

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2000-01-11

An Executive Committee meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the Room A407 of the McCaig Annex, 530 Northcote, Rosemere, QC on Tuesday, 2000-01-11 at 19:30 hours, at which were present:

Pierre Garofano, Chairman; Linda Gagnon, Vice-Chairperson; Steve Bletas, James McDougall, William Pollock, and Edward Turchyniak, Commissioners; Mario Gaulin and Pierre Niding, Parent Commissioners; and Dominic Martini, Director General.

Also present were: Robert Vallerand, Deputy Director General; Lorraine Archambault, Director of Financial Resources; Laiq Hanafi, Director of Educational Services; Jean-Guy Messier, Director of Information Technology; Agostino Santini, Senior Advisor to Management; Michael Stirrup, Director of Human Resources; Raymond Thivierge, Director of Material Resources; and Carolyn Curiale, Commissioner.

Absent: Nazario Facchino, Commissioner.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:35.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee extended best wishes for the New Year.

1.0 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

000111-CA-0155

Steve Bletas MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted as presented in document #2000/01/11-CA-001.

Carried unanimously

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

000111-CA-0156

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT the minutes of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meeting of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board held on 1999-12-14 be tabled to the 2000-02-08 meeting of the Executive Committee.

Carried unanimously

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING:

3.1 Rawdon Roof:

In response to a request made by James McDougall at the Executive meeting of 1999-12-14 concerning the build up of ice on the roof at the new Rawdon school, the Director of Material Resources advised that ice barriers have been installed on the roof, that the insulation inside the roof will be examined, and that he would be meeting with the architects to review the situation.

Mr Thivierge went on to advise that the documentation on the ice barriers would be made available to Mr. McDougall and that the Material Resources Committee will look into the problem and make recommendations.

4.0 DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT:

The Director General advised the Executive Committee that the Principal of Crestview Elementary School will be absent for several months to recuperate from an operation, as well as the difficulty in replacing the Principal of Joliette High School who is going on a leave of absence.

Mr. Martini went on to advise the Executive Committee that McCaig Elementary School and Rosemere High School had been closed on 2000-01-10 due to a power failure.

5.0 CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

5.1 Director's Report:

The Deputy Director General commented on the forestry work being done in conjunction with the grant received at the Arundel Natural science Centre (ANSC).

5.2 Rules of Order & Procedure for Sir Wilfrid Laurier Meetings:

The Executive Committee was reminded that a caucus of the Council of Commissioners would be held on Wednesday, 2000-01-12 at the Administration Centre.

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted Robert's Rules of Order as its rules of order and procedure for school board meetings;

WHEREAS Robert's Rules of Order are designed to facilitate good decision-making and the achievement of consensus within a reasonable amount of time;

WHEREAS there is a need to adopt certain rules and regulations suited to the good operation of the meetings of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

_____ *MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the Rules of Order and Procedures for School Board Meetings as presented in policy #2000-CA-04.*

AND THAT the Chairman and Commissioners have recourse to Robert's Rules of Order for any rule or regulation not covered in this policy.

5.3 ANSC - Contracts:

The Deputy Director General provided background information on the two (2) ANSC protocols.

5.3.1 _____ *MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board renew the protocol of agreement with Pat Thomas, the Trustees of the Arundel Natural Science Centre Foundation and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the management and use of the Arundel Natural Science Centre facilities; AND mandate the Chairman and the Director General to sign the protocol of agreement.*

5.3.2 _____ *MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Chairman and the Director General to sign a protocol of agreement with Sylvie Hébert, the Trustees of the Arundel Natural Science Centre Foundation and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for the management and use of the Arundel Natural Science Centre facilities.*

5.4 Opening of Rawdon School:

The Director General advised the Executive Committee that the official opening of the new Rawdon Elementary and Secondary School was scheduled for Monday, 2000-01-24 at 13:00 hours.

5.5 Offer to Purchase T.H. Bowes:

The Director General advised the Executive Committee that an offer has been received to purchase T.H. Bowes and Prince Charles schools.

The Executive Committee entered into discussion and agreed that the Director General be mandated to negotiate with École Notre-Dame de Nareg and present a resolution to this effect to the Council of Commissioners.

000111-CA-0157

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mandate the Director General to enter into negotiations with École Notre-Dame de Nareg for the potential purchase of T.H. Bowes and Prince Charles Schools.

Carried unanimously

5.6 By-Law Date, Time & Place of Council Meetings:

The Director General commented on the requirement of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) to adopt a by-law on the date, time and place of regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners.

WHEREAS section 162 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) indicates that a date, time and place of regular meetings of the Council of Commissioners must be fixed by by-law;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners will meet on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and December in the Library of Rosemere High School at 19:30 hours (7:30 p.m.);

WHEREAS there will be no meeting held during the month of July;

WHEREAS the December meeting will be fixed by a resolution of the Council of Commissioners;

_____ MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners approve by-law #BI2000-CA-05: Date, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Council of Commissioners.

5.7 Minutes of Parents' Committee:

The Director General made a formal request to the Parent Commissioners that the following receive copies of the minutes of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents' Committee – Commissioners, Director General, Deputy Director General, Directors, and Principals.

6.0 HUMAN RESOURCES:

6.1 Director's Report:

The Director of Human Resources advised the Executive Committee of a grievance involving the assignment of a non-teaching professional.

000111-HR-0158

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board rescind resolution #990817-HR-0053 concerning the working time reduction program for **Susan O’Keeffe**.

Carried unanimously

000111-HR-0159

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board grant **Susan O’Keeffe**, Office Agent Class 1 at the administrative centre, a part-time leave of absence without salary of (8.5714%) effective 1999-09-06 until 2000-06-30 as per clause 5-10.01 of the FTQ Local 57 Collective Agreement covering support staff.

Carried unanimously

000111-HR-0160

Mario Gaulin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board grant **Tammy Downing**, teacher at Laurentia Elementary School, an extension to her maternity leave of absence effective from 2000-01-12 until 2000-04-24 as per Clause 5-13.27c) of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers’ Collective Agreement.

Carried unanimously

000111-HR-0161

Mario Gaulin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board grant **Helen Kalipolidis**, teacher at McCaig Elementary School a maternity leave of absence effective 2000-02-01 until 2000-06-27 as per Clause 5-13.05 of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers’ Collective Agreement.

Carried unanimously

000111-HR-0162

James McDougall MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board modify the previous full-time resolution to that of part-time for the 1999-2000 School Year, in accordance with clause 5-1.01 of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers’ Collective Agreement.

Name	Effective Date	School
Lunny, Wendy	1999-08-25	Lake of Two Mountains High School

Carried unanimously

000111-HR-0163

William Pollock MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the engagement of the following full-time teacher for the 1999-2000 School Year, contingent upon approval of the Provincial Relocation Bureau and per their individual contracts.

Name	Effective Date	School
Bernier, Catherine	1999-08-25	Mountainview Batshaw
Best, Judith	1999-08-25	Laurentian Regional High School
Doucet-Soulis, Carolyn	1999-08-25	McCaig Elementary School
Foreman, Thomas	1999-08-25	Laurentian Regional High School

Carried unanimously

000111-HR-0164

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the engagement of the following part-time teacher for the 1999-2000 School Year, in accordance with clause 5-1.01 of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers' Collective Agreement.

Name	Effective Date	School
Brues, Heinz	1999-08-25	Western Laval High School
Charbonneau, Suzanne	1999-10-06	Rosemere High School
Demirdjian, Rosy	1999-09-18	Hillcrest Academy
Deskin, Barbra	1999-08-25	Laurentia Elementary School
Fiorito-Thompson, Donna	1999-08-25	St-Jude Elementary School
Gravel, Louis	1999-09-12	St-Paul Elementary School
Gresko-Errington, Mary-Ann	1999-11-30	McCaig Elementary School
Johnson, Veronica	1999-10-31	Rosemere High School
Katiforis, Maria	1999-08-25	Laval Catholic High School
Lundy, Maureen P.	1999-08-25	Laurentian Regional High School
Morrill, Patty	1999-12-13	Laurentian Regional High School
Ste-Marie, Maude	1999-11-10	John F. Kennedy Elementary School
Strazza, Patricia	1999-08-31	Rawdon Elementary School
Tremblay, Lynne	1999-10-26	Ste-Agathe Academy

Carried unanimously

000111-HR-0165

Steve Bletas MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the engagement of the following part-time replacement teacher(s) for the 1999-2000 School Year, in accordance with clause 5-1.01 of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers' Collective Agreement.

Name	Effective Date	School
Amicarelli, Rosangela	1999-11-08	Souvenir Elementary School
Azimov, Maureen	1999-08-25	Mountainview Batshaw
Cormier, Marilyn	1999-12-06	Genesis Elementary School
Crevier, Julie	1999-08-25	Laurentian Regional High School
Culp, Sonya	1999-08-25	Laurentian Regional High School
Jean, Rudolph	1999-08-29	Rosemere High School
Marchitello, Tanya	1999-09-21	Terry Fox Elementary School
Pitts-Macdonald, Lynne	2000-01-10	Laval Catholic High School
Rouiller, Annick	1999-08-25	Laurentian Regional High School
Velasco, Lonna R.	1999-08-25	John F. Kennedy Elementary School
Wiseman, Sarina	1999-09-26	McCaig Elementary School
Zachariou, Joan	1999-09-27	Laurentian Regional High School

Carried unanimously

000111-HR-0166

Linda Gagnon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the engagement of **Guillaume Desrochers**, as a Data Processing Technician, effective as of 2000-01-12.

Carried unanimously

000111-HR-0167

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Educational Services has the supplementary position of computer resource person;

WHEREAS the position is covered by the Budgetary parameters of the school board;

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board grant the following teacher the assignment of computer resource person at her respective school.

Name	Effective Date	School
Latter, Gail	1999-2000 School Year	Laval Catholic High School

Carried unanimously

000111-HR-0168

Mario Gaulin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the notice of resignation effective 1999-12-23, received from **Ruth Thomas**, teacher at Joliette High School, and extend best wishes to her.

Carried unanimously

000111-HR-0169

Mario Gaulin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the notice of resignation effective 1999-12-03, received from **Sophie Caillé**, teacher at Genesis Elementary School, and extend best wishes to her.

Carried unanimously

000111-HR-0170

Mario Gaulin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board accept the notice of resignation effective 1999-12-22, received from **Sophia Iannantuono**, teacher at McCaig Elementary School, and extend best wishes to her.

Carried unanimously

6.12 Creation of Position:

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has received a grant for translation purposes from the Ministry of Education;

WHEREAS there is a need for this professional level position as approved by the Directorate;

WHEREAS the Human Resources Committee has reviewed and approves this position.

_____ MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board recommend to the Council of Commissioners the creation of a full-time non-teaching professional position of translator.

6.13 Revision of Management Policy – SWLAA:

The Director General provided background information on the mandate that he had been given to consult the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Administrators Association (SWLAA) on revisions to the management policy.

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners mandated the Director General to consult the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association on proposed changes to the Management Policy adopted on 1998-11-18;

WHEREAS the Director General has consulted the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association has accepted the proposed modifications to the Management Policy with the exception of the composition of the Selection Committee (Article 5.3.1);

WHEREAS the Human Resources Committee has duly considered the position adopted by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Administrators' Association on the composition of the Selection Committee;

_____ *-MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners adopt the revisions to the Management Policy as contained in document #2000-01/26-HR-001.*

6.14 Management Policy – ACSQ:

The Director General provided information on his mandate to consult with the Association des cadres scolaires du Quebec (ACSQ) so as to adopt a management policy for the group.

WHEREAS the Regulation Respecting the Conditions of Employment of Management Staff of School Boards requires the board to adopt a management policy for its administrative staff;

WHEREAS the non-teaching administrators are members of the Association des cadres scolaires du Quebec;

WHEREAS consultation of the ACSQ chapter representatives has been completed;

WHEREAS the ACSQ chapter disagrees with Articles 5.2.5 and 5.3.1 of the proposed management policy;

WHEREAS the Human Resources Committee has studied these objections;

_____ *MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the Management Policy applicable to the ACSQ-SWL chapter members as found in document #2000/01/26-HR-002.*

MATERIAL RESOURCES:

7.1 Director's Report:

The Director of Material Resources reported on the 2000-01-11 opening of the Rawdon Elementary and Secondary School.

7.2 Disposal of Equipment – Rosemere High School:

000111-MR-0171

WHEREAS two (2) trampolines manufactured by the Nissen Trampoline Co. (frame #n584 and #n8703), replacement netting (1 kit) and springs (1 box); located at Rosemere High school, are considered obsolete and unsafe for use by students;

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resources has determined that this equipment cannot be used by any other school or department;

WHEREAS it is necessary to write off said equipment from the school's inventory;

Pierre Niding MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Material Resources Committee, the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board declares the equipment described of being of no value; AND THAT it be deleted from the inventory of Rosemere High School.

FURTHER THAT the school disposes of the said equipment and that any funds gained therefrom be credited to Rosemere High School.

Carried unanimously

8.0 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

8.1 Director's Report:

The Director of Information Technology advised the Executive Committee that the board had entered 2000 without any Y2K problems.

9.0 FINANCIAL RESOURCES:

000111-FR-0172

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the following refunds of taxes totalling 7 362.61\$ be approved:

Municipality/Roll #	Name	Amount Refunded	Reason for Refund
65005-774688-91054	Bourque Jean E.	304.50 \$	Francophone
065005-8150-45-44453	Domaine Renaissance Deux	8.23 \$	Overpaid
078060-1894-39-3535	Croteau Helene/Provost Stephen	257.95\$	Francophone
065005-7947-84-0460-5	Neveau Luc/Renaud Isabelle	408.62\$	Francophone
072005-7247-83-0135	2970-1521 Quebec inc	284.52\$	Overpaid
065005-8143-50-47907	Reeves Martin	10.92\$	Francophone
065005-8049-45-67201	2739-2463 Quebec inc	26.91\$	Overpaid
065005-8146-33-31207	Quincallerie Richelieu	250.97\$	Overpaid
065005-7545-87-21158	9019-3202 Quebec inc.	223.44\$	Overpaid
065005-8151-77-78858	Maisons de la Tourelle	56.54\$	Overpaid
072005-7648-24-9094	Castonguay Jasmin	294.05\$	Francophone
072005-1489-07-8336	2426 1489 Quebec inc.	6.88\$	Overpaid
065005-7847-47-66405	Smith Francis Richard	53.90\$	Re-evaluation
072005-7748-26-0949-00000-103	Les Immeubles Le Hameau Inc.	3.79\$	Overpaid

065005-8141-96-773560000000	108784 Canada Inc & AL	454.28\$	Overpaid
065005-8142-49-715540000000	159236 Canada Inc	87.13\$	Overpaid
65005-8553-68-2585-5	Couet Victor	270.94\$	Francophone
65005-8344-88-4640-8	Galette Jean Philippe	200.00\$	Overpaid
65005-9147-34-2165-8	Projets Commodore Ltee	102.44\$	Evaluation Reduction
65005-8456-86-4625-5	Sylvain Ladouceur	36.73\$	Double payment
65005-8454-86-9320-3	Azor Jean Calixte	54.40\$	Overpaid
65005-8551-13-7985-2	Erika Development Inc.	929.47\$	Evaluation Reduction
65005-9046-48-392-9	Le Relais Communautaire de Pont Viau	356.80\$	Evaluation reduction
065005-8243-58-9370-4	El Khoury Johnny	385.35\$	Francophone
065005-8250-53-1995-2	Daigle Louis/Bridgeman Cara	816.55\$	Francophone
065005-8248-55-3610-4-002-0005	Retsinas Anna	47.77\$	Overpaid
080135-1012-62-9231	Wood Edward J.	286.96\$	Francophone
077045-5083-69-2463	Brand Claus Dieter	26.50\$	Double payment
073020-8155-34-1558	Stafford Maureen	186.72\$	50% Anglophone
0760304674-46-2230	Mathieu Andre	189.21\$	Francophone
073005-7952-89-8516	Danielak Leda Ferroni	55.30\$	Evaluation reduction
0640109262-46-1837	Guimond Norman	299.60\$	Double payment
076020-4558-16-2640	Menard Michel	17.04\$	Double payment
063050-8484-43-7184	Perron Fernande Morin	35.70\$	Evaluation reduction
77020-5589-22-9857-09	Macleau Pierrette	332.50\$	Francophone
	TOTAL	7 362.61\$	

Carried unanimously

000111-FR-0173

Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the cash disbursements listed in the List of Cheques dated 2000-01-07 as follows:

CHEQUES	# 0029201 to # 0029899	5 013 821.37\$
LESS: Cancelled cheques for prior months	#0024463, 0028463	382.25\$
FOR A TOTAL OF:		5 013 439.12\$

Carried unanimously

10.0 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:**10.1 Director's Report:**

The Director General advised the Executive Committee that there were no substantive changes to the enrolment criteria for 2000-2001 as compared with 1999-2000.

10.2 Enrolment Criteria 2000-2001:

WHEREAS section 239 of the Education Act states "Each year, every school board shall enroll students in its schools in keeping with the choice of each student's parents or the choice of the student, if of full age. However, if the number of applications for enrolment in a school exceeds the capacity of the school, enrollment shall be effected according to the criteria established by the school board after consultation with the parents' committee.";

WHEREAS section 239 of the Education Act states "Enrollment criteria must give priority to students coming under the jurisdiction of the school board and, as far as possible, to students whose place of residence is nearest to the school premises. They must be adopted, put into force and sent to each governing board at least 15 days before the beginning of the student enrolment period.";

WHEREAS section 239 of the Education Act states "The conditions or criteria for participation in a special project may not serve as criteria for enrolment in a school; nor may they operate to exclude a student from the school of the student's choice if the student has a right to enroll in that school pursuant to the criteria referred to in the first paragraph.";

WHEREAS the section 193 (6) of the Education Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-13.3) requires that the Parents' Committee be consulted annually on the criteria for the enrollment of students;

WHEREAS the registration period for students for 2000-2001 is the week of February 21, 2000:

_____ MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Educational Services Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the establishment of the following criteria for enrollment of students in its schools, pending the availability of space, for the 2000-2001 school year:

- 1.0 The schools under the jurisdiction of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board will accept requests for admission for students who have attained the age of admission as defined by the Education Act (at least 5 years of age as of September 30, 2000) or who have obtained an exemption from the age requirement;*
- 2.0 Students must have obtained a certificate of eligibility for English language education prior to their first day of school.*
- 3.0 Enrollment to a school will be based on the criteria established in the following priority order:*
 - 3.1 Students who reside in the school territory established by the school board for that school;*
 - 3.2 Subject to availability of space, students who are currently attending that school who reside outside the established school territory and whose parents/guardians agree to provide transportation;*
 - 3.3 Subject to availability of space, siblings of students who are currently attending that school who reside outside the established school territory and whose parents/guardians agree to provide transportation;*
 - 3.4 Subject to availability of space, students who reside outside of the school territory and whose parents/guardians agree to provide transportation;*

3.5 Subject to availability of space, students who are under the jurisdiction of another school board but are subject to an agreement between that school board and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board and whose parents/guardians agree to provide transportation;

4.0 Transportation to a school will be provided to only those students who reside in the designated transportation zone established by the school board. Parents will assume the cost and/or responsibility of transportation for students residing outside of the transportation boundary.

5.0 In schools where alternative programs have been approved for 2000-2001, students will be required to meet the admission requirements where they exist.

6.0 To enable the School Board to provide an appropriate placement, admission requests for special needs students to receive specialised services or programs must be made in writing, before May 31, 2000, indicating the special needs of the student. Should the school board be unable to provide services for a student, the school board will ensure that educational services are made available through an agreement with another school board or institution. Requests for admission to specialised services or programs received after May 31, 2000 will be considered by the school board and accepted pending the availability of space.

10.3 School Zones:

The Director General advised the Executive Committee that a meeting of the Committee on the Use of School and Other Facilities would be held on 2000-01-18 and that Governing Boards have been invited to make presentations on the proposals to address overcrowding in their school and rezoning.

He reported that the schools affected by overcrowding were Crestview, Laurentia, McCaig, Our Lady of Peace, Souvenir and Twin Oaks, and that rezoning concerned Joliette High School, Lake of Two Mountains High School, Rosemere High School, and Rawdon Elementary and Secondary School.

11.0 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

No report.

12.0 PARENTS' COMMITTEE:

12.1 Parent Commissioners Report:

Pierre Niding commented on the efforts of the Parents' Committee to encourage the payment of student fees by parents.

He went on to advise that the Quebec Home and School Association would be guest speakers at the next meeting of the Committee.

13.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Director General commented on a letter addressed to Mario Gaulin and Pierre Niding, Parent Commissioners, from Lauraine Langlois, Regional Director – Laval, Laurentides, Lanaudière; explaining that the minimum time established by the school board policies on the programs of studies are the benchmarks which the board has established for end of cycle evaluations for which it is responsible and dispenses schools from the obligation to demonstrate to the board that they are meeting the objectives of the program of studies. He also explained that the Basic School Regulations (Régimes pédagogiques) as noted by Mrs. Langlois in her letter, requires that in all schools, including those where a French Immersion program is offered, compulsory subjects must be taught at all levels unless exempted by the Minister.

He further noted that he would not recommend that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, an English board, support any request for an exemption from the teaching of English Language Arts at any level.

In closing he noted that in his opinion the policy on the elementary program of studies is sound and should not be modified.

14.0 QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no questions from the audience.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Steve Bletas MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

Carried unanimously

TIME: 21:53 hours

NEXT MEETING ⇨ REGULAR ⇨ 2000-02-08

Robert Vallerand, Secretary General

Pierre Garofano, Chairman