

**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, May 29, 2024, and via videoconference at 19:30, at which were:

**Present:** Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Commissioner Melissa Wall, Vice-Chairperson Commissioner Bob Pellerin, Alternate Vice-Chairperson; Commissioners Donna Anber, Barbara Barrasso, James Di Sano, Stéphane Henley and Désirée Ramacieri; Parent Commissioners Chloée Alary, Tara Anderson and Elena Ferrato; and Russell Copeman, Director General.

**Student Representatives to Council present:** Kerry Chapman and Hareem Saad Nawaz.

**Also present:** Roma Medwid, Interim Assistant Director General; Giovanna Ortona, Interim 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; Daniel Harvey, Director of Financial Resources; Stephanie Krenn, Director of Human Resources; Michael Quinn, Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services; Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communications; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

**Absent:** Commissioners Anick Brunet and Vincent Cammisano.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order welcoming everyone who is viewing the meeting online and verified quorum with the Interim Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department. 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.*

**1.0 Approval of the Agenda**

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**CC-240529-CA-0101**

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT the May 29, 2024, agenda of the Council of Commissioners be approved as presented in document no. CC-SWLSB-2024/05/29-CA-001.

**Carried unanimously**

## 2.0 Approval of Minutes

### 2.1 April 24, 2024

Approval of Minutes

April 24, 2024

CC-240529-CA-0102

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on April 24, 2024, 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**

### 2.2 May 14, 2024

Approval of Minutes

May 14, 2024

CC-240529-CA-0103

Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato MOVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on May 14, 2024, 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**

## 3.0 Question Period

The Interim 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.

She noted that the second question period is for questions related to agenda items only. Question period is not a platform for debate.

The Interim Secretary General advised that Mr. Kevin Gohier Emond had submitted questions prior to tonight's meeting and asked him to present his questions.

Mr. Gohier Emond presented his first question in regard to the upcoming meeting with the MRC to discuss land for a new school in Saint-Jérôme; he inquires why the Laurentia elementary school principal, who is core in the current community and who is well positioned to raise the urgency of the situation and needs of the community.

The Chairperson advised that the meeting with the MRC is specifically with the Director General and will focus on the technical aspects of acquiring land and the assessment of the current status of the dossier. We can assure you that the urgency of the situation and the needs of the community will be a key part of our discussion.

The school board has already discussed its strategy with the Laurentia principal, who fully supports our approach. Following the meeting, we will brief her on the outcomes and next steps to ensure that she remains informed and involved in the process as we move forward.

In response to Mr. Gohier Emond's second question concerning the fact that the Centre de services scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord has managed to get two new schools in Saint-Jérôme while this school board is being bumped and brought back to the beginning. What is the school board going to do to step up and expedite the process for new land and keep Saint-Jérôme accountable?

The Chairperson noted that while it may seem like the project is starting back from square one, the reality is that an additional step has simply been added to the land acquisition process. The school board is actively working to navigate this step as efficiently as possible. The focus is on ensuring that the urgency of the situation is taken seriously and the needs of the school community are addressed promptly and effectively. The school board is committed to expediting the process to secure the land for this new school.

In response to a request to answer a question that was not submitted beforehand, the Chairperson explained that questions not related to the agenda cannot be received if not submitted beforehand because it allows the school board time to put together the information necessary to provide a detailed answer.

#### 4.0 Report from the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting noting that he is looking forward to all of the June graduations. He went on to present his monthly report highlighting the following:

- April 25, 2024 – Attended the Raise Craze event with Commissioner Barbara Barrasso, and it was a very touching experience to see students and staff shave their heads for breast cancer awareness, especially a five-year-old;
- April 26, 2024
  - Attended the Laval Senior Academy musical *Something Rotten* with Commissioner Barbara Barrasso. Congratulations to the talented students and staff who are dedicated to the theatre concentration program;
  - Terry Fox Elementary School held a blood drive with a goal of 60 donations. There were 70 people who came to donate but, unfortunately, 15 had to be turned away due to lack of manpower. Congratulations to the 30 students who helped out Héma-Québec;
- April 27, 2024
  - Attended the Hillcrest Academy Spring Fair with Commissioners Barbara Barrasso and James Di Sano and Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato. Congratulations to the Home and School Association for organizing a really great event;
  - The Terry Fox Elementary School grade six graduating class held a car wash. Congratulations to the students who washed a lot of cars, and to the parents for their support;
  - McCaig FUNraiser – Attended this event with Commissioner Barbara Barrasso. This was a dinner and comedy evening, so there was great food and a lot of laughter. Congratulations to the event organizers;
- April 29, 2024 – Attended the NextGEN Assembly of Student Leaders with Commissioners Barbara Barrasso and James Di Sano. A special thank you to Senator Tony Loffreda and his team for graciously hosting the 2024 Annual NextGEN Assembly of Leaders. The students were given real-world issues and had to come up with collaborative ways to make positive, global change;
- May 4, 20 and 25, 2024 – Rehearsals were held for the annual Star Fest;
- May 7-10, 2024 – Attended the 2024 AAESQ-QESBA Spring Conference at Chateau Bromont along with Commissioners Donna Anber, Barbara Barrasso, James Di Sano, Désirée Ramacieri, parent Commissioners Tara Anderson and Elena Ferrato, and the Director General, as well as several principals;

- May 14, 2024 – Commissioner Barbara Barrasso attended the Genesis Elementary School Shave Craze. This event was to raise money for the breast cancer clinic at the MUHC. Global News was present, covering the event;
- May 16, 2024 – Attended the Laval Senior Academy Music Concentration concert with Commissioner Barbara Barrasso. These secondary 3, 4 and 5 students are very talented. Thank you to the exceptional music teacher who oversees the music concentration program;
- May 18, 2024 – Attended the Our Lady of Peace Elementary School *High School Musical* with Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato and over 400 hundred parents and family members. Congratulations to the students and to the school personnel for their contributions to the successful evening;
- May 21, 2024 – Interviewed by Melissa François of the CBC concerning the census results recently published by Statistics Canada about families that are eligible for an English education, but who send their children to French school. During this interview, the opportunity was taken to announce the opening of the new school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides for the 2024-2025 school year, and the MEQ authorization for two more schools in the southeast part of the Laurentides;
- May 24, 2024 – Attended the Jules Verne Elementary School musical production of the Addams Family with Commissioners Barbara Barrasso and James Di Sano. The musical was held in the auditorium of Laval Junior Academy. Congratulations to all who participated in or organized this lovely event;
- May 25, 2024 – Attended the Joliette High School Golf Tournament with Commissioner Bob Pellerin. It was a beautiful day for those who golfed, followed by a dinner;
- May 28, 2024 – Took part in an open-line interview with Shawn Apel of the CBC on Radio Noon Quebec on the recent census results regarding students who are eligible for an English education, but attend French school.

#### Community Comments

- Commissioner Bob Pellerin attended the May 4, 2024, Comedy Night at Franklin Hill Elementary School. Community events are a great way for the Commissioners and the school community to meet;
- Commissioner Melissa Wall advised that she had been invited to be a judge at the Saint Jude Elementary School Public Speaking Contest. She noted that the grade five and six students are very well spoken;
- Commissioner Barbara Barrasso noted the following:
  - Twin Oaks Elementary school career week was a success with visits by CDC Pont-Viau and other entrepreneurs;
  - Terry Fox Elementary School participated in a community clean up with the Ville de Laval on May 4, 2024;
  - Crestview Elementary School grade 6 held its annual car wash on May 2, 2024. Special thanks to Lave Auto Vimont who stepped in and provided the location for the event when the original location fell through;
  - The Principal and staff of Laval Senior Academy held a parent assembly regarding year end activities, hoping to recruit parents who would be willing to help with activities.

- Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson mentioned the Terry Fox Cares event at Laurentia Elementary School that will take place on June 5, 2024, and thanked Angie Lombardo for all of the work that she does for the community;
- Student Representative Kerry Chapman noted that CDC Vimont is proud to have won three banners in the past month, two for first-place finishes in basketball and one for a first-place finish in volleyball.

The Chairman asked Student Representative Kerry Chapman to please extend congratulations from the Council to the Basketball and Volleyball teams.

- Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri Noted that on Saturday, June 1, 2024, the Laurentia Elementary School community will be cleaning up the school yard and installing some new things for the students to play with. Everyone is welcome to come and participate.

## 5.0 Report from the Director General

In the absence of the Director General, the Interim Assistant Director General presented his monthly report, noting the following:

### Building Bridges

- Visits to the schools and centres are going well and 32 will have been visited, so the goal of visiting all schools and centres by the end of this school year will be achieved;
- Attended meeting with counterparts in the Laval-Laurentides-Lanaudière regions, as well as the MEQ Sous-ministre;
- Chantal Roberge has been named Principal of Heritage Elementary School, and Melanie Scott will be the School Secretary; they are actively preparing for the first day of school in August;
- The construction of Heritage Elementary School is on target for opening in August 2024;

### Proud Moments

- There is a new promotional video that is promoting Adult Education and Vocational Training in Laval. The Table de concertation en orientation de Laval has created this video and bilingual tools to present all pathways of education in Québec. The video was received earlier today. Congratulations to Brittany Cerveira, Kathryn Katsaros and Kelly Sauve, teachers at Crestview Elementary School, who won an *Innovative Performance Award* for their use of the APP Proloquo to help support non-verbal students. Caroline Erdos, Pedagogical Consultant, and Gaile Jaffe, Speech Language Pathologist, are also to be congratulated for their contributions to this project;
- Raise Craze 2024 for breast cancer research saw eight schools participate and 24 students, six staff and one parent either cut their hair or shave their heads, in order to raise, collectively, \$50,000.00;

### Upcoming Events

- May 30, 2024, the Laurier Gala and Star Fest will take place at the Chateau Royal;
- June is PRIDE month;
- June 7, 2024, is the last day of regular class for high schools;
- June 13, 2024, is the Lobster Gala at the Chateau Royal;
- June 16, 2024, is Father's Day;
- June 21, 2024, while it is the last day of school for the elementary students, it is also National Indigenous People's Day;

- June 24, 2024, is Saint-Jean Baptiste;
- June 26, 2024, is the last Council meeting for the 2023-2024 school year;
- Registrations for francization courses are ongoing;
- New programs in Vocational Training for 2024-2025:
  - September 5, 2024, a new cohort in Accounting Studies, in a hybrid format, begins in the evening;
  - September 9, 2024, a new cohort in Computing Support begins;
  - September 16, 2024, a new cohort in Institutional and Home Care Assistance begins.

## 6.0 Business Arising

There were no items in business arising.

## 7.0 Decision Items

### 7.1 Human Resources

#### 7.1.1 Appointment of In-School Administrators

##### 7.1.1.1 Principal

The Director of Human Resources advised that the Selection Committee is recommending Tara Marlin for the position of Principal at Joliette Elementary School (JES). She also noted that Ms. Marlin is currently the Interim Principal.

Appointment of In-School Administrators

WHEREAS the position of Principal at Joliette Elementary School is currently vacant;

Principal

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

**CC-240529-HR-0104**

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 interviews for the position at Joliette Elementary School were held on May 2, 2024;

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the General Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint the following to the position of Principal:

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	EFFECTIVE DATE
Joliette Elementary School	Tara Marlin	May 29, 2024

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairperson congratulated Ms. Marlin and wished her the best in her new position.

Ms. Marlin thanked the Council for the opportunity to be the Principal of JES, she also thanked everyone for all of the support she has received over the past year as interim.

The Interim Assistant Director General congratulated and welcomed Ms. Marlin to the administration team, noting that she is a pleasure to work with.

### 7.1.1.2 Vice-Principals

The Director of Human Resources advised that the selection process for the Vice-Principal positions went very well and that many strong candidates applied for the positions.

The Chairperson noted that the selection process is not easy, especially with internal candidates, because they all have some experience and strong skills.

Appointment of In-School Administrators

Vice-Principals

**CC-240529-HR-0105**

WHEREAS the positions of Vice-Principal at several schools are currently vacant;

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 interviews were held on April 9, 2024, for the position at Laval Junior Academy, and on May 7, 2024, for the positions at Hillcrest Academy and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School;

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the General Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint the following to the position of Vice-Principal as follows:

SCHOOL	VICE-PRINCIPAL	EFFECTIVE DATE
Laval Junior Academy	Gloria Cuccarolo	May 29, 2024
Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School	Isabelle Nathan-Frenette	July 1, 2024
Hillcrest Academy	Christine Gosselin	July 1, 2024

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairperson congratulated the three new Vice-Principals and wished them well in their new positions.

Isabelle Nathan-Frenette thanked the Council for the opportunity noting that she is excited to be a Vice-Principal.

Christine Gosselin noted that she is thankful for the opportunity to be a Vice-Principal.

Gloria Cuccarolo noted that she is very happy to be able to pursue her career at another level and thanked the Council for their confidence in her.

The Interim Assistant Director General congratulated all three candidates and wished them success.

## 7.2 Legal, Corporate and Communications

### 7.2.1 Nomination of a Returning Officer

Nomination of a Returning Officer

**CC-240529-CA-0106**

WHEREAS school board elections are scheduled for November 3, 2024;

WHEREAS section 22 of the *Act respecting school elections* appoints the Director General of the school board as the returning officer *ex officio*;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners can appoint another person to replace the Director General as returning officer;

Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Lorraine Sperano Gauthier as its Returning Officer for the November 3, 2024, school election effective May 29, 2024;

AND THAT the Returning Officer is paid in accordance with the *Regulation respecting the tariff of remuneration and expense of election officers* as established by the Directeur general des élections du Québec;

AND THAT the Returning Officer will collaborate in the preparation of the budget for the school board elections of November 3, 2024, and see to its management;

FURTHER THAT the Returning Officer shall attend training provided relative to the November 3, 2024, school board elections.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairperson congratulated Ms. Sperano Gauthier on her nomination as Returning Officer.

## 7.3 Pedagogical Services

### 7.3.1 Derogation Renewal for Sport-études

The Chairperson reminded everyone online that there are advisory committee meetings prior to the Council and Executive Committee, whereby the items being presented this evening are discussed at length.

Derogation Renewal for Sport-études

**CC-240529-ED-0107**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) adopted resolution no. CC200117-ED-0057, approving the Sport-études programs at Laval Junior Academy (LJA) and Laval Senior Academy (LSA) for the years 2020-2024, as well as authorizing the Director of Pedagogical Services to sign and send all documentation to the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) concerning these Sport-études programs in order to allow LJA and LSA to continue their respective Sport-études programs;

WHEREAS the SWLSB completed the *Demande de reconnaissance d'un projet pédagogique particulier en Sport-études 2025-2030* for Laval Junior Academy and Laval Senior Academy on April 19, 2024, via the CollecteInfo platform;



WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received resolutions from the Governing Boards of Laval Junior Academy (LJA-GB090424-03) and Laval Senior Academy (LSA-GB230424-15) requesting that the school board extend the Sport-études programs at each school;

WHEREAS a Sport-études program is only available to secondary student-athletes who are recognized by a sports federation, who strive for excellence in a particular sport, and who meet the admission requirements set by the SWLSB in consultation with Sport-études schools;

WHEREAS a Sport-études program allows a student-athlete to focus and work on academic and athletic goals, with priority given to their academic success;

WHEREAS a Sport-études program would follow the rules and criteria established by the MEQ;

WHEREAS a Sport-études program corresponds to specific educational projects in sport and requires MEQ authorization in order to be recognized;

WHEREAS, in order to open a Sport-études class, normally there must be a registration of a minimum of 25 student-athletes recognized by the sports federations concerned;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director General to engage in the process and fulfill all the conditions necessary to permit Laval Junior Academy and Laval Senior Academy to extend their official designations from the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec for a Sport-études program at each school;

AND THAT the Chairperson, as well as the Director General, and in their absence or with their knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning these Sport-études programs.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **7.4 Adult Education and Vocational Training**

##### **7.4.1 Vocational Training Authorizations – New Requests**

Vocational Training  
Authorizations

WHEREAS one of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's 2023-2027 Commitment-to-Success Plan objectives is to modernize and enhance vocational training;

New Requests

**CC-240529-AE-0108**

WHEREAS Vocational Training is a priority for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board as it wishes to support increased accessibility to programs for students on its territory;

WHEREAS English school boards and French service centres wish to work collaboratively to improve the Vocational Training offer and to maximize investments;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to offer the General Building Maintenance and Installation et entretien de systèmes de sécurité (offered in English) programs;

WHEREAS the job prospects in the Laurentides as well as in the Greater Montréal area for the 2023-2027 period for General Building Maintenance are very good, according to the labour market information provided on Service Québec's website;

WHEREAS the job prospects in the Laurentides as well as in the Greater Montréal area for the 2023-2027 period for Installation et entretien de systèmes de sécurité are good according to the labour market information provided on Service Québec's website;

WHEREAS these provisional authorizations will be implemented at the Construc-Plus Centre;

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request provisional authorizations from the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec to offer the following programs:

- DVS 5711 General Building Maintenance
- DVS 5296 Installation et entretien de systèmes de sécurité (offered in English)

**Carried unanimously**

## **7.5 Material Resources and Transportation**

### **7.5.1 Engagement of Contractor – School Yard Asphalt Replacement Project – Laurentian Elementary School**

In response to a question from the Chairperson, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation advised that this replacement project would be completed over the summer months.

Engagement of Contractor	WHEREAS the school yard asphalt at Laurentian Elementary School needs to be replaced;
School Yard Asphalt Replacement Project	WHEREAS public call for tenders no. 23-159-01 was published for the replacement of the school yard asphalt at Laurentian Elementary School and the bids were opened on May 13, 2024;
Laurentian Elementary School	WHEREAS the conformity of all bidders has been verified;
<b>CC-240529-MR-0109</b>	Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the replacement of the school yard asphalt at Laurentian Elementary School to Inter Chantiers Inc., for a total cost of \$785,342.08 before taxes, or \$839,426.63 net taxes;

AND THAT the engagement above 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 this project.

**Carried unanimously**

### 7.5.2 Engagement of Contractor – Water Cooling Tower Replacement Project – Laval Junior Academy

Engagement of Contractor	WHEREAS the water cooling tower at Laval Junior Academy needs to be replaced;
Water Cooling Tower Replacement Project	WHEREAS public call for tenders no. 23-188-03 was published for the replacement of the water cooling tower at Laval Junior Academy and the bids were opened on May 13, 2024;
Laval Junior Academy	WHEREAS the conformity of all bidders has been verified;
<b>CC-240529-MR-0110</b>	Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the replacement of the water cooling tower at Laval Junior Academy to Teko inc., for a total cost of \$561,064.78, before taxes, or \$599,703.91, net taxes;
	AND THAT the engagement above 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 this project.

**Carried unanimously**

### 7.5.3 Participation in a CAG Tender – Acquisition of Three Photocopiers – Print Shop

Participation in a CAG Tender	WHEREAS the leasing contract for the photocopiers at the print shop is expiring on June 30, 2024;
Acquisition of Three Photocopiers	WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution CC-220330-IT-0079, approving the participation in CAG tender 2022-8065-50 for the acquisition of photocopiers, up to an amount not exceeding \$200,000.00, before taxes;
Print Shop	
<b>CC-240529-MR-0111</b>	WHEREAS, this estimated value did not take into account the three (3) photocopiers for the print shop;
	WHEREAS the estimated cost of a five (5) year leasing contract for three (3) photocopiers for the print shop is of \$820,000.00, before taxes;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approves the leasing of three (3) new photocopiers for the print shop for a total estimated cost of \$820,000.00, before taxes, or \$876,471.35, net taxes;

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning the leasing of the three photocopiers for the print shop.

**Carried unanimously**

## 7.6 Executive Committee

### 7.6.1 Recall of Functions and Powers of the Executive Committee

The Chairperson advised that due to the cancellation of the Executive Committee meeting earlier this month, the Council will be recalling the powers delegated to the Executive Committee in order to handle some pending matters this evening.

Recall of Function and Powers from the Executive Committee

WHEREAS by-law no. BL2023-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* delegates various functions and powers to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

**CC-240529-CA-0112**

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board recall the powers delegated to the Executive Committee in order to approve various resolutions.

**Carried unanimously**

### 7.6.2 Deed of Establishment – Heritage Elementary School

Deed of Establishment

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) requested a new school for the Joliette area to alleviate overcrowding in the Lanaudière region;

Heritage Elementary School

WHEREAS the SWLSB received authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) to build a new school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides;

**CC-240529-TS-0113**

WHEREAS the new school, now known as Heritage Elementary School, will open for the 2024-2025 school year;

WHEREAS the student information for Heritage Elementary School will need to be transmitted to the MEQ;

WHEREAS, in order to transmit information to the MEQ, a deed of establishment must be created;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution CC-231218-TS-0043 approving the final version of the Deeds of Establishment for the 2024-2025 school year;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the creation of a Deed of Establishment for Heritage Elementary School, as contained in document no. SWLSB-2024/05/29-TS-001;

AND THAT document CC-SWLSB-2023/12/18-TS-001 referred to in resolution no. CC-231218-TS-0043 be amended to include the deed of establishment for Heritage Elementary School.

**Carried unanimously**

### 7.6.3 Interboard Transportation Agreement – Centre de services scolaire des Laurentides

Interboard Transportation Agreement WHEREAS student transportation is required for all Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools;

Centre de services scolaire des Laurentides WHEREAS the Centre de services scolaire des Laurentides transports students on behalf of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to Sainte-Agathe Academy and Arundel Elementary School;

#### CC-240529-MR-0114

WHEREAS the Centre de services scolaire des Laurentides receives funding from the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) to transport students of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the net taxes are not included as part of the MEQ funding and are paid by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, as per the budgetary parameters;

WHEREAS the net taxes are currently estimated at \$31,837.63 (274 students), for the 2024-2025 school year;

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Transportation Advisory Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the transportation arrangements made with the Centre de services scolaire des Laurentides to transport students attending Sainte-Agathe Academy and Arundel Elementary School;

AND THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board pay the net taxes in the amount of \$31,837.63 (274 students), for the 2024-2025 school year, to the Centre de services scolaire des Laurentides;

FURTHER THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board pay the net taxes for each additional student to be transported by the Centre de services scolaire des Laurentides on behalf of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to Sainte-Agathe Academy and Arundel Elementary School during the course of the 2024-2025 school year.

**Carried unanimously**

### 7.6.4 Interboard Transportation Agreement – Centre de services scolaire des Samares

Interboard Transportation Agreement WHEREAS the Centre de services scolaire des Samares receives funding from the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) to transport up to 195 students of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Centre de services scolaire des Samares

#### CC-240529-MR-0115

WHEREAS the Centre de services scolaire des Samares transports students on behalf of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to Joliette Elementary School and Joliette High School;

WHEREAS the cost of transporting each additional student over the first 195 is charged to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, as per the budgetary parameters;

WHEREAS the estimated cost is currently of \$104,892.24, before taxes, or \$112,115.91, net taxes, based on an estimate of 315 students, to be adjusted as per the official enrolment on September 30;

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Transportation Advisory Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the transportation arrangements with the Centre de services scolaire des Samares to transport students to Joliette Elementary School and Joliette High School for the 2024-2025 school year;

AND THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board pay for any additional student in accordance with the cost per student established by the MEQ in its budgetary parameters.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **7.6.5 Request for Additional Vehicles for Heritage Elementary School**

As a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Commissioner Barbara Barrasso advised that this is an action that needs to be taken.

Request for Additional  
Vehicles for Heritage  
Elementary School

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. EC-230118-MR-0033, entering into agreements with carriers for bus transportation, including Groupe Renaud;

**CC-240529-MR-0116**

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. EC-230118-MR-0034, entering into agreements with carriers for minivans and berlines, including Transport Shiro Inc.;

WHEREAS the above-mentioned agreements are as of March 1, 2023, until June 30, 2028, with an optional additional year from July 1, 2028, to June 30, 2029;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is opening Heritage Elementary school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides for the 2024-2025 school year which will require three (3) additional vehicles for the transportation of students to said school;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Transportation Advisory Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the addition of the following vehicles to the contracts with the carriers listed below:

<b>Carrier</b>	<b>Quantity and Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Total Base Price per vehicle for 2024-2025 (taxes NOT included)</b>	<b>Total Base Price for 2024-2025 (net taxes)</b>
Groupe Renaud	Two 72 passenger buses	\$89,273.00	\$190,842.02
Transport Shiro Inc.	One minivan	\$44,170.41	\$47,212.32

AND THAT the contracts with Groupe Renaud and Transport Shiro Inc. authorized in resolutions no. EC-230118-MR-0033 and EC-230118-MR-0034 be modified to include these additional vehicles;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning the addition of these vehicles.

**Carried unanimously**

### 7.6.6 Request for Additional Vehicles for SPARK

Request for Additional  
Vehicles for SPARK

**CC-240529-MR-0117**

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. EC-230118-MR-0034, entering into agreements with carriers for minivans and berlines, including Transport Shiro Inc.;

WHEREAS the above-mentioned agreements are as of March 1, 2023, until June 30, 2028, with an optional additional year from July 1, 2028, to June 30, 2029;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is establishing a SPARK (Supporting Personalized Achievement and Readiness in Kids) Class Model for early intervention at Morin Heights Elementary School (MHES) for the 2024-2025 school year in order to meet the need for specialized services north of Laval;

WHEREAS up to six (6) additional vehicles are required for student transportation for the SPARK Program at MHES;

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Transportation Advisory Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the addition of the following vehicles to the contract with the carrier listed below:

Carrier	Quantity and Vehicle Type	Total Base Price per vehicle for 2024-2025 (taxes NOT included)	Total Base Price for 2024-2025 (net taxes)
Transport Shiro Inc.	Six minivans	\$265,022.49	\$283,273.93

AND THAT the contract with Transport Shiro Inc. authorized in resolutions no. EC-230118-MR-0034 be modified to include these additional vehicles;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning the addition of these vehicles.

**Carried unanimously**

### 7.6.7 Request for Additional Vehicles for Crestview Elementary School

Request for Additional  
Vehicles for Crestview  
Elementary School

**CC-240529-MR-118**

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. EC-230118-MR-0034, entering into agreements with carriers for minivans and berlines, including Transport Shiro Inc.;

WHEREAS the above-mentioned agreements are as of March 1, 2023, until June 30, 2028, with an optional additional year from July 1, 2028, to June 30, 2029;

WHEREAS one additional vehicle is required for Crestview Elementary School in order to meet the students' needs;

Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Transportation Advisory Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the addition of the following vehicle to the contract with the carrier listed below:

Carrier	Quantity and Vehicle Type	Total Base Price per vehicle for 2024-2025 (taxes NOT included)	Total Base Price for 2024-2025 (net taxes)
Transport Shiro Inc.	One minivan	\$44,170.41	\$47,212.32

AND THAT the contract with Transport Shiro Inc. authorized in resolutions no. EC-230118-MR-0034 be modified to include these additional vehicles;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning the addition of these vehicles.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **7.6.8 Return of Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee**

Return of Functions and Powers to the Executive Committee

**CC-240529-CA-0119**

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reinstate the powers delegated to the Executive Committee, as per by-law no. BL2023-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **8.0 Information Items**

##### **8.1 Report from the SWL Foundation**

Commissioner James Di Sano reminded everyone that there are still tickets available for purchase to attend the Lobster Gala on June 13, 2024.

##### **8.2 Reports from the Parent Commissioners**

###### **8.2.1 Report from the Parents' Committee**

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson invited all commissioners to attend the June 6, 2024, meeting of the Parents' Committee. This will be the final meeting of the 2023-2024 school year.

###### **8.2.2 Report from the SEAC**

There was no report.

##### **8.3 Report from the QESBA**

The QESBA report is available to the commissioners in the meeting package.

##### **8.4 Report from the Central Students' Committee**

Commissioner James Di Sano noted that the Central Students' Committee (CSC) has met four times during the 2023-2024 school year and that they were a very engaging group of student leaders.



Student Representative Kerry Chapman noted that the experience of being on the CSC has been very valuable as an adult learner, as he found an appreciation of the engagement and dedication of the high school students to school life and the well-being of their peers and admires them for attending the CSC meeting on their own time. The experience has been very eye opening when listening to what they have to say and what concerns them. It is a very valuable experience to be able to contribute to change.

## **9.0 Question Period**

The Interim Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department noted that, as explained earlier in the meeting, the second question period is for questions related to agenda items only.

The Interim Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department noted that there were two questions from the online audience written in the chat, but as they do not pertain to any of the agenda items she invited them to submit their questions for a written response, but that if they would like to have a public response to please submit their questions in writing for the June 26, 2024, question period.

In response to a question from Mr. Gohier Emond, the Chairperson noted that the MEQ had granted two new schools in June 2023 and that 2027 and 2028 are the years being considered for the opening.

The Director of Material Resources and Transportation advised that the timeline to open one school in 2027 and the other in 2028 is reasonable, but that they may have to be revised based on where the need for a school is most urgent.

The Chairperson explained that the school board works with the cities and that if there is any political assistance required, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation will advise.

A group of senior teachers at Souvenir Elementary School presented themselves and had many questions and concerns over the selection of the new principal of the school, noting that there is a need for stability in the school that has not been present in recent years due to having three interim principals and seven different vice-principals. The recent reassignment of the current interim principal and interim vice-principal to other schools is very upsetting to the students, employees and parents.

The Chairperson thanked the teachers for expressing their concerns and those of the school community, noting that the school board understands, but that these reassignments were not the decision of the Council. The Council wants everyone to be happy in their job.

He went on to explain that due process takes place by way of a Selection Committee that includes members of both management associations and members of the Directorate. Due process was followed, and nothing was done that went against the management agreements. The assignment of principals and vice-principals is only submitted to the Council if the selected candidate is not already an administrator, and all other assignments are undertaken by the Director General on the recommendation of a Selection Committee. The Council always prefers when administrators stay in their positions as long as possible.

The Interim Assistant Director General noted that there is always a lot of movement with retirements and people making life decisions. There is a process in place to help with making the best decisions for the personnel and the school board. In this particular case, the person in question has done a wonderful job and will do well with the new assignment while the person coming in will be a good fit for the school. In the past few years, there have been a lot of interim assignments and now was the time to rectify this by assigning personnel on a permanent basis to create stability.

The Director of Human Resources indicated that there are management policies in place to govern administrators which is why the selection process must be followed. For lateral moves, the assignment is made by the Director General, but if there is more than one party interested in a position, a Selection Committee is held. Stability is always in the forefront, but this school year has had twelve interim positions in the Principal and Vice-Principal ranks and this needed to be reduced for the sake of stability.

The Chairperson advised that one of the mandates given to the new Director General by the Council has been to eliminate as many interim positions as possible in order to re-establish stability.

He thanked the teachers for coming this evening to express their concerns and frustrations, and acknowledged the outstanding work of the outgoing administration. He assured that the incoming administrators are just as strong in their skills and that a good working relationship will be built.

In response to a suggestion from the Vice-Chairperson, the Interim Assistant Director General advised that there is always a transition period with the incoming and outgoing administrators.

The Chairperson concluded, indicating that the question has been answered and due process was followed.

In response to questions from Renata Isopo, freelance journalist, the Chairperson noted:

- The process was followed and a decision made;
- There are details that are confidential and that if she wishes, she can contact the person in question for more information;
- The Council was not a part of the decision as protocol was followed with respect to the management agreements and Selection Committees. Members of the management associations were on the Selection Committees and made the recommendations to the Director General. These were not Council decisions.

In response to a question from an online audience member, the Interim Secretary General advised that the discussions of the Selection Committees are confidential and cannot be shared.

In response to a comment from the Vice-Chairperson, the Chairperson noted that the Council cannot go against the due process as the administrators and their personal choices need to be protected.

## **10.0 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**11.0      Varia**

There was no varia.

**12.0      Adjournment**

The Chairperson welcomed the incoming Director of Human Resources, Anne-Marie Lavoie, noting that it is very nice to have her back in the family and wished her all the best in her new role.

Ms. Lavoie noted that she is very happy to be back.

The Chairperson indicated that this evening is also the last meeting of the outgoing Director of Human Resources, Stephanie Krenn. Ms. Krenn has held many positions in her 35-year career in education. On behalf of the Council, he wished her well on her retirement.

Ms. Krenn thanked everyone for the kind words noting that it has been a pleasure to have worked with everyone; she adds that it has been a huge and fulfilling learning experience.

Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME:    21:33**

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