

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, December 14, 2022, and via videoconference at 19:30, at which were:

Present: Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Commissioners Melissa Wall, Vice-Chairperson; Bob Pellerin, Alternate Vice-Chairperson; Karla Abraham Di Francesco, Donna Anber, Barbara Barrasso, Vincent Cammisano, James Di Sano, Olivia Landry 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; 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: Lynda DaSilveira, Director of Pedagogical Services.

Guests: John, Maria, Demitra, Nicko and Bobby Panagiotopoulos and Adam Gordon, Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents' Committee and former Secondary Parent Commissioner.

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: 19:31

0.0 Opening of Meeting

0.1 Acknowledgement of the Land

I would like to honour the existence of the First Peoples by acknowledging that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is on the traditional land of the Kanien'keha:ka or Mohawk nation.

The Mohawk Nation is also known as the "Eastern Door Keepers" and are a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy which also includes the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga and Oneida Peoples.

In the spirit of truth, reconciliation, and collaboration, we honour our relationship with the Indigenous Community and respect the history, culture, and language of Canada's original peoples.

Commissioner Anick Brunet entered the meeting.

TIME: 19:32

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

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CC-221214-CA-0057

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT the December 14, 2022, agenda of the Council of Commissioners be approved as presented in document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/12/14-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 Recognition

The Chairperson advised the Council that on November 29, 2022, he had the honour of attending the inauguration of a Sensory Room at Souvenir Elementary School (SES). The establishment of this special room is due to the generosity of the Panagiotopoulos Family (the family) whose children attend the school.

He went on to note that a sensory room is a therapeutic safe space with a variety of equipment that provides students with special needs or limited communication skills with personalized sensory input and helps them calm and focus themselves so they can be better prepared for learning and interacting with others.

The time children spend in a sensory room helps them improve their visual, auditory and tactile processing, as well as fine and gross motor skills. It also helps students manage negative thoughts and emotions.

Sensory rooms provide opportunities for engagement in prevention and crisis de-escalation strategies and promote self-care/self-nurturance, resilience and recovery.

The family met with the principal of SES during the 2021-2022 school year to discuss this project that they wanted to leave as a legacy in their son's name, as this is his last year in elementary school, for all of the support, dedication and quality of services he has been receiving while attending the school.

The establishment of the Sensory Room was a group effort between the SES and the family, with the school refurbishing the room and the family donating the sensory equipment. For Mrs. Panagiotopoulos, this Sensory Room was a labour of love and she has dedicated numerous hours volunteering, hours that are so valuable to the students.

The Council is very appreciative of the generosity of the family and tonight recognizes the entire Panagiotopoulos Family for their selfless generosity to the students of Souvenir Elementary School.

The Chairperson presented the Panagiotopoulos Family with a plaque that will be mounted outside of the Sensory Room to honour their generous donation that will benefit many students, today and in the years to come.

Mr. Panagiotopoulos thanked the Council on behalf of the family noting that it was a pleasure to be able to give back to SES as its students and staff have been so supportive of their son.

The Chairperson thanked the Panagiotopoulos Family for being present this evening.

The Chairperson welcomed Adam Gordon, Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents' Committee and former Secondary Parent Commissioner, to the meeting noting that Mr. Gordon is the Chairperson of the Parents' Committee (PC) and has been since 2018. He was elected as Secondary Parent Commissioner in 2020, as well as Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Commissioners, and held both roles until this fall.

Mr. Gordon has been invited this evening in order for the Council to recognize him for his commitment to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and express appreciation for all the knowledge he brought to the table.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Gordon on behalf of the Council and presented him with a certificate of recognition.

Mr. Gordon thanked the Council for this recognition and wished the new Secondary Parent Commissioner good luck in the role.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – November 23, 2022

Approval of Minutes
November 23, 2022

CC-221214-CA-0058

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 November 23, 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 last meeting of the 2022 year noting that, before presenting his report, he has additional information concerning the article in this morning's *Montreal Gazette* about students having to submit an eligibility certificate to attend English CEGEP. Bill 96 has been adopted into law so now anyone wanting to attend a CEGEP or private school in English will have to have an eligibility certificate.

He advised that any secondary V student currently living in the Laval, Laurentides or Lanaudière regions can contact this school board about the criteria required to obtain a certificate of eligibility. The deadline to provide a certificate of eligibility is June 30, 2023, and, so far, twenty requests have been received.

He went on to present his monthly report noting:

- November 29, 2022 – Attended the inauguration of the Sensory Room at Souvenir Elementary School with Commissioner Vincent Cammisano and the Assistant Director General;
- November 29, 2022 – A virtual public assembly was held with the families and employees of Franklin Hill, Joliette, Laurentia, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Pinewood and Rawdon Elementary Schools to look at the proposed school attendance zone for the new school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides (the new school).

Since the public assembly, the Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ) has replied to a letter from the Council requesting additional funding for the new school given that the lowest conformable tender bid received to construct this new school is well above the amount approved and financed by the MEQ. The MEQ supports the construction of the new school but declined the request for additional funding and suggested that a new tender be called. As the Chairperson, he sent a letter to Bernard Drainville, Ministre de l'Éducation, reinforcing the impact that construction delays will have on the students and the schools involved. The Premier, the Liberal Party of Québec, Members of the National Assembly for the Laurentian and Lanaudière regions, the sous-ministre, Ministère de l'Éducation, and the sous-ministre adjointe, Gouvernance des infrastructures, Ministère de l'Éducation, were copied on this letter.

The Governing Boards of the schools involved have each adopted a resolution supporting the school board's request for additional funding, as has the Parents' Committee;

- December 2, 2022 – Attended a meeting of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA). At the meeting:
 - Members were advised that a meeting with the Ministre de l'Éducation took place on December 8, 2022. An update of what was discussed will be provided in the new year;
 - A letter was sent requesting a meeting with the new Minister Responsible for Relations with English-speaking Quebecers, Éric Girard;
 - Reiteration of the importance of signing an open letter to David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, requesting that the references to Québec's Charter of the French Language be dropped from the proposed changes to the Official Languages Act, Bill C-13;
 - The ongoing fundraising campaign for the Bill 40 legal case;
 - The 2023 QESBA/AAESQ Spring Conference will be held at the Manoir St-Sauveur May 17 and 18, 2023.

In closing, he noted that the past few years have not been easy and thanked the students, parents, employees and stakeholders for being understanding and supportive. Also to be thanked is the leadership of the school Board, the Director General and the Assistant Director General, for their unwavering support of the Council.

Community Comments

- Commissioner Olivia Landry noted that Rosemere High School will be holding its annual community breakfast for the Children's Wish Foundation on Friday, December 23, 2022;
- Commissioner James Di Sano extended best wishes for the holiday season from the President and the members of the Board of Directors of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation;
- Commissioner Bob Pellerin had the pleasure of being invited to a community fair at Joliette High School. The fair was held on the evening of parent-teacher interviews.

In response to questions, the Chairperson noted

- It is hoped that a response to the additional letter sent by the school board to the MEQ will be received soon.
- A new tender will be called in January 2023;
- A visit to Laurentia Elementary School was organized by Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson, who is also the Governing Board Chairperson at the school. The Director of Material Resources and Transportation and the Chairperson of the Parents' Committee were also present and everyone saw first-hand what is faced daily by the students and employees. After the tour, it became very apparent that there is no space left in this school as students are working in the corridors, which would not be seen as acceptable by the MEQ;
- A tender is valid for 45 days after it is opened and, if no contract is awarded, the tender expires and a new call for tender must be published;
- An invitation has been extended to the Ministre de l'Éducation to visit the schools to show how much this new school is needed;
- Providing pictures of daily life in the schools that will feed to the new school may help sensitize the MEQ to the urgent need.

Commissioner Olivia Landry suggested that a letter also be sent to the former Chairperson of the school board, Jennifer Maccarone, as she is a member of the Québec Liberal Party and the MNA for Westmount-Saint-Louis.

6.0 Report from the Director General

The Director General presented her monthly report highlighting:

Orientation 1: Retain and support quality employees

- On November 28, 2022, the Human Resources Department organized a hybrid recruitment event that saw seventeen potential administrators attend, thirteen internal and four external. There were breakout sessions with current administrators so that questions could be asked. A post-event survey was sent out and the feedback received was very positive;
- The school board has updated its *Career Section* on its website to make it easier to apply for any positions available. The website also lists six advantages to working for this school board;

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

- The information about the new school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides can be found on the school board website. The website will be updated as new information becomes available;

Upcoming Events

- The development of a new Commitment-to-Success Plan (CTSP) for 2023-2027 is underway. Phase 1: The survey of stakeholders has been completed and the feedback vetted to derive the top items that should be included in the new CTSP. A big thank you to everyone who took the time to take the survey;
- On January 25, 2023, Phase 2 of the CTSP will take place with a virtual Town Hall.

The Director General wished everyone a very happy holiday season.

7.0 Business Arising

There was no business arising.

8.0 Decision Items**8.1 Legal, Corporate and Communications****8.1.1 2021-2022 Annual Report**

2021-2022
Annual Report

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WHEREAS section 220 of the *Education Act* requires every school board to prepare an annual report giving the population in its territory an account of the implementation of its commitment-to-success plan and the results obtained;

WHEREAS public notice of the presentation of its annual report was given in accordance with section 220.1 of the *Education Act*;

WHEREAS the Governance and Ethics Committee reviewed the 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board at its meeting of December 7, 2022, and provided feedback;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the 2021-2021 Annual Report of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/12/14-CA0002.

Carried unanimously

8.1.2 Public Presentation of the 2021-2022 Annual Report

The Chairperson advised those present that, as per section 220 of the Education Act, every school board and centre de services scolaire must do an annual report to account for the implementation of its Commitment-to-Success Plan (CTSP) and results it has obtained through the CTSP when compared to the objectives and targets within and with those of the MEQ. While COVID-19 was present for a portion of the current CTSP, it did not prevent the school board from being able to meet objectives and targets. He again thanked all stakeholders for their resilience and for taking the challenges head-on.

The 2021-2022 Annual Report will be posted on the website tomorrow.

He went on to present the *Message from the Chairperson* noting:

- The school elections that were to take place on November 1, 2020, were postponed to September 26, 2021. The election was only for the position of Chairperson as all other Commissioners had been elected by acclamation. A by-election in electoral division 6 was held on June 12, 2022, after a resignation;
- Creation of the Central Students' Committee to encourage students to participate in not just their school or centre but the Council of Commissioners;
- Acquisition of land for a new elementary school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides. A public consultation for the school zone will be held and if everything goes according to plan the new school will open in the fall of 2024;
- Kindergarten 4 is a very popular program in Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière. In 2018-2019, there were only five cases and now all 26 elementary schools have the program, which translates into 45 classes. This is very good for the anglophone community and school board enrolment;
- The graduation and qualification rates are rising. At this time, the rate is 88.1 percent, which puts this school board in the number one spot for the Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière region and in the top ten provincially. This is a testament to the efforts and creativity of everyone at the school board because our students are engaged;
- The 2nd Embracing Diversity Conference was held on January 7, 2022, for school board employees and January 18, 2022, for families. More than 100 families attended.

The Director of Pedagogical Services presented and reviewed the Pedagogical Services piece of the Annual Report as follows:

Objective 1: By 2030, reduce the gap in success rates between various groups of students by 50%

- The results in achieving the MEQ targets show that
 - There is still a gap in the success rate between boys and girls, with the boys being less successful. Everyone is working hard to decrease this gap;
 - The gap between special education students and regular students needs to be decreased;
 - The gap between students who live in areas that are a 7 or more on the socio-economic scale versus those who do not live in these areas needs to be reduced by 50 percent.
- How a cohort works. The cohort on which the data presented this evening began in 2013 and concluded in 2022 but, unfortunately, all the data on the results for this group will not be available for another two years, as a cohort is always two years behind;
- There is no non-binary data;

- The girls were outdoing the boys provincially by 10.1 percent when the cohort began but the boys have improved by 2.7 percent so the gap is now 8.8 percent, which does not meet the MEQ goal of 6.1 percent. This does not mean that the boys are not doing well, it just means that the girls are doing better;
- EHDA (en difficulté d'adaptation ou d'apprentissage) students are those with an IEP (Individual Education Plan) or who are coded. The gap for this group is very large and has improved for this cohort but it did not meet the goal set by the MEQ;
- Overall, the school board has surpassed its targets;

Objective 2: By 2030, reduce to 10% the proportion of students starting public secondary school at age 13 or older

- These are students who are retained at the elementary level;
- This school board does not have a retention mentality. The 2021 results show that the school board continues to maintain results below its target of five percent and is currently at 3.3 percent, which far exceeds the provincial target;

Objective 3: By 2030, have 85% of students under the age of 20 obtain a first diploma (SSD or DVS), and 90% obtain a first diploma or qualification

- The school board has been able to increase its graduation rate from 87.7% in 2019 to 88.1% in 2020, which surpassed the target set for 2022 of 88%;

Objective 4: By 2030, increase to 90% the success rate on the composition component of the Elementary 6 (Cycle 3, Year 2) language of instruction ministerial examination in the public system.

- Due to the pandemic, there is no ministerial data for English Language Arts (ELA) or French Second Language (FSL) competencies;
- The ELA results have been impressive since 2016 but there is no current data due to COVID-19 although the school board is close to its target of 92.5 percent;
- There has been a dip in FSL and this will need to be worked upon to get back on track.

The Director of Pedagogical Services noted that the results for the school board show that students are achieving success especially when compared with the provincial results.

The Director of Material Resources and Transportation provided information on the Material Resources piece of the annual report:

Objective 5: By 2030, ensure that all school buildings are in good condition

- The school board is working on improving its infrastructure and has recently invested \$11,300,000.00 in eleven of its schools and centres;
- This objective can be a challenge given the age of some of the buildings but the Material Resources and Transportation Department works diligently to carry out as many improvements as possible;
- In 2022 the government implemented the Gestion des infrastructures de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (GIEES) to replace its former system. All of the school board buildings have been inspected, as per the GIEES parameters, and the results are currently being analyzed.

The Director of Financial Resources presented the finance statement of principle for the 2021-2022 school year noting that \$214,539,945.00 in revenues was received versus \$208,055,753.00 in expenses leaving an accounting surplus of \$6,484,192.00. The school board needs to be careful because it is always necessary to restate and isolate revenues that pertain to the previous school year. This means that the school board has an actual deficit of \$1,600,000.00.

The Chairperson thanked the Directors for their presentation of the 2021-2022 Annual Report.

He went on to thank all school board employees for their resilience and remaining professional throughout COVID-19 noting that it does not matter what role one plays within the school board everyone is valued.

He also thanked the Commissioners for their continued support of English education and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

In response to a question from Commissioner Donna Anber, the Director of Pedagogical Services noted that the terms used to describe special needs are sometimes lost in the translation from French to English making them appear to be harsh. It is hoped that these terms will become softer over time.

8.1.3 Entente – Service de Police de la Ville de Blainville

Entente

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170222-CA-0061, approving the *Entente relative à l'intervention policière du Service de police de la Ville de Blainville dans les établissements d'enseignement de la Commission scolaire Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier* (the Entente);

Service de Police de la
Ville de Blainville

CC-221214-CA-0060

WHEREAS the Entente had expired and therefore needed to be revised and renewed;

WHEREAS there is now a revised version of the Entente that requires signature;

Commissioner Karla Abraham Di Francesco MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the revised Entente with the Ville de Blainville, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/12/14-CA-003;

AND THAT the Director General of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be authorized to sign said Entente.

Carried unanimously

8.2 Financial Resources

8.2.1 Budget Building 2023-2024 – Authorization for Consultation

Budget Building
2023-2024

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is commencing its budget building process for the 2023-2024 school year;

Authorization for
Consultation

WHEREAS section 275 of the *Education Act* requires a school board to establish the objectives and principles governing the allocation of its revenues;

CC-221214-FR-0061

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has drafted its 2023-2024 Budget Consultation Survey;

WHEREAS said survey was presented to the Audit Committee on December 7, 2022, as well as to the Resource Allocation Committee on November 22, 2022;

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the Budget Consultation Survey, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2022/12/14-FR001;

AND THAT the consultation begin on December 14, 2022, and end on February 12, 2023, with the Governing Boards, the Parents' Committee, the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association and the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Carried unanimously

8.3 Material Resources and Transportation

8.3.1 Engagement of Contractor – Task Order Contract – Interior Systems

Engagement of Contractor WHEREAS, as per the *Regulation respecting construction contracts of public bodies*, “a public body may enter into a task order contract with one contractor or more when the procurement requirements are recurrent and the monetary value of the construction work, the rate or frequency are uncertain”;

Task Order Contract

Interior Systems

CC-221214-MR-0062

WHEREAS public call for tenders no. 22-209-09 was published for an interior systems task order contract and the bids were opened on December 6, 2022;

WHEREAS the call for tenders was divided in three regional lots (respectively eastern region, northern region and western region) allowing for each bidder to submit a bid in one or more lots;

WHEREAS the conformity of all bidders has been verified;

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award a three-year task order contract (1 year + 2 optional periods of one year each) for interior systems as follows to the contractors below:

Lot	Rank (from lowest to highest bid)	Name of Contractor	Total amount for 3 years before taxes	Total amount for 3 years net taxes
1 Eastern region	1	Construction L. Morin Inc.	\$115,650.00	\$123,614.53
	2	Francis Leblanc Inc.	\$119,610.00	\$127,847.24
2 Northern region	1	Construction L. Morin Inc.	\$217,850.00	\$232,852.78
	2	Francis Leblanc Inc.	\$242,890.00	\$259,617.23
3 Western region	1	Construction L. Morin Inc.	\$110,250.00	\$117,842.64
	2	Francis Leblanc Inc.	\$119,610.00	\$127,847.24

AND THAT, as per the *Regulation respecting construction contracts of public bodies*, the procurement requests be made to the contractor that submitted the lowest price, unless it cannot perform the contract, in which case the other contractor will be solicited according to its respective rank, as indicated in the table above;

AND THAT the engagement of a contractor be conditional to the receipt of all contractual documents;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning these contracts, including, but not limited to, all purchase orders.

Carried unanimously

8.4 SWL Foundation

8.4.1 Nomination to SWL Foundation

Nomination to SWL Foundation

CC-221214-CA-0063

WHEREAS, as per resolution CC-201217-CA-0059, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board designated Commissioners Vincent Cammisano and James Di Sano on the Board of Directors of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation until replaced;

WHEREAS Council wishes to renew its designations;

WHEREAS the by-laws of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation state the following:

"The Board of Directors of the Corporation may include a representative nominated by the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for each of the three (3) regions, Laval, Lanaudière, and Laurentides, as such regions are defined by the Council of Commissioners of the said School Board."

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board designate Commissioners Olivia Landry and James Di Sano as well as Paolo Galati, Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, on the Board of Directors of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation;

AND THAT the term of these representatives end on July 31, 2023;

FURTHER THAT said representatives remain in office until replaced.

Carried unanimously

8.5 Human Resources

8.5.1 Nomination of an In-School Administrator - Principal

After presenting the resolution, Commissioner Vincent Cammisano congratulated Ms. Busnardo on her nomination and thanked the current principal at John F. Kennedy Elementary School (JFK) for her time at the school and wished her good luck at Hillcrest Academy.

Nomination of an In-School Administrator

Principal

CC-221214-HR-0064

WHEREAS the position of principal at John F. Kennedy Elementary School will be vacant on January 25, 2023;

WHEREAS, as per section 79 (2) of the *Education Act*, the Governing Board of John F. Kennedy Elementary School 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 December 13, 2022;

Commissioner Vincent Cammisano 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
John F. Kennedy Elementary School	Sonia Busnardo

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson congratulated Ms. Busnardo noting that her experience as a teacher and as an administrator will serve her well in her new position.

Ms. Busnardo thanked the Selection Committee and the Council for their vote of confidence noting that she is looking forward to working for the JFK community.

The Director General wished Ms. Busnardo well in her new position noting that she has a wealth of experience and that the school board will be there to provide any support she may need as she transitions into her new role.

9.0 Information Items

9.1 SWL Foundation Report

Commissioner James Di Sano advised that there will be a Valentine's Day Gala on February 9, 2023, and that all the details can be found on the Foundation's website and Facebook page.

9.2 Parent Commissioners' Reports

9.2.1 Parents' Committee Report

The report can be found in the meeting package.

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson, on behalf the Parents' Committee, wished the student, parents and employees a very Happy Holiday and best wishes for the New Year.

9.2.2 SEAC Report

There was no report.

9.3 Report of QESBA

There was no report.

9.4 Central Students' Committee Report

There was no report.

10.0 Question Period

In response to a question from an online viewer, the Director of Pedagogical Services noted that the success rates for 2020 reflect those who achieved a diploma or a qualification. There are a variety of reasons for the improvement in the gap between 2015 and 2020, such as increased services to students, improved screening of students who fall into the broad category of students with an IEP whether or not they have a code, the promotion of tutoring and mentoring at the high school level, summer school, or school-based initiatives. All these can all lead to a student receiving a diploma or a qualification.

11.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

12.0 Varia

There was no varia.

13.0 Adjournment

The Chairperson wished everyone a holiday season filled with special times with loved ones, health, happiness and a successful New Year. We cannot wait to see what 2023 holds for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:08

NEXT MEETING → REGULAR → February 22, 2023

Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General

Paolo Galati, Chairperson