

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on April 30, 2013 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Brunke, Daly, Davidson Dexter, Guy, Hendry, Larivière (by telephone), McCrank, O'Brien, Perry, Shea, Taylor, and Young, Parent Commissioner Gibbons and Komm

Personnel:

Director of Human Resources and Technology, M. Dubeau
Director of Education, M. Lothian
Director of Buildings, Equipment and Transportation, C. O'Shea
Assistant Director of Student Services, B. Burn

REGRETS: Commissioner Chiasson, Garbutt, Gunn, Lanyi and Wilson

The Director General, Paul Lamoureux, 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

The acting Chair, Commissioner Davidson, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Participation

Mr. Norman Young, candidate in Electoral Division 2, presented himself to Council by videoconference. He provided some information on his background and the economic situation in Témiscamingue.

C-12/13-207

Approval of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Agenda be approved with the following additions:

7.3.1 Tender Opening: Geothermal Drilling (New Wakefield School)

Carried unanimously

C-12/13-208

Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2013

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the minutes of a meeting held on March 26, 2013 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chairman's Remarks

The acting Chair, Mary Davidson, declared that she had nothing to report.

Director General's Report

The Director General presented his written report. Topics covered included:

- School Board elections
- International Travel
- MusicMakers
- Budget 2013-2014

C-12/13-209

Executive Committee Report – April 23, 2013

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of April 23, 2013.

Carried unanimously

C-12/13-210

Recommendation for Commissioner in Electoral Division 2

WHEREAS the WQSB has proceeded with a public call for submissions to fill the currently vacant commissioner's position in Electoral Division 2;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has reviewed the four (4) applications received;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners, at its February 19th meeting, declared that it believed it to be important that the commissioner to be appointed reside in Electoral Division 2;

WHEREAS one (1) of the applicants resides in Electoral Division 2;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Mr. Norman Young be proposed as commissioner for Electoral Division 2, and that the WQSB's Parents' Committee be consulted on this proposal.

For: 11

Against: 1

Motion Carried

C-12/13-211

Education Committee Report – March 20, 2013

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Education Committee minutes of March 20, 2013.

Carried unanimously

C-12/13-212

Education Committee Report – April 11, 2013

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Education Committee minutes of April 11, 2013.

Carried unanimously

C-12/13-213**MusicMakers**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the Education Committee, a letter of appreciation be sent to the organizers and schools for the MusicMakers performance of April 8, 2013.

Carried unanimously

C-12/13-214**Corporate Committee Report – April 9, 2013**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Corporate Committee minutes of April 9, 2013.

Carried unanimously

Board's New Website

The Communications Advisor, Marcy Galipeau, presented an overview of the Board's new website and highlighted several of its new features. She provided a timeline, which included an official launch before the end of this school year.

C-12/13-215**Board's New Website**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the proposed timeline for the launching of the Board's new website be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously

Communications Plan

The Communications Advisor, Marcy Galipeau, provided a written progress report on the Board's Communications Work Plan 2012-2014, which included a status report on the Board's two main communications goals.

C-12/13-216**Tender Opening: Geothermal Drilling (New Wakefield School)**

WHEREAS the above mentioned project went to public tender;

WHEREAS three (3) bids were received;

Confort Géothermique	\$167,500.00
Les Forages L.B.M Inc.	\$178,920.00
Groupe Puitbec	\$261,277.19

WHEREAS all bids submitted were conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young as recommended by the Business Committee, that the bid submitted by Confort Géothermique in the amount of \$167,500.00 be approved conditional to the Phase II environmental assessment being completed on May 3rd 2013.

Carried unanimously

C-12/13-217**P.I.C. Report – March 18, 2013**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shea that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft P.I.C. minutes of March 18, 2013.

Carried unanimously

Planning and Review Report

The Director General reported that a meeting had taken place between some Board administrators (including himself) and members of St. Michael's Governing Board. He informed Council that an offer was received from the Municipality of Low as detailed in a document distributed earlier today.

He also stated that the Planning and Review Committee would be reconvening shortly and that suggested dates would be sent out. He reminded all present that a second consultation meeting would be taking place on May 30, 2013.

C-12/13-218

Planning and Review Committee Report – April 15, 2013

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Planning and Review Committee minutes of April 15, 2013.

Carried unanimously

C-12/13-219

Repatriation of Students – Namur

WHEREAS all cycle 2 secondary students residing in the Namur catchment presently attend Laurentian High School in Lachute;

WHEREAS the administration consulted with the Namur Governing Board on the potential repatriation of students to Philemon Wright High School;

WHEREAS the Namur Governing Board adopted the following resolution:

Should the repatriation of students occur, students currently attending LRHS be permitted to finish their schooling there. Hence, the Governing Board would prefer to extend the grandfather clause to students in Secondary 2 year 1 and 2 (grade 9 and 10)"

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that, as recommended by the Planning and Review Committee, the graduating cycle 1 year 2 students attend Philemon Wright High School as of 2013/2014, and that students currently attending Laurentian High School in Lachute be allowed to complete their schooling and be provided transportation for the school years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015.

For: 11
Against: 1

Motion carried

C-12/13-220

Request for Home Schooling

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Perry that the request to home school 0047258 be approved for the 2012-2013 school year and administration ensure appropriate evaluations of student learning is carried out according to policy.

Carried unanimously

- C-12/13-221** **Adoption of School Calendar 2013-2014**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Taylor that the 2013-2014 School Calendar be adopted as presented by the Director of Human Resources.
- Carried unanimously
- C-12/13-222** **Proposed Calendar of meetings 2013-2014 – Council of Commissioners**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the 2013-2014 calendar of meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Western Québec School Board, as proposed by the Director General, be sent for public notice as called for by section 392 of the Education Act.
- Carried unanimously
- C-12/13-223** **Proposed Calendar of meetings 2013-2014 – Executive Committee**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the 2013-2014 calendar of meetings of the Executive Committee of the Western Québec School Board, as proposed by the Director General, be sent for public notice as called for by section 392 of the Education Act.
- Carried unanimously
- C-12/13-224** **Expulsion – Student at Symmes Junior High School**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that, as recommended by the Discipline Committee, student (9955386) be expelled from Symmes Junior High School and all schools and services of the Western Québec School Board for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.
- Carried unanimously
- C-12/13-225** **Expulsion – Philemon Wright High School**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that, as recommended by the Discipline Committee, student (9948514) be expelled from Philemon Wright High School and all schools and services of the Western Québec School Board for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.
- Carried unanimously
- C-12/13-226** **Expulsion – Philemon Wright High School**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that, as recommended by the Discipline Committee, student (9923822) be expelled from Philemon Wright High School and all schools and services of the Western Québec School Board for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.
- Carried unanimously

C-12/13-227

Expulsion – Student at St. Michael’s High School

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O’Brien that, as recommended by the Discipline Committee, student (9934555) be expelled from St. Michael’s High School and all schools and services of the Western Québec School Board for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

Carried unanimously

C-12/13-228

Expulsion – Student at St. Michael’s High School

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O’Brien that, as recommended by the Discipline Committee, student (9936485) be expelled from St. Michael’s High School and all schools and services of the Western Québec School Board for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

Carried unanimously

Date of next meeting:

The next meeting of the council of Commissioners will be held on May 28, 2013.

C-12/13-229

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O’Brien that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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