

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2015

A Regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemère, QC, on Monday, February 16, 2015.

Present Executive Members: Jennifer Maccarone, Chair; Dean Dugas, Vice-Chair; Guy Gagnon, Paolo Galati, Emilio Migliozi and Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco; and Stephanie Vucko, Director General.

Also present were: René Brisson, Assistant Director General; Frédéric Greschner, Assistant Director General; Johanne Brabant, Secretary General; and Jocelyne Thompson-Ness, Administrative Assistant.

The Chair called the meeting to order.

TIME: 19:05 hours

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

EC-150216-CA-0022

Commissioner Paolo Galati MOVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended in document #SWLSB-2015/02/16-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco advised that in the minutes of December 1, 2014, on page 2600, a correction needs to be made to the "Also present were..." by removing the names of Commissioners Nazario Facchino, Guy Gagnon, Elio Lattanzio, and William Pollock.

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Commissioner Dean Dugas MOVED THAT the minutes of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 2014-12-01 having been received by all members prior to this meeting, be approved as corrected.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Dean Dugas, Guy Gagnon, Emilio Migliozi
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Paolo Galati

3.0 DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT:

3.1 Director General's Report:

The Director General presented her report noting that this would be the last Executive Committee meeting held on a Monday as they will now be held 1 hour prior to Council.

She went on to invite the Secretary General to present a PowerPoint on Governance and the following was noted:

- governance is the responsibility of the Council;
- the Executive Committee is a sub-committee of the Council;
- the functions and powers of the Executive Committee are delegated by the Council;
- the Corporate and Pedagogical Committees operate on a mandate from the Council;
- the Director General is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school board and its resources;
- the role of the Council;
- the role of the Chair;
- the Executive Committee is not an advisory committee and has its own decision making powers as delegated by the Council;
- Council committees, as per the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), are part of either the Corporate or Pedagogical Committees;
- long term vision;
- focus on governance; and
- lend support to the Director General.

The Executive Committee entered into discussion on governance and the Secretary General, with the assistance of the Director General, answered questions and concerns as follows:

- the Council can extend a mandate to the Director General;
- the Council can extend a mandate to the Executive Committee or ask it to assist on a mandate;
- the Council can extend a mandate to either the Corporate or Pedagogical Committee; and
- when questions arise on certain topics they are vetted with the Chair and either the Chair of the Corporate or Pedagogical Committee then a decision is taken as to what direction should be taken for further discussion.

4.0 ASSISTANT DIRECTORS GENERAL REPORT:

4.1 *Assistant Directors General Reports:*

The Assistant Director General advised the Executive Committee that Portage, a drug addiction treatment centre, will be moving to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board territory from the Lester B. Pearson School Board and will be part of the Batshaw campus in Prévost. The educational services for those in Portage will be managed by the Principal of Mountainview High School.

The Executive Committee entered into discussion and the Assistant Director General, with the assistance of the Directorate, answered questions and concerns:

- the transfer of Portage to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board territory could be short term;
- there will be funding for 24 beds for the 2015-2016 school year;
- the school board is obligated under the law to provide educational and complementary services for these students and declare them in the September 30 transmission to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS);

- the educational services provided are on a contractual basis while the complementary services are negotiated as Portage has its own team of specialists but requires additional support.

The Assistant Director General responsible for Adult Education & Vocational Training informed the Executive Committee that a request has been received from a Mountainview High School student to have access to Adult Education and this service will be available at the school as of 2015-07-01 via videoconferencing (VCN).

Discussion ensued and questions and concerns were answered as follows:

- the success rate of students at Mountainview High School would have to be obtained from Batshaw Youth Services;
- the deed of establishment and three-year plan for the youth and adult sectors will be modified to include Portage for transmission purposes;
- CDC Vimont will provide the VCN courses;
- the VCN classes for Mountainview High School is a good first step as there is a vision of being able to offer Adult Education remotely;
- on-line programs are also a vision and a first step was taken recently by offering a course to daycare workers which was a success; and
- on-line and remote training for Adult Education & Vocational Training is being worked into the budget.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

6.0 DECISION ITEMS:

6.1 *Material Resources*

6.1.1 *Change Orders – LRHS Roofing Project:*

The Director General explained that during the course of repairing the roof it was discovered that the previous roof was not angled properly therefore, a specialty product had to be purchased at an additional cost.

In response to a question from Commissioner Emilio Migliozi, the Assistant Director General explained that the additional cost of this change order will come out of the project's contingency budget as it was a pre-existing, although unknown, problem and not the fault of the contractor.

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WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-140625-MR-0143, awarding the contract for the roof replacement at Laurentian Regional High School to 9165-1364 Québec Inc. / Les Toitures Techni-Toit, for a total cost of 1 427 000,00, before taxes, (1 640 693,25\$, all taxes included);

WHEREAS, during the replacement of the roof, change orders occurred to address specific issues, amounting to 82 085,96\$, before taxes (94 378,33\$, taxes included);

Commissioner Paolo Galati MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Material Resources, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the change orders in the amount of 82 085,96\$, before taxes (94 378,33\$, taxes included).

AND THAT the total cost of the project, including the change orders, be increased to 1 509 085,96\$, before taxes, (1 735 071,58\$, taxes included).

FURTHER THAT, the Chair, as well as the Director General, and in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign all documentation concerning this project.

Carried unanimously

6.2 Educational Services

6.2.1 Entente de Collaboration – Démarche Plan de transition école vie active:

The Assistant Director General explained the entente de collaboration noting that every region has a table similar to TÉVA (Démarche plan de transition école vie active) that assists special needs students after they age out of the school system at 21. The table will assist these students in finding work, continuing education or a location where they can be stimulated. The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has a similar program at CDC Vimont. There is no financial contribution attached to this table.

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WHEREAS TÉVA Laval (Transition de l'École à La Vie Active) et CAPHIT (Comité Action Personnes handicapées Intégration Travail) have merged to become TRIVAT de Laval (Table Régionale Intégration Vie Active et Travail);

WHEREAS the partners of this entente are Commission scolaire de Laval, Centre de santé et de services sociaux de Laval, Emploi-Québec Laval and Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the main objective of this table is to collaborate between the different networks in order to develop exit plans for the transition of our students with specific special needs (handicapped and functional limitations) aged 15 to 21 from school to everyday life;

Commissioner Emilio Migliozi MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board authorize the Director General to sign the entente with TRIVAT de Laval (Table Régionale Intégration Vie Active et Travail).

Carried unanimously

6.3 Communications & Corporate Affairs

6.3.1 Boisbriand Centre for Creation, Production & Presentation:

The Director General explained that the Ville de Boisbriand is seeking community support for the establishment of a 400-seat theater in the Lower Laurentian region for the production and presentation of performances.

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WHEREAS the Ville de Boisbriand has been trying to establish a centre for the creation, production and presentation of performances in the Faubourg Boisbriand area since 2007;

WHEREAS this project would meet the needs for cultural activities in performing arts in the Lower Laurentian region;

WHEREAS Odyscène, distributor for the Lower Laurentians region, would act as the distributor;

WHEREAS this centre would be used by Le Petit Théâtre du Nord to create, produce and present performances;

WHEREAS the Government of Québec in 2009 agreed in principle to grant 4 200 000\$ (indexed to inflation) for this project;

WHEREAS the Lower Laurentian region desperately needs a location for the presentation of performing arts to young audiences;

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Government of Québec support local cultural development initiatives;

Commissioner Paolo Galati MOVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board support the Ville de Boisbriand in its request for financial assistance from the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications, Hélène David, in order to obtain the confirmation of a financial contribution from the Government of Québec for the establishment of a 400-seat theater in the Lower Laurentian region for the production and presentation of performances.

AND THAT Odyscène act as the distributor and Le Petit Théâtre du Nord benefit from a permanent location for the creation, production and presentation of plays, as well as young audience performances.

FURTHER THAT the confirmation of the grant be sent to the Ville de Boisbriand as soon as possible, since it has been waiting anxiously for a confirmation from the Ministre for several years.

Carried unanimously

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 *Parent Commissioners Report:*

Parent Commissioner Sergio Di Marco provided an overview of the 2015-02-05 meeting of the Parents Committee noting the following:

- the Provisional Governing Boards for the junior and senior Laval high schools have indicated that there is some confusion concerning the criteria for the excellence program, its entrance exams and the lack of information available concerning this program. The Parent Commissioners are also feeling frustrated with the lack of information as they cannot respond to questions effectively; and
- questions were raised as to whether or not parents will get a refund on the registration fees for the excellence program exams if they are not corrected.

The concerns expressed were acknowledged by the Director General, the Chair and the Assistant Director General who noted that the questions asked at the last Parents Committee were taken down and responses will be posted in the "information" section of the space on the Website dedicated to the Laval high schools and that questions and answers not available on the Website should be directed to Educational Services.

8.0 DISCUSSION TOPIC:

There was no discussion topic.

9.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

11.0 VARIA:

There was no varia.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Commissioner Guy Gagnon MOVED the adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 20:16 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2015-04-22