

**PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC**  
**Western Québec School Board**

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on September 27, 2016 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Shea, Commissioners Brunke, Dionne, Egan, Garbutt, Guy, Labadie, Larventz, and Schaler, and Parent Commissioners Boucher, Davis, and Komm

**Personnel:**

Director of Education, S. Aitken

Director of Complementary Services, B. Burn

Director of Human Resources, School Organization and Transportation, M. Dubeau

Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology, P. Proulx

The Interim Director General, R. Ahern, the Secretary General / Director of Programs and Evaluation, Terry Kharyati, were also present.

**REGRETS:** Commissioners Daly, McCrank, and Young.  
Parent Commissioner Fenton has resigned from her position. Her term was to end in November.

**Call to Order**

The Chair J. Shea called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**Public Participation**

-Centraide presented an overview of their mission and the programs available in the region.

**C-16/17-8**

**Adoption of Agenda**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the agenda be adopted with the addition of:

7.17 Handicap Grant – Accessibility at Dr. Wilbert Keon School

14.1.4 Bill C-241

and moving item 8.1 Revised Budget immediately after the Chair's Report.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-9**

**Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2016**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the minutes of a meeting held on June 28, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-10**

**Approval of Minutes – July 12, 2016**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the minutes of a special meeting held on July 12, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

**Chair's Report**

The Chair, J. Shea presented his written report which listed events of the past few months.

**Revised Budget 2016-2017**

The former Director General, P. Lamoureux presented the Revised Budget 2016-2017. He explained the adjustments that were made to the budget following the release of new parameters from the MEES. Mr. Lamoureux presented a balanced budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

**C-16/17-11**

**Revised Budget 2016-2017**

WHEREAS in conformity with the Education Act, the Western Québec School Board has adopted its 2016-2017 budget (resolution C-15/16-158);

WHEREAS the initial budget parameters were not available prior to the adoption of the budget;

WHEREAS the MEES has since provided the parameters that show important budget changes in the budget rules and regulations;

WHEREAS the WQSB clientele has increased since June 2016;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the 2016-2017 revised operating, capital and debt services budget be adopted and forwarded to the MEES.

Carried unanimously

**Director General's Report**

The Interim Director General, R. Ahern, presented her written report.

**C-16/17-12**

**Commissioners' Stipend Overpayment**

WHEREAS the amount paid in commissioners' stipend for the 2015-2016 school year exceeded the maximum amount permitted under the government decree by \$1950;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that this overpayment be deducted from the commissioners' stipend in the 2016-2017 school year.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-13**

**Commissioners' Stipend**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that as required by Decree 605-2016, the Council of Commissioners adopt the global 2016-2017 allocation of \$138,360 for Commissioners' Stipend.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-14****Interim Assistant Director General**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that Michel Dubeau, Director of Human Resources, School Organization and Transportation, be named Interim Assistant Director General until the selection and appointment process for the Director General's position is completed.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-15****Interim Director of Finance**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that Sandra Cox, Coordinator of Finance, be named Interim Director of Finance until the selection and appointment process for the Director General's position and any subsequent re-organization be completed.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-16****Negotiations for Local Arrangements**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that the Interim Director General, the Director of Human Resources, and the Coordinator of Human Resources be mandated to negotiate the Local Arrangements on behalf of the WQSB.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-17****Executive Committee Report – September 20, 2016**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of September 20, 2016.

Carried unanimously

**Update on Asbestos in the Schools**

CM3 made a presentation on asbestos training in the schools. All WQSB schools have been checked and are safe. Maintenance workers and administration of the WQSB have received asbestos training. The WQSB has a management plan in place to handle asbestos.

The Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology, P. Proulx, presented a document titled *Asbestos Management Status*. He gave detailed explanations and answered questions on the subject.

**C-16/17-18****Preventative Maintenance on Materials Containing Asbestos – Multiple Schools**

WHEREAS the Council passed a resolution (C-15/16-152) allowing the WQSB to proceed with a call for tenders for the above mentioned project for the following schools:

Buckingham	Hull Adult Education Centre
Chelsea	Noranda
Dr. S. E. McDowell	Onslow
Dr. Wilbert Keon	Poltimore
Golden Valley	South Hull

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HEREAS an amount of \$165,000 (labour and materials) has been set aside for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS the boiler room at Poltimore School contains asbestos but is well sealed and contained;

WHEREAS the heating system area at South Hull School contains asbestos that will be removed during Phase II of the heating system project;

WHEREAS the asbestos in some floor tiles at Chelsea, Buckingham, Noranda, and Hull Adult Education Centre is well sealed and contained;

WHEREAS the materials containing asbestos around the pipes at Noranda School has been removed during the heating system project;

WHEREAS the project's mandate is to seal the walls and ceilings that contain asbestos;

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents:

- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
- C. S. Terrec Inc.
- Construction GMR Associés Inc.

WHEREAS the following tender was received and recorded;

Construction GMR Associés Inc.	\$119.75/hr
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WHEREAS the bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the bid submitted by Construction GMR Associés Inc., for the hourly rate of \$119.75 excluding taxes, be approved.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-19**

**MB - Exterior Work at Multiple Schools - Mesure 50625 – Additional Grant**

WHEREAS the Mesure 50625 allocates funds for projects on the foundation and/or the outside envelope of schools with the conditional index of C, D, and E;

WHEREAS the allocation was confirmed in July 2016;

WHEREAS the request had to be sent to the Ministry no later than August 31, 2016;

WHEREAS the allocation is \$1,198,950;

WHEREAS the following six projects have been sent to the Ministry for approval:

Project	School	Amount
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Exterior Walls & Main Entrance	Buckingham School	\$250,000
Exterior Walls & Repointing Brick	Namur School	\$100,000
Replacement Exterior Doors	Lord Aylmer Senior Campus	\$160,000
Replacement Exterior Doors	Chelsea School	\$348,956
Repointing Brick	Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elem. School	\$200,000
Replacement Exterior Doors	Dr. Wilbert Keon School	\$140,000

WHEREAS a resolution must be passed at Council and sent to the Ministry before proceeding with the request;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Western Québec School Board go forth with the above mentioned projects, and that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-20**

**MB – Exterior Work at Lord Aylmer and South Hull Schools -  
Mesure 50626 – Additional Grant**

WHEREAS the Mesure 50626 allocates funds for projects on the foundation and/or the outside envelope for schools with the conditional index of D and E;

WHEREAS the allocation is \$401,177;

WHEREAS the following two projects have been sent to the Ministry for approval:

<b>Project</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Repointing Brick	Lord Aylmer Senior Campus	\$100,000
Replacement of Windows	South Hull School	\$301,177

WHEREAS a resolution must be passed at Council and sent to the Ministry before proceeding with the request;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that the Western Québec School Board go forth with the above mentioned projects, and that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-21**

**Addition of Gymnasium – Poltimore Elementary School - Mesure  
50514**

WHEREAS through the Mesure 50514, school boards can apply for a grant to finance the addition of a gymnasium for schools that don't have one;

WHEREAS the grant has been confirmed in July 2016;

WHEREAS the official request had to be deposited at the Ministry by August 26, 2016;

WHEREAS the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, met with the Ministry on September 9, 2016 to present the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS a resolution must be passed at Council and sent to the Ministry before proceeding with the request;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Western Québec School Board go forth with the above mentioned application, and that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-22**

**Addition of Gymnasium – St. Michael’s High School - Mesure 50514**

WHEREAS through the Mesure 50514, school boards can apply for a grant to finance the addition of a gymnasium for schools that don’t have one;

WHEREAS the grant has been confirmed in July 2016;

WHEREAS the official request had to be deposited at the Ministry by August 26, 2016;

WHEREAS the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, met with the Ministry on September 9, 2016 to present the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS a resolution must be passed at Council and sent to the Ministry before proceeding with the request;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Western Québec School Board go forth with the above mentioned application, and that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-23**

**Addition of Gymnasium - Centre L’Envol - Mesure 50514**

WHEREAS through the Mesure 50514, school boards can apply for a grant to finance the addition of a gymnasium for schools that don’t have one;

WHEREAS the grant has been confirmed in July 2016;

WHEREAS the official request had to be deposited at the Ministry by August 26, 2016;

WHEREAS the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, met with the Ministry on September 9, 2016 to present the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS a resolution must be passed at Council and sent to the Ministry before proceeding with the request;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Western Québec School Board go forth with the above mentioned application, and that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-24**

**Ajout d’Espace – Greater Gatineau and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary Schools - Mesure 50510**

WHEREAS the Planning and Review Committee recommended that a request be made for the addition of space to the existing building at Greater Gatineau School and at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School;

WHEREAS the request for Greater Gatineau School includes five additional classrooms and washrooms at an estimated cost of \$1,437,050;

WHEREAS the request for Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School includes four additional classrooms and a second gymnasium at an estimated cost of \$2,060,770;

WHEREAS the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, met with the Ministry on September 9, 2016 to present the above mentioned projects;

WHEREAS a resolution must be passed at Council and sent to the Ministry before proceeding with the request;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Western Québec School Board go forth with the above mentioned application, and that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, be authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-25**

**Capital Project - Removal of Insulation Containing Asbestos – Mechanical Conduit and Mechanical Room at Pontiac High School**

WHEREAS the Council passed a resolution (C-15/16-104) allowing the WQSB to proceed with a call for tenders for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses received the tender documents:

- 176026 Canada Inc. /Amor Construction
- Asbex Ltd
- O’Reilly Brothers
- Service RP
- Eric Pilon

WHEREAS the following tenders were received and recorded:

Asbex Ltd	\$38,820
176026 Canada Inc./Amor Construction	\$48,888

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS the WQSB requested an additional amount of \$26,686 for the removal of the pipe insulation in the gymnasium, in the woodshop, and in the auto welding shop;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the bid submitted by Asbex Ltd., in the amount of \$38,820 plus the additional amount of \$26,686 which totals \$65,506 excluding taxes, be approved.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-26**

**Capital Project – New Classroom - Dr. S. E. McDowell**

WHEREAS Dr. S. E. McDowell School needs an additional classroom;

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses received the tender documents:

- Industries CAMA
- LCC et ass Canada Inc.
- Robert Gauvreau et fils construction Inc.
- Construction GMR Associés Inc.

WHEREAS the following tenders were received and recorded:

Industries CAMA	\$79,300
LCC et Associés Canada Inc.	\$98,530
Robert Gauvreau et Fils Construction Inc.	\$98,900
Construction GMR Associés Inc.	\$127,800

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the bid submitted by Industries CAMA, in the amount of \$79,300 excluding taxes, be approved.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-27**

**MB (2012-2013) – Roof Replacement - Maniwaki Woodland School**

WHEREAS the Council passed a resolution (C-15/16-153) allowing the WQSB to proceed with a call for tenders for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS the Ministry has allocated \$100,000 for this project;

WHEREAS the professional fees are estimated at \$15,000;

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents:

- Construction Langevin & Frères
- Les Entreprises Ma Mi Inc.



Les Entree. D'elect Thibault (1987) Inc.  
 Morin Isolation + Toitures Ltée  
 TMR3 Couvreur Inc.

WHEREAS the following tenders were received and recorded:

Les Entreprises Ma Mi Inc.	\$52,060
TMR3 Couvreur Inc.	\$59,900
Construction Langevin et Frères	\$64,000
Morin Isolation et Toitures Ltée	\$89,600

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the bid submitted by Les Entreprises Ma Mi Inc., in the amount of \$52,060 excluding taxes, be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-28

**Capital Project – Retaining Wall, Fence, Garbage Container, Landscaping, and Relocation of Parking - Wakefield Elementary School**

WHEREAS the Council passed a resolution (C-15/16-153) allowing the WQSB to proceed with a call for tenders for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS the allocation budget for this project is \$300,000;

WHEREAS the asphalt, the leveling of land for the play structure, and the landscaping have been excluded from this tender;

WHEREAS the professional fees are estimated at \$19,000;

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents:

ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais  
 Construction GMR Associés Inc.  
 Construction Michel Lacroix Inc.  
 D. Heafey et Fils Inc.  
 Équinoxe JMP/6369472 Canada Inc.  
 Excavasphalte (6422845 Canada Inc)  
 Exel Contractant Inc.  
 Industries CAMA  
 Les Constructions et Pavage Jeskar Inc.  
 Les Constructions Hydrospec Inc.  
 Les Entrepreneurs Généraux Raymond & Associés Inc.  
 Les Entreprises Ma Mi Inc.  
 Nugent Construction Inc.  
 Pavage Gadbois  
 Pavage Inter Cité  
 Paysagiste Envert & Fils  
 Polane

Ray A. Thompson Trucking Ltd  
 Ronald O'Connor Construction Inc.

WHEREAS the following tenders were received and recorded:

Exel Contracting Inc.	\$95,750.00
Polane Inc.	\$110,673.85
Construction GMR Associés Inc.	\$148,000.00
Paysagiste Envert et Fils (6535755 Canada Inc.)	\$153,989.78

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the bid submitted by Exel Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$95,750 excluding taxes, be approved.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-29**

**MB (2013-2014) Replacement of Roof Basin - Dr. Wilbert Keon**

WHEREAS the Council passed a resolution (C-15/16-153) allowing the WQSB to proceed with a call for tenders for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS the Ministry has allocated \$100,000 for this project;

WHEREAS the professional fees are estimated at \$15,000;

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses received the documents:

TMR3 Couvreur Inc.  
 Irvcon Limited  
 Morin Isolation et Toitures Ltée  
 Couvreur Rolland Boudreault

WHEREAS the following tender were received and recorded:

TMR3 Couvreur Inc.	\$69,900
Irvcon Limited	\$99,617
Morin Isolation et Toitures Ltée	\$114,895
Couvreur Rolland Boudreault	\$148,700

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garbutt that the bid submitted by TMR3 Couvreur Inc., in the amount of \$69,900 excluding taxes, be approved.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-30**

**Cleaning Contract - Lord Aylmer Jr. & Sr.**

WHEREAS the above mentioned project went out to public tender (C-12/13-323);

WHEREAS the contract was awarded to Le Groupe SMR Inc. for a one-year term (2013-2014) with the option to renew for four (4) additional years;

WHEREAS the contract amount for the 2015-2016 school year was \$159, 249.96;

WHEREAS the WQSB hired a full-time caretaker at Lord Aylmer School starting July 1, 2016, reducing the level of service that Groupe SMR Inc. needs to provide;

WHEREAS an offer of service has been submitted for the 2016-2017 school year in the reduced amount of \$109, 920;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that the WQSB sign a one-year renewal contract, and that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, be authorized to sign.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-31**

**Centre de Services Partagés du Québec (CSPQ) – Group Buying of Interactive White Boards and Equipment**

WHEREAS the contract for purchasing Interactive White Boards and equipment for the Western Québec School Board (WQSB) schools and board office expired in May 2016;

WHEREAS the WQSB has the opportunity to participate in the Group Buying Program through the CSPQ for the purchasing of Interactive White Boards and equipment;

WHEREAS the contract will cover a two-year period with the option of a one-year renewal;

WHEREAS the estimated budget for this contract is \$80,000 per year;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the WQSB proceed with joining the group contract for the purchase of Interactive White Boards and equipment through the CSPQ, and that the Director of

Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-32**

**Sale of St. Joseph Convent**

WHEREAS the Director General and the Chair of the Western Québec School Board (WQSB) are required to sign the official documents to finalize the sale of the St. Joseph Convent;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Director General and the Chair of the WQSB be authorized to sign all documents to finalize the sale of the St. Joseph Convent.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-33**

**Handicap Grant — Accessibility at Dr. Wilbert Keon School —  
Mesure 30850**

WHEREAS the Ministry has allocated \$146,428 to make Dr. Wilbert Keon School more accessible to persons with a handicap;

WHEREAS the professional fees are estimated at \$23,800;

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents;

- ACQ – Région de l’Outaouais
- Art Fleming & Sons Entreprises Ltée
- BBL Construction
- Construction GMR Associés Inc.
- Excavasphalte (6422845 canada Inc.)
- Industries CAMA
- LCC & Associés Canada Inc.
- Les Entrepreneurs Généraux Raymond & Associés Inc.
- Les Entreprises Ma Mi Inc.
- Vamaya

WHEREAS the following tenders were received and recorded:

Industries CAMA	\$159,200
93078269 Qc Inc. Vamaya	\$164,750
Les Entreprises Ma Mi Inc.	\$183,900
Les Entrepreneurs Généraux Raymond et Ass.	\$222,000

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS the difference between the total cost of the project and the amount allocated by the MEES will come from the AMT Budget (Capital 2016 – 50624);

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the bid submitted by Industries CAMA, in the amount of \$159,200 excluding taxes, be approved, and that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and

Technology, P. Proulx, be mandated to sign any and all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-34**

**GRICS Invoice**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that payment of the GRICS invoice for services for the 2015-2016 school year, in the amount of \$218,012.70, be approved.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-35**

**Audit Committee Report – June 28, 2016**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Audit Committee minutes of June 28, 2016.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-36**

**Affiliation au Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec (Abitibi-Témiscamingue)**

IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR LE COMMISSAIRE Dionne que la Commission scolaire Western Québec paie une affiliation de base de 600 \$, en plus d'une cotisation de 0.35 \$ per capita pour la clientèle primaire et secondaire de la commission scolaire, et ce, au 30 septembre 2015, pour un total de 765.90\$ (474 élèves). Cette affiliation symbolise la reconnaissance de la commission scolaire aux buts que poursuit le Réseau de sport étudiant du Québec Abitibi-Témiscamingue, conformément aux lettres patentes de cette dernière.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-37**

**Affiliation au Réseau du Sport Étudiant du Québec en Outaouais**

IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR LE COMMISSAIRE Larventz et résolu que la Commission scolaire Western Québec paie une affiliation de 0.71¢ basée sur un critère PER CAPITA de la population scolaire de la commission scolaire et ce au 30 septembre de l'année scolaire en cours. Cette affiliation symbolise la reconnaissance de la commission scolaire aux buts que poursuit le Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec en Outaouais conformément aux lettres patentes de cette dernière.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-38**

**La Délégation au Réseau du Sport Étudiant du Québec en Outaouais**

IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR LE COMMISSAIRE Brunke et résolu que le conseil de la Commission scolaire Western Québec mandate M. George Singfield à titre de délégué auprès du Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec en Outaouais. Le mandat de cette délégation sera essentiellement en rapport avec le programme d'activités que le RSEQ Outaouais a soumis à notre attention, À cet effet, il est officiellement mandaté pour participer au processus de décision de ladite association et donner suite à la décision prise, conformément aux procédures établies dans notre commission scolaire.

Carried unanimously

- C-16/17-39**      **Appointment of representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that Commissioner Dionne and Parent-Commissioner Boucher be appointed as representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais.
- Carried unanimously
- C-16/17-40**      **Appointment of representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire de l'Or-et-des-Bois**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that Commissioner Daly and Parent-Commissioner Boucher be appointed as representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire de l'Or-et-des-Bois.
- Carried unanimously
- C-16/17-41**      **Appointment of representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire de Rouyn-Noranda**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garbutt that Commissioner Young and Parent-Commissioner Boucher be appointed as representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire de Rouyn-Noranda.
- Carried unanimously
- C-16/17-42**      **Appointment of representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire du Lac-Témiscamingue.**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that Commissioners Young and Daly be appointed as representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire du Lac-Témiscamingue.
- Carried unanimously
- C-16/17-43**      **Bill 105**  
WHEREAS the Government of Québec deposited *Bill 105: An Act to Amend the Education Act* in June 2016;
- WHEREAS there are sections of Bill 105 that the Western Québec School Board (WQSB) endorses and supports;
- WHEREAS the Québec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has carried out an in-depth study of the Bill and its implications, and has sought and received two legal counsel regarding the constitutionality of Bill 105, and based on legal opinion, has interpreted certain sections of the Bill to infringe on minority community rights to manage and control its educational institutions as guaranteed in the *Canadian Constitution, Section 23 – Minority Language Community Rights guarantees, language and culture*;
- WHEREAS QESBA has the desire to work with the government of Québec to enact legislation that is beneficial and respectful to student success, and supportive of all staff, administration, elected officials, and the minority community;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the WQSB offer its support to QESBA's initiative to engage in discussions with the Ministry to apprise them of issues of concern, to propose changes, and to inform them of the sections of the Bill that we endorse and support, at the parliamentary hearings into Bill 105, in public statements to the media, and at community meetings.

Carried unanimously

**C-16/17-44**

**History Program**

WHEREAS the Québec English School Boards Association (QESBA) has resolved that it will monitor the implementation and will gather feedback on the new History program from both Directors General Table (ADGESBQ) and the Directors of Education Table (DEEN) at the end of the 2016-17 school year to ensure that it accurately represents in content the roles played by the all groups in the history of Québec and Canada; and

WHEREAS QESBA supports the implementation of the new History program based on the advice of the administrators of educational services;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Western Québec School Board (WQSB) support QESBA's efforts in the implementation of the new History program based on the advice of the educational services administrators.

For: 2 (Garbutt, Guy)

Against: 6 (Brunke, Dionne, Egan, Labadie, Larventz, Schaler)

Motion defeated

**C-16/17-45**

**Regional Taxation**

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that this motion be tabled at the next meeting.

For: 6

Against 2

Motion carried

**C-16/17-46**

**Bill C-241**

WHEREAS Member of Parliament (MP) Kevin Waugh presented and introduced a Private Members' Bill, C-241 to amend the Excise Tax Act to read as follows: *Paragraph (c) of the definition specified percentage in subsection 259(1) of the Excise Tax Act is replaced by the following: (c) in the case of a school authority, 100%;*

WHEREAS the MP seeks to have school authorities across the country reimbursed the full 100% (versus 68%) of the GST they pay on almost everything they purchase;

WHEREAS a second reading and debate of Bill C-241 is scheduled for October 17, 2016, and the MP seeks everyone's support;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Western Québec School Board offer its full support to Bill C-241 Excise Tax amendment, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to MP Kevin Waugh and to MPs of the WQSB territory.

Carried unanimously

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on September 27, 2016.

**C-16/17-47**

**Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the meeting be adjourned at 10 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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