

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, March 29, 2023, and via videoconference at 19:30, at which were:

Present:

Ms. Amarualik's video ~~Angirrarvigaa~~ was shown and it was noted that her great-grandmother is in the video.

Ms. Amarualik thanked everyone for this ~~occasion~~ especially Ms. Mackenzie teacher, who has encouraged her in her studies and music ~~career~~ Ms. Mackenzie had the entire class vote for her to encourage her to continue pursuing her ~~music~~ that moving away from her northern community of 2,000, where she knows everyone ~~place~~ where she knows virtually no one, was difficult but once she began school this ~~challenge~~ she feels the sense of community that was missing.

The Chairperson advised that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is a family and she is a part of it. He went to note the social challenges of ~~living in it~~ are what first lead Ms. Amarualik to begin writing songs. She writes in her native language ~~and is~~ in her native throat singing. In 2018, she released her first album, which won an Indigenous music award.

Ms. Amarualik is a testament to youth ~~especially~~ within her own community, to how hard work, perseverance and passion for one's own abilities can move you forward. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is very proud to have her as a member of its community and is pleased to be able to give her the recognition she deserves.

He also thanked Ms. Mackenzie for ~~accompanying~~ Ms. Amarualik this evening and for her dedication to student success as she is having a positive impact on students' lives.

Ms. Mackenzie thanked the Chairperson for his kind words.

On behalf of the Council of Commissioners ~~Chairperson~~ wished Ms. Amarualik continued success academically and professionally. It ~~is always~~ a moment to recognize the talent within the school board and it is even better when they agree to perform at the 2023 Laurier Gala & StarFest.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.1 February 22, 2023

Approval of Minutes
February 22, 2023

CC-230329-CA-0087

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the ~~minutes~~ regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on February 22, 2023, 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

3.2 March 22, 2023

Approval of Minutes
March 22, 2023

CC-230329-CA-0088

Commissioner Chloée Alary MOVED THAT the ~~minutes~~ special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on March 22, 2023, 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 Secretary General and Director of the Corporate and Communications Department explained the parameters of the two question periods of 20 ~~minutes~~ minutes ~~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.

There are no questions for the first question period.

5.0 Report from the Chairperson

- Parent Commissioner Chloée Alary ~~closed~~ thanked the northern schools for organizing tournaments for soccer and basketball at Laurentian Regional High School for the loan of its facilities. There is also a speed skating program in Ste-Adèle;
- Commissioner Bob Pellerin invited everyone to attend the Joliette High School Talent Show being held on April 21, 2023.

6.0 Report from the Director General

The Director General presented ~~his~~ report highlighting the following:

- March 21, 2023 - Engage-Build-Achieve are the action-words of the current Commitment-to-Success Plan and SEAC and Pedagogical Services did just that by partnering in a workshop on Understanding the IEP (Individual Education Plan) process, offered to parents. Thank you to everyone who ~~helped~~ participated in this session and for everyone who participated. A special thank you ~~to~~ goes to Kellie George-Bernard, Pedagogical Consultant – Special Education for ~~giving~~ presentation to participants and answering all questions. For those that were not able to attend the presentation can be found under SEAC in the family section of the website;
- March 21, 2023 – An invitation was extended by the MNA for Groulx, Éric Girard, who represents Rosemère to attend the ~~presentation~~ provincial budget. The government has added some of the following main elements to the education envelope:
 - For system costs a 5.7 percent overall increase;
 - To promote Vocational Training over the next five years \$200,000,000.00, will be invested with \$29,000,000.00 for 2023-2024;
 - An investment of \$67,500,00.00, over the next five years will be invested to address the education labour shortage;
 - The transportation envelope will be increased by 12 percent;
We shall receive more information once we receive the budget parameters from the MEQ as to how it will unfold specifically for our school board.

Orientation Develop a learning and working environment that promotes health, safety and well-being

- The new school in Saint-Lin-Laurentides ~~will~~ provide a great learning and working environment for many students and employees;
- We look forward to the upcoming ground breaking ceremony, in April.

Student Achievement

- Laval Senior Academy (LSA) hosted the ~~2023~~ Québec Montreal Regional Science & Technology Fair, which she attended the opening and closing ceremonies with the Chairperson and Commisisoner Bob Pellerin. The provincial organizing committee was very impressed with the warm welcome received at LSA, the professionalism and have asked them to host the event again in 2024 and they have agreed. Congratulations to the students, staff and the Steering Committee for making the event a huge success;
- Twenty-four secondary one through four ~~students~~ from Lake of Two Mountains High School participated in the CRC Robotics Competition where they won first place in Website Design and third place for Website Content. The students had to build a robot that was able to move hexagon-shaped pieces of wood and build a stable tower. Congratulations to everyone who participated;

Upcoming Events

- April is Autism Awareness Month and ~~2023~~, is World Autism Awareness Day;

Orientation Retain and support quality employees

- April 24-28, 2023 is Administrative Professionals Week;
- April 26, 2023, is Administrative Professionals Day;

- Auditions are underway for the May 25, 2023, Laurier Gala and StarFest and the deadline is March 31, 2023.

In response to a question from Commissioner Denis, the Director General noted that private schools and Cégeps also participated in the science fair and the robotics competition.

The Chairperson advised that the Sir Wilfrid School Board students did extremely well at both the science fair and the robotics competition. The students from the science fair will be attending the North American Science and Technology Fair in Dallas, Texas at the end of April.

All of the students and their teachers from the Regional Science Fair and the CRC Robotics Aviva Competition will be invited to attend on April 26, 2023, Council meeting where they will be recognized for their achievements. The students of Two Mountains High School will be asked to give a demonstration of their robot.

7.0 Business Arising

There was no business arising.

8.0 Decision Items

8.1 Material Resources and Transportation

8.1.1 Engagement of Contractor - Roof Renovation Project - LJA

Engagement of Contractor WHEREAS the roof at Laval Junior Academy requires renovations;

Roof Renovation Project WHEREAS public call for tenders no. 22-188-02 was published for the renovation of the roof at Laval Junior Academy and the bids were opened on March 14, 2023;

LJA

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WHEREAS the conformity of all bidders has been verified;

Commissioner Vincent Cammisano MOVED THAT the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid School Board award the contract for the renovation of the roof at Laval Junior Academy to Couverture Montréal-Nord Ltée., for a total of \$4,922,108.12, before taxes, or \$4,604,975.00, net taxes;

AND THAT the engagement above be conditional to the receipt of all contractual documents;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Carried Unanimously

8.1.2 Engagement of Contractor – Administration Offices & Washroom Renovation Project - LJA

Engagement of Contractor WHEREAS the administration offices and washrooms at Laval Junior Academy require renovations;

Administration Offices &

Washroom Renovation Project WHEREAS public call for tenders no. 22-188-02 was published for the renovation of the administration offices and washrooms at Laval Junior Academy and the bids were opened on March 13, 2023;

LJA

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WHEREAS the conformity of all bidders has been verified;

Commissioner James Di Sano MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contractor the renovation of the administration offices and washrooms at Laval Junior Academy to Les Entreprises Dominic Payette Ltée., for a total of \$1,545,463.00, before taxes, or \$1,651,895.17, net taxes;

AND THAT the engagement above be conditional to the receipt of all contractual documents;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Carried unanimously

The Chairperson reminded the those present audience that a significant amount of discussion on these agenda items take place at the level of the advisory committees and these committees make the recommendations for the Council's consideration.

8.1.3 Engagement of Contractor – Washroom Renovation Project – Rosemere HS

Engagement of Contractor WHEREAS the washrooms at Rosemere High School require renovations;

Washroom Renovation Project WHEREAS public call for tenders no. 22-187-01 published for the renovation of the washrooms at Rosemere High School and the bids were opened on March 8, 2023;

Rosemere HS WHEREAS the conformity of all bidders has been verified;

CC-230329-MR-0091 Commissioner Olivia Landry MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee – Student Success, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board award the contractor the renovation of the washrooms at Rosemere High School to Groupe Piché Construction Inc., for a total of \$929,268.15, before taxes, or \$993,264.52, net taxes;

AND THAT the engagement above be conditional to the receipt of all contractual documents;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Material Resources and Transportation be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Carried unanimously

8.1.4 Professional Fees – Ventilation Renovation Project – Twin Oaks ES

Professional Fees WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. CC-210623-MR-0144 and the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution no. EC-210820-MR-0007 approving of professional firms for renovation projects for a period of three years;

Twin Oaks ES WHEREAS the mechanical engineering firm Bouthillette Parizeau Inc. was engaged to prepare plans and oversee the ventilation renovation at Twin Oaks Elementary School and had submitted their service offer with professional fees of \$72,100.01 before taxes;

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WHEREAS additional charges were incurred due to the complexity of the project given the existing structure of the building which impacted the final estimate of the professionals;

WHEREAS due to these additional charges the professional fees for Bouthillette Parizeau Inc. increased from \$72,100.01 before taxes or \$77,100.00 before taxes to \$166,995.00 before taxes or \$178,495.53 net taxes;

WHEREAS the Governing Boards, Parents' Association québécoise des cadres
scolaires – SWL Section (AQCS), Sir Wilfrid Lauri

8.4 School Affairs and School Organization

8.4.1 Policy – School Daycare Services – Authorization for Consultation

Policy - School Daycare WHEREAS the Québec Government adopted a Services

Authorization for Consultation

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9.0 Information Items

9.1 SWL Foundation Report

Commisisoner James Di Sano informed everyone that the Lobster Gala would be held on June 8, 2023, at the Château Royale.

9.2 Parent Commissioners' Reports

9.2.1 Parents' Committee Report

The report is in the meeting package.

9.2.2 SEAC Report

Parent Commisisoner Stéphane Henley advised that, in response to a question earlier in the meeting on the March 21, 2023, SEAC presentation will be available online. He expressed appreciation on behalf of SEAC to Pedagogical Services and Information Services for all of their assistance on this event.

9.3 Report of QESBA

There was no report.

9.4 Central Students' Committee Report

Commisisoner Vincent Cammisano advised that the meeting of the Central Students' Committee recently took place and discussions focused on mental health, a topic on which the students have a lot to say. He noted that the two names for Student Commissioners will be presented for Council approval at the April meeting. He extended appreciation to Daniel Johnson, Spiritual Animator, who helped facilitate the meeting.

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.

The Secretary General and Director of the Corporate and Communications Department advised that while there were no questions related to agenda items there was one on the article in La Presse concerning a former Commissioner. A person stated that there was no comment at this time.

There was also a comment from the online audience congratulating the school board on its new school Saint-Lin-Laurentides.

The Chairperson thanked everyone who is working on the new school project and that the groundbreaking ceremony will be announced shortly.

11.0 Correspondence

The Chairprson drew the Council's attention to the correspondence contained in the meeting package.

12.0 Varia

There was no varia.

13.0 Adjournment

The Chairperson extended congratulations ~~wishes~~ to the Secretary General and Director of the Legal, Corporate and Communications Department as tonight is her last meeting before going on maternity leave.

The Secretary General and Director ~~of the~~ Corporate and Communications Department thanked the Chairperson for his kind words and wishes.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting.

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:55

NEXT MEETING REGULAR→ April 26, 2023