

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, May 27, 2020 at 19:30 hours, at which were:

Present at Administration Centre: Paolo Galati, Chairperson; Gaëlle Absolonne, Director General, Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Paolo Spizzo, Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Michel Dufour, Director of Material Resources and Transportation.

Present video conferencing: Vicky Kaliotzakis, Vice-Chairperson; Bob Pellerin, Vice-Chairperson Alternate; Commissioners Anick Brunet, James Desjardins, James Desjardins, Emilio Migliozi, Melissa Wall and Parent Commissioners Tara Anderson, Anthony Beliotis and Stéphane Henley.

Also present via video conferencing were: Florence Delorme, Director of School Affairs and School Organization; Geoffrey Hipps, Director of Pedagogical Services; Stephanie Krenn, Director of Human Resources; Chao Ling Pan, Director of Financial Resources; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administration Officer.

Absent: Commissioners Guy Gagnon and Anne McMullon

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

TIME: 19:31 hours

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

The Chairperson read the following into the minutes:

Before we begin with our council meeting tonight, I would like to take the time to offer my deepest condolences to all families and friends that have lost a loved one from covid-19.

I would also like to say THANK YOU to our front-line workers, including those of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board such as our emergency day care workers, caretakers and teachers from the 8 elementary schools that opened up on Monday the 11th. The teachers that are teaching from home. You are all so amazing!

On behalf of Council, we wish to applaud you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts with our gesture of solidarity and we are so very proud to say that, Sir Wilfrid Laurier students and employees continue to make a difference! THANK-YOU!!!

We will get through together.

0.0 Opening of Meeting

0.1 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. The Mohawk Nation is also known as the “Eastern Door Keepers” and is a member of the Haudsaunee 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.”

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda

- 11.0 VARIA
- 11.1 Engagement of Principal - Ste-Adele ES.....RES
- 11.2 Engagement of Principal - Mountainview HS .....RES
- 11.3 Intervention to Obtain an Exemption from Bill 40 .....RES

Approval of the Agenda Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended in document #SWLSB-2020/05/27-CA-001.

CC-200527-CA-0101 Carried unanimously

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 April 29, 2020:

Approval of Minutes Commissioner Melissa Wall MOVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on April 29, 2020, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

CC-200527-CA-0102 Carried unanimously

2.2 May 6, 2020:

Approval of Minutes Commissioner Vicky Kalotzakis MOVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on May 6, 2020, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

CC-200527-CA-0103 Carried unanimously

2.3 May 13, 2020:

Approval of Minutes Parent Commissioner Stéphane HAMEL MOVED THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on May 13, 2020, having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as written.

CC-200527-CA-0104 Carried unanimously

3.0 Question Period

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General explained the parameters of question period, as follows:

As per the rules of procedure, the parameters regarding question periods must be explained to the public prior to the first question period:

The agenda provides for two 20 minute question periods;

For the first question period, questions are to be addressed to the Chair either by fax or by email by 13h00 the day of the meeting;

Thesecond question period must be restricted to questions pertaining to agenda items discussed at the meeting;

The purpose of these questions period is restricted to answering questions only, and not to enter into debates or conversations;

For the members of the public who might be present in the boardroom:

Each speaker is allowed 5 minutes to present all their questions.

After each speaker's 5 minute presentation, the Chairperson will provide any available answers.

For the members of the public who are using the link provided on the school board website to view this meeting, you may type your question in the Q&A Section of website. Please make sure to type your full name before all your questions.

For any questions not related to agenda items, please consult the school board website. An FAQ section has been created in the Council in which you will find answers to Frequently Asked Questions regarding the current extraordinary circumstances. Within this FAQ section, you will also find a link in which you may send the school board your questions and it will make sure to answer them in best possible delays.

She went on to advise that two questions from Chris Eustace had been received via e-mail.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Eustace for his questions and answered as follows:

Question #1: Would the Chair please provide an example of a "damaging consequence" to the

## 5.0 Report from the Director General

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

On May 11, 2020 eight of the school board's elementary schools reopened in the Laurentides and Lanaudière regions. The ~~data~~ ~~week~~ shows that 20% of the students came to school during this week with 56% requiring transportation. During the week of May 25, 2020 student attendance increased to 23% while transportation decrease to 48% . Four schools did progressive reentry by cycle;

Online distance learning:

All elementary school students have ~~access~~ ~~to~~ distance learning even if their school has reopened given that some parents have made the decision to continue to keep their children at home;

High school students all have ~~access~~ ~~to~~ distance learning and support offered so that they can have the tools needed to learn from a distance. The parents received a letter prior to the start of learning at a distance with a detailed schedule of when students can go online;

Adult Education – On-line education has been available to students who wish to continue their current studies since April 27, 2020. As of May 25, MEES exams can be written at the centre as long as social distancing rules are respected;

Vocational Training – Students have ~~been~~ ~~able~~ to pursue the theoretical elements of their studies on-line where possible. As of May 25, while respecting social distancing regulations, students may come to the centres for technical training and evaluation;

Data:

Information Technology is to be commended for rising to the challenge of getting everyone equipped to learn and work from home through the use of Zoom, Microsoft Teams and Google Classroom. Zoom is the most used platform currently;

Pedagogical Services is also to be congratulated for organizing training in a quick and efficient manner to enable teachers to be on-line;

Human Resources has received 702 requests for a work exemption out of 2, 617 employees and 370 have been granted while some are still being processed;

Material Resources and Transportation have ~~acted~~ ~~intelligently~~ and efficiently to ensure that all the schools and centres, opened or closed, have all the necessary PPE available to them, as well as all the necessary ~~products~~ ~~to~~ ensure the safety and security of the buildings;

Recruitment of Principals and Vice-Principals has been ongoing and two new Principals will be named later this evening. Vice-Principals will be named prior to the end of the current school year;

On May 25, 2020 a member of each department of the school board visited one of the

The Director General thanked all students, staff and partners of the school board for their patience and support during these difficult times. Expressed appreciation to the Council of Commissioners for its support, which has allowed for possible services to be made available to the stakeholders.

The Chairperson and the Commissioners congratulate the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and its employees have risen to this unprecedented challenge of COVID-19 and that all are to be congratulated for being passionate, patient and flexible.

#### 6.0 Business Arising:

There was no business arising.

#### 7.0 Decision Items:

##### 7.1 Information Technology

##### 7.1.1 GRICS Annual Invoice

GRICS Annual Invoice WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board uses GRICS for gestion du réseau  
 CC-200527-IT-0105 informatique des commissions scolaires for the management of its administrative and  
 pedagogical information systems;

WHEREAS GRICS invoices the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board on an annual basis for those software licenses and related support services;

WHEREAS the estimated amount of the 2020-2021 GRICS invoice is \$506,421.98 before taxes;

Commissioner Bob Pellerin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid School Board approve the payment of the

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Développement et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) has mandated Collecto to conduct a public tender for all schools to acquire the best overall scenario and price structure;

WHEREAS Collecto has completed a public tender (SAR 25-2019) and Softchoice LP has been selected to manage the Microsoft Corporation license dossier;

WHEREAS Collecto has exercised its option to extend the contract for one year (additional year) covering the 2020-2021 school year;

WHEREAS Softchoice LP has invoiced the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the 2020-2021 school year;

Commissioner Emilio Migliozi MOVED THAT the recommendation of the Corporate Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the payment of the 2020-2021 Microsoft license fees to Softchoice LP in the amount of \$107,442.08 before taxes or \$114,834.91 net taxes;

AND THAT the Director General or, in her absence, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this agreement.

Carried unanimously

7.2 Material Resources and Transportation

7.2.1 Engagement of Suppliers

7.2.1.1 Acquisition of Office Supplies

Engagement of Supplier WHEREAS the schools and centres of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board purchase approximately \$120,000.00 of office supplies annually

Acquisition of Office Supplies WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board needs to ensure that it is getting the best market value when purchasing office supplies;

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#### 7.2.1.2 Acquisition of Furniture

In response to a question from Parent Community Beliotis, the Director of Material Resources and Transportation noted that the furniture to be purchased would be desks, chairs, and classroom furniture. This tender prov

## 8.0 Information Items

### 8.1 SWL Foundation Report:

There was no report.

## 8.2 Parent Commissioners Reports

### 8.2.1 Parents Committee Report:

The report can be found in the meeting package.

### 8.2.2 SEAC Report:

There was no report.

## 8.3 Report of QESBA

In response to a concern expressed by Commissioner MacLaurin, the Chairman noted that the school board has had representation on the QESBA's Student Advisory Committee but that with the current COVID-19 pandemic they may not have been available to attend meetings.

The Director General indicated that high schools were contacted concerning selecting students to sit on this committee.

Commissioner Melissa Wall congratulated the Communications team of the school board for the great job that they are doing in a short time with a small budget. They have been able to provide timely information in a quick and efficient manner which has not gone unnoticed by the stakeholders of the school board. In conversation with persons associated with other school boards they are very impressed with the information received by members of this school board. The Communications team is to be thanked for going above and beyond during this difficult time.

The Chairman concurred with Commissioner Wall and applauded the Communications team and all those who support it.

## 9.0 Question Period

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General confirmed no additional questions had been received during the course of the meeting.

## 10.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

## 11.0 Varia

### 11.1 Engagement of Principal - Ste-Adele ES

Commissioner Emilio Migliozi, a member of the Selection Committee, noted that the interview process was very impressive and that it was astounding to know how many teachers have worked for us for more or less 18 years.



Engagement of Principal

Ste-Adele ES

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Intervention to Obtain an Exemption from Bill 40  
WHEREAS the National Assembly introduced a bill to reform the province's public education system entitled an Act to amend mainly the Education Act with regard to school organization and governance (Bill 40) on October 1, 2019;

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WHEREAS the French-speaking community in Quebec expressed grave concerns with the effects of Bill 40 on the English-language minority's power of management and control protected by section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

WHEREAS the National Assembl

## 12.0 Adjournment

The Chairman reminded everyone that everything will be opening up in the next few weeks but that does not mean that COVID-19 will disappear, it means that we need to be more vigilant than ever and keep up with the safe distancing rules. He encouraged all stakeholders of the school board to continue to respect the rules so that we can all remain safe and healthy.

Parent Commissioner Tara Anderson MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:30 hours

NEXT MEETING REGULAR June 25, 2020

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Anna Sollazzo, Secretary General

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Paolo Galati, Chairperson