

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on September 29, 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, Schaler, and Young (by videoconference), and Parent Commissioners Boucher, Fenton (by videoconference), Komm and Lafond

Personnel:

Director of Complementary 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

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.

REGRETS: Commissioner McCrank

Call to Order

Chairman Shea called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Participation

Ms. Isabelle Richard, parent, presented her request for reconsideration of a decision, namely, the decision made by the Transportation Committee at its September 21, 2015 meeting to deny her the possibility of having her kindergarten child be dropped off the school bus with a Grade 6 student instead of a responsible adult as required by the Western Québec School Board's Transportation policy. Ms. Richard also requested that the wording of the WQSB Transportation policy be revised.

Mr. Brian Smeltzer, president of the WQTA, provided information on the latest offer made by the CPNCA, which includes increased class sizes and elimination of a priori weighting for students with special needs. He asked for the WQSB to support the WQTA in its efforts, and mentioned that commissioners were welcome to join teachers and take part in various demonstrations that will be taking place during the course of these negotiations.

Ms. Jan Courtin and Liz Falco made a presentation on the programs and services offered by *The Learning Partnership*. They invited the WQSB to be the first school board from the Province of Québec to become a member of this organization.

C-15/16-1

Adoption of Agenda

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

14.3 Request for Reconsideration

Carried unanimously

C-15/16-2

Approval of Minutes – June 30, 2015

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the minutes of a meeting held on June 30, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented and referred to his written report. Other items discussed included:

- Recent meeting with politicians with respect to the future of St-Michael's High School
- Council's obligations and role in the current political context
- WQTA's leadership and professionalism in the context of current collective negotiations
- The WQSB's responsibility to intervene when student rights are being affected.

Director General's Report

The Director General presented and referred to his written report. In addition, he presented information on the following topics:

- The continued professionalism of the teaching staff during the collective bargaining period
- Use of the donation from the Aylmer Rotary Club
- Upcoming recruitment travel to china by the ADG/Director of Education
- Upcoming travel to Boston by three administrative staff to attend a conference on brain research
- Vacancy on the Educational Policy Committee: Since three commissioners volunteered for the position of representative to the committee it was suggested, and all agreed, that the commissioners draw straws, and following this process:

C-15/16-3

Commissioner Representation on the Educational Policy Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that Commissioner Daly be named WQSB representative to the Educational Policy Committee.

Carried unanimously

The Director General stated that a Planning and Review Committee to review the Board's school facilities should be established. All elected commissioners present volunteered to be members of this committee, including the Chair. Proposed dates for a first meeting will be forthcoming.

C-15/16-4

Executive Committee Report – September 22, 2015

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of September 22, 2015.

Carried unanimously

C-15/16-5

DG Deliverables 2015-2016

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the DG Deliverables 2015-2016 be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously

Educational Matters

It was agreed that, at the next Council meeting, the Director General would present the administration’s recommendations as to whether or not the WQSB should become a member of “The Learning Partnership”.

C-15/16-6

WQSB Insurance – Modification

WHEREAS, at its June 30, 2015 meeting, the Council of Commissioners adopted resolution C-14/15-210;

C-14/15-210 Public Call for Tenders – WQSB Insurance

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above mentioned one (1) year contract, with the possibility of two additional one-year extensions; WHEREAS the following persons and/or businesses retrieved the tender documents;

Aon Risk Solutions

Lemieux, Ryan et Associés

Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton & Cie

WHEREAS the following two tenders were received and recorded;

<i>Aon Risk Solutions</i>	<i>\$68,716</i>
<i>Lemieux, Ryan et Associés</i>	<i>\$83,622</i>

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the bid submitted by Aon Risk Solutions, excluding taxes, be approved.

Carried unanimously

WHEREAS the tender documents did not include coverage for non-profit organizations or third parties operating for the WQSB’s benefit;

WHEREAS it is in the WQSB’s best interest to acquire this additional coverage;

WHEREAS this modification would represent an additional cost of \$14,595, and increase the annual contract price from \$68,716 to \$83,311;

WHEREAS this modification would result in an increase of more than 10% of the original contract price;

WHEREAS even with this additional cost, the Aon Risk Solutions price remains lower than the price submitted by Lemieux, Ryan et Associés;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Council approve this modification to the original contract and mandate the Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology, P. Proulx, to sign any and all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously

C-15/16-7

Computer Leasing and Support for Adult and Vocational Centres – 15570B001

WHEREAS the leasing of computers constitutes the preferred business model to answer the computer needs of the WQSB's adult and vocational centres;

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above mentioned contract for a three (3) year term with the option of an additional two (2) year extension by mutual agreement;

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

Groupe D.L. Solutions Informatiques
 Hewlett-Packard (Canada) Cie
 Lenovo (Canada) Inc.
 Microrama Informatique Inc.
 Solutions Inforamtique Inso
 WEPC Inc.

WHEREAS the following tenders were received and recorded;

Microrama Informatique Inc.	\$187,416.00
WEPC Inc.	\$220,313.88
Groupe D.L. Solutions Informatiques.	\$342,255.24

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garbutt that the bid submitted by Microrama Informatique Inc., in the amount of \$187,416, excluding taxes, for a period of 36 months 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

The Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology, P. Proulx, made a presentation listing his department's ongoing and completed major projects that were undertaken over the course of the past summer.

C-15/16-8

Transportation Committee Report – September 21, 2015

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Transportation Committee minutes of September 21, 2015.

Carried unanimously

C-15/16-9

Parents' Committee Report – June 15, 2015

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that this item be tabled at next month's meeting.

Carried unanimously

C-15/16-10

Professional Improvement Committee Report (PIC) – June 2, 2015

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft PIC minutes of June 2, 2015.

Carried unanimously

C-15/16-11

Communication Action Plan 2015-2016

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Communications Action Plan 2015-2016.

Carried unanimously

C-15/16-12

Student Representation Committee Report – June 23, 2015

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Student Representation Committee report of June 23, 2015.

Carried unanimously

C-15/16-13

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 0.25 \$ per capita pour la clientèle primaire et secondaire de la commission scolaire, et ce, au 30 septembre 2014, pour un total de 721.50\$ (486 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-15/16-14

Affiliation au Réseau du Sport Étudiant du Québec en Outaouais

IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR LE COMMISSAIRE GUY 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.

For : 9
Against : 1

Motion carried

C-15/16-15

La Délégation au Réseau du Sport Étudiant du Québec en Outaouais

IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR LE COMMISSAIRE DALY et résolu que le conseil de la Commission scolaire Western Québec mandate M. Paul Sullivan 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-15/16-16

Designated Person – Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for the Commissioners of the Western Québec School Board

WHEREAS according to Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for the Commissioners of the WQSB, the Council of Commissioners must designate a person charged with its enforcement;

WHEREAS the term of office for the Designated Person is four (4) years;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that Me. Yves Letellier be named as person responsible for the enforcement of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for the Commissioners of the WQSB for a term of four (4) years beginning immediately.

Carried unanimously

Derogation Report

The Director General, P. Lamoureux, and the Director of Complementary Services, B. Burn, presented their 2015-2016 Derogation Report.

Home Schooling Report

The Director General, P. Lamoureux, and The Director of Education, M. Lothian, presented their 2015-2016 Home schooling Report.

Update on Division 1

Commissioner Young provided Council with an update with respect to a number of issues he believes are currently negatively affecting students in the WQSB Electoral Division 1. He asked for the Chair's assistance in addressing some of these issues.

The Chair informed Council that as a first step, he and the Director General would be present in the region during the month of October.

QESBA Update

Commissioner Guy presented his oral QESBA report. Topics mentioned included:

- Ongoing correspondence and information circulated by QESBA.
- October 16-17 AGM
- Upcoming elections to the positions of President and Vice-President
- Spring Conference to be held May 5-7, 2016 to be hosted by SWLSB

C-15/16-17

In-Camera Session

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the meeting move in-camera at 10:05.

Carried unanimously

C-15/16-18**Public session**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the meeting resume public session at 10:35 pm.

Carried unanimously

C-15/16-19**Transportation Policy**

CONSIDERING the WQSB's Transportation Policy;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that the Request for Reconsideration presented to the Council of Commissioners by Ms. Isabelle Richard be denied.

For: 9

Against: 1

Motion carried

C-15/16-20

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the WQSB's Transportation Committee be mandated to undertake a review of the Board's Transportation Policy.

Carried unanimously

C-15/16-21**English School Boards Election System Study Panel Report 2015**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the English School Boards Election System Study Panel Report 2015.

Carried unanimously

C-15/16-22

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council endorse "in principle" the English School Boards Election System Study Panel Report 2015.

For: 7

Against: 2

Abstention: 1

Motion carried

C-15/16-23

IT WAS ALSO MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge and extend its gratitude to Parent-Commissioner Boucher for all of her hard work and dedication in contributing to the elaboration of this report.

Carried unanimously

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on November 3, 2015.

C-15/16-24**Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the meeting be adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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