

**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, October 29, 2025, and via videoconference at 19:30, at which were:

**Present:** James Di Sano, Chairperson; Donna Anber, Vice-Chairperson; Commissioners Heather Appleby, Barbara Barrasso, Benny Catania, Noémia Onofre de Lima, Bob Pellerin and Désirée Ramacieri; Parent Commissioners Chloée Alary, Elena Ferrato and Tanya Minchella; Emma Lavictoire and Maya Lavictoire, Student Representatives to the Council; and Selena Mell, Assistant Director General.

**Present on Zoom:** Commissioner Melissa Wall.

**Also present:** Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Resources; Lynda da Silveira, Director of Pedagogical Services; Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and School Organization; Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Heather Halman, Interim Director of Adult Education and Vocational Training; Daniel Harvey, Director of Financial Resources; Anne-Marie Lavoie, Director of Human Resources; Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communications; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

**Guests:** Tara Anderson, former Elementary Parent Commissioner; Julie Jasmann, former Communications Consultant; and Susan O’Keeffe, Graphic Arts Technician.

**Absent:** Commissioner Anick Brunet; and Russell Copeman, Director General.

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

**TIME: 19:32**

**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 is 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 Swearing in of New Elementary Parent Commissioner**

The Chairperson invited Tanya Minchella to join him and the Assistant Director General.

The Assistant Director General proceeded to swear in Ms. Minchella as the Elementary Parent Commissioner for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB).

## 2.0 Recognitions

The Chairperson welcomed Tara Anderson, former Elementary Parent Commissioner, to the meeting. He went on to note that the Council wishes to recognize Ms. Anderson for her dedication to the parents and students of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Ms. Anderson joined the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Parents' Committee in 2017 and was later elected as Elementary Parent Commissioner by the Parents' Committee on November 5, 2020. She served on the Council of Commissioners until September of this year when she resigned to pursue her teaching career with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

He invited Ms. Anderson to join him and the Assistant Director General and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition.

The Chairperson invited Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communication, Susan O'Keeffe, Graphic Arts Technician, and Julie Jasmann, former Communications Consultant for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, to join him and the Assistant Director General. He informed everyone present and those online that the Council of Commissioners wishes to recognize the extraordinary work done by this very small team, better known as the Communications Team. This year, the Communications Team won its 4<sup>th</sup> BRAVO! Award of Excellence from the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE), for its 2025-2026 registration campaign.

The CACE is a national association of professionals committed to enhancing excellence in communications in education. Each year, the CACE Executive presents BRAVO! Awards as a way of recognizing and honouring exemplary work in all aspects of school public relations, communications, marketing and engagement.

The BRAVO! Awards Program is the only Canada-wide program specifically designed to recognize excellence in school board communications.

The Award of Excellence is highly competitive and represents the highest recognition for educational public relation programs and campaigns in Canada and the submission by the SWLSB's Communications Team was selected for this award out of more than 57 applications.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Council of Commissioners and Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, congratulated the Communications Team on this wonderful achievement and presented them all with certificates of recognition.

## 3.0 Approval of the Agenda

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CC-251029-CA-0013

Commissioner Heather Appleby MOVED THAT the October 29, 2025, agenda of the Council of Commissioners be approved as presented in document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/10/29-CA-001.

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary.

**Carried unanimously**

#### 4.0 Central Students' Committee

##### 4.1 Appointment of Student Representative to Council

Ms. Lavictoire noted that she has attended Saint-Jude Elementary School and Lake of Two Mountains High School, and that she currently attends Laval Senior Academy. She explained that she is well equipped to represent the students having experienced several schools within the school board. She thanked the Council for this opportunity.

Appointment of Student Representative to the Council

**CC-251029-CA-0014**

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted policy no. 2021-CA-27: *Student Representation at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* (the Policy);

WHEREAS according to the Policy, the Central Students' Committee shall elect two (2) of its members as Student Representatives to the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the election is for a two-year term for the youth sector, unless the student is in Secondary V, in which case, the term is of one year;

WHEREAS the Central Students' Committee elected one Student Representative at its October 21, 2025, meeting, as Student Representative Maya Lavictoire is currently on the second year of her mandate;

WHEREAS the Policy states that the Council of Commissioners appoints the Student Representatives by resolution;

Commissioner Benny Catania MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Central Students' Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Emma Lavictoire as Student Representative to the Council of Commissioners, for a one-year term ending on September 30, 2026.

Seconded by Commissioner Barbara Barrasso.

**Carried unanimously**

The Chairperson congratulated Ms. Lavictoire on behalf of the Council.

##### 4.2 Swearing in of Student Representative to Council

The Assistant Director General swore in Ms. Emma Lavictoire as Student Representative to Council.

##### 5.0 Approval of Minutes – September 25, 2025

Approval of Minutes

September 25, 2025

**CC-251029-CA-0015**

Commissioner Noémia Onofre de Lima MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on September 25, 2025, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written and exempted from public reading by the Secretary General.

Seconded by Commissioner Bob Pellerin.

**Carried unanimously**

## 6.0 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.

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

Two questions have been submitted for the first question period by Renata Isopo.

1. **Did the Council of Commissioners ever ratify or sanction Paul Lamoureux's *Travel Directives* policy which was distributed to principals dated November 9, 2016?**

**If the Council did ratify it, please provide a copy of the motion that approved it.**

**If the policy was never submitted to Council for approval, was it because such ratification was not required under normal governance procedures?**

The Chairperson advised that the memo sent in 2016 was a directive from the Director General based on the previous Code of Conduct applicable to employees, and not a specific policy adopted by Council. That being said, on April 25, 2018, the Council of Commissioners approved an amended version of the *Field Trip Policy* which included guidelines for teachers. Within these guidelines, it is stated that rewards and discounts must be devoted to the benefit of students.

2. **As well, what is the current practice, in schools and centres, regarding travel policies?**

**Specifically, how are the governing boards engaged in this process, as they should be according to law.? This point is crucial, since Director Lamoureux's directives were reportedly distributed to principals in November, 2016. Did the principals implement the directives? How? Were they communicated to teachers and governing boards for consultation or information as well? What Travel Tours procedures and protocols have been implemented in schools and centres of SWLSB since 2016?**

The Chairperson noted that the *Field Trip Policy* and the *Field Trip Procedures* have been adopted by Council and sent to schools after going through the usual consultation process, which included the consultation of all governing boards. The field trip approval process is outlined in these documents which are available on our website, under the Council of Commissioners menu. The process does in fact include the approval of the governing board, as required by the *Education Act*.

## 7.0 Report from the Chairperson

The Chairperson advised that a bilingual copy of his full report is available to the public.

He went on to quote Phil Jackson:

*"The strength of the team is each individual member.  
The strength of each member is the team."*

The SWLSB is a team where everyone brings their own qualities to the table and when challenged, it remains steadfast.

### Council of Commissioners Updates

- Swore in the new Elementary Parent Commissioner and the Student Representative to the Council earlier this evening;
- The Council meeting agendas, highlights and minutes are available on the website on the Council of Commissioners page; in an effort to improve transparency and to keep the school board community informed, the agendas and highlights will also be posted on social media, so please visit the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) Facebook page;
- Fiscal Responsibility
  - This is a commitment to ensure that the school board provides the best environment for learning, growth and student success;
- Roles and Responsibilities
  - The Council is currently undertaking a governance renewal process through which its standing committees lead a comprehensive review of all policies in order to align them with current standards, which are rooted in equity, fairness, and best practices. This initiative highlights the Council's responsibility to uphold accountability, good governance, and the ongoing improvement of the schools and centres.

### Proud Moments

- The SWLSB is very proud of Francesco Vignone, a secondary 1 student at Laval Junior Academy, who is participating in *Quel talent!* on Noovo. He is currently participating in the semi-finals of this talent competition. The best of luck to him as the competition continues;
- On September 30, 2025, the SWLSB marked a historic moment with the raising of the Truth and Reconciliation Flag. The ceremony represented a meaningful step in the SWLSB's journey toward respect, healing, and understanding;
- Community Celebrations
  - Inauguration of the new play structures at Jules Verne and Our Lady of Peace Elementary Schools. Both schools worked hard to raise the funds for the purchase of these play structures so that their students have a more playful and enjoyable environment for learning;
  - Laval Senior Academy unveiled a beautiful mural that celebrates the school's multiculturalism and pride in its Panthers team. This mural is a reminder of the diversity, creativity, and unity that defines the SWLSB's school communities.

### School, Centre and Community Events

- Congratulations, on behalf of the Council, to all recent graduates from high school, adult education, and vocational training; you have all made the SWLSB community very proud;
- The SWLSB would also like to extend its appreciation to all its dedicated administrators, staff, and community volunteers who generously donate their time and energy to make these school activities possible. These events bring the school communities together and showcase a spirit of unity;
- On October 22, 2025, a tree-planting ceremony was held in the schoolyard of Saint-Vincent Elementary School. This ceremony took place because Grade 3 and Grade 4 students wrote letters to the school board expressing their concern about the lack of shade in the schoolyard, which led to the planting of several trees. The school administration, the Grade 3 and Grade 4 teachers involved, and especially the students, are to be congratulated for taking the initiative to make the school a greener, more welcoming space to learn and play.

### School and Centre Visits:

- Visits are planned to the following:
  - Mountainview High School;
  - Laval elementary and high schools;
  - Adult Education and Vocational Training Centres;
  - Construc-Plus.

### Press Releases

- September 30, 2025 – the SWLSB recognizes the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation;
- October 10, 2025 – the Québec English School Boards Association (QESBA) condemns the tabling of Bill 1 and its threat to Québec's social cohesion;
- October 24, 2025 – the QESBA secures victory and withdraws its injunction request after MEQ concessions.

### Highlights

- October 2025 is Women's History Month in Canada. It must be noted that of the 13 members of the Council 10 are women. Women hold key positions within the SWLSB and are an important part of sharing the vision of excellence in education;
- October 5, 2025, was World Teachers' Day and the SWLSB ensured that all the teachers received heartfelt gratitude for their dedication to the students and everything they do to inspire, guide, and empower them;
- October 10, 2025, was World Mental Health Day. The SWLSB continues to promote mental health and well-being within the school board and with all its stakeholders;
- October 20-24, 2025, was the School/Center Administrators' Week. The SWLSB thanked its administrators for their leadership, dedication, and compassion, and for making a difference every day.

## 7.1 Community Highlights from Commissioners

- Commissioner Bob Pellerin thanked the Chairperson and the Assistant Director General for attending the Joliette High School (JHS) Graduation Ceremonies. This is not just a graduation, but a community event that stays with the graduates for years to come. Congratulations to all graduates;
- Commissioner Donna Anber attended the Laurentian Regional High School Graduation Ceremony with Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri, Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary, the Chairperson, and the Assistant Director General. It was a beautiful event with a lot of community involvement.

She also attended the Phoenix Alternative School graduation, a very special event, as it is such a pleasure to see that these students have overcome their challenges to graduate. She attended this graduation with Commissioner Noémia Onofre de Lima and the Assistant Director General.

Sainte-Agathe Academy will be holding its Holiday Market on November 15, 2025, and Morin Heights Elementary School will be holding its own on November 29, 2025. Both events are being held at the respective schools;

- Commissioner Barbara Barrasso advised that on October 26, 2025, Genesis, Jules Verne, Saint-Paul and Saint-Vincent Elementary Schools participated in the annual Terry Fox Run together. This is a great initiative that has taken place on several previous Terry Fox Runs.

September 26, 2025, was Laval Senior Academy's Homecoming football game. It was a very fun evening and the LSA Panthers lost by one point to Loyola.

On October 2, 2025, she attended the CDC Pont-Viau graduation for the STC (Skills Training Certificate) and AVS (Attestation in Vocational Specialization) programs. Attending such an event is always very special;

- Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri extended thanks to the school board employees who volunteered at the Laurentian Regional High School Annual Golf Tournament on October 11, 2025. She invited everyone to attend the Laurentia Craft Sale, which will be held at the school on November 22, 2025.

## 8.0 Report from the Director General

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

- Since the opening of the 2025-2026 school year, there have been 21 school/centre visits;
- Attended six graduations;
- Meetings:
  - ELVEC (English Language Vocational Education Council);
  - School board counterparts;
  - Parents' Committee;
  - Management Committee;

- Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ) regarding the budgetary rules;
- New in-school administrators' session with administrators that have been in positions for less than three years, led by the Assistant Director General and the Director of Human Resources;
- Projected enrolment as of October 28, 2025, stands at 12,451 students in the youth sector. Enrolment is down by 230 students or 1.8 percent from 2024-2025. Statistics Canada shows that English education has dropped by 8.2 percent and that it is a trend in all Québec English school boards.

#### Proud Moments

- The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation saw the school board lower the Canadian and Québec flags to half mast and raise the Truth and Reconciliation Flag. A special thank you to the Rosemère High School Student Council for taking the time to be present at this event. Across the school board, there were many activities to honour this day;
- Inauguration of the new play structures at Jules Verne and Our Lady of Peace Elementary Schools. These projects also included new drainage and fencing. It was a joy to see the kids run to play in the new spaces. Thank you to Material Resources and Transportation for its assistance in these two projects;
- Unveiling of the beautiful mural at Laval Senior Academy was painted by Emily Read; while it represents the school, it also has a deep connection to the Chomedey district of Laval;
- Congratulations to the Chairperson on being named Governor of the Italian Foundation.

#### Upcoming Events

- October 30, 2025 – Lake of Two Mountains High School's Open House;
- November 1, 2025 – SWLSB Game Day with the Montréal Alouettes, which also happens to be the CFL Eastern Semi-Final;
- Vocational Training Programs
  - Medications and Invasive Assistive Care Services will begin on November 29 and December 6, 2025, for attendants;
  - A preparation course for the OIIAQ exam will also be offered on November 29 and December 6, 2025;
- November 2, 2025 – Municipal Elections;
- November 11, 2025 – Remembrance Day;
- November 13, 2025 – SWLSB Parents' Committee;
- November 17-21, 2025 – Educational Professionals Week.

### **9.0 Business Arising**

There were no items for business arising.

### **10.0 Decision Items**

#### **10.1 Financial Resources**

##### **10.1.1 2025-2026 Initial Budget**

The Director of Financial Resources noted that it is unusual for an initial budget to be adopted four months into a school year.



Creating a budget is always a lengthy process, but for the 2025-2026 budget, the work began in December 2024 with the budget consultation, followed by the review of the consultation feedback by the Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) and its subsequent recommendations to the Council in March 2025. In June of 2025, the MEQ released the consultation version of the 2025-2026 budget parameters, allowing the initial budget being presented tonight to be completed.

He went on to present and review of the 2025-2026 initial budget noting:

- It is a balanced budget of \$250,966,121.00 in revenues and expenses, which represents an increase of 2.7 percent compared to the 2024-2025 budget;
- This budget is adjusted to take into account the new funding received related to the collective agreements, as this was not a part of the initial budget in 2024-2025;
- Budget details:
  - Revenues (percentage of the budget)
    - School board funding from the MEQ is 91 percent;
    - School board funding from taxation is four percent;
    - School board funding from other sources is five percent;
  - Expenses (percentage of the budget):
    - The largest expense is the teacher salaries standing at 44.9 percent;
    - The next major expenses are school board management, administration of schools and building maintenance standing at 12.2 percent;
    - Transportation expenses stand at 8.7 percent;
    - Other expenses, such as Mesures d'appui et petits milieux, Adaptation scolaire, etc., make up the remaining 42.9 percent.
- Budget cuts:
  - In June 2025, the MEQ announced two measures that required the SWLSB to cut its budget by \$12,100,000.00;
  - In July 2025, the MEQ introduced a reinvestment of \$5,500,000.00 in favour of the SWLSB, with conditions tied to remunerated hours;
  - The capital allocation has been reduced by 63 percent. This allocation is used to buy technology equipment and to maintain the life expectancy of school board buildings;
- Remunerated Hours
  - All school boards and school service centres have been allocated remunerated hours. The SWLSB has been allocated 3,400,000 hours, which is equivalent to 1,871 full-time employees;
  - The school board is tracking the number of remunerated hours closely because if the allocated number of remunerated hours is exceeded, the MEQ reinvestment of \$5,500,000.00 could be lost;
  - At this time the SWLSB is meeting the target for its remunerated hours, but it is nearing the cap.

2025-2026  
Initial Budget

**CC-251029-FR-0016**

WHEREAS in accordance with the *Education Act* (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.1), the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must adopt and submit to the Minister of Education its operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2025-2026 school year;

WHEREAS this budget is balanced for the 2025-2026 school year;

WHEREAS the school tax proceeds, which were of \$11,243,253, were determined by taking into account:

- an adjusted standardized assessment of taxable immovables of \$25,000 or less in the amount of \$15,564,577;
- an amount of 20,938 taxable immovables of more than \$25,000; and the rate of \$0.08423 per \$100 of the assessment set by the Minister for the 2025-2026 school tax;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the operating, investment and debt service budget, providing for revenues of \$250,966,121 and expenses of \$250,966,121 be approved and submitted to the Minister of Education.

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato.

**Carried unanimously**

## **10.2 Material Resources and Transportation**

### **10.2.1 PQI 2026-2036**

The Director of Material Resources and Transportation presented and reviewed the list of the projects that the school board wishes to submit to the Ministère de l'Éducation as follows:

- Laval Senior Academy building replacement;
- Construction of a new school in sector 6 (Mountainview/Saint-Jude);
- Construction of a gymnasium at Sainte-Adèle Elementary School;
- Acquisition of four existing modular classrooms at Joliette Elementary School.

PQI 2026-2036

WHEREAS on an annual basis the government allocates funds to school boards to help build and enlarge schools and centres;

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WHEREAS school boards must present their request through the Plan Québécois des Infrastructures (PQI) on a yearly basis;

WHEREAS the priority needs of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) have been evaluated;

WHEREAS, for the Laval region, a new school to replace Laval Senior Academy is requested;

WHEREAS this new school is required considering the cost and extensive timeframe needed to repair, to bring up to standards, and to remove all contaminants within the building;

WHEREAS the project would consist in building a new school on the existing property, followed by the demolition of the old one;

WHEREAS one (1) new school is requested in the Laurentides region, for sector 6, in order to alleviate the current overcrowding at Saint-Jude and Mountainview Elementary Schools to address the projected student enrolment in the region;

WHEREAS, for the Laurentides region, Sainte-Adèle Elementary School does not currently have

a gymnasium;

WHEREAS the PQI 2026-2036 includes the request for the construction of a gymnasium for the students at Sainte-Adèle Elementary School;

WHEREAS the acquisition of four (4) modular classrooms is requested for Joliette Elementary School;

WHEREAS it is deemed more cost-efficient to acquire the existing modular classrooms that have been rented and installed since 2021 to alleviate overcrowding;

WHEREAS the PQI 2026-2036 includes the request to be reimbursed for the purchase of these modular classrooms;

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approves the construction of one (1) new school in the Laurentides region and one (1) new school in the Laval region, the construction of a gymnasium in Sainte-Adèle Elementary School and the acquisition of four (4) modular classrooms at Joliette Elementary School as part of the PQI for 2026-2036;

AND THAT the director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to complete any paperwork required to submit this PQI 2026-2036 request to the Ministère de l'Éducation.

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **10.2.2 Participation in a CAG Tender – Acquisition of Sports Equipment and Material**

Participation in a CAG  
Tender

WHEREAS the current Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) contract to acquire sports equipment and material will expire on May 31, 2026;

Acquisition of Sports  
Equipment and Material

WHEREAS the CAG will be conducting public tender no. 2026-7548-20 to acquire sports equipment and material;

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WHEREAS the CAG has opted to award the contract to all suppliers whose tender price does not exceed the lowest price by more than 10%;

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

WHEREAS the estimated cost of sports equipment and material is \$690,000.00, before taxes, for the term of the contract;

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of

Material Resources and Transportation, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in public tender no. 2026-7548-20 to acquire sports equipment and material;

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.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

**Carried unanimously**

### **10.3 Executive Committee**

#### **10.3.1 Nomination and Election to the Executive Committee**

##### **10.3.1 Call for Nominations – Parent Commissioner Member**

The Chairperson called for nominations for the vacant Parent Commissioner seat on the Executive Committee.

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary nominates Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato. Parent Commissioner Ferrato accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were brought forth so the Chairperson closed the nominations.

##### **10.3.2 Appointment of Member of the Executive Committee**

Appointment of Member of  
the Executive Committee

**CC-251029-CA-0019**

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-241113-CA-0015, approving the composition of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, which includes two Parent Commissioners;

WHEREAS the Elementary Parent Commissioner, member of the Executive Committee, resigned on August 28, 2025;

WHEREAS this resignation leaves approximately one year remaining on the two-year mandate of one of the Parent Commissioner positions on the Executive Committee;

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board name Elena Ferrato, Parent Commissioner, to the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, for the balance of the current mandate;

AND THAT this be effective as of October 30, 2025.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **10.4 Legal Challenge – Budgetary Rules Validity**

##### **10.4.1 Withdrawal from the Stay Application**

Withdrawal from the Stay  
Application

**CC-251029-CA-0020**

WHEREAS on July 9, 2025, the Council of Commissioners adopted a resolution calling on the government to revise the draft budgetary rules communicated on June 12, 2025, in order to withdraw the budgetary cuts that would have required the school board to cut \$12.1 million from its 2025-2026 budget;

WHEREAS on August 13, 2025, the Executive Committee adopted a resolution to mandate Juristes Power Law to take the necessary steps for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to join the Quebec English School Board Association (QESBA)'s application to challenge the validity of the budgetary rules and seek a stay of their application;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has since modified certain aspects of the 2025-2026 budgetary rules;

WHEREAS considering these modifications, it is recommended by the Quebec English School Board Association (QESBA) and Juristes Power Law to withdraw the stay application challenging the budgetary rules;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board withdraw from the stay application challenging the budgetary rules, while maintaining its participation in the challenge on the merits.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

**Carried unanimously**

#### **11.0 Information Items**

##### **11.1 Advisory Committees' Reports**

###### **11.1.1 Audit Committee**

No report

###### **11.1.2 Governance and Ethics Committee**

No report

###### **11.1.3 Human Resources Committee**

No report

#### **11.1.4 Student Success**

No report

#### **11.2 SWL Foundation Report**

There was no report.

#### **11.3 Parent Commissioners' Reports**

##### **11.3.1 Parents' Committee**

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary extended appreciation and thanks to Tara Anderson for her work as a Parents' Committee member, Elementary Parent Commissioner, and Vice-Chair of the committee.

She went on to advise the Council that at its first meeting of the 2025-2026 school year she was again elected as the Parents' Committee (PC) Chair and that she is honoured to be able to work with this year's newly elected PC Executive Committee: Dalia Ceron Gonzalez, PC delegate from Franklin Hill Elementary School as Vice-Chair; Isabel Lima, Alternate PC delegate from Rosemere High School as Alternate Vice-Chair; Alexandra Grebenuk Roy, PC delegate from Pinewood Elementary School as Secretary; Kyle Snell, PC delegate from Mountainview Elementary School as Treasurer; and Tanya Minchella, PC delegate from Jules Verne Elementary School as Elementary Parent Commissioner.

She advised that the response to the consultation on the deeds of establishment and the three-year plan is forthcoming.

##### **11.3.2 SEAC**

Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato noted that the next SEAC meeting will be on November 18, 2025, and that the committee is looking for parents within the school board who have children with special needs to join.

#### **11.4 QESBA Report**

The QESBA report can be found in the meeting package.

#### **11.5 Central Students' Committee Report**

Commissioner Benny Catania extended additional congratulations to Ms. Lavictoire noting that it will be a pleasure to work with her and her sister.

The next meeting of the Central Students' Committee is November 18, 2025.

### 11.6 QESBA Membership Fees

The first invoice can be found in the meeting package.

### 12.0 Question Period (20 minutes)

The Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department informed the Chairperson that there were no questions from the online audience.

In response to a question from the audience regarding remunerated hours, the Chairperson referred the matter to the Director of Human Resources.

The Director of Human Resources advised that the SWLSB was in a much better position than some other school boards and centres de services scolaires because it had staffed early. Staffing over the summer months was somewhat difficult due to the new collective agreement, but by doing so early, the only challenge we face now is absences that cannot be foreseen and how they will affect remunerated hours.

### 13.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

### 14.0 Varia

There were no items for varia.

### 15.0 Adjournment of Meeting

Adjournment of Meeting

Commissioner Benny Catania MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**CC-251029-CA-0021**

Seconded by Commissioner Melissa Wall.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 20 h 35**

**NEXT MEETING → REGULAR → November 26, 2025**

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**M<sup>e</sup> Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General**

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**James Di Sano, Chairperson**