

Council Highlights April 30, 2025

The Council adopted the following resolutions:

Policy Concerning the Promotion of Students

Authorization for Consultation

CC-250430-ED-0082

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation (the MEQ) issued Info-Sanction 24-25-08 on October 30, 2024, concerning the mandatory implementation of section 28 of the Basic School Regulation, which states that the promotion of a student to the next year is by subject for students in the second cycle of the secondary level;

WHEREAS the MEQ advised school boards and school service centres of this mandatory implementation in December of 2024;

WHEREAS the mandatory implementation must be applied immediately for secondary III and IV students;

WHEREAS the Pedagogical Services Department has developed a promotion policy that is fully aligned with applicable laws and legal frameworks in order to establish a standardized approach to well-informed decision-making regarding students' academic progression;

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 authorize for consultation policy no. 2025-ED-11: *Policy Concerning the Promotion of Students*, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/04/30-ED-001;

AND THAT the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association, the Laurier Teachers Union, and the Parents' Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be consulted on this policy, beginning on May 1, 2025, and ending on June 17, 2025.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

Code of Ethics for Employees and Persons in Contact with Minor or Special Needs Students

WHEREAS the Act to reinforce the protection of students, including with regard to acts of sexual violence, amended various sections of the Education Act and notably introduced section 258.0.1;

CC-250430-HR-0083

WHEREAS the new section 258.0.1 of the *Education Act* indicates that school boards and school service centres must adopt, in the form prescribed by the Minister, a code of ethics applicable to members of its personnel and to any person required to work or be in contact with minor students or students with special needs:

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt policy no. 2025-HR-12: Code of ethics applicable to staff members and to any person required to work with minor or handicapped students or be in contact with them, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/04/30-HR-001.



AND THAT policy no. 2011-HR-08: Code of Conduct for all Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be rescinded.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

By-law: Date, Time and Place of Regular Council Meetings 2025-2026 WHEREAS, in accordance with section 162 of the *Education Act*, the day, time and place of the regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners must be fixed by by-law;

CC-250430-CA-0084

WHEREAS no by-law may be adopted by a school board unless public notice is given according to section 392 of the *Education Act*;

WHEREAS said public notice must indicate the subject of the by-law, the day appointed for its adoption, and the location where the draft may be examined;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the amendments to by-law no. BL2000-CA-05: Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/04/30-CA-002;

AND THAT a public notice be given as per section 392 of the Education Act;

FURTHER THAT a copy of this proposed by-law be sent to each Governing Board and the Parents' Committee as per section 392 of the *Education Act*.

Seconded by Commissioner Anick Brunet.

Carried unanimously

By-law: Date, Time and Place of Regular Executive Committee Meetings 2025-2026 WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 162 and 182 of the *Education Act*, the day, time and place of the regular meetings of the Executive Committee must be fixed by by-law;

CC-250430-CA-0085

WHEREAS no by-law may be adopted by a school board unless public notice is given according to section 392 of the *Education Act*;

WHEREAS said public notice must indicate the subject of the by-law, the day appointed for its adoption and the location where the draft may be examined;

Commissioner Noémia Onofre de Lima MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve in principle the amendments to by-law no. BL2008-CA-15: *Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board,* as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/04/30-CA-003:

AND THAT a public notice be given as per section 392 of the Education Act;

FURTHER THAT a copy of this proposed by-law be sent to each Governing Board and the Parents' Committee as per section 392 of the *Education Act*.

Seconded by parent Commissioner Tara Anderson.

Carried unanimously



Amendments to Procedure

Advisory Committees

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requested that procedure no. 2013-CA-08: *Advisory Committees* be reviewed in order to redefine the direction of some of its advisory committees;

CC-250430-CA-0086

WHEREAS the review has been completed;

Commissioner Heather Appleby MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Administration, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to procedure no. 2013-CA-08: *Advisory Committees*, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/04/30-CA-004:

AND THAT these amendments be in effect as of the 2025-2026 school year.

Seconded by Commissioner Anick Brunet.

Carried unanimously

Engagement of Contractor

WHEREAS the roof requires renovations at Saint-Paul Elementary School;

Roof Renovation Project

WHEREAS public call for tenders no. 24-169-01 was published for the roof renovation at Saint-Paul Elementary School and opened on April 4, 2025;

Saint-Paul Elementary School

WHEREAS the conformity of all bidders has been verified;

CC-250430-MR-0087

Commissioner Anick Brunet 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 roof renovation at Saint-Paul Elementary School to Toiture Perreault Inc., for a total cost of \$959,395.00 before taxes, or \$1,025,466.14 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.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

Participation in a CAG Tender

WHEREAS the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) will be conducting public call for tenders no. 2025-7545-50 to acquire art supplies;

Acquisition of Art Supplies

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

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WHEREAS the estimated cost of art supplies is of \$600,000.00, before taxes, for the term of the contract;

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 approve the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in public call for tenders no. 2025-7545-50 conducted by the CAG:



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 the by-Law no. BL2023-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions and Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*.

Seconded by Commissioner Donna Anber.

Carried unanimously

Amendments to Policies no. 2000-HR-01 and no. 2000-HR-02 Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association (SWLAA) and the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – SWL Section (AQCS) made a request for a revision of their respective policies regulating the working conditions of management staff;

Authorization for Consultation

WHEREAS Chapter 7 of the Regulation respecting certain conditions of employment of senior staff of school service centres and of the comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal governs the establishment of a management policy;

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WHEREAS a joint consultation on the policies regulating the working conditions of management staff took place with the SWLAA and the AQCS in order for both associations to have a common text for their respective working conditions;

WHEREAS amendments have been brought to policy no. 2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrator's Association as well as to policy no. 2000-HR-02: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section;

Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners authorize for consultation the amendments to policy no. 2000-HR-01: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrator's Association, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/04/30-HR-002, and to policy no. 2000-HR-02: Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/04/30-HR-003;

AND THAT these policies be subject to a consultation beginning on May 1, 2025, and ending on June 17, 2025, with the respective management association.

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary.

Carried unanimously

Amendments to the Enrolment Criteria Policy

WHEREAS modifications to policy no. 2014-TS-04: *Enrolment Criteria* are being suggested to provide more flexibility as to the specific start and end dates of the yearly registration period for students;

Authorization for Consultation

WHEREAS other minor modifications are being suggested to ensure the policy is up to date;

CC-250430-TS-0090

Commissioner Benny Catania MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize for consultation policy no. 2014-TS-04: *Enrolment Criteria*, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/04/30-SO-001;



AND THAT the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association, and the Parents' Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be consulted on this policy, beginning on May 1, 2025, and ending on June 17, 2025.

Seconded by Commissioner Anick Brunet.

Carried unanimously

Recognizing April as Autism Acceptance Month at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

CC-250430-CA-0091

WHEREAS Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a lifelong neurological condition that affects individuals in unique ways, influencing how they communicate, interact, learn, and perceive the world;

WHEREAS it is essential to foster understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals with autism within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board schools, communities, and society at large;

WHEREAS the month of April has been internationally recognized as a time to raise awareness about autism, and to shift the conversation from simple awareness to active acceptance and celebration of neurodiversity;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is committed to creating an inclusive, supportive, and equitable environment for all students, employees, and families, regardless of ability or background;

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 formally recognize the month of April as Autism Acceptance Month at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners encourage students, employees, and community partners to engage in activities, educational initiatives, and campaigns that promote acceptance and understanding, and that celebrate the contributions of individuals with autism.

Seconded by Commissioner Donna Anber.

Carried unanimously

