

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, November 23, 2022, and via videoconference at 19:30, at which were:

Present: Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Commissioners Bob Pellerin, Alternate Vice-Chairperson; Donna Anber, Barbara Barrasso, James Di Sano, and Parent Commissioners Chloée Alary, 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; Lynda DaSilveira, Director of Pedagogical Services; Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and School Organization; Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources; Nathalie Senecal, Interim Director of Human Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

Present via videoconference: Commissioners Melissa Wall, Vice-Chairperson; Karla Abraham Di Francesco, Anick Brunet, Vincent Cammisano and Olivia Landry; and Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communications.

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

TIME: 19:32

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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CC-221123-CA-0026

Commissioner Olivia Landry MOVED THAT the November 23, 2022, agenda of the Council of Commissioners be approved as presented in document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/11/23-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 Swearing in of Parent Commissioners

The Chairperson invited the Director General to swear in the newly appointed Parent Commissioners.

The Director General welcomed the newly appointed Parent Commissioners and invited each one forward, individually, to take their oath of office. Once all the oaths were completed, she congratulated everyone and welcomed them to the school board.

The Chairperson congratulated Elementary Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson and SEAC Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley on their re-election. He then congratulated Secondary Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary and welcomed her to the table.

He went on to thank Adam Gordon, Secondary Parent Commissioner for the past two years, for his contributions as a member of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee. Mr. Gordon is also thanked for his continued service as Chairperson of the Parents' Committee.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.1 October 26, 2022

Approval of Minutes
October 26, 2022

CC-221123-CA-0027

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on October 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

3.2 November 14, 2022

Approval of Minutes
November 14, 2022

CC-221123-CA-0028

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 November 14, 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 of 20 minutes each 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.

5.0 Report from the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the third meeting of the 2022-2023 school year. He went on to provide an update on Bill 40 noting that a ruling is still pending on the merits of the bill and it is hoped that, after more than a year and a half, the ruling will be in favour of the anglophone community. The Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) will be advised when the ruling will be deposited and he and Commissioner Donna Anber will be present as the school board's delegates to the QESBA when the ruling is read.

He continued presenting Bill C-13: *An Act to amend the Official Languages Act, to enact the Use of French in Federally Regulated Private Businesses Act and to make related amendments to other Acts*, which is a federal government bill that will modernize and strengthen the *Official Languages Act* (the Act). This bill will affect the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (the Charter) by removing all English language rights in Québec. Section 23 of the Charter has always protected the rights of the English in Québec but with these changes it will harm rather than protect. The English community needs to lobby the Canadian government to not approve Bill C-13 and everyone can do so by signing an open letter to Parliament on the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN). Please share the link to this letter and encourage everyone to sign at <https://qcgcn.ca/open-letter-parliamentarians/>.

He went on to present his monthly report noting:

- October 27, 2022 – Attended the retirement dinner which honoured employees for their years of service to the school board and education. The Council of Commissioners wishes all the retirees a wonderful and healthy retirement;
- November 7 & 14, 2022 – The Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation held a 5 à 7 for members of the governing boards to raise awareness of the Foundation. The Foundation has raised over \$1,000,000.00 in donations that directly benefit the students;
- November 10, 2022 – Given that November 11, 2022, was a planned pedagogical day, the schools held Remembrance Day ceremonies a day early, as follows:
 - Genesis Elementary School – In the morning, he attended this ceremony with Commissioner Anick Brunet and it was wonderful to see the students connect with veterans;
 - Laurentian Regional High School (LRHS) – In the afternoon, along with Commissioner Donna Anber, he attended this beautiful and emotional student-led ceremony;
 - Remembrance Day is a day that allows everyone to remember the sacrifices that many brave men and women have made while fighting conflicts throughout the world for many years, so that we have the freedom we so enjoy today;
- November 10, 2022 – In the evening, he attended the Laval Senior Academy Open House with Commissioners Barbara Barrasso, Vincent Cammisano and James Di Sano. It was a well-planned open house and the principal and her team are to be congratulated and thanked for this informative event;
- November 23, 2022 – Attended the first game of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Elementary School Hockey Tournament at Place Bell. This is a friendly tournament between the school board's elementary schools. There will be five other games during the 2022-2023 school year.

Community Comments

- Commissioner James Di Sano extended congratulations to two students from CDC Pont-Viau who were each a recipient of a \$1,000.00 bursary from the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association;
- Commissioner Donna Anber commented on the following:
 - Congratulations to Robin Vero and Tom Foreman, teachers at LRHS, on their annual Remembrance Day Ceremony that is undertaken by their Fact and Fiction students. This ceremony is always moving, diverse and different every year;
 - Congratulations to the Grenville Elementary School team for its informative Remembrance Day Ceremony, as it is very important to teach children about war and the sacrifices that are made so that freedom can be maintained. All of the students in the school participated and interacted with the veterans' present;
 - Congratulations to Chantal Paquin, CLC Coordinator at Ste-Agathe Academy, on being able to collect 157 winter jackets, valued at \$8,000.00, of which 124 will be distributed to students and the balance will go to other families or organizations in need.

6.0 Report from the Director General

The Director General presented her monthly report highlighting:

- October 29, 2022 – Attended the QESBA Annual General Meeting. The guest speaker was Chief Cadmus Delorme who gave an informative speech on his history and experience as a member of the First Nations. He also recommended several books, *Indigenomics*, *Clearing the Plains* and *No Surrender*; that would be useful in better understanding and moving reconciliation forward. He shared with the group the following quote *Show your heart before you ask for someone's hand*;

- Orientation 1: Retain and support quality employees
 - On November 11, 2022, the school board co-hosted the *Create, Collaborate, Innovate (CCI) Conference* with the Lester B. Pearson school Board at Laval Junior Academy. This conference provides professional development for educators on technology. The event was well attended by the nine school boards and CSS Littoral, and the feedback on the conference was very positive. A big thank you to DEEN for its support and to the entire organizing committee, especially Tim Foreman and Ron Turchyniak, Ed Tech Consultants;
 - November 21-25, 2022 – This is Educational Professionals Week and it is entitled *Engraved in My Heart*. It may be only one week of celebrations but these educational professionals are to be celebrated all year long for everything they do. If you know any educational professionals, please extended your thanks to them;
 - On a sad note, the head office lost, very suddenly, one of its valued employees, Lucy Buttino. Lucy was the face of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, in that she was front and centre at the head office to greet and assist everyone as the receptionist. Lucy had been an employee since 1998 in various capacities until she took the position as receptionist in 2017. Our hearts go out to her daughters and her family, especially her twin sister Mary Di Lillo, who is also a school board employee. Lucy will be missed.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Lucy.

Upcoming Events

- November 28, 2022 – An information session for future administrators will be held in a hybrid format, as the school board seeks to build its bank of administrators. This event is for interested persons internally and externally;
- November 29, 2022 – A public assembly will be held to officially launch the consultation on the new school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides. Approximately 100 people have confirmed their presence;
- December 1, 2022 – School Executive Day.

7.0 Business Arising

There was no business arising.

Commissioner Karla Abraham Di Francesco entered the meeting.

TIME: 20:11

8.0 Council Nominations

8.1 Nomination & Election of Chairperson of Elections & Scrutineers

8.1.1 Approval of Voting Process

Approval of Voting Process WHEREAS procedure no. P2012-CA-18: *Procedure for the Nomination and Election of the Vice-Chair of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Council of Commissioners*, and no. P2000-CA-07: *Procedures for the Election of the Executive Committee* state that:

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Voting is by secret ballot or by any other means of communication, including electronic means, allowing for votes to be gathered in a way that they may be verified afterwards. The voting method is selected by resolution with a simple majority of members present and voting.

WHEREAS Council wishes to establish by resolution a voting process for all council nominations that will be held during this meeting;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT voting be by secret ballot for all Council nominations held during this meeting for all Commissioners physically present;

AND THAT voting for Commissioners participating in the meeting from a distance be conducted by using the electronic voting form provided by the Secretary General.

Carried unanimously

8.1.2 Call for Nominations – Chairperson of Elections

Commissioner Melissa Wall nominated the Chairperson to act as Chairperson of Elections. The Chairperson accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

8.1.3 Nomination & Election of Chairperson of Elections

Nomination & Election of
Chairperson of Elections

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT Paolo Galati, Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, be appointed as Chairperson of Elections for all Council nominations.

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Carried unanimously

8.1.4 Call for Nominations – Scrutineers

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for two scrutineers.

Commissioner Melissa Wall nominated the Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department to act as a scrutineer. The Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Bob Pellerin nominated the Assistant Director General to act as a scrutineer. The Assistant Director General accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

8.1.5 Nomination & Election of Scrutineers

Nomination & Election of
Scrutineers

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department, and Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General, be appointed as the scrutineers for all Council nominations.

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Carried unanimously

8.2 Nomination & Election of Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners

8.2.1 Call for Nominations – Vice-Chairperson

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners.

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson nominated Commissioner Donna Anber. Commissioner Anber accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Karla Abraham Di Francesco nominated Commissioner Melissa Wall. Commissioner Wall accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

The Chairperson of Elections advised each nominee that they had three minutes to speak to their nomination.

Commissioner Anber highlighted her association with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board over the past seventeen years, fifteen as a parent and two as a commissioner; and her work as a public sector employee with the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux des Laurentides. She also noted that her two years of experience as an active member of the Council of Commissioners will help her in supporting the Chairperson and to act in the best interests of all stakeholders.

Commissioner Wall wished Commissioner Anber good luck and noted that it is a pleasure to work with her as another active member of the Council of Commissioners. She went on to note that she has been a commissioner since 2017 and has acquired a vast knowledge of education and gained invaluable experience. She has held the position of Alternate Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners and would be honoured to work with the Chairperson in the role of Vice-Chairperson. If she is elected as Vice-Chairperson, she will serve with honour and dignity. She further noted that she will promote the ongoing needs of students with special education needs, mental health, the needs of the more remote regions of the school board and all stakeholders.

The Chairperson of Elections thanked the nominees and called for the vote.

8.2.2 Appointment of Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners

The Scrutineers presented the results of the vote to the Chairperson of Elections. The Chairperson of Elections opened the sealed envelope and announced that Commissioner Melissa Wall had been elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Wall thanked her fellow Commissioners for their vote of confidence.

Appointment of Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Melissa Wall as Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

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AND THAT the term of the Vice-Chairperson, unless removed by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council of Commissioners who are entitled to vote, expire at the same time as the vice-chairperson's term as commissioner.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson of Elections congratulated Commissioner Wall.

8.2.3 Call for Nominations – Alternate Vice-Chairperson

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for the Alternate Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners.

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson nominated Commissioner Donna Anber. Commissioner Anber accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Melissa Wall nominated Commissioner Bob Pellerin. Commissioner Pellerin accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

The Chairperson of Elections advised each nominee that they had three minutes to speak to their nomination.

Commissioner Anber noted that she had nothing to add to her previous speech when nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Pellerin congratulated Commissioner Anber on her nomination. He went on to note that he has been involved in education since 2005 as a member of a governing board, Secondary Parent Commissioner, a role in which he learned a lot about education and how the Council of Commissioners functions; and that he has been a commissioner since 2018. He has also held the positions of Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee and Alternate Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners. He has solid roots in his community and is dedicated to helping all students and communities of the school board.

The Chairperson of Elections thanked the nominees for their presentations and called for the vote.

8.2.4 Appointment of Alternate Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners

The Scrutineers presented the results of the vote to the Chairperson of Elections. The Chairperson of Elections opened the sealed envelope and announced that Commissioner Bob Pellerin had been elected as the Alternate Vice-Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Pellerin thanked his fellow Commissioners for their support.

Appointment of Alternate
Vice-Chairperson of the
Council of Commissioners

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Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Bob Pellerin as Alternate Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

AND THAT the term of the alternate Vice-Chairperson, unless removed by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council of Commissioners who are entitled to vote, expire at the same time as the vice-chairperson's term as commissioner.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson of Elections congratulated Commissioner Pellerin.

8.3 Nomination & Election of Committees of the Council

8.3.1 Executive Committee

8.3.1.1 Composition of the Executive Committee

Composition of the
Executive Committee

CC-221123-CA-0034

WHEREAS section 179 of the *Education Act* requires that the Council of Commissioners establish an Executive Committee composed of the number of commissioners it determines, including the chair of the school board and at least one commissioner representing the parents' committee;

Commissioner Karla Abraham Di Francesco MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish an Executive Committee composed of seven (7) members, as follows:

Chairperson (1)
Commissioners (5)
Parent Commissioners (1)

Carried unanimously

8.3.1.2 Term of Office

Term of Office

CC-221123-CA-0035

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners determines the term of office of the members on the Executive Committee, in accordance with section 179 of the *Education Act*;

Commissioner Olivia Landry MOVED THAT the term of office of the members on the Executive Committee be of two (2) years;

AND THAT the members remain in office until replaced or until their term as Commissioner ends in accordance with the *Education Act* or the *Act Respecting School Elections*.

Carried unanimously

8.3.1.3 Call for Nominations – Commissioner Members

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for commissioner members to the Executive Committee noting that the Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is automatically on the Executive Committee as its Chairperson.

Commissioner Melissa Wall nominated Commissioner Donna Anber. Commissioner Anber accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso nominated Commissioner James Di Sano. Commissioner Di Sano accepted the nomination.

Commissioner James Di Sano nominated Commissioner Barbara Barrasso. Commissioner Barrasso accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Olivia Landry nominated Commissioner Bob Pellerin. Commissioner Pellerin accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Bob Pellerin nominated Commissioner Olivia Landry. Commissioner Landry accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

8.3.1.4 Call for Nominations – Parent Commissioner Member

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for a parent commissioner member to the Executive Committee.

Commissioner James Di Sano nominated Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson. Parent Commissioner Anderson accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

The Chairperson of Elections congratulated everyone who was elected to the Executive Committee.

8.3.1.5 Appointment of Members of the Executive Committee

Appointment of Members of the Executive Committee

CC-221123-CA-0036

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the following commissioners to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board:

Donna Anber
Tara Anderson
Barbara Barrasso
James Di Sano

Paolo Galati
Olivia Landry
Bob Pellerin

Carried unanimously

8.3.2 Advisory Committee - Administration

8.3.2.1 Call for Nominations - Chairperson

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Administration.

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson nominated Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley. Parent Commissioner Henley accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

8.3.2.2 Appointment of Chairperson of the Advisory Committee - Administration

Appointment of the
Chairperson of the Advisory
Committee - Administration

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley as Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Administration for the 2022-2023 school year;

CC-221123-CA-0037

AND THAT the Chairperson remain in office until replaced;

FURTHER THAT this resolution replace resolution no. CC-211027-CA-0013 as of today's meeting.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson of Elections congratulated Commissioner Henley.

8.3.2.1 Call for Nominations – Vice-Chairperson

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Administration.

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley nominated Commissioner Vincent Cammisano. Commissioner Cammisano accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

8.3.2.2 Appointment of Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee - Administration

Appointment of Vice-
Chairperson of the Advisory
Committee - Administration

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Vincent Cammisano as Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Administration for the 2022-2023 school year;

CC-221123-CA-0038

AND THAT the Vice-Chairperson remain in office until replaced;

FURTHER THAT this resolution replace resolution no. CC-211027-CA-0014 as of today's meeting.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson of Elections congratulated Commissioner Cammisano.

8.3.3 Advisory Committee – Student Success

8.3.3.1 Call for Nominations - Chairperson

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Student Success.

Commissioner Donna Anber nominated Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson. Parent Commissioner Anderson accepted the nomination.

Commissioner James Di Sano nominated Commissioner Olivia Landry. Commissioner Landry accepted the nomination

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

The Chairperson of Elections advised each nominee that they had three minutes to speak to their nomination.

Parent Commissioner Anderson informed those present that she is the outgoing chairperson of this advisory committee and that it would be a privilege to hold the position again. She noted that she has been involved in school governance since 2017 and has a degree in Early Childhood Education. She hopes that her past performance as the chairperson of this advisory committee will encourage her fellow commissioners to lend their support to her nomination.

Commissioner Landry noted that she has been a commissioner for the past two years and that she has been learning and growing in this role. She is an alumna of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and has been a volunteer for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation while pursuing her education. She is very interested in being involved in working for her future children's education system.

8.3.3.2 Appointment of Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Student Success

The Scrutineers presented the results of the vote to the Chairperson of Elections. The Chairperson of Elections opened the sealed envelope and announced that Commissioner Olivia Landry had been elected as the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Student Success.

Commissioner Landry thanked her fellow Commissioners for their support.

Appointment of the
Chairperson of the Advisory
Committee – Student
Success

CC-221123-CA-0039

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Olivia Landry as Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Student Success for the 2022-2023 school year;

AND THAT the Chairperson remain in office until replaced;

FURTHER THAT this resolution replace resolution no. CC-211027-CA-0017 as of today's meeting.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson of Elections congratulated Commissioner Landry.

8.3.3.3 Call for Nominations – Vice-Chairperson

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Student Success.

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson nominated Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary. Parent Commissioner Alary accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Melissa Wall nominated Commissioner Anick Brunet. Commissioner Brunet accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Bob Pellerin nominated Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson. Parent Commissioner Anderson politely declined the nomination

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

The Chairperson of Elections advised each nominee that they had three minutes to speak to their nomination.

Parent Commissioner Alary noted that she has been active in the school community for the past six years and is currently a member on two governing boards, one elementary and the other secondary. She feels that her knowledge of the school system would be beneficial for the position of vice-chairperson.

Commissioner Brunet noted that she has also been involved in the school community for many years and has been a commissioner since 2018. As vice-chairperson, she would work to see that students with special needs continue to receive quality service, that the graduation rate continues to increase and to influence the possibility of an open vision on how to better teach students who struggle.

8.3.3.4 Appointment of Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Student Success

The Scrutineers presented the results of the vote to the Chairperson of Elections. The Chairperson of Elections opened the sealed envelope and announced that Commissioner Anick Brunet had been elected as the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Student Success.

Appointment of Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Student Success

CC-221123-CA-0040

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Anick Brunet as Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee – Student Success for the 2022-2023 school year.

AND THAT the Vice-Chairperson remain in office until replaced;

FURTHER THAT this resolution replace resolution no. CC-211027-CA-0018 as of today's meeting.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson of Elections congratulated Commissioner Brunet.

8.3.4 Appeals Review Committee

8.3.4.1 Call for Nominations

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for the Appeals Review Committee.

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley nominated Commissioner Barbara Barrasso. Commissioner Barrasso accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Donna Anber nominated Commissioner Anick Brunet. Commissioner Brunet accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Melissa Wall nominated Commissioner Karla Abraham Di Francesco. Commissioner Abraham Di Francesco accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso nominated Commissioner Bob Pellerin. Commissioner Pellerin accepted the nomination.

Commissioner James Di Sano nominated Commissioner Melissa Wall. Commissioner Wall accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

The Chairperson of Elections congratulated everyone who was elected to the Appeals Review Committee.

8.3.4.2 Appointment of Members of the Appeals Review Committee

Appointment of Members of
the Appeals Review
Committee

CC-221123-CA-0041

WHEREAS sections 9 to 12 of the *Education Act* provides a school board with the option to designate a person or establish a committee to reconsider decisions taken affecting a student;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to establish an Appeals Review Committee to dispose of such issues in accordance with the *Education Act* and policy no. 2000-CA-03: *Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a Student*;

Commissioner Olivia Landry MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the following Commissioners to the Appeals Review Committee for the 2022-2023 school year:

Karla Abraham Di Francesco

Bob Pellerin

Barbara Barrasso

Melissa Wall

Anick Brunet

AND THAT the Commissioners remain in office until replaced;

FURTHER THAT this resolution replace resolution no. CC-211027-CA-0020 as of today's meeting.

Carried unanimously

8.3.5 Transportation Advisory Committee

8.3.5.1 Call for Nominations

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Donna Anber nominated Commissioner Barbara Barrasso. Commissioner Barrasso accepted the nomination.

Commissioner James Di Sano nominated Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley. Parent Commissioner Henley accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

8.3.5.2 Appointment of Members of the Transportation Advisory Committee

Appointment of Members of
the Transportation Advisory
Committee

CC-221123-CA-0042

WHEREAS the composition of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is established by the *Regulation respecting student transportation* (the Regulation);

WHEREAS the Regulation requires that two (2) Commissioners be appointed to the TAC;

Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the following commissioners to the Transportation Advisory Committee for the 2022-2023 school year:

Barbara Barrasso

Stéphane Henley

AND THAT the Commissioners remain in office until replaced;

FURTHER THAT this resolution replace resolution no. CC-211027-CA-0019 as of today's meeting.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson of Elections congratulated the new council members on the Transportation Advisory Committee.

8.3.6 Central Students' Committee

8.3.6.1 Call for Nominations – Commissioners

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for the commissioner members of the Central Students' Committee.

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

Commissioner Bob Pellerin nominated Commissioner Olivia Landry. Commissioner Landry accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Melissa Wall nominated Commissioner Vincent Cammisano. Commissioner Cammisano accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

8.3.6.2 Call for Nominations – Parent Commissioner

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for the parent commissioner member of the Central Students' Committee.

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso nominated Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley. Parent Commissioner Henley accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

8.3.6.3 Appointment of Members of the Central Students' Committee

Appointment of Members of the Central Students' Committee

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners approved resolution no. CC-210623-CA-0136, adopting policy no. 2021-CA-27: *Policy on Student Representation at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* (the Policy);

CC-221123-CA-0043

WHEREAS sections 2.5 and 2.6 of the Policy provide that the Council of Commissioners is to assign four (4) of its members as the persons responsible for the Central Students' Committee through the election of three (3) elected Commissioners and one (1) Parent Commissioner;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name the following commissioners and Parent Commissioner to the Central Students' Committee for the 2022-2023 school year:

Vincent Cammisano
James Di Sano

Stéphane Henley
Olivia Landry

AND THAT the Commissioners and the Parent Commissioner remain in office until replaced;
 FURTHER THAT this resolution replace resolution no. CC-210623-CA-0136 as of today's meeting.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson of Elections congratulated the members of the Central Students' Committee.

8.3.6.4 Call for Nominations – Chairperson

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for the Chairperson of the Central Students' Committee.

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley nominated Commissioner James Di Sano. Commissioner Di Sano accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

8.3.6.5 Appointment of Chairperson of the Central Students' Committee

Appointment of Chairperson of the Central Students' Committee Commissioner Karla Abraham Di Francesco MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name James Di Sano as Chairperson of the Central Students' Committee for the 2022-2023 school year;

CC-221123-CA-0044

AND THAT the Chairperson remain in office until replaced;

FURTHER THAT this resolution replace resolution no. CC-211027-CA-0009 as of today's meeting.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson of Elections congratulated Commissioner Di Sano.

8.3.6.6 Call for Nominations – Vice-Chairperson

The Chairperson of Elections called for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson of the Central Students' Committee.

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso nominated Commissioner Olivia Landry. Commissioner Landry accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Bob Pellerin nominated Commissioner Vincent Cammisano.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

The Chairperson of Elections advised each nominee that they had three minutes to speak to their nomination.

Commissioner Landry noted that she is the outgoing Chairperson and that she had developed a good rapport with the students and would like to have the opportunity to continue in this position.

Commissioner Cammisano noted that he was also a part of this committee during the last school year and that he would enjoy the opportunity to work with Commissioner Di Sano and that he has some great ideas to share with the students.

The Chairman called for a ten (10) minute break.

TIME: 21:20

The meeting resumed.

TIME: 21:39

8.3.6.7 Appointment of Vice-Chairperson of the Central Students' Committee

The Scrutineers presented the results of the vote to the Chairperson of Elections. The Chairperson of Elections opened the sealed envelope and announced that Commissioner Vincent Cammisano had been elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the Central Students' Committee.

Appointment of Vice-Chairperson of the Central Students' Committee

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Vincent Cammisano as Vice-Chairperson of the Central Students' Committee for the 2022-2023 school year;

CC-221123-CA-0045

AND THAT the Vice-Chairperson remain in office until replaced;

FURTHER THAT this resolution replace resolution no. CC-211027-CA-0010 as of today's meeting.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson of Elections congratulated Commissioner Cammisano.

9.0 Decision Items

9.1 Financial Resources

9.1.1 2021-2022 Financial Statement and External Auditor's Report

The Chairperson advised those present that the law had been followed with the publication of a public notice, a summary of the financials posted on the corporate website and both posted in the schools and centres and on their respective websites and Facebook pages.

The Director of Financial Resources presented and reviewed the audited financial statement noting that the results were positive and that the school board's accounting practices met with Canada's accounting standards.

He went on to provide an overview of the audited financial statement as follows:

- The results show a surplus of \$6,484,192.00, in 2021-2022 versus a deficit of \$14,850,444.00, in 2020-2021. This must be examined together as, in a normal school year, revenues and expenses all have to take place within the same year, which is not the case for 2021-2022, so it must be explained;
- There were approximately \$4,357,808.00 in COVID-19-related expenses and \$10,722,646.00 were related to retroactive salary adjustments due to the new Collective Agreements, which contributed to the large deficit in 2020-2021. Moving forward, there is an additional \$2,710,879.00, in COVID-19-related expenses for the 2021-2022 school year which were isolated and considered an extraordinary expense. In 2021-2022, some revenues were adjusted by directives from the MEQ that were to be applied for 2020-2021;
- Details of variances – In May 2022, it was projected that the deficit would be \$551,000.00, but it ended up being \$1,666,191.00, which can be partially explained by the loss of daycare revenue, as many parents withdrew their children from the service due to COVID-19, resulting in the school board charging less than in a normal situation, and by additional transportation costs.

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley pointed out a small error in the total within the resolutions and everyone agreed that it should be corrected.

2021-2022 Financial
Statement and External
Auditor's Report

CC-221123-FR-0046

WHEREAS the *Education Act* requires a school board to submit annual financial statements;

WHEREAS the firm Amyot Gélinas s.e.n.c.r.l. has completed the audit of the records and statements of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the period ending June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 286 of the *Education Act*, a public notice was given on October 31, 2022;

WHEREAS the school board has a preliminary surplus of \$6,484,192.29;

WHEREAS the 2021-2022 Financial Statements, prepared according to the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards, show the following:

Beginning Accumulated Deficit:	\$(4,782,914.88)
<u>Current Year:</u>	
Revenues:	\$214,539,945.20
Expenses:	<u>\$208,055,752.91</u>
Total Current Year Surplus:	\$6,484,192.29
Ending Accumulated Surplus:	\$1,701,277.41

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the 2021-2022 audited Financial Statements of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the period ending June 30, 2022, be received by the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board as submitted.

Carried unanimously

9.1.2 Statement of Unpaid Taxes

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley thanked the Director of Financial Resources for revising the table for the statement of unpaid taxes to include a comparison of the past few years.

Statement of Unpaid Taxes

CC-221123-FR-0047

WHEREAS section 339 of the *Education Act* requires the Director General to prepare a statement of the school taxes due and owing by owners;

WHEREAS section 340 of the *Education Act* stipulates that the statement prepared as per section 339 be submitted to the Council of Commissioners for approval;

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve, in accordance with sections 339 and 340 of the *Education Act*, the statement prepared by the Director of Financial Resources for the Director General for school taxes outstanding as of November 14, 2022, in the amount of \$829,392.90.

Carried unanimously

9.2 Legal, Corporate and Communications

9.2.1 Public Call for Tender – School Websites

Public Call for Tender WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) wishes to redesign the school websites to make them more user-friendly and uniform in appearance while maintaining the individuality of each school through customized elements;

School Websites

CC-221123-CA-0048 WHEREAS the schools and parents have been surveyed on their respective school websites and have provided useful feedback to be used towards the development of the new websites;

WHEREAS this project will be completed in two phases, with phase one being the high schools and phase two the elementary schools, and all websites will be launched during the 2023-2024 school year;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the publication of a public call for tender for a service provider to create and redesign websites for its schools;

AND THAT authorization be given to include, in the specifications of said tender, the maximum duration of the contract, which is five (5) years;

FURTHER THAT the Director General be authorized to sign all documentation regarding this tender.

Carried unanimously

9.2.2 Nomination of the Selection Committee - School Websites

Nomination of the Selection Committee WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has adopted resolution no. CC-221123-CA-0048, approving a public call for tender to create and redesign websites for its schools;

School Websites

CC-221123-CA-0049 WHEREAS a Selection Committee needs to be created for the purpose of selecting a service provider;

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 that the Selection Committee for the creation and redesign of the school websites be composed of the following members:

- 1 Member from the General Directorate
- 1 Member of the Information Resources Department
- 1 External Member
- 1 Member from the Material Resources and Transportation Department acting as Secretary of the Selection Committee

AND THAT the Director General be authorized to sign all documentation necessary to establish said committee.

Carried unanimously

9.3 Material Resources and Transportation

9.3.1 PQI 2023-2033

The Director of Material Resources and Transportation advised that the school board needs to analyze its needs annually and prepare a request to the MEQ. The MEQ then evaluates all the requests received, prioritizes them and then announces who will receive funding. The addition of a resolution from the Council supporting the PQI adds weight to the requests being made.

PQI 2023-2033

CC-221123-MR-0050

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, the Government of Québec allocates funds to school boards to help build and enlarge schools and centres;

WHEREAS school boards must present their request through the Plan québécois des infrastructures (PQI) on a yearly basis;

WHEREAS the priority needs of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) have been evaluated;

WHEREAS, for the Laval region, a new school adapted to its special needs students is requested;

WHEREAS this school is essential considering the insufficient space to service the students of Crestview Elementary School, most of whom have complex physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs;

WHEREAS larger classrooms are necessary to properly service these students who require many resources and adapted materials;

WHEREAS additional rooms are required to enable the professional staff, including speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists and psychologists, to properly assist these students;

WHEREAS Crestview Elementary School lacks a sufficient number of adapted washrooms for students requiring specific hygiene measures;

WHEREAS additional sensory rooms are required for special needs students who often use specific materials to practice self-regulation;

WHEREAS, in addition to the lack of appropriate space, Crestview Elementary School requires major renovations;

WHEREAS Crestview Elementary School would also greatly benefit from a bus lay-by for adapted vehicles;

WHEREAS both the SWLSB and the Governing Board of Crestview Elementary School have indicated to the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ), via their respective resolutions, that Crestview Elementary School has difficulty meeting the needs of the growing number of students within its existing facilities;

WHEREAS, for the Laval region, a new school to replace Laval Senior Academy High School is requested;

WHEREAS this new school is required considering the cost and extensive timeframe needed to repair, to bring up to standards and to remove all contaminants within the building;

WHEREAS the project would consist in building a new school on the existing property, followed by the demolition of the old one;

WHEREAS two (2) new schools and one (1) enlargement are requested in the Laurentians region for sectors 5, 6 and 7 in order to alleviate the current overcrowding at McCaig, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, St-Jude, Mountainview and Laurentia Elementary Schools and to respond to the forecasted student enrolment in the region;

WHEREAS the Governing Boards of McCaig, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, St-Jude, Mountainview and Laurentia Elementary Schools have indicated that their respective schools are operating at overcapacity;

WHEREAS, for the Laurentians region, Ste-Adèle Elementary School does not currently have a gymnasium;

WHEREAS the PQI 2023-2033 includes the request for the construction of a gymnasium for the students at Ste-Adèle Elementary School;

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the PQI Sub-Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the construction of two (2) new schools in the Laurentians region, one (1) new school in the Laval region, one (1) enlargement in the Laurentians region, one (1) replacement in the Laval region and the construction of a gymnasium in Ste-Adèle Elementary School as part of the PQI for 2023-2033;

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to complete any paperwork required to submit this PQI 2023-2033 request to the Ministry of Education.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2 CAG Public Tender – Acquisition of New, Retread and Remoulded Tires

CAG Public Tender WHEREAS the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) will be conducting public tender no. 2023-8109-50 to acquire new, retreaded and remoulded tires;

Acquisition of New, Retread and Remoulded Tires WHEREAS the Conseil de trésor has decreed that all acquisitions of new, retreaded and remoulded tires be made through the CAG;

CC-221123-MR-0051 WHEREAS the CAG has opted to award the contract to all suppliers whose submitted price in respect of the acquisitions to be made does not exceed the lowest price by more than 10%;

WHEREAS the *Regulation respecting certain supply contracts of public bodies* requires authorization from the Council of Commissioners (*dirigeant de l'organisme public*) before the public body can participate in this type of tender;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to participate in this call for tender for the thirty-six (36) month contract to be awarded by the CAG;

WHEREAS it is estimated that the purchase cost of new, retreaded and remoulded tires is of \$5,000.00, before taxes, for the term of the contract;

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 approve the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in public tender no. 2023-8109-50 to acquire new, retreaded and remoulded tires;

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to this tender;

FURTHER THAT all acquisitions be made in accordance with by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions and Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.*

Carried unanimously

9.3.3 CAG Public Tender – Paper Towels and Toilet Paper / Dispensers

CAG Public Tender

WHEREAS the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) will be conducting public tender no. 2023-8138-50 to acquire paper towels and toilet paper / dispensers;

Paper Towels and Toilet Paper / Dispensers

WHEREAS the CAG has opted to award the contract to all suppliers whose submitted price in respect of the acquisitions to be done does not exceed the lowest price by more than 10%;

CC-221123-MR-0052

WHEREAS the *Regulation respecting certain supply contracts of public bodies* requires authorization from the Council of Commissioners (*dirigeant de l'organisme public*) before the public body can participate in this type of tender;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to participate in this call for tender for the twenty-three (23) month contract to be awarded by the CAG;

WHEREAS it is estimated that the purchase cost of paper towels and toilet paper / dispensers for the school board is of \$165,000.00, before taxes, for the term of the contract;

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee - Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in public tender no. 2023-8138-50 to acquire paper towels and toilet paper / dispensers;

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to this tender;

FURTHER THAT all acquisitions be made in accordance with by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions and Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.*

Carried unanimously

9.4 Information Resources

9.4.1 CAG Public Tender – New Workstations and Monitors

CAG Public Tender

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has mandated the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) to conduct a public tender for the acquisition of desktop computers, laptops, monitors, charging carts, high-performance workstations and hardware security tokens;

New Workstations and Monitors

WHEREAS the CAG will be launching tender 2023-7525-50 *Postes informatiques et moniteurs neufs* on the Système électronique d'appel d'offres (SEAO) in April 2023 so that equipment is made available for fall 2023;

CC-221123-IT-0053

WHEREAS the duration of this contract is for two years with the possibility of three 12-month extensions covering a potential total of 5 years (September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2028);

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires various quantities of equipment available on this tender for its schools and centres for the duration of the 5-year contract ending August 31, 2028;

Commissioners Melissa Wall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in public tender no. 2023-7525-50 *Postes informatiques et moniteurs neufs*;

AND THAT the Director of Information Resources be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this mandate to the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales;

FURTHER THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the acquisition of equipment and software available in public tender no. 2023-7525-50, not to exceed annually \$275,000, before taxes, for the duration of the contract.

Carried unanimously

9.5 Human Resources

9.5.1 Abolition of Position

Abolition of Position

CC-221123-HR-0054

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has consulted the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section of the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires regarding the abolition of the position of School Administration Manager at Laval Junior Academy;

WHEREAS the position mentioned above will become vacant on February 3, 2023;

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board abolish the position of School Administration Manager at Laval Junior Academy, effective February 3, 2023.

Carried unanimously

9.5.2 Nomination of an In-School Administrator - Principal

Nomination of an In-School
Administrator

Principal

CC-221123-HR-0055

WHEREAS the position of principal at Hillcrest Academy will be vacant on January 25, 2023;

WHEREAS, as per section 79 (2) of the *Education Act*, the Governing Board of Hillcrest Academy was consulted on the selection criteria for the appointment of the principal;

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;

WHEREAS an interview was held on November 21, 2022;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint the following person to the position of principal, effective January 25, 2023:

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL
Hillcrest Academy	Tania Marchitello

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson congratulated Ms. Marchitello noting that the John F. Kennedy Elementary School (JFK) community will miss her.

Ms. Marchitello noted that she is excited about this new opportunity, although she will miss JFK as she has been principal there for five and a half years.

The Director General noted that it is always a pleasure to work with Ms. Marchitello and that, with her experience and great leadership skills, she will fit in well at Hillcrest Academy.

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 can be found in the meeting package.

10.2.2 SEAC Report

The report can be found in the meeting package.

10.3 Report of QESBA

There was no report.

10.4 Central Students' Committee Report

There was no report.

11.0 Question Period

There were no questions.

12.0 Correspondence

The Chairperson drew attention to the correspondence in the meeting package.

13.0 Varia

13.1 Transportation Contracts - Funding

Commissioner Donna Anber expressed appreciation to the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Assistant Director of Material Resources and Transportation and the Coordinator of Transportation for all the work they have put into the process of renewing the transportation contracts.

The Chairperson concurred with Commissioner Anber noting that everyone involved has done an excellent job. Pressure on the MEQ now needs to take place for compensation to cover the budget shortfall that will come with the new transportation contracts.

Transportation Contracts

WHEREAS the five-year contracts for school bus transportation services ended on June 30, 2022, for all transporters contracting with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (the "SWLSB"), as this was the case for most school boards and school service centres in Québec;

Funding

CC-221123-CA-0056

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ) hired a mediator in order to negotiate provincially the terms and conditions of transportation contracts with the Fédération des transporteurs par autobus (the "Federation");

WHEREAS the Government and the Federation have reached an agreement as to the financial contribution to be given to transporters for school bus transportation services;

WHEREAS, in order to avoid a breach in transportation services, the Executive Committee adopted resolutions no. EC-220829-MR-0006 and EC-220829-MR-0007, authorizing the Director General to sign all necessary documentation to extend, on a monthly basis, the contracts with all transporters offering school bus or berline transportation that agree to this monthly extension, until all negotiations are finalized provincially;

WHEREAS, if the SWLSB were to apply the new provincial agreement to its regular transportation routes, it would find itself in a deficit position because of the financial impact;

WHEREAS this provincial agreement does not apply to the contracts for berline transportation services, which will increase the overall deficit position of the SWLSB;

WHEREAS certain transportation contractors used by the SWLSB have refused the agreement negotiated between the MEQ and the Federation;

WHEREAS the MEQ has yet to confirm to the SWLSB if it will fund the additional costs that are to be incurred, notably, by this new agreement;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board formally request the Ministère de l'Éducation to confirm that it will finance any additional transportation costs to be incurred by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in the operation of its school buses and berlines;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ministère de l'Éducation with a letter to be signed by the Chairperson detailing these concerns.

Carried unanimously

14.0 Adjournment

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 22:18

NEXT MEETING ⇒ REGULAR ⇒ December 14, 2022