

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, May 27, 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, Lorenzo Lagatta, Noémia Onofre de Lima, Bob Pellerin, and Désirée Ramacieri; Parent Commissioners Chloée Alary, Elena Ferrato, and Tanya Minchella; Emma Lavictoire and Maya Lavictoire, Student Representatives to the Council; Amritha Venkata Krishnan, Substitute 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; 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, Assistant Director of Communications of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Commissioners Benny Catania and Melissa Wall; and Oleksii Sivokon, 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: 19:36

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 Approval of the Agenda

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CC-260527-CA-0104

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the May 27, 2026, agenda of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be approved as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/05/27-CA-001.

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary.

Carried unanimously

2.0 Approval of Minutes – April 29, 2026

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CC-260527-CA-0105

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on April 29, 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 Bob Pellerin.

Carried unanimously

3.0 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.

4.0 Report from the Chairperson

The Chairperson began the presentation of his monthly report by quoting Mother Teresa:

I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.

Council of Commissioners Updates

Governance

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Council, extended congratulations to Maya Lavictoire, Student Representative to the Council, on being the recipient of a Lieutenant Governor Medal.

Ms. Lavictoire is a student at Lake of Two Mountains High School who shows remarkable integrity and leadership. Along with being a student representative to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Council of Commissioners, she is also a School Captain in the Secondary Student Leadership Certificate Program, and leads initiatives such as Truth and Reconciliation activities, Remembrance Day commemorations, and breast cancer awareness campaigns. She inspires everyone around her.

Accountability, Professional Development, Policies, and General Updates

The Chairperson noted the following:

- The review of the *Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct for Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board* is in the final review stage and will be approved for consultation at the regular Council meeting in June;
- The 2026 AAESQ/QESBA Spring Conference was held in Québec City from May 13 to 15, 2026, and was attended by four Commissioners and himself. The theme of the conference was *Focus, Flourish, Thrive*. Conference reports can be found in the meeting package;
- The policy reform continues with the goal of modernizing them to reflect the current standard in education in order to protect the employees while providing a positive educational experience for the students. The standing committees of the Council have prioritized policies and established timelines for the next school year;
- Attendance at eight meetings during the month of May;
- The deadline for submitting an application for the position of Director General closed on May 15, 2026. The firm engaged to assist with receiving and reviewing all applications will also support the Selection Committee during the interview process in the coming weeks;

School and Centre Events

- Attended events at the head office, at Mountainview, Pierre Elliot Trudeau, and Souvenir Elementary Schools, and at Joliette High School since the last Council meeting;

Community Events

- Participated in the 90th anniversary of Casa d'Italia and McHappy Day with the Ville de Laval;

School and Centre Visits

- None to report;

Statements/Remarks/Press Releases/Highlights

Highlights

- May 1, 2026 – Principal Appreciation Day;
- May 4, 2026 – May the FOURTH Be With You;
- May 7, 2026 – National Child and Youth Mental Health Day;
- May 10, 2026 – Mother's Day;
- May 12, 2026 – School Daycare Week;
- May 17, 2026 – International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia;
- May 18, 2026 – National Patriot's Day/Journée nationale des patriotes;
- May 26, 2026 – Educational Personnel Recognition Day.

In closing his report, he noted that he had tasked the Communications Department to alter the school board logo for this evening:



5.1 Community Highlights from Commissioners

- Commissioner Donna Anber
 - Kate Paul, a student at Sainte-Agathe Academy (Elementary), has qualified to represent the Laurentides in the gymnastics competition *Challenge des régions* in Gatineau;
 - Ten students at Sainte-Adèle Elementary School were honoured for their volunteer work in the community;
- Commissioner Bob Pellerin thanked the Chairperson for attending the May 23, 2026, Joliette High School Golf Tournament. It was a very enjoyable event;
- Commissioner Barbara Barrasso expressed her appreciation to Twin Oaks Elementary School for inviting her to participate in its Career Day. She also advised that on Saturday, May 30, 2026, Terry Fox Elementary School will be holding a park cleanup event at Parc Lauzon in Vimont and invited everyone to come and lend a hand.

5.0 Report from the Interim Director General

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

Since the last Council meeting

- There have been 37 visits to schools and centres during the 2025-2026 school year;
- Attended meetings with school board counterparts, the QESBA Spring Conference, a session with new administrators assisted by the Interim Assistant Director General and Director of Human Resources, and the Management meeting;
- The Interim Assistant Director General attended the Quebec English School Boards 2026 Career Fair in Montréal;
- Held two career meetings;

Preliminary Enrolment

- There are 138 students more who have enrolled for the next school year than there were at this time last year, which is positive, but there is always the possibility that things may change between now and the start of school in August;

Proud Moments

- On May 6 and 13, 2026, there was finance training for in-school administrators, and it was also an opportunity to pay tribute to Wendy Crooks, Administrative Technician, for everything she does for the school board; she is a highly valued employee;

- On May 24, 2026, she attended the Lieutenant Governor's Medal Ceremony at the Polyvalente Saint-Jérôme. Congratulations to Norma Girt of Laurentian Regional High School; Addison Lamadeleine of Sainte-Agathe Academy; Maya Lavictoire of Lake of Two Mountains High School and Kaylah Andorful-Steer of Rosemère High School;

Conference Contributions

- The QACVE (Quebec Advisory Council on Vocational Education) held its conference Teaching Today for a Career Tomorrow on May 14-15, 2026. The Interim Director of Adult Education and Vocational Training was on the organizing committee and eight members of the AEVT staff attended;
- The Commission professionnelle des services du secrétariat général et des communications of the AQCS held a session from April 29 to May 1, 2026. The Assistant Director of Communications was on the organizing committee and she also gave a workshop;

Upcoming Events

- On June 4, 2026, a hybrid School Daycare Educator Skills Training Certificate program will begin;
- From August 2026, to June 2027, a hybrid Secretarial Studies program will take place;
- Adult Education offers programs in high school, CEGEP and DVS prerequisites, francization, basic English, and Social Participation Services. More information can be found on the CDC Vimont website;
- 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;
- Events taking place from May 28 to June 24, 2026, include the Laurier Gala and Star Fest, the World No Tobacco Day, Pride Month (June), the Semaine nationale de reconnaissance des conductrices et conducteurs d'autobus scolaires et de berlines, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Lobster Gala, Father's Day, the last day of school on June 22, 2026, for Arundel Elementary School and Sainte-Agathe Academy, and June 23, 2026 for all other schools, and la fête nationale du Québec.

6.0 Business Arising

There were no items for business arising.

7.0 Decision Items

7.1 Council

7.1.1 Allocation of Resources 2026-2027 – Sainte-Agathe Academy

Allocation of Resources 2026-2027

Sainte-Agathe Academy

CC-260527-FR-0106

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-260429-FR-0102, accepting the recommendations of the Resource Allocation Committee, with the exception of the allocation of administrators for Sainte-Agathe Academy;

WHEREAS this resolution also mandated 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);

Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board postpone indefinitely the mandate given to the Director General to create a special project for the position of vice-principal at Sainte-Agathe Academy;

AND THAT a mention of this postponement be made in the margin of the minutes of proceedings next to resolution CC-260429-FR-0102.

Seconded by Commissioner Barbara Barrasso.

Carried unanimously

8.0 Information Items

8.1 Advisory Committees' Reports

8.1.1 Audit Committee

There is no report for this item.

8.1.2 Governance and Ethics Committee

There is no report for this item.

8.1.3 Human Resources Committee

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

8.1.4 Advisory Committee on Student Success

There is no report for this item.

8.2 SWL Foundation Report

There was no report.

8.3 Parent Commissioners' Reports

8.3.1 Parents' Committee

There was no report.

8.3.2 SEAC

There is no report for this item.

8.4 QESBA Report

The report of the QESBA can be found in the meeting package.

8.5 Central Students' Committee Report

There was no report.

8.6 QESBA 2026 Spring Conference Reports

The reports for the QESBA Spring Conference can be found in the meeting package.

9.0 Question Period (20 minutes)

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

There were no questions from the audience and the Secretary General confirmed that there were no questions online.

10.0 Correspondence

There were no items in correspondence.

11.0 Varia

There were no items for varia.

12.0 Adjournment of Meeting

Adjournment of Meeting Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CC-260527-CA-0107 Seconded by Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 19:53

NEXT MEETING → REGULAR → June 25, 2026