

When the 2020-2021 school year began COMD-19 was still very present and the school board had a plan of action in place that was being led by the Assistant Directors of Pedagogical Services: Lynda Da Silveira, Silvia Patella and Michael Quinn. The Assistant Directors have acted as liaisons with the & H Q W U H L Q W p J U p G H V D Q W p H W G H V H U Y L F H V V R F L D X [ and Lanaudière. As time went by it was apparent that there was a significant amount of work involved in tracking COVID-19 in the schools and centres so additional help was required. The Director of Pedagogical Services, Geoffrey Hipps, asked two of the Pedagogical Consultants, Elaine Dabec and Stephanie Sacco, to join the COVID-19 Team. The COVID-19 Team adjusted the plan of action to accommodate the new members but realized that with atypical scheduling more members needed to be added to the team to cover the weekends so retired employees Josée Côté, Linda Di Domenico and Carmela Sacco joined the team.

Over the course of the 2020-2021 school year there was plenty to be done to ensure that all directives received from the govenrment and the CISSS were followed, as well as ensuing that all tracking of COVID-19 was up to date. For the school board the following data has been collected since August 2020:

- 737 epidemiolocal investigations
- 2,800 phone calls with public health nurses
- 2,100 letters to families and stakeholders concerned
- 60 meetings with the INFO-COVID team and management check ins
- Hundreds of meetings with Public Health
- Hundreds of classroom isolations
- Suspension of in-person classes in a few schools that moved to distance education due to COVID-19 outbreaks in the school

A special thank you to Karine Valiquette, Administration Officer to the Director General, for her diligence in ensuring that the COVID-19 report is sent every night to the Ministry of Education.

COVID-19 has brought its share of challenges to the 2020-2021 school year but a lot has been learned. The Council gives a huge thank you to the COVID-19 Team for all of its work and dedication over the past year.

The Chairperson went on to note that over the past year the Council has taken the time to recognize many employees and school teams for all of their diligence and dedication to the school board but there are very important two individuals who lead the school board on a daily basis and who have been exceptional during COVID-19, deserve to be recognized, Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General; and Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General. Earlier this month the management groups, Association québécoise des cadres scolaires ±SWL Section (AQCS). and Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators Association (SWLAA), declared June 16 as , and honored them in a virtual celebration. This evening the Council would also like to take the opportunity to celebrate and recognize these two for their extraordinary leadership.

While every school year has its challenges the latter part of the 2019-2020 and the entire 2020-2021 school year have been something out of the ordinary. COVID-19 was not something that anyone expected to experience but under the leadership of the Director General and Assistant Director General the school board has met all the challenges faced and has been able to accomplish many objectives in spite of the challenges.

The Council and the administrative have accomplished the following in 2020-2021:

- 7 consultations involving stakeholders;
- 7 procedures and by-laws were reviewed;
- Ensuring the necessary investments in SWLSB building infrastructures as per the Commitment-to-Success Plan;
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The Director General is to be recognized for her passion, vision, rigor, availability and energy, to name a few, and for encouraging HYHU\RQHWREHDQG GREHWWHU 6KHD first and believes in her employees and the Council. She embraces that

The Assistant Director General is recognized for his patience and compassion towards others. He is DOZD\V WKHUH WR OLVWHQ DQG OLNH WKH 'LUHFWRU \*H

The Council wishes to thank the Director General and Assistant Director General for all of their support and patience during COVID-19 and for making sure that everyone stayed connected.

On behalf of the Council, the Chairperson wished the Director General and Assistant Director General well deserved and restful summer break.

He continued noting that this evening is the last Council of an extremely unique, historical and unforgettable school year, as COVID-19 brought forth many different emotions and experiences, some positive and some negative. As Chairperson of the school board he would like to thank:

• The Commissioners for their continued support and the opportunity to learn from each one

### 3.2 June 9 2021

Approval of Minutes June 9, 2021

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Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT the minutes of the Special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on June 9, 2021, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written and exempt from public reading by the Secretary General.

Carried unanimously

#### 4.0 Question Period

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General explained the parameters of the question period and drew attention to where people online can type in their questions for the second question period.

She further confirmed that there were no questions received for the first question period.

## 5.0 Report from the Chairperson

The Chairperson began his report noting that the COVID-19 and its variants has not stopped the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board from keeping things moving while ensuring that the students and staff are safe and well. It is good news that the Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière regions will be downgraded to the green level and that the vaccine program is moving along well for all of the eligible age groups.

He went on to extend condolences to all Indigenous persons who have suffered because of the residential schools and the unthinkable recent findings on the grounds of some of these former schools. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will keep its flags at half mast for as long as necessary to honour all of those children recently found. In early June 215 children were found and the flags will remain at half-mast for 215 hours, one hour for each child.

He called for a moment of silence in honor of these children.

The Chairperson presented his monthly report highlighting:

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 Centre to commemorate the strength and resilience that everyone has shown over the past

- June 17, 2021 ±Attended the grade 6 graduation at Genesis Elementary School. Many thanks to the Principal and her team;
- June 21, 2021 ±The St-Vincent Elementary School grade 6 graduation was held in the newly renovated auditorium at Laval Senior Academy. Thank you to the Principal and her team;
- June 22, 2021 ±The Souvenir Elementary School grade 6 graduation was held at the school and three trees were planted to honour the three classes of graduates. Jules Verne Elementary School also held its grade 6 graduation on this day and Commissioners Anick Brunet and James Di Sano, as well as Parent Commissioner Adam Gordon, were also

Karla Abraham Di Francesco advised that she was able to see the set-up for the Laurentian Regional High School afternoon prom and that it looked lovely. Unfortunately, parents were not allowed to attend because of COVID-19, but it was nice to see the kids all dressed up and very excited about the event.

Parent Commissioner Adam Gordon thanked all of the schools that had extended invitation to himself and expressed gratitude to all of the parent volunteers that assisted in making these graduation events memorable as he is sure that the Principals and school teams appreciated the support.

# 6.0 Report from the Director General

The Director General drew attention to the many events that took place since the May 26, 2021, Council meeting, as follows

- May 28, 2021 ±the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation Laurier Gala and Hope Fest was held
  on-line to celebrate student success and showcase the incredibly talented students within
  the school board. Over 200 students were recognized for academics, school
  perseverance, sports, arts and community involvement and thirty students entertained with
  their specific talent. A special thank you goes to the organizers of this event as well as the
  Chairperson for his professional support;
- June 7, 2021 ±She also attended the planting of the tree by the Parents Committee. The
  tree is to remind us all of the hardships encountered during COVID-19 but it is also a tree
  of hope as it will continue to grow and be a presence to honour the lives lost during the
  pandemic;
- June 10, 2021 <u>±the Virtual Retirement Celebration for the 2020-2021 retirees was held to honour our employees who have contributed years of services to our organization;</u>
- June 11, 2021 ±Model the Way Honours Ceremony was held on Facebook Live. This
  event was to celebrate the Leadership initiatives throughout the school board through
  student involvement. COVID-19 did not stop these students;
- June 11, 2021 ±Attended the Grenville Elementary School grade 6 graduation. The
  graduating class spent part of the day building cars made of cardboard so they could
  to the located in the gym. The activity allowed the students to show off skills
  learned throughout the year as an example of how to bring things to life;
- June 22, 2021 ±

# **Upcoming Opportunity**

- Summer School will take place from July 5-25, 2021, and all of the registration information is on the school board website;
- Starting in August 2021 there will be a Back-to-School Plan published that will assist with any questions parents and staff may have about how the start to the new school year will be undertaken.

There are many ways in which to look at what has taken place with COVID-19 but the school board is holding its own through the support of its employees, students and their families. It is nice to know that there are brighter days on the horizon. Wishing everyone a well deserved restful and joyful summer.

- 7.0 Business Arising
- 7.1 20212022 Organizational Chart

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

WHEREAS public notice was given with regard to the amendments to by-law no. BL2000-CA-05:

and a copy of the draft by-law was sent to each governing board and to the Parents' Committee;

Commissioner Olivia Landry MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to by-law no. BL2000-CA-05:

, for the 2021-2022 school year, as per

document no. SWLSB-2021/06/23-CA-002;

AND THAT this by-law become effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the

Carried unanimously

7.3 By-law no. BL2098A15: Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

By-law no. BL2008-CA-15: 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 , the day, time and place of the regular meetings of the Executive Committee must be fixed by by-law;

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

WHEREAS public notice was given with regard to the amendments to by-law no. BL2008-CA-15:  $\frac{1}{4}(438 \ 3) \ ()\ )\ )\ )\ )\ )\ (/\ 4\ 37\ 37\ 33783\ (/\ 7\ )\ )\ )\ )\ )$ 

On a , Commissioner James Di Sano request that the Council go

TIME: 254hours

The meeting resumed. TIME: 20:58 hours

Commissioner James Di Sano accepted the friendly amendments to the policy.

Policy no. 2021-CA-27: Policy on Student Representation at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board WHEREAS section 211.1 of the

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

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

WHEREAS public notice was given with regard to the amendments to the By-law, and a draft copy was sent to each governing board and to the parents' committee;

WHEREAS a consultation period was held from April 29 to June 14, 2021;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to by-law no. BL2010-CA-19:

, as per document no. SWLSB-2021/06/23-CA-005;

AND THAT this by-law become effective upon the publication of a public notice to that effect, in accordance with section 394 of the

Carried unanimously

7.6 Policy no. 200**0**A03: Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a Student

Policy no. 2000-CA-03: Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a Student WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. 000322-CA-0177, approving policy no. 2000-CA-03:

, and resolution no. CC-141112-CA-0065, amending section 7.0 of said policy;

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WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-210428-CA-0099, authorizing for consultation the amendments to policy no. 2000-CA-03:

WHEREAS a consultation period was held from April 29 to June 14, 2021;

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Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to policy no. 2000-CA-03:

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Carried unanimously

• There has been an increase in the following decentralized measures

and ;

- Measure 15313: has also been increased;
- Measure 16044: is a new measure that will go towards the deaning of ventilation systems, painting and minor repairs. This is a protected measure so any funds remaining at the end of the 2021-2022 school year will be returned to the MEQ;
- There has been a decrease in daycare enrolment which translates into a loss of revenues but it is anticipated that numbers will rebound;
- Capital investments
  - An investment of \$200,000.00, for digital resources and techno-pedagogical tools;
  - New Measure 18014: , will allow schools to purchase sports equipment;
- Upon completion of the initial budget for 2021-2022 the orientations from the CTSP were updated as follows:
  - Retain and Support Quality Employees ±The mentoring and coaching allocation has been increased by \$25,000.00 and an additional Vice-Principal position has been assigned to Pierre-Elliot-Trudeau Elementary School;
  - Offer students a variety of choices through 21<sup>st</sup> century programs and curriculums and Develop a learning and working environment that promotes health, safety and well-being both received additional support through capital investment;
- A review of the budget timeline for the 2021-

Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the operating, investment and debt service budget for the 2021-2022 school year, providing for revenues of \$187,152,403.00 and expenses of \$187,152,403.00, subject to the authorization of the Minister, in accordance with section 279 of the

AND THAT it be submitted to the 0 L Q L V W q U H G H O ¶ e G X F D W L R Q

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board requires various quantities of equipment available on this tender for its schools and centres for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year;

Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, WKH &RXQFLORI &RPPLVVLRQHUV DXWKRUL]H W gouvernementales the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to this tender;

AND THAT the Director General or, with their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this mandate to the Centre  $G \ \P \ D \ F \ T \ X \ L \ V \ L \ W \ L \ R \ Q \ V \ J \ R \ X \ Y \ H \ U \ Q \ H \ P \ H \ Q \ W \ Dipulied With \ Lindows 180 \ Mink With \ R \ Q \ W \ Dipulied \ With \ R \ Q \ W \ D \ W \$ 

FURTHER THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the acquisition of equipment available in public tender 2021-7542-01 that is not to exceed \$750,000.00, including taxes, and authorize the Director of Information Technology to sign all purchase orders in this regard.

Carried unanimously

**8.2.3** PublicTender 202752560 - Postes informatiques et moniteurs neufs

Public tender 2021-7525-60 : + ( 5 ( \$ 6 W K H 0 L Q L V W q U H G H O  $\P$  e G X F D W L R Q gouvernementales (the CAG) to conduct a public tender for the acquisition of desktop computers,

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- 8.3 Material Resources and Transportation
- 8.3.1 Engagement oProfessional Services Architects & Engineser- Renovation Projects

Engagement of Professional Services ± Architects & Engineer ± Renovation Projects WHEREAS professional services are required in the disciplines of architecture, civil and structural engineering as well as mechanical and electrical engineering for the projects that will be carried out in the next three (3) school years;

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WHEREAS the public call for tenders was composed of five (5) lots for architecture, three (3) lots for civil and structural engineering and three (3) lots for mechanical and electrical engineering, for a total of eleven (11) separate lots;

WHEREAS the public call for tenders was made and tenders were opened on June 7, 2021;

WHEREAS a selection committee met on June 11, 2021, to report their evaluations of the bids received;

WHEREAS the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales currently has an ongoing contract for cleaning supplies until October 31, 2022;

WHEREAS the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales has denied our request to join its existing contract;

WHEREAS the & RPLWp G¶DFKD-Majutivént dest-Landaurei i virea ( $\phi$ ARLLLD with extend its contract for a thirteen-month period by mutual agreement in order to align its termination date with WKH H[LVWLQJFRQWUDFWRIWKH & Leinous Win LOO destrober 31], D 2022;

8.4.2 20212022 Corporate Calendar

2021-2022 Corporate Calendar WHEREAS Annex 1 of procedure no. P2013-CA-08: be reviewed and approved annually in June;

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WHEREAS the Corporate Committee has reviewed Annex I of procedure no. P2013-CA-08:

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Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the amendments to Annex 1 of procedure no. P2013-CA-08:

, as per document no. SWLSB-2021/06/23-CA-008.

Carried unanimously

8.5 Adult Education and Vocational Training / Service aux entreprises

8.5.1 Vocational Training Authorizations

8.5.1.1 Renewal Request

Vocational Training Authorizations WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution no. CC-180523-AE-0130, requesting a provisional authorization from the  $0 L Q L V W q U H G H O \P e G X F DPWsstuRe C Welding program;$ 

Renewal Request

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WHEREAS this request was in partnership with the Centre de services scolaire des Mille-Îles (CSS des Mille-Îles) and the Centre de services scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord (CSS de la Rivière-du-Nord);

WHEREAS this program is taking place at the Construc-Plus Vocational Centre;

WHEREAS this provisional authorization will be expiring on June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to support the CSS des Mille-Îles and the CSS de la Rivière-du Nord with this renewal of the provisional authorization for 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board wishes to request a renewal of the provisional authorization to offer the AVS 5734 High-Pressure Welding program;

Commissioner Olivia Landry