

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 boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, Québec, on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, and via videoconference at 18:30, 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; and 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: 18:31

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

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CC-240605-CA-0120

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the June 5, 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-2024/06/05-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

3.0 Nomination of an Assistant Director General

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Director General

CC-240605-CA-0121

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution no. CC-240221-CA-0069 commencing the process of hiring and selected to carry out part of the process independently and engage external support in accordance with section 5.1.1.2 of Policy no. 2012-CA-21 – *Policy for the Recruitment and Hiring of a Director General and an Assistant Director General* (hereinafter the “Policy”);

WHEREAS the Council adopted resolution no. CC-240221-CA-0073 naming a Selection Committee for the hiring of an Assistant Director General in accordance with section 5.2.1 of the Policy;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee, as per section 5.2.5.5 of the Policy, must provide a recommendation to the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the members of the Selection Committee provided a recommendation for the position of Assistant Director General;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board engage Selena Mell to the position of Assistant Director General of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board effective August 12, 2024;

AND THAT the Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and the Director General be authorized to sign all documentation relating to the Contract of Employment.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson congratulated Ms. Mell on her appointment as Assistant Director General and welcomed her to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board family. Ms. Mell has worked in education all over the world and is currently the Director General of Education for the Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador.

He went on to note that this year, there has been a significant turnover at the senior management level and thanked all the employees for their support and dedication to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Ms. Mell thanked the Council for the opportunity noting that while she is sad to leave her current position is she very happy and privileged to join the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. She noted that she is very familiar with the school board territory as she grew up in the Laurentides and is a graduate of Laurentian Regional High School.

She continued noting that the values, success rate and the goals of the strategic plan of the school board align with her own values and that advocacy with minorities has long been a part of her career.

The Director General welcomed Ms. Mell to the school board and highlighted her bilingualism, education background, wealth of experience in education in Canada and internationally, administrative experience and a sensitivity to a minority education network and the challenges faced.

He went on to express the school board's appreciation to Roma Medwid, who has been the Interim Assistant Director General since March 2024, for bringing her dedication, vast knowledge and expertise in education, and for making his transition to Director General that much easier.

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 Chloée Alary MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 18:46

NEXT MEETING → REGULAR → June 26, 2024

M^e Giovanna Ortona, Interim Secretary General

Paolo Galati, Chairperson