

2.2 December 17, 2020:

Approval of Minutes
December 17, 2020

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Commissioner Olivia Landry MOVED THAT the minutes of the Special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on December 17, 2020, 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

2.2 January 20, 2021:

Approval of Minutes
January 20, 2021

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Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT the minutes of the Special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on January 20, 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

3.0 Question Period

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General explained the parameters of the question period.

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General advised that no questions were received prior to this meeting.

4.0 Report from the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the first virtual meeting of 2021. He went on to advise of the sad news that the school board lost two students this week, Brayden Odell, a grade 5 student at Arundel Elementary School, and James Florent, a student at Mountainview High School. He extended the school board's deepest sympathies to both families. COVID-19 was not a factor in either passing.

- x January 10, 2021 – Attended the 1st Annual Embracing Diversity Conference. On behalf of the Council, he thanked the organizers: Parent Commissioner Stéphane Henley; Robin Bennett, Director of Information Technology; Justine Dansereau, Pedagogical Consultant; Maxeen Jolin, Coordinator of Communications; Susan O’Keeffe, Graphic Arts technician and Silvia Patella, Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services; for all of their time and effort put in to make this event a huge success;

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Proud Moments

- x A virtual open house at Lake of Two Mountains High School and an upcoming one at Laval Senior Academy;
- x Community Connections feature on the McGrandel-Belair family and the fact that two generations work for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board as part of our maintenance staff;
- x Our Centre Director for CDC Pont-Viau on Global News promoting Vocational Training and the centre's project "Adopt a Senior Pen Pals", which matches students in the Health Care programs at CDC Pont-Viau with seniors in the Laval area;

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- x The MEQ has announced new funding for the following :
 - x Adult Education and Vocational Training will receive a province-wide investment of \$91,500,000.00, over the next two years to align offers of training with the labour market, recognition of acquired competencies, literacy upgrade, etc.;
 - x The Youth Sector will be receiving an additional \$10,000,000.00 province-wide for Measure 15021: Support for teaching (COVID) and \$13,900,000.00 for a new province-wide, Measure 15022: Well-Being (Students and staff). This translates into \$138,000.00, for Measure 15021 and approximately \$200,000.00, for Measure 15022;
- x January 28, 2021 – Pedagogical Services has organized a virtual conference for families of secondary V students to review the CEGEP application process and answer parents' questions - hosted by Guidance Counsellors;
- x February 1-5, 2021 – It is Teacher Appreciation Week, let's take the time to recognize their commitment to the students and their ability to adapt;
- x February 15-19, 2021 – Hooked on School Days, which is to encourage students to persevere with their education. The event is also promoted by the RLPRÉ (Laval), PREL (Laurentides) and CRÉVALE (Lanaudière).

6.0 Business Arising

Objective 4: By 2030, increase to 90% the success rate on the composition component of the Elementary 6 (Cycle 3, Year 2) language of instruction ministerial examination in the public system:

- x The MEQ mandated objective has been adapted for the Anglophone sector for the Elementary 6 and the school board does very well in this objective;

The Director of Material Resources and Transportation presented the following objective

Objective 5: By 2030, ensure that all school buildings are in good condition:

- x There has been a significant investment in the school board buildings over the past year;
- x In 2020-2021, there will be \$14,000,000.00, invested in school buildings with a focus on those that are in the worst condition.

The Director of Financial Resources noted that 2019-2020 was a very difficult year for the service to manage the finances due to the impact of COVID-19. The year saw increased expenses for personal protection equipment (PPE), refunds of school fees, increased transportation services due to MEQ directives, increased services to students, etc. The most interesting result of the 2019-2020 school year was that there was a surplus of \$95,000.00.

The Chairperson thanked the Directors for their presentations. He continued by taking the opportunity to applaud all employees for being resilient, creative, caring, professional, loyal and committed to their work during these difficult times. He thanked students and their families for their resilience, patience, understanding and adaptability throughout COVID-19. To the members of Council, he thanked them for their continued support and dedication to English public education, and for always doing what is right for the students. We all have a reason to be proud.

7.2 Adult Education and Vocational Training / Service aux entreprises

7.2.1 Entente sectorielle en persévérance scolaire et réussite éducative – Lanaudière 2020-2023

Entente sectorielle en persévérance scolaire et réussite éducative - Lanaudière 2020-2023

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WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) is a member of Éducation Lanaudière;

WHEREAS the participation of the SWLSB in the *Entente sectorielle en persévérance scolaire et réussite éducative – Lanaudière 2020-2023* (the Agreement) will benefit the students in the Lanaudière region through the promotion of initiatives and an offer of services with respect to student success and perseverance;

WHEREAS the SWLSB wishes to contribute to the social, cultural and economic development of the Lanaudière region by providing a high level of education and qualifications;

WHEREAS, to participate in the Agreement, the SWLSB must agree to a financial commitment of \$500 annually for a three-year period;

Commissioner Donna Anber MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Pedagogical Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board's participation in the *Entente sectorielle en persévérance scolaire et réussite éducative – Lanaudière 2020-2023*;

AND THAT a financial commitment of \$500 annually from 2020 to 2023 be authorized;

FURTHER THAT the Chairperson or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Vice-Chairperson as well as the Director General or, in their absence or with their knowledge, the Assistant Director General be authorized to sign all documentation concerning the Agreement.

Carried unanimously

8.0 Information Items

8.1 SWL Foundation Report:

The Chairperson noted that the next meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation will be in February 2021.

8.2 Parent Commissioners Reports

8.2.1 Parents Committee Report:

The Parents Committee report can be found in the meeting package.

8.2.2 SEAC Report:

There was no report.

8.3 Report of QESBA

The Alternate Vice-Chairperson advised that the next meeting of the QESBA will be held on January 29, 2021.

9.0 Question Period

The Director of Corporate Affairs and Secretary General advised that no questions were received during the course of the meeting.

10.0 Correspondence

There is no correspondence.

11.0 Varia

11.1 Additional Pedagogical Support - Tutors

The Alternate Vice-Chairperson noted that since the initial Council discussion on this issue, additional information has been received from the MEQ, although there are still some clarifications pending.

Additional Pedagogical
Support - Tutors

WHEREAS, during a press conference held on January 8, 2021, the Premier announced additional pedagogical support for students via a pool of tutors;

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WHEREAS clarifications on how these pedagogical support services will be applied were given today via a letter addressed to all director generals;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners wishes to request from the MEQ that these services remain available throughout the summer period so as to support students whose learning has been delayed due to the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic;

Commissioner Karla Abraham Di Francesco MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners formally request that the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec confirm that the pedagogical support services will remain available throughout the summer period;

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec with the request that the response be given in a timely fashion and addressed directly to the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

Carried unanimously

11.2 Equitable Online Services

Equitable Online Services
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WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) recognizes the dedication and efforts of all its staff during this difficult time;

WHEREAS the SWLSB has made electronic devices available to all its students and staff should the government mandate a closure of schools and centres;

WHEREAS all schools and centres are therefore prepared to implement their emergency protocols if the situation requires it;

WHEREAS schools and centres must be able to continue meeting the learning needs of their students, despite the constantly