion des risques en matière de corruption et de collusion dans les processus de gestion contractuelle* (the Directive);

WHEREAS the Directive requires the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to adopt, for each financial year, a risk management plan concerning corruption and collusion risks in contract management processes;

WHEREAS a new *Risk Management Plan Concerning Corruption and Collusion Risks in Contract Management Processes* has been developed for 2022-2023;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee - Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the *2022-2023 Risk Management Plan Concerning Corruption and Collusion Risks in Contract Management Processes*, as presented in document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/06/22-CA-002.

Carried unanimously

9.5.2 Day, Time and Place of Council Meetings 2022-2023

Day, Time and Place of
Council Meetings
2022-2023

CC-220622-CA-0136

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 162 of the *Education Act*, the day, time and place of the regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners must be fixed by by-law;

WHEREAS no by-law may be adopted by a school board unless public notice is given according to section 392 of the *Education Act*;

WHEREAS said public notice must indicate the object of the by-law, the day appointed for its adoption and the place where the draft may be examined;

WHEREAS public notice was given with regard to the amendments to by-law no. BL2000-CA-05: *Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* and a copy of the draft by-law was sent to each governing board and to the Parents' Committee;

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee - Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to by-law no. BL2000-CA-05: *Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*, for the 2022-2023 school year, as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/06/22-CA-003;

AND THAT this by-law become effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the *Education Act*.

Carried unanimously

9.5.3 Day, Time and Place of Executive Committee Meetings 2022-2023

Day, Time and Place of
Executive Committee
Meetings 2022-2023

CC-220622-CA-0137

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 162 and 182 of the *Education Act*, the day, time and place of the regular meetings of the Executive Committee must be fixed by by-law;

WHEREAS no by-law may be adopted by a school board unless public notice is given according to section 392 of the *Education Act*;

WHEREAS said public notice must indicate the object of the by-law, the day appointed for its adoption and the place where the draft may be examined;

WHEREAS public notice was given with regard to the amendments to by-law no. BL2008-CA-15: *Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* and a copy of the draft by-law was sent to each governing board and to the Parents' Committee;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee - Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to by-law no. BL2008-CA-15: *Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*, for the 2022-2023 school year, as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/06/22-CA-004;

AND THAT this by-law become effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the *Education Act*.

Carried unanimously

9.5.4 Corporate Calendar 2022-2023 (Annex 1 of Procedure)

Corporate Calendar
2022-2023 (Annex 1 of
Procedure)

CC-220622-CA-0138

WHEREAS Annex 1 of procedure no. P2013-CA-08 *Advisory Committees* must be reviewed and approved annually in June, as per section 4.5 of the procedure;

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee - Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the date, time and place of the Advisory Committee meetings, as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/06/22-CA-005.

Carried unanimously

9.6 QESBA

9.6.1 Preliminary QESBA Membership Fees 2022-2023

Preliminary QESBA
Membership Fees
2022-2023

CC-220622-CA-0139

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a member of the Quebec English School Boards Association;

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association has issued its preliminary membership fee statement for the 2022-2023 school year based on the 2021-2022 official September 30, 2021, declaration of enrolments;

WHEREAS a statement for the balance of the 2022-2023 membership fees will be sent in the fall of 2022 once the official September 30, 2022, enrolment figure is received from the Ministère de l'Éducation;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the preliminary membership fees for 2022-2023 in the amount of \$114,873.00, to be paid to the Quebec English School Boards Association.

Carried unanimously

10.0 Information Items

10.1 SWL Foundation Report

There was no report.

10.2 Parent Commissioners' Reports

10.2.1 Parents' Committee Report

The report is in the meeting package.

On behalf of the Parents' Committee, Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson congratulated all the elementary, high school, adult education and vocational training graduating classes of 2022 and wished them well.

10.2.2 SEAC Report

There was no report.

10.3 Report of QESBA

The report in the package.

The Chairperson noted that he is pleased to congratulate our Director General on being named as the chairperson of the Association of Directors General of English School Boards of Québec (ADGESBQ).

The Director General thanked the Chairperson noting that she is looking forward to the challenge.

10.4 Central Students' Committee Report

There was no report.

11.0 Question Period

The Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department reminded everyone that this question period is for questions related to the agenda items of this meeting and drew attention to where people online can type in their questions.

She continued noting that there were no questions but there were several very positive comments concerning the recognition of the LGBTQ+ initiative of Laurentian Regional High School.

12.0 Correspondence

The Chairperson drew attention to the correspondence contained in the meeting package noting the letter from the Governing Board of Rosemere High School as follow-up to its previous request for an additional vice-principal. The Director General, Assistant Director General, Commissioner Landry and himself will meet with the governing board to discuss their letter and concerns.

13.0 Varia

There was no varia.

14.0 Adjournment

The Chairman noted that 2021-2022 has been an exceptional year and the school board family has become stronger because of this. Having a graduation rate of 88.1 percent is a testament of the dedication of the employees and students who have achieved even in the face of adversity. He wished everyone a wonderful and safe summer and reminded everyone to take time to reconnect with family and friends.

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:31 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ September 28, 2022