PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on January 27, 2015 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Shea, Commissioners Brunke, Daly, Dionne, Egan, Garbutt,

Guy, Labadie, Larventz, McCrank, Schaler, and Parent Commissioners

Boucher and Komm

Personnel:

Director of Student Services, B. Burn

Director of Human Resources, School Organization and

Transportation, M. Dubeau

Director of Education, M. Lothian

Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx

REGRETS: Commissioner Young and Parent Commissioners Fenton and Lafond

The Director General, P. Lamoureux, the Assistant Director General/Director of Education, Adult Education and Vocational Training, R. Ahern, and the Director of Legal Services/Secretary General, R. Vézina, were also present.

Call to Order

Chairman Shea called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Participation

Brian Rock, member of the Board of Directors of the Regional Association of West Quebecers (RAWQ) distributed a document inviting schools to participate in their Youth Conference on Youth Leadership and Community Involvement that will take place at Place des Pionniers (City Hall in Aylmer) on Saturday, March 28, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. He would like to invite students from the 6 high schools from the Outaouais region as well as from the Adult and Vocational Education centres. The goal of the conference is to promote student leadership and community involvement, and he would like the support of the Council and the administration in promoting this endeavour.

C-14/15-90 Adoption of Agenda

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

7.8 Safe Management of Asbestos

7.9 Accelerated MB projects

9.3 Nomination of Chairperson to Transportation Committee

12.2 Student Representation on Council of Commissioners

12.3 QESBA Spring Conference Allocation

C-14/15-91 Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2014

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the minutes of a meeting held on November 17, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his written report, and noted a correction on the second page – time of the press conference will be at 10 a.m. and not 10:30 as specified. He further mentioned:

- Family Literacy Day, which he attended at Onslow School.

C-14/15-92

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the Chairman's written report be received as presented.

Carried unanimously

Director General's Report

The Director General presented his written report. Topics included:

- Québec En Forme
- Bill 15 (An Act respecting workforce management and control within government departments, public sector bodies and networks and state-owned enterprises)
- Regional Tax Mandate
- Education Priorities for 2015 Ministry of Education
- Collective Agreements
- Budget 2015-2016
- Important dates coming up including Family Literacy Day. He congratulated St-John's School for winning this year's challenge, and thanked all who participated.
- Destination ImagiNation event held last week. Mr. Dubeau presented an overview of the activity. Twenty-seven teams from most of our schools competed in a technical challenge. A team from Hadley will be representing Québec at the Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Chair thanked all commissioners who participated.

C-14/15-93

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that a letter of appreciation be sent to all who contributed to making this event a successful one.

Carried unanimously

Annual Report

The Director General presented the Board's 2013-2014 Annual Report.

C-14/15-94 Annual Report 2013-2014

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Annual Report 2013-2014 be received as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-95 Executive Committee Report – November 25, 2014

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Executive Committee minutes of November 25, 2014 with correction of the date on the minutes to read November 25 and not November 17.

C-14/15-96 Executive Committee Report – January 20, 2015

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of January 20, 2015.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-97

Symmes Jr. High /D'Arcy McGee High School trip to Boston IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that council approve the Symmes Jr. High /D'Arcy McGee High School trip to Boston, from April 23 to 25, 2015.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-98

Rescind Resolution C-10/11-162 - Appointment of Representative - Réseau Picanoc

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that resolution C-10/11-162 be rescinded.

C-10/11-162 Appointment of Representative – Réseau Picanoc LE COMMISSAIRE GUY PROPOSE QUE, dès ce jour, Serge Beauparlant soit nommé le représentant de la Commission scolaire Western Québec et membre du conseil d'administration du Réseau Picanoc. Carried unanimously

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-99

Appointment of Representative - Picanoc Fibre Connection

WHEREAS a fibre optic network is constructed in the territories of the Western Québec School Board and the Commission scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais;

WHEREAS a non-profit corporation titled 'Picanoc Fibre Connection' has been formed to oversee the network;

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board is a member of the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board must appoint a representative to sit on the Board of Directors;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, Pascal Proulx, be appointed as the Western Québec School Board's representative on the Picanoc Fibre Connection Board of Directors.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-100

Rescind Resolution C-10/11-161 – Appointment of Representative (GIRAT)

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that resolution C-10/11-161 be rescinded.

C-10/11-161 Appointment of Representative – Gestion de l'inforoute régionale de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue (GIRAT).

LE COMMISSAIRE MCCRANK PROPOSE QUE, dès ce jour, Serge Beauparlant soit nommé le représentant de la Commission scolaire Western Québec et membre du conseil d'administration de la GIRAT. Carried unanimously

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-101

Appointment of Representative – (GIRAT)

WHEREAS a fibre optic network is constructed in the Western Québec School Board's territory and in Abitibi-Témiscamingue region;

WHEREAS a non-profit corporation titled "La corporation Gestion de l'inforoute régionale de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue" (GIRAT) has been formed to oversee the network;

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board is a member of the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board must appoint a representative to sit on the Board of Directors;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, Pascal Proulx, be appointed as the Board's representative on the Corporation Gestion de l'inforoute régionale de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue's (GIRAT) Board of Directors.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-102

GIRAT – Antennas for Internet and Cellular Phone Usage in Abitibi-Témiscamingue

WHEREAS the GIRAT goal is to provide high speed internet and cellular phone services to the Abitibi-Témiscamingue area;

WHEREAS GIRAT has requested authorization to install a number of antennas in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue area to be able to provide a large part of the population with high speed internet and cellular phone services;

WHEREAS the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology is in agreement with their proposed locations;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that approval be given to GIRAT to go ahead with the project to install antennas to provide high speed internet and cellular phone services for the area.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-103

Purchase of Land on Old Wakefield School Property

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board has received a promise to purchase 2597 m² of land located at 20 Caves Rd (Old Wakefield School) in the amount of \$35,000 including taxes, from Mr. Richard Fortin;

WHEREAS the municipal evaluation of the entire lot is \$324,300, representing \$11.75 per m²;

WHEREAS the SQI (Société québécoise des infrastructures) evaluated the market value of the land at \$16.14 per m²;

WHEREAS the promise presented by Mr. Richard Fortin represents \$13.48 per m²;

WHEREAS a portion of the property was donated (89.1 m²) by Mr. Richard Fortin to the Western Québec School Board (Old Wakefield School) to allow the walkers a passageway to the school;

WHEREAS part of the property contained a right of way for Mr. Richard Fortin to put his snow removal;

WHEREAS part of the property's landscape is quite rugged;

WHEREAS according to the SQI, the sale of the piece of land will not affect the sale of the remaining land and building;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Western Québec School Board sell a portion of land measuring 2597 m², located at the old Wakefield School, to Mr. Richard Fortin in the amount of \$35,000 including taxes, and that he be responsible for all costs related to the transaction, and that the Director General or the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-104

MB Project – PETES – Finish Interior and Lighting of Gymnasium

WHEREAS the gymnasium and the lighting are in need of upgrading;

WHEREAS the MELS has granted \$405,635 on November 27, 2014 for this project;

WHEREAS a call has been made by public invitation for the tendering of bids for the above mentioned project;

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

ACO-Région de l'Outaouais

Boless Inc.

Contrustion G.M.R. Associés Inc.

Construction SRL

Defran Iinc.

DLS Construction Inc.

DMA Construction

Ed. Brunet et Associés Canada Inc.

Gestion DMJ Entrepreneur Général

Innovélec

LCC & Associés Canada Inc.

Les Construction Lovail Inc.

Les Constructions ProFab

Les entreprises RGMSP Ltée (Parisien Construction)

Plancher Eugene Goyette Inc.

Seguin Morris

Sodevco

Solutions Acoustiques 2012 Inc.

WHEREAS the following ten tenders were received and recorded:

Boless Inc.	\$263,270
DLS Construction Inc.	\$288,000
Gestion DMJ 6739741 Canada Inc.	\$292,700
Entreprises RGMSP Ltée (Parisien Construction)	\$295,900
Defran Inc.	\$304,822
Constructions Profab 3287092 Canada Inc.	\$307,805
DMA Construction	\$310,000
Sodevco 9264-4384 Québec Inc.	\$319,000
SRL Construction	\$345,000
Construction GMR	\$354,000

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that the submitted bid by Boless Inc., in the amount of \$263,270 plus taxes, be approved.

Carried unanimously

Safe Management of Asbestos

The Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology presented information concerning the upcoming visits by the firm mandated to assess the presence of asbestos within the WQSB buildings.

Accelerated MB Projects

The Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology presented a follow-up on the WQSB Accelerated MB Projects to be completed by March 31, 2015.

Budget Expense Report

Paul Lamoureux presented the mid-year expense report. He advised Council that the WQSB is on track and on budget.

C-14/15-105 Election of Chair of the HR Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that Commissioner Guy be declared elected Chair of the HR Committee.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-106 Election of Chair of the Audit Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that Commissioner Dionne be declared elected Chair of the Audit Committee.

C-14/15-107

Election of Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that Commissioner Garbutt be declared elected Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-108

Election of Commissioners and Composition of the Ad hoc Communications Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the ad hoc Communications Committee be composed of the following members: Commissioners Brunke, Egan, Dionne, and Larventz, and Parent Commissioners Lafond and Boucher.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-109

Election of Chair of the Ad hoc Communications Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that Commissioner Brunke
be declared elected Chair of the ad hoc Communications Committee.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-110

Bill 10 – Access to English Health and Social Services Institutions WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board:

Recognizes the central role that health and social services play in the vitality of our English-speaking communities;

Recalls that these health and social services institutions — that were built and supported by Québec's English-speaking community provide critical services to all Quebecers regardless of language;

Reaffirms the right of local communities to govern and control public institutions:

Condemns legislation that would end the institutional life of recognized bilingual institutions; that eradicates local governance structures; and that imposes a top-down approach that will make meaningful community participation in the governance of the institutions and the future stewardship of services in English impossible;

Denounces a law that would fatally compromise the bilingual status of our institutions (except for the MUHC) that allows for internal communications, board meetings, signs, hiring from within the community and patient record-keeping in English along with French;

Notes the public statements of the Government of Québec that it understands the importance of community-controlled institutions to the future of Québec's English-speaking community.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that Western Québec School Board demands that the health and social services institutions of Québec's English-speaking communities be preserved in a meaningful way, and that the community have a significant role in

their governance to ensure continued guarantees of access to services.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-111 Nomination of Chair of Transportation Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that Commissioner Brunke be named Chair of the Transportation Committee.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-112 SEAC Report – December 1, 2014

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft SEAC minutes of December 1, 2014.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-113 Parents Committee Report - November 18, 2014

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Boucher that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of November 18, 2014.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-114 Parents Committee Report – December 15, 2014

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Boucher that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of December 15, 2014.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-115 Adoption of Policy G-1 "Transportation Policy and Guidelines" -Revised

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that Policy G-1 "Transportation Policy and Guidelines" which has been revised to reflect the newly created Department of Human resources, School Organization & Transportation be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-116 Future Development of St. Michael's High School

WHEREAS People for the Future of St. Michael's has received support from parents and communities to pursue working on development options for St. Michael's High School; and

WHEREAS St. Michael's Governing Board expressed the need for a gym and a library to meet the requirements of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport; and

WHEREAS St. Michael's High School is attended by students from 10 municipalities; and

WHEREAS St. Michael's High School requires future renovation;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Low has confirmed a financial commitment of \$800,000 for future development of St. Michael's with a gym and a library that would serve both the High School and the community; and

WHEREAS the MRC de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau is preparing a development project for the southern sector of the MRC that proposes the establishment in Low of regional services to attract new residents and employers;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the WQSB administration conduct a feasibility study with respect to four options,

- -Agrandissement
- -Nouvelle école
- -Projet communautaire
- -Status quo

and report back to Council on possible development options for St. Michael's High School.

For: 9 Against: 1

Motion carried

C-14/15-117

Student Representation on the Council of Commissioners CONSIDERING section 211.1 of the Education Act, which reads as

follows:

211.1. Subject to any policy directions the Minister may establish, the school board must adopt a policy on introducing students to democracy in schools, providing, in particular, for a form of student representation with the council of commissioners;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that an ad hoc Committee be created to review options to provide a form of student representation with the Council of Commissioners as per section 211.1 of the Education Act.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-118

Composition of the Ad Hoc Student Representation Committee IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Ad hoc Student Representation Committee be composed of three elected and one Parent Commissioners, and members of administration to be

designated by the Director General.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-119

Election of members of the Ad hoc Student Representation Committee.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that Commissioners Larventz, Labadie, and Egan, and Parent Commissioner Komm be declared elected as members of the Ad hoc Student Representation Committee.

C-14/15-120 Election of Chair of the Ad hoc Student Representation Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that Commissioner Larventz be declared elected Chair of the Ad hoc Student Representation Committee.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-121 QESBA Spring Conference Allocation

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that all commissioners should indicate their interest and register for the QESBA Spring Conference by March 16, and that a maximum amount of \$1500 per commissioner be allocated.

Carried unanimously

Sport-Études

Paul Lamoureux introduced Terry Khariati who presented a project proposal entitled: Hadley Junior High School, Philemon Wright High School – Sport-Étude & Sport Concentration 2014-2015 Application, November 2014.

C-14/15-122 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that the Western

Québec School Board support the submission of an application by Philemon Wright High School for a Sport-Étude – Sport

Concentration program.

For:

Against: 1 (Daly)

Motion Carried

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on February 24, 2015.

C-14/15-123 Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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