

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, February 22, 2023, and via videoconference at 19:30, at which were:

Present: Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Commissioner Lisa Wall, Vice-Chairperson; Bob Pellerin, Alternate Vice-Chairperson; Donna Anderson and Parent Commissioners Chloée Alary, Tara Anderson and Stéphane Henley; and Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General.

Also present: Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director; Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Resources; Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and School Organization; Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources; Nathalie Senecal, Interim Director of Human Resources; Eloise Robichaud, Interim Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

Present via videoconference: Commissioners Anick Brunet and Vincent Cammisano; Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communications.

Absent: Commissioners Karla Abraham-Di Franco, Rebecca Barrasso and Olivia Landry.

Guests: Léna Roberge, Student from Pinewood Elementary School; Evelyne Côté and Pascal Roberge, parents of Ms. Roberge; Tania Marzulli, Principal at Hillcrest Academy, Marisa Goffredo, Teacher at Hillcrest Academy and Travis Harvey, Transportation Technician.

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

TIME: 19:31

0.0 Opening of Meeting

0.1 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 territory of the Kanien'keha:ka or Mohawk nation.

The Mohawk Nation is also known as the "Doo Keepers" and are a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy which also includes the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga and Oneida Peoples.

In the spirit of truth, reconciliation, and dialogue, 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

Approval of the Agenda Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED THAT the February 22, 2023, agenda of the Council of Commissioners be approved as presented in the attached memo no. CC-SWLSB-2023/02/22-CA-001.
Carried unanimously

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2.0 Recognition – 2023 Bus Safety Program Solgan Contest

The Chairperson noted that this evening the Council is happy to be honouring the students and teachers who participated in the annual contest organized by Material Resources and Transportation. February is the perfect time for th

He further noted that the art work of the two Hillcrest Academy grade 6 classes will be displayed in the school hallways.

3.0

January 17, 2023 – Attended the Genesis Elementary School Open House with Commissioner James Di Sano. Thank you to the principal and the school team for showcasing the school and the devoiton of the staff to student success;

January 18, 2023 – Attended the St-Paul Elementary School Open House with

6.0 Report from the Director General

The Director General presented the following report highlighting:

Orientation Retain and support quality employees

February 5-11, 2023 – Annual Teacher Appreciation Week where the dedicated teachers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board are celebrated;

February 6 to March 17, 2023 – Special Thanks Human Resources team for providing a 90-minute online training with Isabelle Fortin to add greater meaning to our work and our lives. This training is available 24 hours until March 17 for all employees;

February 14, 2023 – Attended a breakfast with the Ministre de l'Éducation, Bernard Drainville, at the invitation of the Quebec School Board Association (QESBA).

During the breakfast the Ministre explained his seven priorities and announced an injection of \$81,000,000.00 in the vocational training sector;

February is Black History Month and there are many activities to celebrate this throughout the school board with workshops, projects, assemblies, etc. Thank you to Pedagogical Services for providing pedagogical tools to all schools and centres to promote Black History Month;

February is also re-registration and registration period for the 2023-2024 school year. Even though the school board accepts registrations throughout the year it is important that as many reregistrations and new registrations are received during the month of February. Thank you to the generosity of alumni who allowed themselves to be highlighted in the annual registration campaign;

A new map of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has been published and shows all of the buildings and their locations. This is a good tool for parents looking for a school;

As today is Pink Shirt Day there is no better way to explain this initiative than through two students from Grenville Elementary School (GES). The spirit and climate at GES is incredible and the principal and the school team lead by example;

A video prepared by GES for Pink Shirt Day was viewed.

The Chairperson noted that many do not realize the territory of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is. GES is a perfect example of how we can work together to create a better future for all.

WHEREAS, also in accordance with the mentioned policies, any changes to the administrative structure requires that the associations be consulted;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director General, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize a consultation on the creation of the position of Coordinator of Affairs, as contained in document no. SWLSB-2023/02/22-HR-001;

AND THAT this consultation be for a period of (15) days with the Association québécoise des cadres scolaires – Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association beginning on February 23, 2023, and ending on March 10, 2023.

Carried unanimously

8.2 Material Resources and Transportation

8.2.1 Agreement – Installation of Seismic Equipment – Rosemere HS

Agreement
Installation of Seismic
Equipment

WHEREAS the Government of Canada, represented by the Minister of Natural Resources Canada, has approached the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for permission to install and operate a seismic station at Rosemere High School to monitor seismic waves produced by earthquakes, explosions and other seismic sources;

Rosemere HS
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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is supporting this project and wishes to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada;

WHEREAS this agreement would be for a period of (30) years, with an option of an additional twenty (20) years;

WHEREAS entering into this agreement will be at no cost for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Commissioner Anick Brunet MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada, represented by the Minister of Natural Resources Canada, for the installation and operation of a seismic station at Rosemere High School;

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be mandated to sign all documentation concerning this agreement.

Carried Unanimously

8.2.2 Professional Fees – Civil and Structural Engineering – New School in Saint-Lin-Laurentides

Professional Fees
Civil and Structural

WHEREAS additional charges were incurred to the updated final estimates of the construction costs, which had an impact on the estimate of the civil and structural engineering fees;

WHEREAS, due to these additional charges of the professional fees for GBI Experts-conseils Inc. increased from \$356,881.91, before taxes, or \$381,459.47, net taxes, to \$649,642.54, before taxes, or \$694,381.80, net taxes.

Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT the recommendation of the Advisory Committee - Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the increase in professional fees by GBI Experts-conseils Inc.;

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation regarding the above-mentioned professional fees.

Carried unanimously

8.2.3 Participation in CAG Tender – Sports Materials and Equipment

Participation in CAG Tender

WHEREAS the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) will be conducting public tender no. 2023-7548-50 to acquire sports materials and equipment;

Sports Materials and Equipment

WHEREAS the CAG has opted to award the contract to all suppliers whose submitted price in respect of the acquisitions to be made does not exceed the lowest price by more than 10%;

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WHEREAS the Regulation respecting certain supply contracts of public bodies requires authorization from the Council of Commissioners (de l'organisme public) before the public body can participate in this type of tender;

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to participate in this call for tender for the thirty-six (36) month contract, including one (1) period of twelve (12) months, to be awarded by the CAG;

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources and Transportation estimates that the purchase cost of sports materials and equipment for the school board is \$600,000.00, before taxes, for the term of the contract;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board in public tender no. 2023-7548-50 to acquire sports materials and equipment;

AND THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning the participation of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to this tender;

FURTHER THAT all acquisitions be made in accordance with by-law no. BL2008-CA-01: Delegation of Functions and Powers of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board

Carried unanimously

8.3 Human Resources

8.3.1 Confidential Transaction

Confidential Transaction WHEREAS a confidential transaction was entered and agreed by the parties involved in court
file no. _____;

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WHEREAS this transaction was conditional approval of the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the essential elements of the transaction have been presented by the Assistant Director
of Human Resources;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid
Laurier School Board approve the transaction proposed by the Assistant Director of Human Resources
in court file no. _____.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson thanked everyone for remembering to wear shades of pink this evening as today
is Pink Shirt Day, an event that supports anti-bullying.

9.0 Information Items

9.1 SWL Foundation Report

Commissioner Vincent Cammisano informed the Council that the February 9, 2023, gala raised over
\$15,000.00 that will be reinvested in the schools.

9.2 Parent Commissioners' Reports

9.2.1 Parents' Committee Report

The report is in the meeting package.

9.2.2 SEAC Report

There was no report.

9.3 Report of QESBA

Commissioner Donna Anber drew the Council's attention to the results of the Léger Marketing poll
conducted for the Quebec Community Groups Network Association for Canadian Studies on
the importance of English school boards.

The Chairperson noted that there are children not going to English school and they do not so
the school boards need to do better at recruiting these children and their families.

9.4 Central Students' Committee Report

There was no report.

10.0 Question Period

The Secretary General and Director of the Corporate and Communications Department that,
as explained earlier in the meeting, the second question period is for questions related to agenda
items only.

In response to a question from the online audience, the Director of Pedagogical Services explained that the question refers to an alternative placement student with special needs whose educational services cannot be fully met by the school board. An alternative placement implies a school subsidized by the MRC and the school board has ententes with several. When a student requires an alternative placement the school and the Pedagogical Services team determines what environment will best suit the needs of the student while respecting the enrolment qualifications of the school selected. The schools used by the school board for alternative placements are in the area. When these alternative placements can only be accommodated if the school has space. If the school selected for an alternative placement does not have space, the support mechanisms provided to the student in their current school are reviewed and adjusted to meet the student's needs until such time a space becomes available. It is recommended that parents reach out to Pedagogical Services for more detailed information on services for special needs students.

The Secretary General and Director of the Corporate and Communications Department advised that there was a stakeholder comment about how proud they are to have the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

11.0 Correspondence

The Chairperson drew the attention to the correspondence contained in the meeting package.

12.0 Varia

There was no varia.

13.0 Adjournment

The Chairperson thanked everyone for coming to this evening and asked everyone, in light of today's tragedy in Laval, to take a step back, reflect on everything we have to be grateful for and have a safe and healthy spring break.

Commissioner Vincent Cammisano MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:42

NEXT MEETING REGULAR March 29, 2023