

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, November 26, 2025, and via videoconference at 19:30, at which were:

Present: James Di Sano, Chairperson; Barbara Barrasso, Alternate Vice-Chairperson; Commissioners Anick Brunet, Benny Catania, Noémia Onofre de Lima, Bob Pellerin, Désirée Ramacieri, and Melissa Wall; Parent Commissioners Chloée Alary, Elena Ferrato, and Tanya Minchella; Student Representatives to the Council Emma Lavictoire and Maya Lavictoire; Substitute Student Representatives to the Council Oleksii Sivokon and Amritha Venkata Krishnan; Selena Mell, Interim Director General; and Anne-Marie Lavoie, Interim Assistant Director General/Director of Human Resources.

Present on Zoom: Commissioner Heather Appleby.

Also present: Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General and Director of Legal, Corporate and Communications; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Resources; Lynda da Silveira, Director of Pedagogical Services; Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Heather Halman, Interim Director of Adult Education and Vocational Training; Daniel Harvey, Director of Financial Resources; Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communications; and Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary.

Guests: Logan Labrosse, student, and his family; Peter Papadeas, Principal; Olivia Mancini, Vice-Principal and Jean-François Aubé, Physical Education Teacher, Franklin Hill Elementary.

Absent: Commissioner Donna Anber, Vice-Chairperson; Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and School Organization.

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

The Alternate Vice-Chairperson read the 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.

0.2 Tribute to Peter MacLaurin

Tonight, we honour the memory of Mr. Peter MacLaurin, a dedicated Commissioner who served the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for 22 years. Peter was not only a pillar of our school board—he was one of our strongest voices at the Quebec English School Board Association. As our representative to QESBA and a member of its Board of Directors, he kept us informed on provincial issues, interpreted legislative changes, and supported QESBA's critical advocacy efforts for the English education community. In 2009, he was formally recognized for his twelve years of service—one milestone in a lifetime of commitment.

Beyond our school board, Peter played an equally meaningful role in municipal life. For more than four decades, he served Morin-Heights with integrity, passion, and a deep love for his community. His work in local heritage, the municipal library, and community affairs reflected the same values he brought to our table: honesty, humility, and service.

Peter was straightforward, kind-hearted, and generous—a man whose wisdom shaped conversations and whose presence grounded every room he entered.

Tonight, as we reflect on his life, we also remember Peter as a devoted husband. Many recall the tenderness and dignity with which he cared for his beloved wife, Charlotte, throughout her battle with dementia. His love, patience, and unwavering presence ensured she lived her final years with grace. Charlotte passed away in 2017, and we now take solace in knowing that Peter is reunited with her once more.

To Peter's family, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and its Council of Commissioners offer their deepest condolences. To Peter himself: thank you for your guidance, your passion, and your years of service to our students and our community.

On a personal note, when I first arrived on Council, I was the youngest around the table—and he was, well, the eldest. But despite that gap, he was the first to champion my push for student commissioners. He believed in giving young people a voice, and he never hesitated to support me.

He would always tell me: "Kid, you'll go far" ... and I hope to make you proud, Peter.

From Commissioner Donna Anber, read by Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary:

I knew Peter for over 20 years; we met when I was Governing Board Chair at Sainte-Adèle Elementary and he was the Ward Commissioner. Peter MacLaurin was a remarkable man whose influence reached far beyond the classroom. A dedicated teacher and devoted pedagogue, he championed the rights of English-speaking Quebecers and was a steadfast defender of English public education in this province. His commitment to his community and to the integrity of our education system defined his life's work.

As a long-standing commissioner of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, Peter brought wisdom, clarity, and unwavering conviction to every discussion. I was both honoured and a little intimidated when he asked me to succeed him. I quickly understood what people meant when they said his were big shoes to fill, both literally and figuratively. Peter didn't just hold the position—he shaped it. When he retired, he didn't simply step away. His mentorship was generous, steady, and invaluable to me as I began my own journey.

Beyond education, Peter served his beloved community of Morin-Heights with distinction as a municipal councilman. A straight shooter, he spoke with honesty and purpose. He was a principled, devoted, and deeply caring, wonderful man whose integrity shone in every aspect of his life.

What made Peter so beloved, though, was not just what he accomplished, but who he was. Welcoming, down-to-earth, easy to talk to, and genuinely interested in people. Conversations with him were effortless, honest, and often filled with laughter. Many of our visits were accompanied by his homemade oatmeal cookies and the legendary MacLaurin maple syrup—small but cherished symbols of the warmth and generosity he showed in every aspect of his life.

Those of us who had the privilege to know him carry forward a piece of his conviction, his wisdom, and his heart.

Rest in peace, my dear friend, may your memory continue to guide and inspire us.

The Chairperson asked for a moment of silence in Peter's honour.

1.0 Recognition

Council recognized Logan Labrosse, a student at Franklin Hill Elementary School for his outstanding performance in the RSEQ cross-country race last month.

Logan earned a gold medal at the regional race on October 8 and subsequently achieved first place in the *moustiques masculins* category at the provincial championship in Papineauville on October 18. These results reflect an impressive level of focus, determination, and athletic excellence.

These accomplishments are particularly meaningful as they were achieved while representing Franklin Hill Elementary School and the Lanaudière–Laurentides region. Logan represented his school with pride and served as an inspiration to fellow students and staff.

The chairperson underscored the important role sports play in school life, fostering teamwork, perseverance, healthy lifestyles, and self-confidence.

On behalf of the Council of Commissioners, congratulations were extended in recognition of this student's effort and sportsmanship, and the positive example he has set.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

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Parent Commissioner Tanya Minchella MOVED THAT the November 26, 2025, agenda of the Council of Commissioners be approved as presented in document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/11/26-CA-001.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

3.0 Central Students' Committee

3.1 Appointments of Substitute Student Representatives to the Council

Appointment of Student Representative to the Council

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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 and two (2) other members as Substitute Student Representatives to the Council of Commissioners;

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

WHEREAS on October 29, 2025, the Council named Emma Lavictoire as student representative, as student representative Maya Lavictoire is currently on the second year of her mandate.

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 Oleksii Sivokon and Amritha Venkata Krishnan as Substitute Student Representatives to the Council of Commissioners, for a one-year term ending on September 30, 2026.

Seconded by Commissioner Anick Brunet.

Carried unanimously

3.2 Swearing in of Student Representative to Council

The Assistant Director General proceeded to swear in Oleksii Sivokon and Amritha Venkata Krishnan as Substitute Student Representatives to the Council of Commissioners for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB).

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.1 October 29, 2025

Approval of Minutes October 29, 2025

CC-251126-CA-0027

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on October 29, 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 Melissa Wall.

Carried unanimously

4.2 November 6, 2025

Approval of Minutes November 6, 2025

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Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on November 6, 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 Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

5.0 Presentation of the Report of the Regional Student Ombudsman

The Chairperson welcomed the Regional Student Ombudsman (RSO), Catherine Labelle, to the meeting. The region served by Ms. Labelle is Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Hautes-Laurentides, and Outaouais. This covers 276 public and nine private institutions. The report represents the total region she covers.

This Annual Report of the RSO covers the period of July 2024 to June 2025. The RSO treats complaints made by students and/or their parents and is an impartial party who treats them with the highest confidentiality. It is very important to have everything in writing concerning a complaint.

The RSO explained how the complaint process works, noting that the RSO can examine a complaint without it ever having been through steps one and two of the process if the RSO feels that the interventions at these steps will not adequately correct the situation or that the time it takes to complete these steps will make their intervention pointless. The RSO will immediately take a complaint that deals with sexual violence.

The RSO serves 118,585 students and is responsible for 10 school service centres, 2 school boards and 9 private schools. The RSO works for those who make the complaint and for all the students who may benefit from the outcome.

The RSO presented the regional highlights for 2024-2025:

- 102 complaints and reports were received and 84 have been completed;
- The ratio of complaints and reports per 1,000 students is 0.86;
- 102 recommendations were made;
- 90.2 percent of the recommendations were fully or partially accepted and 85.9 percent have been implemented or partially implemented.

The RSO specified the following:

Education Organizations' Legal obligations:

- Ensure that at the beginning of each school year, students and their parents are informed that this recourse exists;
- Ensure that promotional posters are on display;
- Ensure that the recourse process is promoted on each educational organization's website.

Actions by the National Student Ombudsman and the Regional Student Ombudsman:

- Provide promotional posters;
- Provide material for websites and school agendas;
- Hold meetings with each region's key players in education.

Other activities that may be completed by the Regional Student Ombudsman:

- Processing requests for opinions under section 19 of the *Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman* (the Act) received from a Council of Commissioners, a governing board, a parents' committee, a students' committee, or a private educational institution on matters related to the services provided to students, homeschooled children, or their parents;

- Pursuing investigations on their own initiative, as per section 46 of the Act. The RSO advised that the easiest way to get information quickly is to go to the website of the National Student Ombudsman.

The Chairperson thanked the RSO for taking the time to be present this evening. To view the full report click [HERE](#) (in French only).

There were two questions from Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato.

1. **How does the regional ratio of 0.86 complaints per 1,000 students benchmark against the provincial or national average?** The RSO responded that the percentage is comparable to that of the rest of the province.
2. **In the cases that were deemed unfounded, can you provide a reason as to why or how?** After conducting her analysis, the RSO did not identify any areas for improvement or specific recommendations.

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.

One statement and seven questions have been submitted for the first question period by Renata Isopo:

I would also appreciate a written response for the questions below, if possible. Thank you.

Council meeting questions are addressed publicly during the meeting, and official responses are included in the minutes, which are adopted at the following month's meeting and then posted online. If you are unable to attend or view the meeting when it is livestreamed, you are invited to consult the minutes once they are published.

1. **Unlike some other school boards, such as Lester B. Pearson, which identify by name all those who hold posts at school-board level, why does the SWLSB's Organizational Chart not include the names of the officials who occupy the 57 posts of the school-board administration? As a publicly-funded institution, why does the SWLSB withhold this kind of information to which the taxpayers and stakeholders are entitled, in the aim of transparency?**

The purpose of our organizational chart is to present the structure of our school board. No information is withheld; the names and titles of all head office management staff are publicly available in various documents such as Council meeting minutes and resolutions which are posted online. Anyone wanting to speak to a specific individual can contact the head office to be directed to the right place. We also have a form on our website to contact all departments.

2. **On studying the SWLSB's 2025-2026 Organizational Chart, questions arise as to why the Council of Commissioners has approved the addition of 1 Director, 3 Assistant-Directors, and 2 Coordinators to the school-board administration, at an estimated cost of nearly \$500,000 in salaries, to an already top-heavy administrative set up? Whereas 2 management/superintendent posts were eliminated, why would the Council approve this net additional expense? At an enrollment of 14,000 students, why would the Council approve a loss of direct services to students amounting to \$36 per student?**

With administrative service fees under 4.4%, our school board is far from a top-heavy structure. The adjustments in the 2025–2026 organizational chart were made to meet operational and legal obligations while ensuring efficiency and continuity of services for schools and centres. The SWLSB has always been fiscally responsible and remains accountable for every dollar spent.

The changes were made to improve service capacity, comply with legal requirements, and support strategic priorities without compromising services to students.

3. **Why is the school board, through its membership fees to the Quebec English Speaking School Board Association, amounting to \$168,000, depriving its 14,000 students of \$12 per student in direct services?**

The Quebec English School Boards Association is the provincial association that represents all English-language school boards in Québec. QESBA plays a key role in defending and preserving our constitutional rights to education as an official language minority.

Membership with QESBA ensures that our students and communities are represented and supported in important educational matters, especially as political and legal landscapes evolve. Our membership fees do not affect student services. The Council of Commissioners continues to see value in maintaining this collective voice.

4. **For what reason, is the Council of Commissioners, relative to current budget constraints, approving the equivalent of nearly \$50 per student in relation to the loss of direct services to which the students are entitled, when the cost of additional administrators (\$36 per student), added to QESBA fees (approximately \$12 per student) is calculated?**

Without commenting on the validity of the amounts estimated within this question, we wish to highlight and make it clear that every decision is made with students in mind.

Our priorities are ensuring student success, long-term sustainability, and respecting our legal requirements.

All decisions are aligned with our Commitment-to-Success Plan, which focuses on goals such as improving graduation rates, supporting diverse learners, and fostering safe, caring school environments.

5. **Why is the Fraser Institute's recent annual Québec Schools Report Card Report still referring to Laval Liberty High School which was legally decommissioned on July 1, 2016, instead of its current name of Laval Senior Academy, the high school launched in 2016 following the merger of Laurier Senior Academy and Laval Liberty High School? The Fraser Institute states on page 23 of its 2023/2024 Report, published November 15, 2025 that the student results data from which the various indicators in this Report Card are derived are contained in databases owned or controlled by the Government of Quebec, MEES." This 'misrepresentation' has been made known to the school board in the past, when it was cited by The Laval News at Council, that the local hard copy of the most recent telephone directory listed Laval Liberty High School and Laurier Senior High School which no longer exist, instead of the amalgamated Laval Senior Academy? Has the school board informed the MEES (or whatever the Ministry of Education has been called at different times since 2016) that Laval Liberty High School no longer exists, replaced by Laval Senior Academy?**

The Fraser Institute is an independent research organization and is solely responsible for the data sources and nomenclature used in its publications. We have no control over their reporting or how school names are referenced.

We invite you to contact the Fraser Institute or the Ministère de l'Éducation directly to address concerns about the naming in their report.

6. **Regarding the 2025 Fraser Institute Quebec Report Card: - is the Board studying the reasons why 5 schools have declined in performance indicators while only one has improved its performance, out of the six SWLSB schools cited? -is there concern at board level that the Laurier Board High Schools - ranked at 207 (Rosemère) 260 (Ste-Agathe); 260 (Laval Liberty/LSA); 310 (Lake of Two Mountains); 335 (Laurentian Regional); 376 (Joliette High) out of the 469 High schools reported on, are clearly in the bottom half of the cohort?**

The school board continually analyzes and monitors student learning data from a wide range of sources, including the Ministry's official Success Plan indicators, provincial exam results, internal assessments, school climate data, and contextual elements specific to each school community.

Our monitoring processes provide a more detailed and accurate reflection of school performance than the Fraser Institute's single index ranking. The Fraser report uses a narrow set of indicators and does not consider key factors like student diversity, special needs integration, or program differences. As a result, rankings may not reflect the real progress or strengths of our schools.

Our decisions and improvement strategies are based on reliable sources designed to support student success, inclusion, and well-being. We rely on professional analyses from our Pedagogical Services Department, which works with proven tools and reliable indicators to guide our continuous improvement efforts.

The Fraser Institute's numerical rankings, we caution against interpreting them in isolation. Their comparison framework places schools of vastly different sizes, profiles, and program offerings into a single provincial scale, which can position schools with strong student growth and success indicators in the lower half of the ranking simply because the metric does not capture the full range of their strengths or realities.

Our focus remains on supporting every learner toward success through targeted interventions, professional development, and continuous improvement, using the comprehensive data sources that are designed for that purpose.

- 7. What is the update on the question from TLN submitted on Oct. 29, 2025, regarding the official SWLSB policy governing Travel Tour Points and how these points are reported and used by trip organizers. Is there a policy in place, implemented by the school board, to ensure transparency in the allocation of these points that belong to students who participate in the excursions?**

The answers to your questions are in the minutes of the October 29 meeting which have been adopted at tonight's meeting and will be published on the website in the next 48 hours.

The questions answered at tonight's meeting will be published on our website 48 hours after the minutes are approved.

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 Bill Gates:

"As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others."

This quote perfectly describes our school board's leaders, senior management and union executives who continuously show leadership not by authority, but by how they support, encourage, and elevate those around them. Their work makes our mission possible.

Council of Commissioners Updates

- The Chairperson announced the resignation of Commissioner Anick Brunet. A by-election is expected in March 2026.
- Interim leadership appointments: Interim Director General, Selena Mell, and Interim Assistant Director General, Anne-Marie Lavoie. Ms. Mell received the interim appointment at the Special Council Meeting of November 6, 2025. The vote of confidence was unanimous from Council members present. The Council of Commissioners has unwavering confidence in the capabilities of our interim DG and ADG, and is confident that they will thrive in their interim capacities.
- 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's (SWLSB) Facebook page.

- Strengthening the code of ethics for commissioners: Ultimately, a stronger code of ethics protects the credibility of the Council of Commissioners, ensures ethical standards, and reassures our community that we are committed to serving them with honesty and fairness. This is how trust is built and maintained.
- Updating our policies to reflect 21st-century standards is part of our core responsibility as commissioners. It's our purview to set clear, modern, and effective policies that guide our school board and protect the well-being of everyone in our system. Our priorities include ensuring the needs of students with special needs are met and strengthening the safety and security of our employees. When our policies are current, transparent, and aligned with today's realities, we build a governance culture rooted in clarity, accountability, and trust.
- The registration period starts January 5, 2026.

Proud Moments

- A \$35,000 grant was given to Laval Junior Academy, by Charles River Laboratories, to develop and enhance their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program. It aims at funding their STEM program and will directly benefit over 850 students.
- SWLSB students honoured Remembrance Day in Ottawa as part of an Ascend Leadership initiative, where students from four elementary schools and five high schools came together, in the Nation's Capital to honour Canada's veterans.
- Visit our SWLSB Facebook page, as well as your respective school Facebook pages, to see all the proud moments that make us #SirWilfridProud.

School, Centre and Community Events

- November 8, 2025 – Grenville ES – Craft Fair
- November 15, 2025 – Sainte-Agathe Academy – Holiday Market, Mountainview ES – Holiday Market, and Our Lady of Peace ES – Holiday Market
- November 16, 2025 – Twin Oaks ES – Christmas Market
- November 22, 2025 – Laurentia ES – Holiday Market and Laval Senior Academy – Candy Cane Lane and Holiday Market
- November 9, 2025 – Remembrance Day Ceremony/Ville de Laval
- November 21, 2025 – Comedy Night/Agape Laval – Agape Laval and the SWLSB are long-standing partners

Upcoming School and Centre Visits

- Mountainview High School
- Laval Elementary and High Schools
- Adult Education and Vocational Training Centres
- Construc-Plus

Press Releases

There were none this month.

Highlights

On behalf of the Council of Commissioners and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all our education professionals, who we celebrated last week! Your dedication, compassion, and commitment to student success are the foundation of our schools. Every day, you inspire learning, support growth, and make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and families. Thank you for everything you do—for showing up, for leading with care, and for helping our students become their best selves. We are grateful for you.

7.1 Community Highlights from Commissioners

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary reported:

- Attending the Laurentian Regional High School Remembrance Day Ceremony, noting that it was a very moving event and a successful student-led initiative.
- Attending the Sainte-Agathe Academy Remembrance Day Ceremony, which involved students from Kindergarten through Secondary 5.
- Attending the SAA Holiday Market and reminded members that the Morin Heights Holiday Fair will take place on November 29, which features local vendors.

Commissioner Bob Pellerin reported that the Joliette Holiday Market is scheduled for November 27.

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso reported the following:

- The RSEQ Mini Hockey Tournament was held, noting the participation of several elementary schools. To allow broader student participation, Souvenir Elementary and John F. Kennedy Elementary, as well as Saint-Vincent and Our Lady of Peace formed combined teams. It was further noted that the SWLSB is the envy of other school boards because of the access to this opportunity.
- LSA attended a Futsal Tournament, during which students demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship.
- The Terry Fox Elementary Holiday Market is scheduled for December 14.

Commissioner Anick Brunet noted that this would be her final night serving as a School Commissioner and reported attending the Genesis Holiday Market.

7.2 Resignation of Commissioner for Electoral Division no. 9

Commissioner Anick Brunet tendered her resignation as School Commissioner for Electoral Division no. 9 effective November 27. A by-election will be held in March 2026.

8.0 Report from the Interim Director General

The Interim Director General presented the monthly report noting the following:

- 2025-2026 school/centre visits;
 - Since the opening of the 2025-2026 school year, there have been 26 school/centre visits;
- Remembrance Day Celebration at the Head Office;
- Meetings:
 - Head Office Staff meeting
 - Forum de concertation sur la réussite éducative (Regroupement lavallois pour la réussite éducative)
 - Parents' Committee Meeting
 - All day PD sessions with our Management Team
 - Forum MEQ-DG Québec city – La réussite éducative de chaque élève
 - Webinar with the MEQ – Budget tool
- The official enrolment as of September 30, 2025, stands at 12,444 students in the youth sector. Enrolment is down by 237 students 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. A survey was sent out to the families who did not register with us to better understand why they decided to register with other establishments. We are looking at how we can better serve our students. A targeted marketing campaign is underway.

Proud Moments

- Congratulations to Francesco Vignone, a student at Laval Junior Academy, on his remarkable journey on *Quel Talent*. His exceptional talent, powerful voice, and commanding stage presence captivated audiences across Québec.
- Several schools held Remembrance Day commemorations providing a meaningful opportunity for students and staff to pause, reflect, and honour the service and sacrifice of those who have served our country.

Upcoming Events

- December 4, 2025 – School Executives' Day (AQCS - Association des cadres scolaires du Québec)
- Vocational Training Programs
 - Medications and Invasive Assistive Care Services will begin on November 29 and December 6, 2025;
 - A preparation course for the OIIAQ exam will also be offered on November 29 and December 6, 2025;
- Open Houses
 - McCaig Elementary – December 6, 2025, from 9 to 11 a.m.
 - Souvenir Elementary – January 15, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- The registration period begins January 5, 2026;
- Rocket de Laval Game Day – March 20 at 7 p.m. For each ticket, \$5 goes to the SWLF to support our students.

9.0 Business Arising

There were no items for business arising.

10.0 Decision Items

10.1 Financial Resources

10.1.1 Statement of Unpaid Taxes

Statement of Unpaid Taxes

WHEREAS section 339 of the *Education Act* requires the Director General to prepare a statement of the school taxes due and owing by owners;

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WHEREAS section 340 of the *Education Act* stipulates that the statement prepared as per section 339 be submitted to the Council of Commissioners for approval;

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve, in accordance with sections 339 and 340 of the *Education Act*, the statement prepared by the Director of Financial Resources for the Director General for school taxes outstanding as of November 6, 2025, in the amount of \$2,878,504, as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/11/26-FR-001.

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary.

Carried unanimously

10.1.2 Budget Building 2026-2027 – Authorization for Consultation

Budget Building 2026-2027

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is commencing its budget building process for the 2026-2027 school year;

Authorization for Consultation

WHEREAS section 275 of the *Education Act* requires a school board to establish the objectives and principles governing the allocation of its revenues;

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has drafted its 2026-2027 Budget Consultation Survey;

WHEREAS said survey was presented to the Audit Committee on November 12, 2025, as well as to the Resource Allocation Committee on November 13, 2025;

Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee and of the Ressource Allocation Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the Budget Consultation Survey, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/11/26-FR-002, as part of the budget building consultation process;

AND THAT the consultation begin on November 28, 2025, and end on February 20, 2026, and be conducted with the Governing Boards, the Parents' Committee, the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association, and the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Seconded by Commissioner Barbara Barrasso.

Carried unanimously

10.2 Legal, Corporate and Communications

10.2.1 Amendment to the Procedure on Advisory Committees

Amendment to the Procedure on Advisory Committees

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to amend section 6 of procedure no. 2013-CA-08: *Advisory Committees*;

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Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT 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. SWLSB-2025/11/26-CA-002.

Seconded by Commissioner Melissa Wall.

Carried unanimously

10.3 Council Decisions

10.3.1 Safety and Security at Sainte-Adèle Elementary School

Safety and Security at Sainte-Adèle Elementary School

WHEREAS, since the summer of 2024, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (the SWLSB) has been working with the Ville de Sainte-Adèle concerning the safety of the students attending Sainte-Adèle Elementary School located at 60, rue Henri-Dunant;

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WHEREAS it has regularly been observed that during the morning rush hour, due to the absence of sidewalks, students are walking either on the unpaved shoulder or in the street, which is a major safety concern for the SWLSB, especially in the winter months when the width of the street is significantly diminished due to snow banks;

WHEREAS the SWLSB has received excellent cooperation from the Ville de Sainte-Adèle, which has implemented various safety measures to improve public safety around Sainte-Adèle Elementary School;

WHEREAS the SWLSB fully supports the development project concerning rue Henri-Dunant, which includes the reorganization of the drop-off area for students of the school;

WHEREAS the SWLSB believes that the city must construct a sidewalk on rue Henri-Dunant as an additional and essential measure to ensure the safety of the students of Sainte-Adèle Elementary School and the Sainte-Adèle citizens that reside in the area surrounding the school, notwithstanding all other measures already taken or proposed in the permanent development project of rue Henri-Dunant;

WHEREAS a formal request has been sent to the city in this regard in two letters dated February 28, 2025, and November 21, 2025;

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reiterate its support for the permanent development project for rue Henri-Dunant, highlighting, however, that this project must include a permanent sidewalk on rue Henri-Dunant in order to fully ensure the security of students, their parents, and all citizens, as mentioned within the letter dated November 21, 2025, signed by the Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

10.3.2 Appointment of a Returning Officer for By-Election

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WHEREAS the Commissioner for Electoral Division 9 has submitted their resignation, effective November 27, 2025;

WHEREAS section 200 of *the Act respecting school elections* (the Act) states that if more than 12 months remain before the polling day of the next general election and there is a vacancy on the council of commissioners, the returning officer of the school board shall hold an election to fill the office;

WHEREAS section 22 of the Act 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;

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Lorraine Sperano Gauthier as its returning officer for the by-election to be held within 4 months of the resignation mentioned above.

AND THAT the Returning Officer and election officers be paid in accordance with the tariffs provided by Élections Québec as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2025/11/26-CA-003 and policy no. 1999-FR-01: *Expense Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

11.0 Information Items

11.1 Advisory Committees' Reports

11.1.1 Audit Committee

There was no report for this item.

11.1.2 Governance and Ethics Committee

There was no report for this item.

11.1.3 Human Resources Committee

There was no report for this item.

11.1.4 Student Success

There was no report for this item.

11.2 SWL Foundation Report

There was no report for this item.

11.3 Parent Commissioners' Reports

11.3.1 Parents' Committee

The Parents' Committee report can be found in the meeting package. The delegate for PC reported that the planned meeting on December 10 is cancelled. The next meeting is January 8, 2026.

11.3.2 SEAC

There was no report for this item.

11.4 QESBA Report

There was no report for this item.

11.5 Central Students' Committee Report

The report 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.

13.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

14.0 Varia

There were no items for varia.

15.0 Adjournment of Meeting

Commissioner Anick Brunet noted that after 8 years of service as a commissioner, she will be leaving her position tonight. She went on to extend her heartfelt thanks to all of the principals she had the pleasure of working with. Their collaboration and support have been greatly appreciated. She would also like to thank her fellow commissioners and our chairperson for their commitment and partnership throughout her tenure.

Adjournment of Meeting Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CC-251126-CA-0034 Seconded by Commissioner Melissa Wall

Carried unanimously

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M^e Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General

James Di Sano, Chairperson