

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Ville de Rosemère

A Regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held via videoconference on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 19:30 hours, at which were:

Present via videoconference Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Parent Commissioner Adam Gordon, Vice-Chairperson; Commissioner Melissa Valle, Vice-Chairperson; Commissioners Karla Abraham Di Francesco, Donna Anber, Vincenzo, James Di Sano, Olivia Landry, Bob Pellerin and Parent Commissioners Tara Anderson and Stéphane Henley; and Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General.

Present at Administration Centre Anna Sollazzo, Director of Core Affairs and Secretary

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.

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

5.0 Report from the Director General

The Director General presented her monthly report, as follows:

- x MEQ Directives for the holiday period :
 - x As of December 17, 2020, all elementary and high school students will not be in class physically. Elementary students will return to in-school classes on January 4, 2021, and high school on January 11, 2021. Distance education is to be provided for all high school students as of January 4;
 - x For Adult Education and Vocational Training instruction will be at a distance until January 11, 2021;
 - x Emergency daycare will be available for the workers on December 17 and 18, 2020, in all schools with daycare services. Those who require daycare services must register through the government website;
- x Proud Moments
 - x The North Pole took over JFK and our fully creative and engaged staff turned the school into a really fun place for this special time of year;
 - x The annual bus safety program was postponed this year due to COVID-19, with Material Resources and Transportation videos to promote this important program. The videos are available on YouTube;
- x Upcoming Events and Opportunities
 - x Embracing Diversity Conference – January 2021, for employees, and January 10, 2021, for parents. This event is free for parents and will also offer a special session for students and families in collaboration with Educazoo;
 - x CDC Pont-Viau will be offering an Industrial Drafting course beginning on January 18, 2021;
 - x Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board families and Facebook friends are being invited to vote on the best decorated door for a door-wide door decorating contest and the results will be public.

In closing her report she thanked everyone for their contribution to English education, to employees for their caring nature and expertise, to parents for being collaborative and supportive, and to Commissioners for their dedication and passion, and everyone a happy holiday season and a well-deserved rest.

6.0 Business Arising

6.1 Enrolment Criteria - Consultation Feedback

Enrolment Criteria Consultation Feedback WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's enrolment criteria, public 2014-TS-04:Enrolment Criteria is reviewed on an as-needed basis;

CC-201209-TS-0046 WHEREAS amendments to said policy made, in particular, to registration period, whereby new students will be registering at the same time as those who are re-registering;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-200923-TS-0004, authorizing for consultation the amendments to said policy;

WHEREAS the consultation period ended on November 27, 2020;

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WHEREAS the registration period for students, in accordance with the revised policy follows:

- o Registration period: Begins the full week of January until the end of February;
- o Re-registration period: Begins the full week of January until the end of January;

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the revised policy 2014-TS-04 Enrolment Criteria

AND THAT this policy be in effect until replaced.

Carried unanimously

7.0 Decision Items:

7.1 Human Resources

7.1.1 Engagement – Vice-Principal – Rosemere HS

The Chairperson, as a member of the Selection Committee, noted that the recommended candidate for the position of Vice-Principal at Rosemere High school is very competent.

Engagement of Vice-Principal
Rosemere HS

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-170125-HR-0050, approving the 2017-2018 Organizational Chart for Management Staff;

CC-201209-HR-0047

WHEREAS the position of Vice-Principal at Rosemere High School is currently vacant;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 5.2.1 of policy no. 2000-HR-02 Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff represented by the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board AND section 8.2 of policy no. 2000-HR-01 Regulating the Working Conditions of Management Staff represented by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association a selection committee was established to conduct interviews;

WHEREAS this position was posted and the selection committee held interviews on November 19, 2020;

Commissioner Olivia Landry MOVED THAT on the recommendation of the selection committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board appoint Rudolph as Vice-Principal at Rosemere High School, effective December 10, 2020, in accordance with policies no. 2000-HR-02 and no. 2000-HR-01 and working conditions of management staff of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

The Director General congratulated Ms. Rudolph and welcomed her to the administrative team.

Ms. Rudolph thanked the Council for its vote of confidence and expressed that she is excited to be a part of the team.

7.2 Financial Resources

7.2.1 Statement of Unpaid Taxes

Statement of Unpaid Taxes WHEREAS section 339 of the Education Act (the Act) requires the Director General to prepare a statement of the school taxes due and owing;

CC-201209-FR-0048

WHEREAS section 340 of the Act stipulates that the statement prepared as per section 339 be submitted to the Council of Commissioners for approval;

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Silville School Board approve the requests below as part of the Plan québécois des infrastructures 2021-2031

Region	Project	Budget
Laval	Crestview Elementary School 1. Request for 4 portable classrooms	

AND THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or

Commissioner Vincent Cammisano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board amend resolution no. CC-201111-ED-0039, by changing the amount to be paid to read \$312,019.00 and by the grid with the following

Level	Number of Students	Cost Per Student	Cost of Services 2020-2021
Pre-K	3	\$27,039.00	\$81,117.00

- x The Bill 40 legal case will be going to court in April 2021 and it is expected to last two weeks. Many minority school boards throughout Canada are watching this case closely because if the ruling is in the favor of the English school boards it will be a landmark judgement;
- x QESBA is to send a letter to the Ministry asking that school boards be reimbursed for COVID-19 related costs in a timely manner so that deficits will not have to be reported;
- x Fundraising to cover the legal costs of the challenge is being considered and, if undertaken, tax receipts will be issued;
- x The Canadian School Boards Association's conference will be held from July 7-10, 2021, in a virtual format. Information to come.

9.0 Question Period

In response to several questions and comments, Réjean Desjardins, journalist from The Laval News, the Chairperson, with the assistance of other members, gave the following precisions:

- x The school board continues to pay annual membership fees to QESBA and while Mr. Copeman is on loan to the English Montreal School Board as Interim Director General he will be paid by them and not QESBA;;
- x The QESBA is looking into fundraising funds for the Bill 40 court challenge.

10.0 Correspondence

There is no correspondence.

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11.1 Cost of Personal Protective Equipment

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) has been under obligation to procure significant quantities of personal protective equipment (PPE) in order to meet the directives issued by the Ministère de l'Éducation.

Cost of Personal Protective Equipment
CC-201209-MR-0054

11.2 Cost of School Elections

Cost of School Elections WHEREAS school boards are required to cover the full cost of school elections, which take place every four years;

CC-201209-CA-0055

WHEREAS the cost to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for a school election is approximately \$350,000.00;

WHEREAS the Government of Québec provides no funding for these school elections;

WHEREAS the Government of Québec has suspended on two occasions the school elections scheduled for November 1, 2020;

WHEREAS suspending the school election has incurred additional costs for the SWLSB;

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, school elections are expected to be more costly given the health and safety guidelines;

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Board Association (QESBA) has issued a letter to the Ministre de l'Éducation requesting that school boards be reimbursed for the added school election costs, as well as proper funding for the school elections once these are resumed;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board supports the request made by the QESBA;

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board formally requests that the Ministère de l'Éducation reimburse the school board for all additional costs incurred by the suspension of school elections on two occasions;

AND THAT proper funding be provided to all English-language school boards to cover school election costs;

FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent notably to the Ministère de l'Éducation with an accompanying letter signed by the Chairperson of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

12.0 Adjournment

The Director General wished all students, parents and employees the very best for 2021 as 2020 has been an unusual year but everyone has persevered and stuck together. Happy Holidays to all.

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:11 hours

NEXT MEETING REGULAR January 27, 2021