

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, April 29, 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 Chloée Alary, Elena Ferrato, and Tanya Minchella; Maya Lavictoire, Student Representative to the Council; and Selena Mell, Interim Director General.

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

Present via Zoom: Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department; Emma Lavictoire, Student Representative to the Council; and Amritha Venkata Krishnan, Substitute Student Representative to the Council.

Absent: Commissioner Lorenzo Lagatta; Oleksii Sivokon, Substitute Student Representatives 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: 19:31

0.0 Opening of Meeting

0.1 Acknowledgement of the Land

The Chairperson welcomed everyone present and online to the meeting and asked the Vice-Chairperson to 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.

1.0 Recognition

The Chairperson welcomed the in-person students from Laval Senior Academy and Laval Junior Academy to the meeting and those attending online noting that the Council is very proud to recognize their achievements at the Hydro-Québec Montréal Regional Science and Technology Fair (MRSTF). The MRSTF was hosted by Laval Senior Academy from March 29 to 31, 2026.

He went on to recognize:

- Trisha Singh, from Laval Junior Academy, for her project *Seeing VS Sensing: Vision-Based vs;*
- Marie-Pierre Tardif, from Laval Senior Academy, for her project *Line Imagery: An Optimized Model;*
- Elizabeth Lew, from Laval Senior Academy for her project *Automatic Pill Dispenser;*
- Michelle Baker and Noor Morsi, from Laval Senior Academy, for their project *Bioplastics and Daphnia Heart Rate;*
- Marc Anthony Mourad, from Laval Senior Academy, for his project *ARC Automated Rider Companion.*

The Council would also like to highlight that Trisha Singh, Marc-Anthony Mourad, and Marie-Pierre Tardif participated in the Super Expo-Sciences Hydro-Québec held on April 19, 2026, at the Université de Laval.

The following students were unable to attend this evening and the Council would like to acknowledge the achievements of Alishba Shah, Leila Rakhsane, Amélie Langlois and Natalie Valente.

The Chairperson stated that the work of these students is a source of pride for the school board and that the projects reflect the curiosity, the creativity, and the dedication to learning. Congratulations to all on behalf of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

The Chairperson invited those students present this evening to join him, the Interim Director General, the Vice-Chairperson, the Interim Assistant Director General, and the school administration at the front. The students were presented with certificates of recognition and photos were taken.

Emma Lavictoire, Student Representative to the Council, and Amritha Venkata Krishnan, Substitute Student Representatives to the Council, joined the meeting online.

TIME: 19:45

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

The Vice-Chairperson asked to move an item up in tonight's agenda.

Amendment to the Agenda

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the agenda be amended by moving item 8.5 *Material Resources and Transportation* to the first item under 8.0 *Decision Items*.

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Seconded by Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary.

Carried unanimously

Approval of the Agenda
CC-260429-CA-0090

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT the April 29, 2026, agenda of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be approved as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/04/29-CA-001, with the amendment.

Seconded by Commissioner Bob Pellerin.

Carried unanimously

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.1 March 25, 2026

Approval of Minutes
March 25, 2026
CC-260429-CA-0091

Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on March 25, 2026, 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 Chloée Alary.

Carried unanimously

3.2 April 14, 2026

Approval of Minutes
April 14, 2026
CC-260429-CA-0092

Commissioner Heather Appleby MOVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on April 14, 2026, 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

4.0 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 was one question submitted for the first question period from Ms. Deborah Biondino, parent at Souvenir Elementary School.

At a recent Governing Board meeting at Souvenir Elementary, we learned that due to lower enrolment, several of our hard working teachers would be losing their positions.

As a parent of two students at this school, an active member of our Home and School as well as our Governing Board, this is deeply concerning. What we see year over year is classroom sizes growing and student needs frequently unmet. Not to mention that our staff are simply overworked. Across all the schools, teachers are losing their jobs due to dwindling enrolment, when there is a really simple solution.

Studies show that smaller student to teacher ratios benefit students and teachers alike. At a time that schools are hearing that students are not prepared for high school, it seems that less is being done at the board level. Is it possible for the school board to please look into allowing smaller class sizes, especially for the younger grades, so that our schools can excel, we don't lose valuable teaching staff, and can become more enticing to our communities for enrolment.

The Chairperson, in response to the question received, noted that it is important to start by explaining that class sizes are included in the collective agreement applicable to our teachers, following negotiations between the government and teachers' union.

Class size varies based on the grade, economical index and composition of the groups. For Souvenir Elementary, the maximum class size varies from 17 students in preschool to 26 from grades 3 to 6.

It is also important to note that the school board receives financing from the Ministry of Education based on the group sizes as established within the collective agreement. Any additional group created costs an average of \$141,520, for which the school board would not be funded for by the MEQ.

As part of the school board's responsibilities, we need to ensure that class size ratios and our employees working conditions are respected, while respecting our financial obligations and equity with other schools. Teachers' rights will also be respected as per the collective agreement. We have not had teachers losing their jobs in the past and our team in Human Resources is working hard to ensure a suitable placement for all excess teachers for the 2026-2027 school year.

Overall, please be assured that our students' success is always at the forefront of our decisions.

5.0 Report from the Chairperson

The Chairperson began the presentation of his monthly report by quoting Henry Ford:

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

He went on to provide the following information on what has taken place since the March 25, 2026, meeting of the Council:

Council of Commissioners Updates

Governance

- On April 7, 2026, attended a meeting with the RLPRE (Regroupement lavallois pour la réussite éducative), with Agape Laval, and with the Ville de Laval;
- On April 14, 2026, the Council held a special meeting to swear in the new Commissioner for Electoral Division no. 9, Lorenzo Lagatta;

General Directorate

- The Council has continued confidence in the Interim Director General and the Interim Assistant Director General. Both are to be thanked for their leadership;

Transparency

- The Council provides access to the Council minutes, agenda, highlights, and additional information through the school board's website on the Council of Commissioners page and through the school board's various social media accounts.

Accountability, Professional Development, Policies, and General Updates

- The review of the *Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* is ongoing;
- A professional development training session on best governance practices was held on April 14, 2026;
- Policy reform is underway, and the standing committees have outlined which policies or procedures are a priority. The Council felt that this reform was needed in order to protect employees while providing the best education possible for the students;
- The posting for the Director General closes on May 15, 2026, and all applications are being received and reviewed by an outside firm engaged by the school board. On April 16, 2026, the associations and unions were advised of the feedback retained by the Council following the consultation on the selection criteria for the Director General position;

School and Centre Events

- March 27, 2026 – Laval Senior Academy Blue & Gold Review;
- March 29 and 31, 2026 – Montreal Regional Science and Technology Fair at Laval Senior Academy;
- April 2, 2026 – TEDx Laval Youth at Laval Senior Academy;
- April 8, 2026 – Veterans Affairs Commendation Ceremony at Lake of Two Mountains High School;
- April 10, 2026 – Sainte-Agathe Academy Variety Show;
- April 14, 2026 – Final Charity Project at Joliette High School;
- April 27, 2026 – Career Week at Twin Oaks Elementary School. He was invited as a guest speaker on his role as Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. This was a very gratifying experience to be asked questions from the students and it was also a great teachable moment;

Community Events

- March 29, 2026 – International Women's Day Conference - NCIC;
- April 11, 2026 – Game Day for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation with the CF Montréal;
- April 11, 2026 – Gala Dynastie 2026;

School and Centre Visits

- There are none to report;

Statements/Remarks/Press Releases/Highlights

- March 29 and 31, 2026 – Montreal Regional Science and Technology Fair – Remarks from the Chairperson were made at both the opening and closing ceremonies;
- April 12, 2026 – As Chairperson of the school board, he congratulated Christine Fréchette on becoming Québec's 33rd Premier. As Chairperson he will continue to work constructively with the government in the best interests of the students, their families, and the school board communities;

- April 19-25, 2026 – Administrative Support Staff Week. As a Council we extend our sincere appreciation to all administrative professionals across our organization. He also expressed his personal gratitude to Karine, Jocelyne, and Susan for the continued support of his role;
- April 19-25, 2026 – National Volunteer Week. The school board extends its sincerest gratitude to all those who give their time, energy, and care to the school communities.

5.1 Community Highlights from Commissioners

- Commissioner Benny Catania noted that on April 20, 2026, he attended the NextGen Assembly of Leaders at the Ville de Rosemère with Commissioner Donna Anber and Parent Commissioner Tanya Minchella. It was inspiring to watch these young students as they developed and refined their presentations, and it was inspiring to watch their creativity and confidence grow. He thanked the Mayor of Rosemère, Marie-Hélène Pitt, and her colleagues. A special thank you to Cheryl Smith-Debanne, who is marking her final year with the school board, and to Daniel Johnson for his dedication and for organizing such a great learning experience for the students;
- Commissioner Heather Appleby highlighted the McCaig Elementary School Comedy Night held on April 18, 2026. She thanked the organizing group and the school staff for a wonderful evening;
- Commissioner Bob Pellerin noted that on April 17, 2026, he had the honour of attending a ceremony recognizing a student from Joliette High School (JHS) for her academic excellence and sustained engagement in both school and community life. Keegan Gravel was the recipient of the Québec Lieutenant Governor's Youth Medal. Congratulations Keegan, and thank you to Mr. Neveu, Principal of JHS, for attending with him;
- Commissioner Barbara Barrasso gave a shout-out to the leadership group at Terry Fox Elementary School who, on April 16, 2026, under the guidance of Miss Lynn, Miss Maria, and Miss Elena, held its annual blood drive. Every year, they seem to beat the previous year's donation record, which they have done again this year with 95 donations in six hours. The students were very helpful and kind, and escorted each donor through the entire process which the donors really appreciated. The fact that this blood drive is so popular has led to Héma Québec to ask if it would be possible to hold this particular blood drive on a pedagogical day so that it could run the entire day;
- Commissioner Donna Anber advised that she had three shout-outs:
 - On April 21, 2026, she was invited to attend the Governing Board meeting at Laurentia Elementary School with Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri, the Interim Director General, and the Director of Material Resources and Transportation. The meeting was held at the new campus in Saint-Jérôme and the opportunity arose to tour the building and campus, which are full of potential. This new environment will definitely meet the growing needs of the Saint-Jérôme community. She is looking forward to the official inauguration. She thanked the Director of Material Resources and Transportation and his team for their work in obtaining the building, which exceeds all expectations;

- She attended the Québec Lieutenant Governor's award ceremonies for the Laval region, in place of the Chairperson, along with Peter Papadeas, Principal of Laval Senior Academy, where a wonderful student, Amritha Venkata Krishnan, was honoured, along with other recipients, during a beautiful ceremony recognizing all the work that these young students do within their communities;
- She made the following statement concerning the Ville de Sainte-Adèle:

Road safety around Sainte-Adèle Elementary School has been a longstanding concern for many years. In the summer of 2024, Municipal Councillor David Higgins-Daines reached out to begin addressing these important safety issues. That initiative marked the beginning of several years of constructive collaboration between our School Board and the City of Sainte-Adèle, united by a common objective: ensuring the safety and well-being of all students, staff, and pedestrians in the area.

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In the spring of 2025, M. Louis-Alexandre Desforges, Chargé de Projets – Services Techniques et Hygiène du Milieu, presented an initial plan that included as walking and cycling path, retractable bollards, additional stop signs, enhanced signage, and the removal of parking spaces along the school fence to improve safety during student drop-off and pick-up periods. This represented a significant and positive step forward, while also being recognized as an interim measure, as the bollards would need to be installed each spring and removed each fall to accommodate winter snow removal operations.

Recognizing the need for a permanent solution, in March 2025 the Governing Board of Sainte-Adele ES and the Council of Commissioners formally requested that the City consider the future construction of a sidewalk or implementation of other lasting infrastructure improvements.

Following the municipal election in November 2025, and with a new Mayor and Municipal Councillor assuming office, renewed discussions were undertaken to ensure this important file remained active and continued to progress. Through ongoing communication with M. Desforges and municipal representatives, the City developed a proposal for a permanent multi-use pathway, along with a dedicated bus pick-up and drop-off zone.

I am pleased to share that this project was officially approved by the Sainte-Adèle City Council on April 20, 2026. Construction will begin this summer and is expected to be completed in time for the opening of the next school year.

This achievement is a clear example of what can be accomplished when public institutions work collaboratively, respectfully, and with shared purpose in the best interests of our students and communities.

- Maya Lavictoire, Student Representative to the Council, expressed appreciation to all the students who worked on the TEDx event earlier in April and gave special thanks to Daniel Johnson for all of the opportunities he provides to the students.

6.0 Report from the Interim Director General

The Interim Director General presented and reviewed her monthly report, highlighting the following:

Attendance

- The number of completed visits to schools and centres during the 2025-2026 school year now totals 37;
- Attended meetings with school board counterparts, the Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ), ELVEC (English Language Vocational Education Council), TEDx Laval Youth, Commendation presentation with Veterans Affairs Canada at Lake of Two Mountains High School, new administrators' session, training with Commissioners, 2026-2027 Budgetary Rules Presentation with the MEQ and career meetings with administrators;
- Visited Morin Heights Elementary School with the Habilitas Foundation;
- March 23-27, 2026, is Violence and Bullying Prevention in Schools Week and the theme is *As-tu le droit?/Do you have the right?*

Preliminary Enrolment

- The projection for 2026-2027 is 12,552 students, which is an increase of 109 students from the official enrolment for 2025-2026, but it is 53 fewer students when compared to the preliminary enrolment from April 2025;

Administrative Assignments

- The career planning questionnaire has been distributed;
- The Interim Director General and Interim Assistant Director General are meeting with administrators who wish to meet to discuss their career path;
- The principal of Sainte-Agathe Academy has announced her retirement and the selection process has been initiated. A Selection Committee will take place in early May;

2026-2027 Budget

- The consultation on the preliminary budgetary rules was received on April 20, 2026, and it appears that there will be more flexibility for the schools and school boards to allocate the funding where it is needed the most;
- The preliminary budgetary rules are undergoing an analysis and the initial impression is that non-salary costs are not going to be indexed which is disappointing;
- As it has been in recent years, the budget exercise will be a challenge;
- The school board's response to the consultation was submitted earlier today in writing and detailed the specific needs of the school board as part of the response;

Upcoming Events

- Upcoming Adult Education and Vocational Training Programs:
 - June 4, 2026, a hybrid School Daycare Educator Vocational Training Program begins;
 - August 2026, a hybrid Secretarial Studies Vocational Training Program begins;
 - Ongoing language classes are available through Adult Education and details can be found on the website;
- May 28, 2026, is the Laurier Gala and Starfest will take place at the Château Royal;

- May 31, 2026, is SWLSB game day with the Montréal Alliance at the Verdun Auditorium. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation (SWLF) will receive a \$3.00, donation for each ticket sold;
- June 11, 2026, is the annual SWLF Lobster Gala which will be hosted by Cousin Vinnie and Shaun McMahon;
- Other May events:
 - May is speech and hearing month;
 - May 1, 2026 – National School Principal Day;
 - May 10 to 16, 2026 – National Mental health Awareness Week;
 - May 10, 2026 – Mother's Day;
 - May 11 to 15, 2026 – School Daycare Week;
 - May 17, 2026 – International Day Against Homophobia;
 - May 18, 2026 – Patriot's Day;
 - May 26, 2026 – Education Personnel Recognition Day / Journée de valorisation du personnel scolaire (MEQ)

7.0 Business Arising

There were no items for business arising.

8.0 Decision Items

8.5 Material Resources and Transportation

8.5.1 Engagement of Contractor – Paving and Schoolyard Renovation Project – Morin Heights Elementary School

Engagement of Contractor Paving and Schoolyard Renovation Project

WHEREAS the asphalt needs to be resurfaced and the schoolyard needs to be renovated at Moring Heights Elementary School;

Morin Heights Elementary School

WHEREAS public call for tenders no. 25-162-01 was published for this project and the bids were opened on April 13, 2026;

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WHEREAS the conformity of all bidders has been verified;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the asphalt and schoolyard renovation project at Morin Heights Elementary School to Construction Monco Inc., for a total cost of \$768,558.45 before taxes, or \$821,487.15 net taxes;

AND THAT the engagement above be conditional to the receipt of all contractual documents;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Tanya Minchella.

Carried unanimously

The Director of Material Resources and Transportation excused himself for the evening.

TIME: 20:03

8.1 Council

8.1.1 Nomination and Election to the Executive Committee

8.1.1.1 Call for Nominations (1 Chair, 4 Commissioners, 2 Parent Commissioners)

The Chairperson called for nominations.

Commissioner Donna Anber nominated Commissioner Barbara Barrasso. Commissioner Barrasso accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations so nominations were closed.

8.1.1.2 Appointment of Member of the Executive Committee

Nomination and Election to the Executive Committee

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-241113-CA-0017, appointing the members of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for a term of two (2) years;

Appointment of Member of the Executive Committee

WHEREAS one of the members of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resigned as a commissioner and must therefore be replaced for the remainder of the current mandate;

CC-260429-CA-0094

Commissioner Noémia Onofre de Lima MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Barbara Barrasso as a commissioner member of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the remainder of the current mandate.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson congratulated Commissioner Barrasso on her appointment to the Executive Committee.

8.1.2 Nomination and Election to the Governance and Ethics Committee

8.1.2.1 Call for Nominations (1 Commissioner or Parent Commissioner)

The Chairperson called for nominations.

Commissioner Bob Pellerin nominated Parent Commissioner Tanya Minchella. Parent Commissioner Minchella accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations so nominations were closed.

8.1.2.2 Appointment of Member of the Governance and Ethics Committee

Nomination and Election to the Governance and Ethics Committee

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-250625-CA-0115, appointing the members of the Governance and Ethics Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the 2025-2026 school year;

Appointment of Member of the Governance and Ethics Committee

WHEREAS one of the members of the Governance and Ethics Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has resigned as a commissioner and must therefore be replaced for the remainder of the current mandate;

CC-260429-CA-0095

Commissioner Benny Catania MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Parent Commissioner Tanya Minchella as a member of the Governance and Ethics Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the remainder of the current mandate.

Seconded by Commissioner Melissa Wall.

Carried unanimously

8.1.3 Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation

8.1.3.1 Call for Nominations (1 Commissioner from Laval)

The Chairperson called for nominations.

Commissioner Melissa Wall nominated Commissioner Barbara Barrasso. Commissioner Barrasso accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations so nominations were closed.

8.1.3.2 Appointment of Commissioner to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation

Appointment of Commissioner to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-250625-CA-0130, appointing Commissioner members to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Foundation for the 2025-2026 school year;

CC-260429-CA-0096

WHEREAS one of the Commissioner members representing the region of Laval has resigned and must therefore be replaced for the balance of the current mandate;

Parent Commissioner Tanya Minchella MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Barbara Barrasso as a commissioner member of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Foundation for the balance of the current mandate.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

8.1.4 QESBA Spring Conference 2026 – Modification to Resolution

QESBA Spring Conference 2026

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-260128-CA-0050, approving the attendance of the Chairperson and four Commissioners and/or Parent Commissioners at the QESBA Spring Conference 2026 in Québec City;

Modification to Resolution

CC-260429-CA-0097

WHEREAS one of the Commissioners has advised that she can no longer attend this conference;

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve that Commissioner Désirée Ramacieri be authorized to attend the QESBA Spring Conference 2026 in Québec City, replacing Commissioner Melissa Wall;

AND THAT resolution no. CC-260128-CA-0050 be modified to reflect this replacement.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

8.2 Legal, Corporate and Communications

8.2.1 Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board – Authorization for Public Consultation

Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 162 of the *Education Act*, the day, time and place of the regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must be fixed by by-law;

Authorization for Public Consultation

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

CC-260429-CA-0098

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

Commissioner Heather Appleby MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize for public consultation the amendments to by-law no. BL2000-CA-05: *Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/04/29-CA-002;

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

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

Seconded by Commissioner Barbara Barrasso.

Carried unanimously

8.2.2 Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board – Authorization for Public Consultation

Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 162 and 182 of the *Education Act*, the day, time and place of the regular meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must be fixed by by-law;

Authorization for Public Consultation

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

CC-260429-CA-0099

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

Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize for public consultation the amendments to by-law no. BL2008-CA-15: *Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/04/29-CA-003;

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

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

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary.

Carried unanimously

8.3 Adult Education and Vocational Training

8.3.1 Request for the Renewal of the Vocational Training Program Authorization for DVS Machining

Request for the Renewal of the Vocational Training Program Authorization for DVS Machining

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-220622-AE-0134, requesting a renewal of the provisional authorization for DVS 5871 Machining;

CC-260429-AE-0100

WHEREAS this program is taking place at the Vocational Training Centre (CFP) des Moulins – Édifice des Industries;

WHEREAS this provisional authorization will be expiring on June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to request a permanent authorization without financing for DVS 5871 Machining;

WHEREAS the English Language Vocational Education Council (ELVEC) and the Provincial Organization of Continuing Education Directors, English (PROCEDE) tables have endorsed the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's request for a permanent authorization from the MEQ for this program;

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board request a permanent authorization, without financing, or, alternatively, request the renewal of the provisional authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ) for the following program:

- DVS 5871 Machining

Seconded by Commissioner Donna Anber.

Carried unanimously

8.4 Information Resources

8.4.1 Participation in a CAG Tender – Information Technology Equipment

Participation in a CAG Tender

WHEREAS the CAG will be conducting public call for tender no. 2026-8227-50 to acquire new information technology equipment such as laptops, desktops, monitors and tablets;

Information Technology Equipment

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%;

CC-260429-IT-0101

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to participate in this call for tender in order to benefit from the 24 months (initial) contract with the possibility of a three-year extension, awarded 12 months at a time, by the CAG;

WHEREAS the estimated cost of acquiring the new equipment is \$2,500,000.00, before taxes, for the term of the contract;

Commissioner Benny Catania MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Information Resources, 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. 2026-8227-50 to acquire new laptops, desktops, monitors and tablets;

AND THAT the Director of Information Resources be authorized to sign all documentation concerning the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to this tender;

FURTHER THAT the acquisition of new equipment available through public tender no. 2026-8227-50, for the duration of the contract, be done in accordance with by-law no. BL2023-CA-01: *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board*.

Seconded by Commissioner Bob Pellerin.

Carried unanimously

8.6 Financial Resources

8.6.1 Allocation of Resources 2026-2027

Allocation of Resources 2026-2027

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board shall establish objectives and principles governing the allocation of its revenues in accordance with section 275 of the *Education Act*;

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WHEREAS the annual budget consultation took place from November 28, 2025, to February 20, 2026, in accordance with section 193.3 of the *Education Act*;

WHEREAS the governing boards, the Parents' Committee, the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – SWL Section (AQCS), the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA), and the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) were consulted and their respective feedback was received;

WHEREAS the Resource Allocation Committee must annually make a recommendation to the Council of Commissioners regarding the establishment of objectives and principles governing the allocation of its resources, in accordance with section 193.3 of the *Education Act*, and regarding the criteria determining the allocation of resources, in accordance with section 261 of the *Education Act*;

WHEREAS the Resource Allocation Committee completed its review of the annual budget consultation survey in order to establish the objectives and principles, as well as the criteria for the allocation of resources recommended in the Allocation of Resources 2026-2027 document;

WHEREAS the original recommendation from the Resource Allocation Committee as to the allocation of resources for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/03/25-FR-001, was defeated by Council at its March 25, 2026, meeting;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, the Council of Commissioners accept the recommendation of the Resource Allocation Committee for the 2026-2027 school year, as contained in document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/04/29-FR-001, with the exception of the allocation of administrators for Sainte-Agathe Academy for the following reasons:

- Sainte-Agathe Academy operates as a single establishment with one deed of establishment, delivering both elementary and secondary programming;
- Council notes that, on April 13, 2026, it requested that the Resource Allocation Committee examine Sainte-Agathe Academy through the lens of its elementary and secondary levels, reflecting the distinct operational realities within the school;
- Council recognizes that these distinct program levels generate administrative complexities that extend beyond enrolment, including multiple scheduling structures, supervision requirements, program diversity, and coordination across both levels;
- Council considers that the current Resource Allocation Committee model does not sufficiently account for these operational factors;
- Council approves the allocation of vice-principal support to Sainte-Agathe Academy for the 2026-2027 school year;
- The allocation of vice-principal support is confirmed by Council, with the determined allocation of time and deployment recognized as an operational matter;

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approved a motion to
postpone indefinitely the
mandate given to the
Director General.**

AND THAT the Council of Commissioners mandate the Director General to create a special project for the 2026-2027 school year for the position of vice-principal at Sainte-Agathe Academy and to carry out the required consultation with the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – SWL Section (AQCS) and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA);

AND THAT the exact allocation (ETP) be determined by the Director General;

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Resource Allocation Committee by the Secretary General.

Seconded by Commissioner Benny Catania.

Carried unanimously

The Vice-Chairperson pointed out that there is a zero missing in the fourth *Whereas* in the resolution for item 8.4.1 concerning the CAG tender for information technology equipment.

9.0 Information Items

9.1 Advisory Committees' Reports

9.1.1 Audit Committee

The report of the Audit Committee can be found in the meeting package.

9.1.2 Governance and Ethics Committee

The report of the Governance and Ethics Committee can be found in the meeting package.

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso, Chairperson of the Governance and Ethics Committee, welcomed Parent Commissioner Tanya Minchella to the committee.

9.1.3 Human Resources Committee

There was no report.

9.1.4 Advisory Committee on Student Success

The report of the Advisory Committee on Student Success can be found in the meeting package.

9.2 SWL Foundation Report

There was no report.

9.3 Parent Commissioners' Reports

9.3.1 Parents' Committee

There was no report.

9.3.2 SEAC

Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato advised that the next meeting of SEAC will be held online on May 19, 2026, and it is a public meeting so everyone is invited to attend.

9.4 QESBA Report

There was no report.

9.5 Central Students' Committee Report

There was no report.

10.0 Question Period (20 minutes)

The Chairperson inquired if there were any questions from the audience related to this evening's agenda.

Peter Papadeas, President of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association (SWLAA), asked several questions, as follows:

Question no. 1

In instances where Council determines that an alternative to a Resource Allocation Committee recommendation is warranted, what measures or safeguards does Council rely on to ensure that decisions remain free from any real, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest, both at the time of the decision and moving forward?

In response to that, the Chairperson said that there should not be or isn't any perceived conflict of interest as the Council of Commissioners has taken a decision in line with its strategic mission and vision that it was elected to put forward.

Question no. 2

In light of the School Board's current financial context and recent staffing reductions, could Council clarify how the allocation of a Vice-Principal position at Sainte-Agathe Academy aligns with its ongoing commitment to the effective and sustainable management of the Board's human and financial resources?

Again, the Chairperson indicated that the decision for Sainte-Agathe Academy was in line with Council's strategic mission and vision and values.

How this in line with the effective and sustainable management of the board's human and financial resources?

The Chairperson stated that the operational matters are at the discretion of the Director General. Council sets a strategic mission and vision and it is executed by the Director General and the management staff.

Question no. 3

Recognizing that schools across the Board operate under varying contexts and needs, and noting that several schools function without a vice-principal or with higher administrator-to-student ratios than Sainte-Agathe Academy, could Council outline how it ensures that support is allocated equitably for schools with the following characteristics:

- a. *Higher socio-economic index levels;*
- b. *Multiple buildings;*
- c. *Larger student populations;*
- d. *Higher administrator-to-student ratios.*

Again, the Chairperson stated that operational matters fall under the discretion of the Director General, in line with the Council's strategic mission and vision.

The Chairperson asked if there were any additional questions from the online audience and the Secretary General advised that there is a question from Claire Connelly, an online audience member, as follows:

Firstly, if the creation of a vp is under the delegation of the Director General, how does council determine that it has the power to do this? Secondly, how is it ethical to do so without the proper prior consultations?

The Chairperson advised that they would get back to them in due time to that question. Again, the Council decisions are taken always with information and in line with its mission and vision and values that it was elected to put forward. The resolution of the RAC document we stated our position and, again, fall back to section 257 the Director General is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the school board and management of its resources and they shall see that the decisions of the Council of Commissioners are carried out and shall perform the duties that they assign to them as per the Education Act.

The Secretary General indicated that there were no further questions.

11.0 Correspondence

There were no items in correspondence.

12.0 Varia

There were no items for varia.

13.0 Adjournment of Meeting

Adjournment of Meeting Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CC-260429-CA-0103 Seconded by Commissioner Barbara Barrasso.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:25

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