PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on November 27, 2012 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Commissioners Brunke, Chiasson, Daly, Davidson, Dexter, Garbutt, Gunn, Guy, Hendry (by telephone), Larivière (by video-conference), McCrank, O'Brien (by telephone), Perry, Shea, Taylor, Wilson and Young, Parent Commissioners Gibbons and Komm
	<u>Personnel:</u> 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:	Commissioners Lanyi and Polson

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 Chairman, Commissioner Chiasson, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Public Participation

The Director General P. Lamoureux preceded to the swearing-in of parent commissioners Danae Komm and Lee Gibbons.

C-12/13-96	Approval of Agenda IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter that the Agenda be approved as presented.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-97	Approval of Minutes – October 30, 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the Minutes of a meeting held on October 30, 2012 be approved as circulated.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-98	Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Minutes of a Special meeting held on November 15, 2012 be approved as circulated.
	Carried unanimously

<u>Chairman's Remarks</u>

The Chairman addressed the Council on the topic of Commissioner Polson's absence. Commissioner Polson has been absent for 4 consecutive meetings.

Commissioner O'Brien joined the meeting by telephone at 7:45.

The Chair suggested that the G. Théberge Governing Board and the Parents' Committee be asked to make a recommendation for replacing Commissioner Polson.

C-12/13-99 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that a request be presented to the Governing Board of G. Théberge School and to the Parents' Committee asking them to make a recommendation to Council. Carried unanimously

The Chairman reminded commissioners of the importance of attending the upcoming public consultation meetings, including the one for the Aylmer/Hull boundary review scheduled for January 16, 2013.

Director General's Report

The Director General presented his report, which was sent to commissioners by email Monday November 26th, 2012. Topics covered included: -International Travel -Possible Bus strike -Provincial budget (2012-2013)

QESBA Report

The Chairman presented his QESBA Report. He mentioned that Commissioner Young attended a finance meeting by telephone. The Chair of CQSB is concerned that the possible removal of the equalization grant is the result of a perception that English School Boards have more money, and that it is therefore not needed.

C-12/13-100 Executive Committee Report – November 20, 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of November 20, 2012.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Davidson mentioned that we have great difficulty hiring FSL teachers, particularly in outlying areas and for part-time contracts.

C-12/13-101 Communications Advisor Contract IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that, as recommended by the Executive committee, the Board's Communications Advisor contract be extended to June 30th, 2013.

Carried unanimously

C-12/13-102	Education Committee Report – November 12, 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Education Committee minutes of November 12, 2012.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-103	Dr. Wilbert Keon School - Trip to France & England IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the Education Committee, Council approve the Dr. Wilbert Keon School's request to participate in the trip to France & England in April 2014.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-104	Corporate Committee Report – November 6, 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Corporate Committee minutes of November 6, 2012.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-105	Business Committee Report – October 30, 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Business Committee minutes of October 30, 2012.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-106	Business Committee Report – November 13, 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Business Committee minutes of November 13, 2012.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-107	Golden Valley Exterior Walls IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Business Committee, the MB project (Heating System) South Hull be moved from the 2012-2013 school year to the 2013-2014 school year, and that the exterior of the building at Golden Valley be added as priority in the 2012-2013 school year MB projects.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-108	Tender - Impala (Board Car) IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Business Committee, the letter be accepted from Mr. Colin O'Shea withdrawing his tender for the 2010 Chevrolet Impala for \$ 8 501.00.
	Carried unanimously

Commissioner Shea left the meeting at 8:40 pm.

C-12/13-109	Impala (Board Car) - Invitation to tenderIT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brienits website, an invitation to submit tenders forand indicating a minimum bid of \$ 9,000.00.For:8Against:3Abstentions:4	
	Motion carried	
C-12/13-110	Rescind Resolution C-12/13-22 - MB Wake 2012-2013 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young th the Business Committee, Resolution C-12/13- Projects) be rescinded.	hat, as recommended by
	C-12/13-22 MB Wakefield School P IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter the Business Committee, the Western Québer with the option of the reconstruction of a ne request the MELS' approval to accept the B the Maintien des actifs des bâtiments project 2013-2014 years as follows:	er that, as recommended by c School Board proceed w school facility and Board's new priorities for
	Wakefield Washrooms (2009)	\$ 217,000.00
	Reconstruction of Wakefield School Maintien des Actifs des bâtiments (2012-20	013) \$ 891,650.00
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	Total:	\$2,000,260.00
	Carried unanimously	
C-12/13-111	Tender Opening – Sale of Queen Elizabeth WHEREAS the above mentioned project was	
	WHEREAS three (3) tenders were received;	
	Daniel Gagné	\$130,000.00

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Roberta Caldwell	\$ 75,000.00
Danny Poisson	\$ 49,000.00

WHEREAS the highest bid conformed to specifications;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Business Committee, the bid submitted by Daniel Gagné in the amount of \$130,000.00 be approved, and the file be submitted to the MELS for final approval.

Carried unanimously

C-12/13-112 Tender: Radon Gas

WHEREAS nine (9) companies were invited to tender;

WHEREAS six (6) tenders were received;

	PRICE	DELIVERY	TOTAL/
	PER UNIT	COST	TAX INCLU.
COMPANY NAMES			
S.O.S Radon	\$19	NO FEE	\$9,699.29
Association Pulmonaire du Québec	\$20	\$200	\$10,439.73
Solutions Radon MB	\$17.49	NO FEE	\$8,928.45
Le Groupe Gesfor Poirier, Pinchin Inc.	\$10.50	\$100	\$5,475.11
LPT Enviro Inc.	\$18	\$200	\$9,418.75
Enviro-Option	\$22	NO FEE	\$11,230.76

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed to specifications;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Business Committee, the bid submitted by Le Groupe Gesfor Poirier, Pinchin Inc. in the amount of \$5,475.11 be approved.

Carried unanimously

Contract JDC Consultant (John Cosgrove) - 2012-2013

It was agreed that this motion be tabled until it has been dealt with by the Executive committee.

C-12/13-113 Approval of Snow Tenders 2012-2016 (Buckingham)

WHEREAS two (2) bids were received;

Déneigement de la Liève	\$ 6,500.00
Les Entreprises Benoit Gretton Inc.	\$ 7,500.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed to specifications;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Business Committee, the bid submitted by Déneigement de la Liève in the amount of \$ 6,500.00 be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-12/13-114 Approval of Snow Tenders 2012-2016 (Dr. Wilbert Keon) WHEREAS three (3) bids were received;

Charles Vaillancourt	\$ 13,200.00
Art Fleming & Sons Enterprise Ltd	\$ 13,222.12
M. Kidd & Sons Limited	\$ 13,825.74

WHEREAS all bids conformed to specifications;

	IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Business Committee, the bid submitted by Art Fleming & Sons Enterprise Ltd in the amount of \$13,222.12 be approved.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-115	Special Education Advisory Committee – November 5, 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft SEAC minutes of November 5, 2012.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-116	Parents' Committee Report – October 22, 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Parents' Committee minutes of October 22, 2012.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-117	Educational Policies Committee Report – November 16, 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Educational Policies Committee minutes of November 16, 2012.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-118	Approval of Accounts – May 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of May 2012 be approved in the amount of \$3,974,596.23.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-119	Approval of Accounts – June 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of June 2012 be approved in the amount of \$7,296,129.89.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-120	Approval of Accounts – July 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of July 2012 be approved in the amount of \$2,541,336.56.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-121	Approval of Accounts – August 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of August 2012 be approved in the amount of \$3,359,513.71.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-122	Approval of Accounts – September 2012 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of September 2012 be approved in the amount of \$5,695,696.07.

Carried unanimously

The Assistant Director General/Director of Education, Adult Education and Vocational Training, R. Ahern made a presentation explaining the following two documents: -Partnership Agreement Objectives and Targets 2011-2012 spreadsheet -Draft Partnership Agreement Objectives & Target, Annual Report 2011-2012.

The Director General, P. Lamoureux thanked R. Ahern, M. Lothian, B. Burn and M. Dubeau for all their hard work aimed at improving the Board's success rates.

C-12/13-123	IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that administration, staff, principals and teachers be thanked and commended for all their hard work towards improving school success. Carried unanimously
C-12/13-124	Student Ombudsman's 2011-2012 Report IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Student Ombudsman's 2011-2012 school year Annual Report.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-125	Reinstate funds WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) has delegated the delivery of education to the school boards;
	WHEREAS the MELS must provide sufficient resources to said boards to realize the Ministry's standard of excellence;
	WHEREAS despite difficult cuts to this board's operational budget over the past two years the Western Québec School Board will still realize a deficit of \$300 000 this current year;
	IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Hendry that the MELS must reinstate said funds to allow the WQSB to balance its budget, and furthermore, to cancel the \$1.2 million proposed cuts for the 2013- 2014 school year.
	Carried unanimously
C-12/13-126	Adjournment IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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