

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Special Council of Commissioners** meeting held on February 21, 2017 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Shea, Commissioners Brunke, Daly, Egan, Guy, McCrank, and Parent Commissioners Boucher, Davis, and Giannakoulis.

Personnel:

Interim Director of Finance, S. Cox

Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology, P. Proulx

Director of Education, S. Aitken

The Assistant Director General / Director of Education, Adult Education and Vocational Training, R. Ahern, the Secretary General / Director Human Resources, T. Kharyati, and the Director of Legal Affairs, R. Vézina were also present.

REGRETS: Commissioners Dionne, Garbutt, Labadie, Larventz, Schaler, and Young, Parent Commissioner Brennan

Call to Order

Chair Shea called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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Adoption of Agenda

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

Carried unanimously

The Director of Legal Services, R. Vézina, made a presentation on the upcoming 2018 school board elections.

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Additional Wards – School Board Elections 2018

WHEREAS in accordance with section 6 of the *Act respecting school elections*, there shall be eight (8) electoral divisions for a school board where there are more than 10 000 but less than 30 000 electors, which is the situation of the Western Québec School Board;

WHEREAS in accordance with section 7 of the *Act respecting school elections*, the Minister may, upon request, authorize a school board to establish up to five additional electoral divisions, if the Minister considers this warranted by the particularly large size of the territory of the school board, the number of local municipalities whose territory is comprised in the territory of the school board and the isolated location of the territory of a local municipality in the territory of the school board;

WHEREAS for the last school elections held in 2014, the Minister authorized the Western Québec School Board to establish three (3) additional electoral divisions on its territory;

WHEREAS there are presently eleven (11) electoral divisions on the territory of the Western Québec School Board;

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board has a particularly large territory, covering over 90 000 km², making it the second largest board in the Province of Québec;

WHEREAS the territory of the Western Québec School Board comprises approximately 160 local municipalities;

WHEREAS several local municipalities located on the Western Québec School Board territory are isolated;

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Western Québec School Board and its students, parents and taxpayers that it be permitted to establish more electoral divisions than the number provided for in section 6 of the *Act respecting school elections*, in order to ensure fair and adequate representation.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that, according to the terms of section 7 of the *Act respecting school elections*, the Chair of the Board be mandated to prepare and send a written request asking the Minister to authorize the Western Québec School Board to establish three (3) more electoral divisions than the number provided for in section 6 of the said Act.

Carried unanimously

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on March 28, 2017.

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Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Brennan that the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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