

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Ville de Rosemère

A special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the Training Lab of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec, on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, and via videoconference at 12:45 p.m., at which were:

Present: Russell Copeman, Director General.

Present via videoconference: Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Commissioner Bob Pellerin, Alternate Vice-Chairperson; Commissioners Donna Anber, Barbara Barrasso, Anick Brunet and Désirée Ramacieri; Parent Commissioners Chloée Alary, Tara Anderson and Elena Ferrato.

Also present: Giovanna Ortona, Interim Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Resources; Daniel Harvey, Director of Financial Resources and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

Also present via videoconference: Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and School Organization.

Absent: Commissioner Melissa Wall, Vice-Chairperson; Commissioners Vincent Cammisano, James Di Sano and Stéphane Henley.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and confirmed quorum with the Interim Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department.

The Interim Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department confirmed quorum and advised that all legal requirements for this meeting were followed.

TIME: 12:48

1.0 Opening of Meeting

1.1 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.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

CC-240514-CA-0099

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT the May 14, 2024, agenda of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be approved as presented in document no. CC-SWLSB-2024/05/14-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

3.0 Position of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in the appeal of the judgment of the Superior Court of April 10, 2024, regarding the application of the term *school service centres* used in the *Charter of the French Language* to English-language school boards

Position of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in the appeal of the judgment of the Superior Court of April 10, 2024, regarding the application of the term *school service centres* used in the *Charter of the French Language* to English-language school boards

CC-240514-CA-0100

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-231218-CA-0053, joining the court challenge launched by the English Montreal School Board as an intervenor;

WHEREAS on April 10, 2024, a judgment was rendered by the Superior Court on the stay of provisions of Bill 96 and the Charter of the French Language;

WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board has launched an appeal of this decision and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to join this appeal as an appellant;

WHEREAS Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been advised that there would be no additional financial contributions necessary for this appeal;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board become an appellant in the appeal put forward by the English Montreal School Board concerning the judgment rendered by the Superior Court on April 10, 2024;

AND THAT there are no additional financial costs incurred by this appeal.

Carried unanimously

4.0 Question Period

The Interim Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department confirmed there were no questions.

5.0 Adjournment

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 12:52

NEXT MEETING → REGULAR → May 29, 2024