

The Council adopted the following resolution:

Communications Structure

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-130626-CA-0184, approving a new structure for Standing Committees and the revision of policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees;

WHEREAS the revision of policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees has been delayed;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends that an Ad Hoc Committee be established to review said policy;

Commissioner Edward Turchyniak MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees.

AND THAT the following Commissioners are named to the said committee:

Guy Gagnon	Nazario Facchino (Alternate)
Peter MacLaurin	Nick Milas (Alternate)
Merle Parkinson	
Nancy Rupnik	

AND THAT the mandate of said committee is to examine areas of policy #2009-CA-08: Standing & Statutory Committees, to see if there is a need for any additions, corrections or modifications.

FURTHER THAT the Ad Hoc Committee make a report on its findings and recommendations to the Corporate Committee to be held in October 2013.

Carried unanimously

Strategic & Partnership Plans for Submission to MELS

Strategic Plan

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted resolution #CC-120627-CA-0179, approving the "Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Strategic Plan 2012-2017";

WHEREAS the "Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Strategic Plan 2012-2017" was submitted to the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and feedback was received;

WHEREAS the feedback received from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) requested several additions and corrections;

WHEREAS the necessary revisions have been completed and reviewed;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Directorate, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the revised version of the "Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board Strategic Plan 2012-2017", as contained in document #SWLSB-2013/08/26-CA-002.

Carried unanimously

Partnership Agreement

WHEREAS the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) requires all school boards to develop its Strategic Plan in line with the strategic directions and objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS);

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has adopted its Strategic Plan for 2012-2017;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has worked in collaboration with the Administrators of its schools and centres on the means to achieve the goals and measurable objectives determined by the Minister and developed a Partnership Agreement, in conformity with section 459.3 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3);

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopt the Partnership Agreement, as presented in document #SWLSB-2013/08/26-CA-003.

AND THAT the Chairman, or in his absence or with his knowledge the Vice-Chairman, as well as the Director General, or in her absence or with her knowledge the Assistant Director General, be authorized to sign this Partnership Agreement with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS).

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Peter MacLaurin, Emilio Migliozi, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Mario Di Domenico

Student Ombudsman Reports:

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted by-law #BL2009-CA-19: By-Law Establishing Procedures for the Examination of Complaints from Students or their Parents;

WHEREAS this by-law establishes the procedure for the intervention of the Student Ombudsman when all other avenues have been exhausted;

WHEREAS the parent of "Student MA" was dissatisfied with the outcome of a school board decision of a general scope that had an impact on "Student MA";

WHEREAS the parent of "Student MA" complained to the Student Ombudsman, such complaint being sent on 2013-05-20;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman provided the Council of Commissioners with his opinion on the merit of the complaint;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman is recommending that the school board reconsider the decision of a general scope and, more precisely, to "Student MA";

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman concludes that the compensation mechanism contained in the teachers Collective Agreement for oversized classes should be implemented;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman makes certain recommendations in his reports dated August 7, 2013;

WHEREAS certain facts that could have an effect on the decision were either not taken into consideration or were not available at the time of the drafting of the report, such as:

- other students that are affected by the overcrowding situation at Twin Oaks Elementary School;
- the Teachers Provincial Collective Agreement provides compensation mechanisms when a class is oversized;
- classes maximized or oversized

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 176.1 (2) of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has the mandate to see to the relevance and quality of the educational services offered by the school board;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board receive the report of the Student Ombudsman regarding the complaint of parent of "Student MA".

AND THAT, after having reviewed this opinion, taking into consideration the facts in this case and the disposition of the Teachers Provincial Collective Agreement, determines that the out-of-zone request for 2013-2014 to attend Twin Oaks Elementary School **be refused**

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Emilio Migliozi, Steve Mitchell, Mike Pizzola

CASTING VOTE

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Nick Milas, Emilio Migliozi, Steve Mitchell, Mike Pizzola

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board adopted by-law #BL2009-CA-19: By-Law Establishing Procedures for the Examination of Complaints from Students or their Parents;

WHEREAS this by-law establishes the procedure for the intervention of the Student Ombudsman when all other avenues have been exhausted;

WHEREAS the parent of "Student TN" was dissatisfied with the outcome of a school board decision of a general scope that had an impact on "Student TN";

WHEREAS the parent of "Student TN" complained to the Student Ombudsman, such complaint being sent on 2013-05-20;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman provided the Council of Commissioners with his opinion on the merit of the complaint;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman is recommending that the school board reconsider the decision of a general scope and, more precisely, to "Student TN";

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman concludes that the compensation mechanism contained in the teachers Collective Agreement for oversized classes should be implemented;

WHEREAS the Student Ombudsman makes certain recommendations in his reports dated August 7, 2013;

WHEREAS certain facts that could have an effect on the decision were either not taken into consideration or were not available at the time of the drafting of the report, such as:

- other students that are affected by the overcrowding situation at Twin Oaks Elementary School;
- the Teachers Provincial Collective Agreement provides compensation mechanisms when a class is oversized;
- classes maximized or oversized

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 176.1 (2) of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3), the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board has the mandate to see to the relevance and quality of the educational services offered by the school board;

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board receive the report of the Student Ombudsman regarding the complaint of parent of "Student TN".

AND THAT, after having reviewed this opinion, taking into consideration the facts in this case and the disposition of the Teachers Provincial Collective Agreement, determines that the out-of-zone request for 2013-2014 to attend Twin Oaks Elementary School **be refused**.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Emilio Migliozi, Steve Mitchell, Mike Pizzola

CASTING VOTE

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Nazario Facchino, Peter MacLaurin, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners voting NAY:	Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Nick Milas, Emilio Migliozi, Steve Mitchell, Mike Pizzola

Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees:

Evaluation of Director General

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-130424-CA-0139, rescinding policy #2000-HR-03: Annual Evaluation of the Director General;

WHEREAS resolution #CC-130424-CA-0139 mandated the Governance & Ethics Committee to develop a new policy for the evaluation of the Director General;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends that an Ad Hoc Committee be established to develop said policy;

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board amend resolution #CC-130424-CA-0139, deleting paragraphs 5 and 6 of said resolution.

Carried unanimously

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approved resolution #CC-130424-CA-0139, rescinding policy #2000-HR-03: Annual Evaluation of the Director General;

WHEREAS resolution #CC-130828-CA-0011 amended the aforementioned resolution;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends that an Ad Hoc Committee be established to develop said policy;

Commissioner Robert Dixon MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board establish an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a policy for the evaluation of the Director General.

AND THAT the following Commissioners are named to the said committee:

Guy Gagnon	Peter MacLaurin (Alternate)
Angela Martorana	Steve Mitchell (Alternate)
Nick Milas	
Merle Parkinson	

AND THAT the Ad Hoc Committee submit a draft policy to the Corporate Committee for its review and recommendation.

FURTHER THAT the Corporate Committee submit a final version of a draft policy for approval in principle to the Council of Commissioners at its 2013-10-30 meeting.

Carried unanimously

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING DIVISION:	
Commissioners voting YEA:	Georges Benoit, Steve Bletas, Mario Di Domenico, Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Guy Gagnon, Steve Kmec, Elio Lattanzio, Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Grace Nesi, Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson, Mike Pizzola, Nancy Rupnik, Edward Turchyniak
Commissioners ABSTAINING:	Emilio Migliozi

Travel Policy

WHEREAS the Executive Committee is recommending that policy #1999-FR-01: Travel and Representation Expenses Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, be updated

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recommends that an Ad Hoc Committee be established to review said policy;

Commissioner Merle Parkinson MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review policy #1999-FR-01: Travel and Representation Expenses Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board.

AND THAT the following Commissioners are named to the said committee:

Roberto Bomba	Guy Gagnon (Alternate)
Nazario Facchino	
Elio Lattanzio	
Merle Parkinson	

AND THAT the mandate of said committee is to examine areas of policy #1999-FR-01: Travel and Representation Expenses Reimbursement Policy for the Members of the Council of Commissioners and the Employees of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, to see if there is a need for any additions, corrections or other modifications.

FURTHER THAT the Ad Hoc Committee make a report on its findings and recommendations to the Corporate Committee no later than December 2013.

Carried unanimously

GRICS Annual Invoice 2013-2014:

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board uses GRICS (Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires) software 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;

Commissioner Nancy Rupnik MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Director of Information Technology, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board approve the payment of invoice #FA-205154 received for the 2013-2014 school year from **GRICS** (Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires) in the amount of 306 672,63\$ (352 596,85\$, all taxes included).

Carried unanimously