

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, January 28, 2026, and via videoconference at 19:30, at which were:

Present: James Di Sano, Chairperson; Donna Anber, Vice-Chairperson; Barbara Barrasso, Alternate Vice-Chairperson; Commissioners Heather Appleby, Benny Catania, Noémia Onofre de Lima, Bob Pellerin, Désirée Ramacieri, and Melissa Wall; Parent Commissioners Elena Ferrato and Tanya Minchella; Emma Lavictoire and Maya Lavictoire, Student Representatives to the Council; Oleksii Sivokon, Substitute Student Representative to the Council; and Selena Mell, Interim Director General.

Also present: Anne-Marie Lavoie, Interim Assistant Director General/Director of Human Resources; 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; Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communications; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Nathan Bissonnette, Emilia and Isabella Hebert, Brayden Lepine-Bossy, and Kevin Perin, all students from Lake of Two Mountains High School, and their families; Shannon Rudolph, Principal of Lake of Two Mountains High School; Isabelle Nathan-Frenette, Vice-Principal of Lake of Two Mountains High School, and Matthew Arcuri, Music Teacher at Lake of Two Mountains High School.

Absent: Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary, and Amritha Venkata Krishnan, Substitute Student Representative to the Council.

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

TIME: 19:30

0.0 Opening of Meeting

0.1 Acknowledgement of the Land

Commissioner Donna Anber reads the acknowledgement of the land as follows:

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 Recognition

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting noting that it is nice to see so many people present this evening. The Council is always happy to welcome the families who come out to support the students. The achievement of these students is a source of pride not only for the school, but also for the families who have supported these students along the way.

The Council is pleased to recognize this evening the students and music teacher from Lake of Two Mountains High School (LTMHS) for an outstanding achievement. The students earned first place in the Senior Contemporary Ensemble category of the CBC Music Class Challenge, a national competition for schools across Canada. The CBC Music Class Challenge is a national initiative that celebrates and highlights the importance of arts and music education in schools across Canada.

As part of this challenge, the students had to learn, perform, and record a song and the LTMHS students selected to perform a cover of *Confetti* by Montréal artist Charlotte Cardin.

The winning performance was selected by a panel of judges made up of CBC personalities and music educators from across the country.

This achievement reflects the students' talent, teamwork, discipline, and dedication, as well as the guidance and commitment of their music teacher, Mr. Arcuri.

A video of the students' performance of *Confetti* was viewed.

The Chairperson went on to note that by winning first place in the competition, LTMHS will receive \$2,000.00 worth of new instruments through MusiCounts. The receipt of new instruments will provide continued support of the music program at the school.

He invited the Principal and Vice-Principal of LTMHS to join him and the Interim Director General in the presentation of Certificates of Recognition, and then invited the students who were able to attend this evening, along with the music teacher, to come forward to be recognized for this wonderful achievement.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

The Vice-Chairperson proposed that the agenda item to name a Commissioner to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation be postponed until the April meeting.

Amendment to the Agenda

CC-260128-CA-0046

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the following agenda items be postponed until the April 29, 2026, regular meeting:

- 8.1.2 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation
 - 8.1.2.1 Call for Nominations
 - 8.1.2.2 Appointment of Commissioner to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

Approval of the Agenda

CC-260128-CA-0047

Commissioner Noémia Onofre De Lima MOVED THAT the January 28, 2026, agenda of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be approved as amended in document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/01/28-CA-001.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

3.0 Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2025**Approval of Minutes
December 10, 2025**

CC-260128-CA-0048

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on December 10, 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 Parent Commissioner Tanya Minchella.

Carried unanimously

4.0 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.

There were no questions submitted for the first question period.

5.0 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 Mahatma Gandhi:

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”

and noted that this report reflects the school board’s commitment to positive change through integrity, responsibility and working collaboratively.

Updates

- There will be a by-election in electoral division no. 9 on March 22, 2026. More details will be provided through the school board’s social media;
- The Council named Selena Mell as Interim Director General and Anne-Marie Lavoie as Interim Assistant Director General;
- The Code of Ethics for Commissioners is currently being amended to bring it in line with the current realities;
- The Council is reviewing the policies of the school board to ensure that they meet the needs of the present day. The Council will be advising the Interim Director General of the

policies it believes should be made a priority for review and amendment. These policies are those dealing with fiscal responsibility, special needs education, and the safety and security of the school board employees;

- Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is underway and concludes on January 30, 2026;
- Meetings that have taken place since the December 10, 2026, Council meeting:
 - Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation, Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) Executive Committee, Laval Senior Academy Governing Board, Parents' Committee, and the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC);
 - The Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ) has authorized funding for the acquisition of a building in Saint-Jérôme to alleviate the overcrowding situation at Laurentia Elementary School. There are some steps to be completed before this acquisition is official. The Director of Material Resources and Transportation, his team, and the head office team are to be congratulated on their input on this project;

Proud Moments

- The proud moments of the school board and all the schools and centres can be found on the various social media platforms of the school board and its schools and centres;

School/Centre and Community Events

- December 13, 2026 – Attended the holiday markets at John F. Kennedy and Terry Fox Elementary Schools;
- December 17, 2026
 - Attended the holiday breakfast at Crestview Elementary School with Commissioner Benny Catania;
 - Attended the Grenville Elementary School holiday concert with Commissioners Donna Anber and Désirée Ramacieri;
- December 18, 2025 – Attended the Laurentia Elementary School holiday breakfast and helped serve alongside Commissioner Donna Anber;
- December 19, 2025 – Attended the community breakfast at Rosemère High School with Commissioner Heather Appleby and Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary;

School and Centre Visits

- In the coming weeks visits will be paid to Mountainview High School, some Laval elementary schools and high schools, Adult Education and Vocational training Centres and Construc-Plus. He thanked Karine Valiquette, Administration Officer, for organizing these visits on his behalf;

Press Releases

- The links to press releases by the SWLSB and the QESBA are available in his report;

Highlights

- The following are highlights reported by the Chairperson as the voice of the SWLSB:
 - December 10, 2025 – International Human Rights Day;
 - December 25, 2025 – Christmas message;
 - January 1, 2026 – New Year's message;

- January 4, 2026 – Welcome-back message;
- January 14, 2026 – Resignation of Premier Legault;
- January 19, 2026 – Announcement by Minister Lebel;
- January 21, 2026 – Bell Let's Talk Day and the 78th anniversary of the Québec flag;
- January 24, 2026 – International Day of Education.

5.1 Community Highlights from Commissioners

- Commissioner Heather Appleby noted that on December 14, 2025, she attended a holiday event at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School featuring Santa and the Grinch. The parents and employees are to be thanked for this entertaining event;
- Commissioner Barbara Barrasso invited everyone to the Our Lady of Peace 90's Comedy Night on February 20, 2026. The event details can be found on the school's Facebook page;
- Commissioner Donna Anber reported the following:
 - Shout out to Grenville Elementary School students, staff and families for their wonderful holiday concert. It was very nice to see the teachers' giving prompts to the students when needed;
 - Congratulations to Laurentian Regional High School for its sale of handcrafted jewelry and baked goods to raise funds for Days for Girls, a foundation that helps to provide safe menstrual products worldwide. LRHS was raising funds for the group in Goma, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
 - On January 5, 2026, she accompanied the Interim Director General to the Professional Development Session for the maintenance workers where the work that this group does on a daily basis, behind the scenes, was acknowledged, as well as their friendly presence for the students. This group deserves a big thank you for keeping the schools and grounds clean.

6.0 Report from the Interim Director General

The Interim Director General provided an update on events since the last Council meeting in December:

- Visits to schools and centres now total 30 completed visits;
- Three meetings with school board counterparts;
- Two meetings of the Forum MEQ-DG;
- Holiday events;
- Parents' Committee;
- Management meeting with administrators;
- Clinic on *School Protocol for Crisis*;

- Session with the Interim Director General and the Director of Human Resources for new in-school administrators', better known as *Coffee with the DG*. This was the second session of 2025-2026;
- The GRICS migration scheduled for January 23, 2026, has been postponed to Friday, February 6, 2026, due to the need for some system validations;

Proud Moments

- The second edition of the new in-school administrators' session went very well. When originally planned, these sessions were to be for in-school administrators with two years or less experience, then several asked for it to be changed to three years or less followed by asks for four years or less, so the sessions were open to anyone who wished to attend. At this session there were 18 present and there were discussions on what is working and what is not. This is a good venue for discussion because it is a safe place to share;
- The new Simulation Lab at CDC Pont-Viau featuring four state-of-the-art simulation mannequins will be of great help to the students when learning about adults, children, and babies. Additional information will be available on social media after the inauguration of the new simulation lab;

Upcoming Events and Dates

- February 2-6, 2026, is Teacher Appreciation Week and everyone is invited to express their appreciation to the teachers not just for teaching, but for all of the support they provide to students in so many ways;
- February 16-20, 2026, marks the *Hooked on School Days* and everyone is encouraged to provide gestures of support to students, no matter how small, to help them move forward. The support offered to students by the following groups is greatly appreciated:
 - Regroupement lavallois pour la réussite éducative (RLPRÉ);
 - Partenaires pour la réussite éducative dans les Laurentides (PREL);
 - Comité régional pour la valorisation de l'éducation (CREVALE) in Lanaudière;
- Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is ongoing. School Affairs and School Organization are receiving calls about eligibility for the targeted schools, namely Franklin Hill, Laurentian, McCaig, Rawdon, Souvenir, Terry Fox, and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools;
- Adult Education
 - Francization – a new session begins on February 2, 2026;
 - Basic English – registration is ongoing;
- Vocational Training – there are many programs available and everyone is encouraged to go to the website to see what programs are coming up;
- March 20, 2026, is the SWLSB Game Day with the Laval Rockets;
- February is Black History Month.

7.0 Business Arising

There were no items for business arising.

8.0 Decision Items

8.1 Council

8.1.1 Designation of Commissioner Emeritus

Designation of Commissioner Emeritus

CC-260128-CA-0049

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to establish a procedure that would honour a former commissioner who has demonstrated exceptional service, leadership, and commitment to the mission, values, and governance of the school board;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the procedure for the Designation of Commissioner Emeritus, as contained in document no. SWLSB-2026/01/28-CA-002.

Seconded by Commissioner Melissa Wall.

Carried unanimously

8.1.2 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation

This item was postponed until the April 29, 2026, meeting of the Council.

8.1.3 QESBA Spring Conference 2026

Commissioner Melissa Wall noted that the Commissioners selected to attend the 2026 QESBA Spring Conference did not attend the 2025 conference, with the exception of the Chairperson.

QESBA Spring Conference 2026

CC-260128-CA-0050

WHEREAS Council members have been invited to register for the QESBA Spring Conference 2026, which will be held in Québec City from May 13 to May 15, 2026;

WHEREAS the Council values professional development opportunities for its members;

WHEREAS, considering the financial context, the Council wishes to select which members will attend the Spring Conference in order to limit costs for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT the Chairperson, Commissioners Donna Anber and Melissa Wall, and Parent Commissioners Chloée Alary and Tanya Minchella attend the QESBA Spring Conference 2026 in Québec City on behalf of the Council of Commissioners;

AND THAT their expenses be reimbursed as per policy no. 1999-FR-01: *Expense Reimbursement Policy for the Members of Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*.

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato.

Carried unanimously

8.2 Material Resources and Transportation

8.2.1 Request to the Ville de Saint-Jérôme for a Zoning Change

Request to the Ville de Saint-Jérôme for a Zoning Change

CC-260128-MR-0051

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-251204-MRT-0036 authorizing the Director of Material Resources and Transportation to submit an offer to purchase an immovable situated at 2351, boulevard du Curé-Labelle, in Saint-Jérôme, as per the terms and conditions contained in a confidential document;

WHEREAS the seller has accepted the offer to purchase and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has agreed to request the necessary zoning changes for lots no. 4 033 980 and no. 4 034 035 of the Cadastre du Québec (registration division of Deux-Montagnes) so that the immovable may be designated for institutional use, notably, as a preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, and secondary school, that is, land-use category P103;

WHEREAS the rezoning condition must be fulfilled, failing which the offer of purchase shall be null and void;

WHEREAS a formal request for a zoning change must be submitted to the Ville de Saint-Jérôme for the lots mentioned herein;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board formally request from the Ville de Saint-Jérôme a zoning change in order for the following immovable to be used as a preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, and secondary school purposes under land-use category P103;

An immovable known and designated as containing lots no. 4 033 980 and no. 4 034 035 of the Cadastre du Québec, registration division of Deux-Montagnes;

Along with a building constructed on said lots bearing the civic number 2351, boulevard du Curé-Labelle, Saint-Jérôme, Québec, J7Y 5E9.

AND THAT the Assistant Director of Material Resources and Transportation, Hadi Hakim, be authorized to take all necessary measures and sign all necessary documentation to give full force and effect to this resolution and to secure this zoning change within the required timeframes.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

8.3 Human Resources

8.3.1 Appointment of In-School Administrators – Vice-Principals

Appointment of In-School Administrators

WHEREAS two positions of Vice-Principal have become vacant within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Vice-Principals

CC-260128-HR-0052

WHEREAS policies no. 2000-HR-01: *Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association* and no. 2000-HR-02: *Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff Represented by the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Section*, have been applied;

WHEREAS according to by-law no. BL2023-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions and Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*, the Council of Commissioners can hire a person in a regular executive position and the Director General can assign said person to a specific regular position.

Commissioner Heather Appleby MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of both selection committees, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Sandra Colletti and Lee-Ann Sacks to the position of Vice-Principal within the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, effective as of February 2, 2026.

Seconded by Commissioner Barbara Barrasso.

Carried unanimously

Ms. Colletti and Ms. Sacks both extended their appreciation to the Council for its confidence in them in their new roles.

The Chairperson extended congratulations to both on behalf of the Council.

9.0 Information Items

9.1 Advisory Committees' Reports

9.1.1 Audit Committee

There was no report for this item.

9.1.2 Governance and Ethics Committee

There was no report for this item.

9.1.3 Human Resources Committee

There was no report for this item.

9.1.4 Advisory Committee on Student Success

There was no report for this item.

9.2 SWL Foundation Report

The report from the SWL Foundation can be found in the meeting package.

Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri reminded everyone to get their tickets to the March 20, 2026, Laval Rockets game and SWL Foundation fundraiser. During the game there will be a 50/50 raffle and the SWL Foundation would be grateful to anyone who would be willing to help sell tickets.

9.3 Parent Commissioners' Reports

There was no report for this item.

9.3.1 Parents' Committee

There was no report for this item.

9.3.2 SEAC

There was no report for this item.

9.4 QESBA Report

The report can be found in the meeting package.

9.5 Central Students' Committee Report

There was no report for this item.

Commissioner Melissa Wall noted that she is very impressed with the ideas and discussions that the student members of the Central Student's Committee (CSC) undertake and suggested that some sort of formal pathway be established that would allow for students to get answers to their questions. A pathway would allow the school board to work together with the students to find solutions and allow the entire student population to know that they are being heard.

She went on to advise that two students have been voted on by the CSC to represent the SWLSB on the QESBA Student Advisory Committee with students from the other English school boards. The names of the two students will be officially announced at the regular meeting of the Council on February 25, 2026.

The Chairperson thanked Commissioner Wall for the idea of a pathway for student questions noting that it would be brought to the Interim Director General and the Director of Pedagogical Services for discussion as to how this could be established.

9.6 QESBA Membership Invoice – Balance owed for 2025-2026

The Chairperson drew the Council's attention to the invoice for the balance of the 2025-2026 membership fees for the Quebec English School Boards Association that can be found in the meeting package.

10.0 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 audience present nor the audience online.

11.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

12.0 Varia

There were no items for varia.

13.0 Adjournment of Meeting

Adjournment of Meeting Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CC-260128-CA-0053 Seconded by Commissioner Melissa Wall.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:17

NEXT MEETING → REGULAR → February 25, 2026

M^e Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General

James Di Sano, Chairperson