

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on April 25, 2017 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Shea, Commissioners Brunke, Daly, Dionne, Garbutt, Guy, Labadie, McCrank, Schaler, and Young (by videoconference), and Parent Commissioners Boucher, Brennan (by videoconference), Davis, and Giannakoulis.

Personnel:

Director of Education, S. Aitken
Director of Complementary Services, B. Burn
Director of Finance, S. Cox
Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology, P. Proulx

REGRETS: Commissioners Egan, Larventz

The Director General, M. Dubeau, the Assistant Director General / Director of Education, Adult Education and Vocational Training, R. Ahern, and the Secretary General / Director of Human Resources, Terry Kharyati, were also present.

Call to Order

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

Public Participation

Brian Rock, Executive Director of the Regional Association of the West Quebecers, and President of the Québec Federation of Home and School Association spoke about Bill 105, and the invitation for the Regional Home and School meeting which will be held on Saturday June 3.

C-16/17-152

Adoption of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Parent Boucher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-153

Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the minutes of a meeting held on March 28, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chair's Report

Chair Shea presented his written report.

Director General's Report

The Director General, M. Dubeau, presented his written report. Topics covered were Music Makers and the signing of the Local & Letters of agreement with the Support Staff union among others. He also made a presentation on setting the direction for the Western Québec School Board. The four main points of the presentation were:

- Safety and Security
- Professional Responsibility-Management & Accountability
- Focus on Pedagogy to Improve Teaching and learning
- Professional Learning, Feedback, and Growth

C-16/17-154

Executive Committee Report – April 18, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of April 18, 2017, with the following amendment:

- Removal of the word *refused* in resolution E-16/17-105.

Carried unanimously

UDL Initiative

The Director of Education, S. Aiken, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the UDL initiative.

Parent Commissioner Greg Brennan left the meeting at 8:30p.m.

C-16/17-155

Public Call for Tenders — Measure 50622 & 50625 - MB PETES – Repointing of the Brick, and Exterior Windows and Doors Phase I 16510B005

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above-mentioned contract;

WHEREAS the MEES has allocated \$563,065 including professional fees;

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

ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
 2696894 Canada Inc. (Qualitech Construction)
 Boless Inc.
 Construction G.M.R. Associés Inc.
 Defran Inc.
 DLS Construction Inc.
 Gestion DMJ Entrepreneur Général
 LCC & Associés Canada Inc.
 Les Rénovations Daniel Larivière Inc.
 Vitrierie P. Latreillie Inc.

WHEREAS the following four tenders were received and recorded:

67397441 Canada Inc. (Gestion DMJ)	\$612,592.71
LCC & Associés Canada Inc.	\$614,184.00
Boless	\$623,900.00
Defran Inc.	\$874,422.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid is over budget;

WHEREAS revisions of the technical plans must be done;

WHEREAS the project can be delayed one year without causing any damages to the infrastructure;

WHEREAS the grant can be carried over to next year for the same project;

WHEREAS the Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology recommends postponing the project to next year;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that the lowest bid be rejected and that the project be postponed to next year.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-156

Public Call for Tenders — Mesure 50625 - MB South Hull – Exterior Windows and Doors #16510B013

WHEREAS a public call for tenders has been made for the above-mentioned contract;

WHEREAS the MEES has allocated \$301,177 including professional fees;

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

- ACQ – Région de l’Outaouais
- Construction G.M.R. Associés Inc.
- Defran Inc.
- DLS Construction Inc.
- Gestion DMJ Entrepreneur Général
- Les Rénovations Daniel Larivière Inc.
- Vitrierie P. Latreillie Inc.

WHEREAS the following two tenders were received and recorded:

Defran Inc.	\$242,448
Gestion DMJ Entrepreneur Général	\$304,007

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the bid submitted by Defran Inc., in the amount of \$242,448 excluding taxes and professional fees, be approved, and that the Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology be mandated to sign any and all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-157

Synthetic Field in Maniwaki – Shared Cost with Commission Scolaire des Hauts-Bois de l’Outaouais

WHEREAS the WQSB students will benefit from the installation of the synthetic field located at the Cité Étudiante de la Gatineau;

WHEREAS the agreement will be revised to ensure fair use of the facilities by the WQSB students;

WHEREAS the CSHBO is requesting that the WQSB contribute a portion of the cost of the synthetic field in the amount of \$15,000 over a period of three (3) years;

WHEREAS the amount of \$15,000 includes maintenance of the field and is part of the initial investment.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the WQSB accept the CSHBO's proposed request of a \$15,000 contribution towards the synthetic field.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-158

Audit Committee Report – March 23, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Audit Committee minutes of March 23, 2017.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-159

Human Resources Committee Report – April 4, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Human Resources minutes of April 4, 2017.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-160

Professional Improvement Committee (PIC) Report – March 13, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft PIC minutes of March 13, 2017.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-161

Educational Policy Committee (EPC) Report – March 8, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft EPC minutes of March 8, 2017.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-162

Adoption of School Calendar 2017-2018

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Giannakoulis that the 2017-2018 School Calendar be adopted as presented by the Director of Human Resources.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-163

Proposed Calendar of Meetings 2017-2018 – Council of Commissioners

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the 2017-2018 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-16/17-164

Proposed Calendar of Meetings 2017-2018 – Executive Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garbutt that the 2017-2018 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

QESBA Report

Commissioner Guy spoke about the QESBA membership fee.

C-16/17-165

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the fee proposed in the QESBA's 2017-2018 *Membership Fee* be approved as presented for the 2017-2018 school year.

For: 8
Against: 2
Abstained: 1

Motion carried

Commissioner Guy also spoke of EMSB ridings, the Executive Director's Report, and school board elections.

C-16/17-166

WHEREAS school board elections are, by virtue, of the School Elections Act, scheduled to be held in November 2018;

WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) endorses holding these elections in November 2018 as scheduled;

WHEREAS the QESBA also recognizes that the provincial elections are to be held one month before the scheduled school elections;

WHEREAS the QESBA believes that online voting for the next school elections would be beneficial for both voter turnout and for alleviating the long distance travel required for many English Quebecers;

WHEREAS the QESBA would ask that the Ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) and the Directeur général des élections du Québec (DGEQ) examine the option of a pilot project for online voting for all nine English school boards in Quebec;

WHEREAS the QESBA also maintains that the issues surrounding the English electoral list be properly dealt with by the DGEQ in association with our nine member boards including solutions for graduating students and former parents of students having left our system;

WHEREAS Québec is the only province in which school board and municipal elections are not twinned;

BE IT RESOLVED that school elections should be held as designated by law in November 2018. If said elections should be postponed, the QESBA is requesting that a nomination process be put into place to

avoid a number of costly by-elections to fill seats vacated on the Council of Commissioners after November 2018;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that school board and municipal elections be twinned for the subsequent election cycle in 2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MEES delegate the DGEQ to examine and implement a pilot project for online voting for the nine English school boards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DGEQ be mandated to seek concrete solutions in conjunction with our member boards to the issues surrounding the English electoral list;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council support this resolution.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-167

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on May 30, 2017.

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