

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 Thursday, June 25, 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, Désirée Ramacieri, and Melissa Wall; Parent Commissioners Chloée Alary, Elena Ferrato, and Tanya Minchella; Maya Lavictoire, Student Representative to 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; Heather Halman, Interim Director of Adult Education and Vocational Training; Daniel Harvey, Director of Financial Resources; Marilyne Demers, Assistant Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Maxeen Jolin, Assistant Director of Communications of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Commissioner Benny Catania; Emma Lavictoire, Student Representative to the Council; Amritha Venkata Krishnan and Oleksii Sivokon, Substitute Student Representatives to the Council; and Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation.

Guests: Archie Cifelli and other members of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation.

Guests via Zoom: Members of Peter MacLaurin's family.

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: 19:32

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

The Vice-Chairperson requested that an item be moved up in tonight's agenda.

Amendment to the Agenda

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the agenda be amended by moving item 7.1 *Council* to follow item 3.0 *Question Period*.

CC-260625-CA-0108

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary.

Carried unanimously

Approval of the Agenda

CC-260625-CA-0109

Commissioner Heather Appleby MOVED THAT the June 25, 2026, agenda of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be approved as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/06/25-CA-001, with the amendment.

Seconded by Commissioner Noémia Onofre de Lima.

Carried unanimously

2.0 Approval of Minutes – May 27, 2026

Approval of Minutes May 27, 2026

CC-260625-CA-0110

Commissioner Noémia Onofre de Lima MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, held on May 27, 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 Elena Ferrato.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson advised everyone present that the Council of Commissioners' first recognition of the evening was for a gentleman with whom he has had the pleasure of collaborating for many years. This gentleman is someone who consistently puts others first through his philanthropic efforts to help make the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board better.

He went on to note that this gentleman has no idea that he is being recognized this evening for his years of involvement with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation (SWLF) first as the vice-president of its board of directors and currently as its president. He supports the SWLF's initiatives and offers his professional services when needed, and does so quietly without expecting any recognition.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Council of Commissioners and the entire school board community, thanked Archie Cifelli, President of the SWLF, for everything that he does for the SWLF and the school board.

Mr. Cifelli expressed his appreciation then presented the Chairperson, on behalf of the SWLF, a cheque for \$15,000.00.

The Chairperson informed those present that this donation will be used to purchase laptop bundles for students with dyslexia. Each bundle will be distributed to students who will benefit the most and will include a laptop, a headset, a mouse and a backpack.

He went on to note that the SWLF continues to make a real difference in the lives of our students and is a valued partner in supporting student success and well-being.

On behalf of the Council of Commissioners and the entire Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board community, the Chairperson thanked the President and all members of the SWLF for this generous donation and for their commitment and dedication to public education.

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.

7.1 Council

7.1.1 Amendment to Procedure no. 2025-CA-29: *Designation of Commissioner Emeritus*

**Amendment to Procedure
no. 2025-CA-29:
*Designation of
Commissioner Emeritus***

CC-260625-CA-0111

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-260128-CA-0049, approving procedure no. 2025-CA-29: *Designation of Commissioner Emeritus*;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to bring amendments to the procedure;

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to procedure no. 2025-CA-29: *Designation of Commissioner Emeritus*, as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/06/25-CA-002.

Seconded by Commissioner Barbara Barrasso.

Carried unanimously

7.1.2 Designation of Commissioner Emeritus

The Chairperson noted that, before proceeding with this resolution, he would like to take a moment to recognize the significance of the honour that the Council of Commissioners is about to bestow, stating the following:

The title of Commissioner Emeritus is among the highest distinctions that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board can confer upon one of its Commissioners. It is reserved for individuals whose service, leadership, and unwavering commitment have left a lasting and meaningful legacy on our organization and on the students, families, and communities we serve.

This evening, we have the privilege—and the solemn responsibility—of conferring this honour posthumously upon Peter MacLaurin.

Mr. MacLaurin devoted more than two decades of distinguished service to this school board. His steadfast commitment to public education, his advocacy for inclusive learning, and his dedication to serving the English-speaking community of Québec continue to be reflected in the values and work of this institution.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. MacLaurin's family, who are joining us this evening by Zoom. We are honoured that you could be with us as we recognize his remarkable legacy. We hope this designation serves as a lasting tribute to his life of public service and as a reflection of the deep respect and gratitude this Council holds for his many contributions.

It is with profound respect that we now proceed with the resolution to designate Peter MacLaurin as Commissioner Emeritus of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

**Designation of
Commissioner Emeritus**

CC-260625-CA-0112

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board established procedure no. 2025-CA-29: *Designation of Commissioner Emeritus*;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to bestow the title of Commissioner Emeritus to Peter MacLaurin, a Commissioner of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board from 1998 to 2020, in recognition of his passion, insight, and advocacy for access to inclusive learning and the betterment of education for all students;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board designate Peter MacLaurin as Commissioner Emeritus of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Seconded by Commissioner Barbara Barrasso.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson invited Commissioner Donna Anber to say a few words about Peter.

I knew Peter for over 20 years and as most of you know I had the honour of replacing Peter as Commissioner of Ward 1, big shoes to fill both figuratively and literally.

Today, we gather to recognize a man whose voice carried both conviction and compassion as a steadfast advocate for fairness, access, and the enduring strength of community.

In Québec, language has always been more than a means of communication—it is a defining element of identity, culture, and opportunity. Within this complex landscape, Peter distinguished himself through his fervent and principled defense of English education and English rights.

He understood something fundamental: that education is not merely a policy issue, but a lifeline. It shapes futures, opens doors, and anchors communities. For English-speaking families, particularly in regions where they are a minority, access to quality education in their language is essential to preserving both opportunity and identity.

He stood firm in his belief that English-speaking communities deserve to be heard, respected, and supported—not as an afterthought, but as an integral part of Québec's social fabric. His advocacy was never about division; it was about ensuring inclusivity and balance in a province defined by its diversity.

The Laurentians are not just a landscape of beauty—they are home to vibrant communities whose needs are often overlooked in broader policy debates. English-language schools in this region face unique pressures: shifting demographics, and the constant challenge of maintaining resources across dispersed populations.

Peter recognized that these institutions are far more than buildings—they are the heart of their communities. They bring families together, sustain local identity, and ensure that young people can grow and learn.

Peter's advocacy reminded us that geography should never dictate the quality of education a child receives. Whether in a major urban centre or in the regions, every student deserves equal access, equal respect, and equal opportunity.

In championing English education and defending Laurentian schools, Peter MacLaurin showed us what true leadership looks like. It is grounded in principle, guided by empathy, and driven by a willingness to stand firm in the face of challenge.

His example calls on all of us to do the same—to listen more closely, to speak more boldly, and to act more justly. Because in the end, the strength of a society is measured not by how it serves the majority, but by how it protects and uplifts every one of its communities.

Mr. MacLaurin's daughter, Jennifer MacLaurin Smith, on behalf of the MacLaurin Family, sincerely thanked the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for its recognition of their father, grandfather, and brother, noting that he would have been deeply honoured that his years of service to education are being recognized as this was his calling. He was passionate about supporting the success of Québec students and helping them build a bright future, while also playing an active role in recruiting high-quality employees. She noted that he spoke of the dedication of his fellow commissioners and how they always do what is best for the students. He was proud of the successes of the school board and would have been humbled by this recognition, as contributing to education meant the world to him. She thanked the Council for continuing its excellent work in education.

Robin MacLaurin, Peter's brother, noted that Peter would have been honoured that his work in education is being recognized and thanked the school board for this recognition.

Martha MacLaurin-Wood, Peter's daughter, thanked the school board, noting that her father would have been touched deeply by this. She also expressed her hope that someone will pick up the challenge and continue Peter's great work.

4.0 Report from the Chairperson

The Chairperson began the presentation of his monthly report by quoting Andrew Carnegie:

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision."

Governance, Accountability, Professional Development, Policies, and General Updates

The Chairperson highlighted the following:

- Continued commitment toward these priorities:
 - Fiscal responsibility;
 - Support to the Interim Director General and Interim Assistant Director General;
 - Transparency;
 - Accountability – the *Code of Ethics* is still in the development stage and will be brought for authorization for consultation in the fall of 2026;
 - Policy reform;
- Attendance at six meetings, in particular, the meeting with Rémi Barbeau, the Mayor of Ville de Saint-Jérôme, to discuss future development in the city and the strengthening of the school board's relationship with the city;
- Humanis continues to support the school board in its search for a new Director General and it is hoped that an announcement can be made in July;

School and Centre Events

- June 2, 2026 – June is Pride Month, and the Pride flag was raised at head office honouring this event. Students from Rosemère High School came to assist with the flag raising. Pride Month is an opportunity to listen and understand diversity;
- June is graduation time and while attending several, the CDC Vimont-Lachute graduation stands out because it is a powerful reminder that there is no age limit to giving learning a second chance. Congratulations to all graduates of the Class of 2026;

Community Events

- May 28, 2026 – The Laurier Gala and StarFest was held and students were recognized for their achievements and perseverance in various categories;
- June 11, 2026 – The Annual Lobster Gala raised approximately \$75,000.00 for the SWLF. The school board thanks the SWLF for its continued support. A special thank you to the Assistant Director of Communications of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department and the Graphic Arts Technician for all of their work for the SWLF;
- June 3, 4, and 9, 2026 – Attended various celebrations for Italy's National Day;

School and Centre Visits

- There have been no school or centre visits;

Statements/Remarks/Press Releases/Highlights

- There were no statements to report;
- Remarks were given at the CDC Pont-Viau and the CDC Vimont-Lachute graduations;
- June 4, 2026 – The Quebec English School Boards Association made a press release warning about the serious impacts of the Québec government's proposed Bill 8: *An Act to regulate the language of instruction in vocational training and adult education*.

The Chairperson wished everyone an enjoyable summer.

4.1 Community Highlights from Commissioners

- Commissioner Heather Appleby attended an entertaining musical production at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School and thanked the students, staff and parents for a wonderful evening;
- Commissioner Donna Anber noted that she had attended seven graduations this spring and this is one of the best parts of being a commissioner;
- Commissioner Barbara Barrasso noted the following:
 - Terry Fox Elementary School (TFES) participated in the annual community clean-up of Parc Lucerne;
 - June 18, 2026
 - Attended the TFES Grade 6 graduation with Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato;
 - Attended the Twin Oaks Elementary School Grade 6 graduation with Commissioner Heather Appleby;
- Student Representative to the Council Maya Lavictoire congratulated the Class of 2026 and encouraged those attending their prom to enjoy their night;
- Commissioner Noémia Onofre de Lima reported the following:
 - Thanked all the principals, vice-principals, and school staff for the efforts throughout the year;
 - Attended Model the Way, an event that she found to be very touching;
 - Attended graduations at John F. Kennedy and Souvenir Elementary Schools;
 - Extended her appreciation to the Chairperson and all of her fellow Commissioners for working tirelessly through this challenging year of budget cuts and significant changes.

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 MEQ, and the Parents' Committee, and also attended the Forum des DG and two Management meetings;
- Attended graduations at Mountainview High School, CDC Pont-Viau, and Sainte-Agathe Academy;

Preliminary Enrolment

- Preliminary enrolment as of June 17, 2026, shows 125 more students than the official enrolment for 2025-2026;
- Enrolment will continue to evolve over the summer months;

2026-2027 Financial Recovery Plan

- The MEQ has requested a financial recovery plan from the school board as to how it will recoup its \$7,500,000.00 deficit;
- There are multiple factors that have contributed to this deficit
 - Transportation costs;
 - Increased student needs;
 - CNESST costs related to employee absences;
 - Changes in enrolment;
 - Provincial budget reductions;
- All areas of the budget are being analyzed in order to restore financial stability all while not impacting services to students;

Proud Moments

- May 28, 2026 – The Laurier Gala and StarFest was held with the gala portion honouring 213 students for outstanding achievements in academics, arts, community involvement, school perseverance, and sports. The StarFest welcomed 1,200 attendees, who were entertained by 19 student performers. There were \$2,500.00 in bursaries given by the SWLF, the Caisse Desjardins Thérèse-de-Blainville and the Parents' Committee;
- A letter was received from The Terry Fox Foundation expressing its gratitude for the \$79,649.00 raised by the schools of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in support of cancer research;
- Congratulations to the Class of 2026;

Upcoming Events

- Summer School 2026
 - The Summer Enrichment Program for Secondary I and II will run from July 9 to 22, 2026;
 - The Summer Exam Preparatory Session for Secondary III will hold classes from July 13 to 24, 2026, and exams from July 23 to 30, 2026;
 - The Summer Exam Preparatory Session for Secondary IV and V will hold classes from July 13 to 24, 2026, and exams from July 27, 2026, to August 5, 2026;

Vocational Training

- August 2026 to June 2027 – Secretarial Studies;
- September 22, 2026, to April 9, 2027 – Support for Assistive Services in Health and Social Services Institutions;

Adult Education

- All the programs offered through Adult Education are available on the school board website;

SWLSB Game Days

- July 10, 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;
- October 12, 2026, is SWLSB game day with the Montréal Alouettes at the Percival-Molson Stadium.

6.0 Business Arising

There were no items for business arising.

7.0 Decision Items**7.2 Legal, Corporate and Communications****7.2.1 Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee 2026-2027****7.2.1.1 Council of Commissioners**

Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee 2026-2027

Council of Commissioners

CC-260625-CA-0113

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

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

WHEREAS public notice was given with regard to 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* and a copy of the draft by-law was sent to each governing board and to the Parents' Committee;

Commissioner Lorenzo Lagatta MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve 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*, which establishes the meeting dates for the 2026-2027 school year, as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/06/25-CA-003;

AND THAT this by-law becomes effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the *Education Act*.

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Tanya Minchella.

Carried unanimously

7.2.1.2 Executive Committee

Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners and the Executive Committee 2026-2027

Executive Committee

CC-260625-CA-0114

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 must be fixed by by-law;

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

WHEREAS public notice was given with regard to 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* and a copy of the draft by-law was sent to each governing board and to the Parents' Committee;

Parent Commissioner Tanya Minchella MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve 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*, which establishes the meeting dates for the 2026-2027 school year, as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/06/25-CA-004;

AND THAT this by-law becomes effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the *Education Act*.

Seconded by Commissioner Bob Pellerin.

Carried unanimously

7.2.2 2026-2027 Risk Management Plan

2026-2027 Risk Management Plan

CC-260625-CA-0115

WHEREAS the Conseil du trésor adopted the *Directive concernant la gestion des risques en matière de corruption et de collusion dans les processus de gestion contractuelle* (the Directive);

WHEREAS the Directive requires the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to adopt, for each financial year, a risk management plan concerning corruption and collusion risks in contract management processes;

WHEREAS a new *Risk Management Plan Concerning Corruption and Collusion in Contract Management Processes* has been developed for 2026-2027;

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the *2026-2027 Risk Management Plan Concerning Corruption and Collusion in Contract Management Processes*, as presented in document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/06/25-CA-005.

Seconded by Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato.

Carried unanimously

7.2.3 2026-2027 Corporate Calendar

2026-2027 Corporate Calendar

CC-260625-CA-0116

WHEREAS, as per section 6.1 of procedure no. P2013-CA-08 *Advisory Committees*, for every school year, the Council of Commissioners must establish a corporate calendar, which will include at least three (3) meetings a year for each committee;

Commissioner Noémia Onofre de Lima MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the 2026-2027 Corporate Calendar, as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/06/25-CA-006.

Seconded by Commissioner Bob Pellerin.

Carried unanimously

7.3 Financial Resources

7.3.1 Amendment to the Expense Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (Annex 1)

Amendment to the Expense Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (Annex 1)

WHEREAS Annex 1 of 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* establishes the rates of reimbursement for certain expenses that employees or commissioners incur throughout the exercise of their functions;

WHEREAS this annex is subject to an annual review;

CC-260625-FR-0117

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to Annex 1 of 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* to reflect the reimbursement rates as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/06/25-FR-001, effective July 1, 2026.

Seconded by Commissioner Barbara Barrasso.

Carried unanimously

7.4 Human Resources

7.4.1 Appointment of Superintendent of Maintenance Services – Architecture

Appointment of Superintendent of Maintenance Services – Architecture

CC-260625-HR-0118

WHEREAS a position of Superintendent of Maintenance Services – Architecture in the Material Resources and Transportation Department is currently vacant;

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* (the "Management Policies"), have been applied;

WHEREAS interviews were held on May 25, 2026;

Parent Commissioner Elena Ferrato MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Jean-Jude Chéry to the position of Superintendent of Maintenance Services – Architecture, in accordance with the Management Policies of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, effective August 10, 2026.

Seconded by Commissioner Barbara Barrasso.

Carried unanimously

7.5 School Affairs and School Organization

7.5.1 Review of school attendance zones and building use in Laval – Authorization for Consultation

The Chairperson indicated that, before proceeding with the next agenda item, he would like to provide some context to the public notice being presented this evening and went on to state the following:

The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been engaged in long-term planning for several years to ensure that our schools continue to meet the evolving needs of our students and communities. This work has included analyzing enrolment trends, reviewing the use of our facilities, listening to families who have left our school board, and exploring new ways to strengthen and promote our schools across all three regions we serve.

As part of this planning, we have also recognized that each region faces unique realities. In Laval, enrolment has significantly declined by nearly 600 students since 2020. As a result, we must carefully examine how we use our buildings and available space to ensure they continue to serve students effectively and sustainably.

This review includes considering a range of options, including the possible consolidation of schools, while also exploring opportunities to better respond to the needs of students through specialized programs and strategic use of our facilities.

The public notice before Council this evening is not the beginning of this work. Rather, it represents continuation and the next step in a thoughtful planning process that has been underway for some time. While the current financial environment has increased the urgency of these discussions, the need to review our school footprint in Laval had already been identified through our long-range planning.

I also wish to acknowledge that the timing of this notice, at the conclusion of the school year and on the eve of the summer break, is less than ideal. However, the Education Act requires that this notice be published before July 1 to allow sufficient time for analysis, public consultation, and careful consideration before any decision may be taken. Although the notice is being issued now, consultations will take place this fall, and no changes arising from this process would come into effect before July 1, 2027.

We recognize that these conversations are deeply important. Schools are far more than buildings; they are places of learning, belonging, and community. They hold lasting significance for students, families, employees, and neighbourhoods alike.

For that reason, I want to be clear: no decisions have been made. The purpose of the consultation process is to present different options, gather feedback, listen to concerns and different perspectives before making any final decisions.

At the same time, we have a responsibility as stewards of public education to ensure that our resources are managed wisely and that our decisions continue to support the highest quality educational opportunities for both current and future students. These are not easy discussions, but they are necessary if we are to build a sustainable future while keeping students at the centre of every decision we make.

Tomorrow, we will communicate directly with the families and staff of the schools and centres concerned, while also providing information to all parents and employees across the school board. A dedicated section of our website will serve as a central source of information, including timelines, updates, frequently asked questions, and consultation materials throughout the process.

We also recognize that some families and employees may wish to share their thoughts before the public meetings take place in October. For that reason, a feedback form will be available on our website throughout the summer so that anyone who wishes to contribute ideas, ask questions, or express concerns may do so.

I encourage all members of our school community; parents, students, employees, and community partners- to participate in the consultation process this fall. We need to work together to optimize our infrastructure in Laval and to maximize services and resources offered to our students and shape the future of English public education in Laval.

**Review of school
attendance zones and
building use in Laval –
Authorization for
Consultation**

CC-260625-TS-0119

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must optimize the use of its infrastructure in the region of Laval to protect core educational services for all students while improving operational efficiency;

WHEREAS the school attendance zones in the areas of Vimont, Auteuil and Duvernay, as well as in the areas of Chomedey and Fabreville must be reviewed;

WHEREAS the use of buildings currently placed at the disposal of schools in Laval must be reviewed while taking into consideration the schools' enrolment versus their functional capacity;

WHEREAS the Laurier Competency Development Centre – Vimont (CDC Vimont) must be relocated as its lease is ending in June 2027;

WHEREAS a public consultation is needed to solicit feedback with regard to the orientation and criteria the School Board is considering for the modification of school attendance zones and the use of its buildings;

WHEREAS as per policy no. 2007-TS-02: *Policy Concerning the Continued Operation or Closure of Schools and Any Modifications Pertaining to Educational Services* (the Policy), the Council of Commissioners must adopt a resolution in principle to allow the consultation period to commence;

WHEREAS as per the Policy, the school board shall initiate the consultation through a public notice calling for public assemblies;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the publication of a public notice calling for two public assemblies as per document no. CC-SWLSB-2026/06/25-TS-001;

AND THAT all concerned stakeholders of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board be consulted as per the above-mentioned Policy, in particular those of: Saint-Vincent, Saint-Paul, Terry-Fox, Souvenir, Twin Oaks, Our Lady of Peace, and Crestview Elementary Schools as well as Phoenix Alternative School and CDC Vimont;

FURTHER THAT the consultation officially end on December 18, 2026.

Seconded by Commissioner Barbara Barrasso.

Carried unanimously

7.6 Pedagogical Services

7.6.1 Special Project School

Special Project School

CC-260625-ED-0120

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board initiated the process of establishing a Special Project School under section 240 of the *Education Act* in 2018, following a request and strong support from parents and the community;

WHEREAS the Parents' Committee adopted resolution PC20180607-03 on June 7, 2018, and the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution no. CC-180627-CA-0148 on June 27, 2018, requesting ministerial authorization for a Special Project School with a STEM focus;

WHEREAS substantial work was completed between 2018 and 2021, including consultations with parents, teachers, and stakeholders, program development, facility analyses, and submissions to the Ministère de l'Éducation;

WHEREAS the project was placed on hold for various reasons, notably the COVID-19 pandemic; however, the need to improve student retention and provide a distinctive secondary educational opportunity in Laval remains;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to revisit and renew this initiative as part of its broader planning for educational services in Laval;

Commissioner Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners reaffirm its interest in establishing a Special Project School under section 240 of the *Education Act*;

AND THAT the background work, consultations, and documentation completed between 2018 and 2021 be recognized as the foundation of the renewed request;

FURTHER THAT the Interim Director General be mandated to take all necessary steps to reinstate the request with the Ministère de l'Éducation and all other stakeholders, as necessary.

Seconded by Commissioner Bob Pellerin.

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

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

8.1.3 Human Resources Committee

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

8.1.4 Advisory Committee on Student Success

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

8.2 SWL Foundation Report

There is no report for this item.

8.3 Parent Commissioners' Reports**8.3.1 Parents' Committee**

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

8.3.2 SEAC

There is no report for this item.

8.4 QESBA Report

There is no report for this item.

8.5 Central Students' Committee Report

There is no report for this item.

8.6 QESBA 2026 Spring Conference Reports

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

Maya Lavictoire, Student Representative to the Council, expressed her appreciation to the Council for making her feel so welcome at the table, for its dedication to all students, and for trying to make the school community better.

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 Barbara Barrasso MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CC-260625-CA-0121 Seconded by Parent Commissioner Tanya Minchella.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:29

NEXT MEETING → REGULAR → September 30, 2026