

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, QC and via video conferencing on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 19:30 hours, at which were:

Present at Administration Centre: Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Vicky Kaliozakis, Vice-Chairperson; Bob Pellerin, Vice-Chairperson Alternating; Commissioners Anick Brunet, James Di Sano, Guy Gagnon, Peter MacLaurin, Anne McMullon, Giorgio Melillo, Melissa Veal and Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General,

Also present at Administration Centre: Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Anna Sollazzo, Director of Corporate Affairs and Services; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Michel Dufour, Director of Personnel and Transportation; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources and the Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

Present via video conferencing: Parent Commissioners Anthony Beliotis and Stéphane Henley; Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and Organization; Geoffrey Hipps, Director of Pedagogical Services; and Stephanie Krenn, Director of Human Resources

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone who is viewing the meeting online.

TIME: 19:30 hours

0.0 Presentation and Recognition

0.1 PAB (Préposé aux bénéficiaires)

The Chairperson highlighted the new PAB (Préposé aux bénéficiaires) Program that was established by the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement Supérieur (MEES) across Québec to provide additional support to the health care sector during COVID-19. The Council of Commissioners would like to congratulate the following employees for their patience and professionalism that resulted in 34 students completing the program between June 15 and September 2020: Anna Maria Arcaro, Martin Beaubrun, Rosie Calabretta, Michelle Champagne, Heather Halman, Nick Hulse, Geri Jolin, Marlen Glykis, Deborah Montalvo, and Marie-Paule Thibault.

0.2 Chapeau, les filles!

The Chairperson noted that the "Chapeau!" video showcases the determination and work of women enrolled in a vocational training program or a bachelor program in science or technology that leads to a traditionally male occupation. The Council of Commissioners would like to congratulate the 2020 grand prize winner, Catherine Vachon, a student in the Carpentry program.

Commissioner MacLaurin thanked the Chairperson for his words noting that education is always evolving and that through the efforts of this Council the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is at the forefront of many positive achievements, especially increasing graduation rate that currently stands at 87.7 percent. He thanked all students, employees, fellow Commissioners and stakeholders for their daily dedication to education.

The Chairperson continued expressing thoughts on behalf of the Council, to a Hillcrest Academy family whose child is battling cancer.

He continued noting that there have been challenges, differences and successes over the past six years all of which the Council has faced with passion, determination, resilience and acceptance that things sometimes have to be done differently to achieve success. All Council members should be proud of everything that has been accomplished, notably the 87.7 percent graduation rate, the ongoing support of students, employees, stakeholders, and the challenges brought on by COVID-19.

He expressed thanks

- To the Director General for her solution focused approach, rigour, authenticity and for encouraging everyone to think outside of the box in a positive and passionate manner;
- To the management team for making the school board shine and for keeping everyone connected and focused on the objectives;
- To the students for their patience, understanding, resilience and cooperativeness they have shown over the past few months as they have adapted to the new normal for education with the ongoing pandemic.

The Director General thanked the Chairperson for his inspirational message.

She went on to highlight the contributions of the Commissioners noting the countless hours and evenings spent making the best decisions for students, employees and stakeholders of the school board in order to provide the tools for success. She thanked the current Council of Commissioners and Jennifer Maccarone, former Chairperson; Dean Dugas, former Vice-Chairperson; former Commissioner Robert Dixon and Ailsa Pehi, and former Parent Commissioners Angela Martorana and Sergio Di Marco; and all those who have made invaluable contributions that have helped make the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board successful.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order welcoming everyone who is viewing the meeting online and verified quorum with the Secretary General.

After roll call, the Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General confirmed quorum.

TIME: 20:00 hours

1.0 Opening of Meeting

1.1 Acknowledgement of the Land

"We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory 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.

All those who gather here are counted as esteemed stakeholders in our community and most importantly friends."

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

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6.0 Report from the Director General

The Director General presented her monthly report noting:

- The summer projects to improve school board infrastructures;
- The passing of Gail Spillane, Vice-Principal at Rosemere High School, over the summer. A moment of silence was held in her memory;
- Back-to-School – priorities and expectations for 2020-2021 within the CARS model and the management of the public funds through the school board budget. The budget for 2020-2021 is \$186,784,537.00 of which \$8,532,442.00 is dedicated and protected measures;
- COVID-19 – as of today there are three school positive COVID-19 cases. The school board is respecting the CISSS regulations. Only the classrooms have been isolated not the entire school. She commended all the schools quickly when learning of the COVID cases;
- Celebrations of Success: increasing enrolment, funding for a new school in Joliette, the graduation of 34 students from the Vocational Training Health Care Facility Patient Service Support Skills Program (VAB) and the 87.7 percent graduation and qualification rate;
- Upcoming events: National Education Support Staff Day on September 24, 2020; Mozaik Portal Training for Parents on September 30, 2020; Laval Junior Academy Open House on October 15-16, 2020 (method of delivery determined) and School elections on November 1, 2020.

A special thanks to the Management Team, as they have risen to the challenge of managing the everyday needs of their respective school or centre, the emotional needs of the students, staff, parents and themselves, plus everything related to COVID-19.

In closing, she gave a heartfelt thank you to the students for the joy they bring to each day in education.

WHEREAS this new school is essential ~~consider~~ insufficient space to service the students of Crestview Elementary School, most of whom ~~complete~~ have physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs;

WHEREAS larger classrooms are necessary ~~to~~ to properly service these students who require many resources and adapted materials;

WHEREAS additional rooms are required ~~to~~ to employ professional staff, including speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists and psychologists, to properly assist these students;

WHEREAS Crestview Elementary School ~~lacks~~ a sufficient number of adapted washrooms for students requiring specific hygiene measures;

WHEREAS additional sensory ~~are~~ areas are required for students ~~with~~ special needs who often use specific materials to practise self-regulation;

WHEREAS, in addition to the lack of ~~appropriate~~ space, Crestview Elementary School requires major renovations;

WHEREAS Crestview Elementary School ~~would~~ benefit from a bus lay-by for adapted vehicles;

WHEREAS both the SWLSB and the Governing Board of Baulnahary School* -0011 Tc .2b80.06 e have
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8.0 Decision Items:

8.1 School Affairs and School Organization

8.1.1 Enrolment Criteria 2020-2021

Enrolment Criteria
2020-2021

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WHEREAS section 239 of the *Education Act* states that each school board must adopt its enrolment criteria;

WHEREAS section 193 (6) of the *Education Act* requires that the Parents' Committee be consulted on the enrolment criteria established by each sch/TT11 1 T0 Tc s1 Tw1e2nzakis MOVED THA T/1

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FURTHER THAT the Director of Materials and Transportation be authorized to sign documentation concerning this project, as per by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

8.2.2 Engagement of Service Providers

8.2.2.1 Snow Removal – SWLSB Establishments

Commissioner Melissa Wall commended the Material Resources and Transportation team for questioning the tender bids received and for taking the initiative to negotiate further cost reduction when possible.

Engagement of Service Provider WHEREAS the snow removal and salting contracts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's schools and centres expired on June 30, 2020;

Snow Removal – SWLSB Establishments WHEREAS public tenders for snow removal and salting services for the majority of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier school board establishments covering the school years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 were received and opened on September 3, 2020;

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WHEREAS the contract is awarded by individual lots;

WHEREAS the only price received for Morin Heights Elementary School is considered unreasonably high and above the budgeted amount, and therefore will be excluded from this contract;

WHEREAS the only prices received for the Mountview and St-Jude Elementary Schools and Lake of Two Mountains High School did not meet the criteria of confidentiality, and therefore will be excluded from this contract;

Commissioner Emilio Migliozi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contract for the snow removal and salting services for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, with the exception of the lots for Morin Heights, Mountainview and St-Jude Elementary Schools and Lake of Two Mountains High School, for a total global cost for all lots of \$1,098,673.00, before taxes or \$1,174,335.86 net taxes, as per document no. SWLSB-2020/09/23-MR-001;

AND THAT the Chairperson, or in their absence with their knowledge the Vice-Chairperson, as well as the Director General, or in their absence with their knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all the documentation concerning this project;

FURTHER THAT, the Director of Materials and Transportation, be authorized to sign documentation concerning this project, as per by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

8.2.2.2 Snow Removal – FHES, Hillcrest Academy and LJA

WHEREAS the snow removal and salting contracts of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's schools and centres expired on June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS public tenders for snow removal and salting services for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years for Franklin Hill Elementary School, Hillcrest Elementary School and Laval Junior Academy were opened on September 11, 2020;

WHEREAS the the contract is awarded by individual lots;

8.2.3 Change Orders – LSA Washroom Renovation Project

Change Orders WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-191023-MR-0029, awarding the contract for the bathroom renovation project at LSA Washroom Renovation Project at LSA Senior Academy to Berloy Construction Inc., for a total cost of \$1,466,995.00, before taxes, or \$1,568,023.28, net taxes;

CC-200923-MR-0009 WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolutions no. EC-2001229-MR-0034, EC-200226-MR-0039, EC-200325-MR-0044, EC-200429-MR-0048, and EC-200714-MR-0004, and the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-200625-MR-0122, approving various change orders in the amount of \$157,998.95, before taxes, or \$168,879.94, net taxes;

WHEREAS, during the project, additional change orders (resulting in a credit) relating to various modifications in the amount of (\$8,283.92), before taxes;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the change order in the amount of (\$8,283.92), before taxes;

AND THAT the total cost of the project including the change orders, be decreased to \$1,616,710.03, before taxes, or \$1,728,048.81, net taxes;

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in his absence and in his knowledge, the Vice-Chairperson as well as the Director General or, in her absence and in her knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation, be authorized to sign documentation concerning this project by-law no. BL2008-07 *Delegation of Functions & Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.*

Carried unanimously

8.2.4 Plan pluriannuel 2020-2024

Plan pluriannuel 2020-2024 WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to address priority needs in its schools and centres;

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8.3 Corporate Affairs and Secret3

FURTHER THAT a copy of the amended By-law be sent to all Governing Boards and to the

WHEREAS the total amounts to be distributed to the commissioner will be adjusted upon the reception of the decree for the 2020-2021 school year;

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT the Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept to maintain the percentage distribution adopted by resolution no. CC-190925-FR-0008 for the 2020-2021 school year or that if 2020 should school elections be held on November 1, 2020.

AND THAT the total amounts to be distributed to the members of the Council of Commissioners be adjusted upon reception of a new decree for the 2020-2021 school year.

Carried unanimously

8.5.2 Allocation of Measures 15021 and 15026

Allocation of Measures 15021 and 15026 WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) has granted

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13.0 Adjournment

The Chairperson noted that it is bittersweet if this Council come to a close given that as a group everyone has worked hard to come together as a team to achieve the many successes. He thanked each Commissioner for taking the present and for working collaboratively, the parents for fighting to ensure that their children receive the best of everything possible whether it be education or health care. Be safe, well and blessings to all.

Parent Commissioner Anthony Beliotis MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously