

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

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on November 3, 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, and Schaler, and Parent Commissioners Boucher, Fenton (by videoconference), Komm and Davis (formerly 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 Young

**Call to Order**

The Chair J. Shea called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Public Participation**

Mr. David McFall, principal at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School (PETES), presented a music video that was written and performed by the students of PETES and produced with the help of First Nations producer David Hodges. The video is intended to promote diversity and inclusion.

Mr. Brian Rock, president of the Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations (QFHSA) made a presentation about the Elections Systems Study Panel report, particularly its recommendations 10 and 13. He expressed the view that English school boards should attempt to set up central student committees and eventually have students participate at Council. He encouraged the WQSB to continue on its path towards having student representation at Council. He extended an offer on behalf of the QFHSA and the Regional Association of West Quebecers (RAWQ) to assist and provide resources towards this goal. He encouraged the Council of Commissioners to look into the possibility of naming co-opted commissioners. He praised the WQSB for mentioning the student ombudsman on the front page of its website.

**C-15/16-24**

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

7.1 Criminal Record Check

9.2 Transportation Committee Report

9.2.1 Draft Revised Policy G-1

9.2.2 Transportation Contracts  
9.2.3 Mileage Adjustments 2015-2016

and the removal of:

4.2 Sport-Études Program; and,

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED by Commissioner Guy that item 14.1 be placed immediately after item 2 on the agenda.

Carried unanimously

**C-15/16-25**

**Approval of Minutes – September 29, 2015**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the minutes of a meeting held on September 29, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

**C-15/16-26**

**In-Camera Session**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the meeting move in-camera at 7:25 p.m.

Carried unanimously

**C-15/16-27**

**Public session**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the meeting resume public session at 8:05 p.m.

Carried unanimously

**C-15/16-28**

**Request for Reconsideration**

CONSIDERING that a decision was made on October 13, 2015, to expel student #9955212 from all schools and services of the WQSB for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year;

CONSIDERING that on October 14, 2015, a request for reconsideration was presented by the parent of student #9955212;

CONSIDERING that on October 20, 2015, a hearing took place before the Chair of the WQSB and its Director General;

CONSIDERING the representations made by the parent of student #9955212 and student #9955212 before the Council of Commissioners;

CONSIDERING the recommendations made by the Chair and the Director General of the WQSB;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the decision rendered October 13, 2015, be upheld and that student # 9955212 be expelled from all schools and services of the WQSB for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

Carried unanimously

**Chair's Report**

The Chair presented his written report. In addition to his written report, topics mentioned included:

- Visits to Maniwaki, Val D'Or, and Noranda
- Decision to close schools in urban area on November 3, 2015 pursuant to bomb threats

**Director General's Report**

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

- Events that led to the decision to close several schools on November 3
- Letter sent to parents and press release
- WQSB's Teaching Excellence Award supper: An invitation to attend was extended to all commissioners.

### **Planning and Review Committee**

P. Lamoureux indicated that the first meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Further information will be provided.

### **Update on International Program – Vocational Training**

R. Ahern provided an update on the International Program.

**C-15/16-29**

#### **Executive Committee Report – October 27, 2015**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of October 27, 2015.

Carried unanimously

**C-15/16-30**

#### **Criminal Record Check – Group Purchasing Plan - La Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec (FCSQ)**

WHEREAS the WQSB has a high volume of Criminal Record Checks that need to be processed;

WHEREAS the police services are no longer able to accommodate such a high demand;

WHEREAS the WQSB has an opportunity to obtain competitive pricing for those services by joining the FCSQ's group purchasing plan;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the WQSB proceed with joining the FCSQ's group purchasing plan.

Carried unanimously

**C-15/16-31**

#### **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – September 21, 2015**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Boucher that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft SEAC minutes of September 21, 2015.

Carried unanimously

**C-15/16-32**

#### **Transportation Committee Report – November 2, 2015**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Transportation Committee minutes of November 2, 2015.

Carried unanimously

- C-15/16-33**      **Draft Revised Policy G-1 “*Transportation Policy and Guidelines*”**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, the draft revised Policy G-1 “*Transportation Policy and Guidelines*” be sent out for consultation.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-34**      **One year contract 2015-2016 - Autobus Outaouais Inc.**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, the one year contract negotiated with Autobus Outaouais Inc. for a total of four (4) vehicles in the amount of \$273,927.64 including the 1.91% indexation be approved.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-35**      **One year contract 2015-2016 – Baie Transport Inc.**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, the one year contract negotiated with Baie Transport Inc. in the amount of \$103,975.97 including the 1.91% indexation be approved.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-36**      **One year contract 2015-2016 – Bigras Transport Inc.**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, the one year contract negotiated with Bigras Transport Inc. in the amount of \$100,999.28 including the 1.91% indexation be approved.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-37**      **One year contract 2015-2016 – Transport Action**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, the one year contract negotiated with Transport-Action in the amount of \$14,640.00 including the 1.91% indexation be approved.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-38**      **Mileage Adjustment 2015-2016 – Autobus Outaouais**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, the mileage adjustment decrease for Autobus Outaouais in the amount of \$556.76 for the 2015-2016 school year be approved.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-39**      **Mileage Adjustment 2015-2016 – Baie Transport**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, the mileage adjustment increase for Baie Transport in the amount of \$1,293.88 for the 2015-2016 school year be approved.
- Carried unanimously

- C-15/16-40**      **Mileage Adjustment 2015-2016 – Bigras Transport**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, the mileage adjustment decrease for Bigras Transport in the amount of \$ 6,097.52 for the 2015-2016 school year be approved.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-41**      **Mileage Adjustment 2015-2016 – Autobus LaSalle**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, the mileage adjustment increase for Autobus LaSalle in the amount of \$6,391.52 for the 2015-2016 school year be approved.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-42**      **Parents’ Committee Report – June 15, 2015**  
IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Davis that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents’ Committee minutes of June 15, 2015.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-43**      **Professional Improvement Committee Report – October 1, 2015**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Professional Improvement Committee minutes of October 1, 2015.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-44**      **Complementary Services Committee Report – October 7, 2015**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Complementary Services Committee minutes of October 7, 2015.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-45**      **Governance and Ethics Committee Report – September 29, 2015**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garbutt that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Governance and Ethics Committee minutes of September 29, 2015.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-46**      **Human Resources Committee Report – October 19, 2015**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Human Resources Committee minutes of October 19, 2015.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-47**      **Communications Committee Report – September 16, 2015**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Communications Committee minutes of September 16, 2015.
- Carried unanimously
- C-15/16-48**      **Communications Plan 2015-2016**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council approve the Communications Plan 2015-2016.

Carried unanimously

**C-15/16-49**

**Contract Rules Compliance Monitor**

CONSIDERING that under the terms of section 21.0.1 of *An Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies*, the Western Québec School Board must designate a Contract Rules Compliance Monitor;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that Procurement Officer Leanne Gray be designated as the WQSB's Contract Rules Compliance Monitor, effective immediately.

Carried unanimously

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on December 8, 2015.

**C-15/16-50**

**Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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