

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on January 31, 2017 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Personnel:

Interim Director of Finance, S. Cox

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

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

REGRETS: Commissioners Daly and Schaler, and the Director of Education, S. Aitken

Call to Order

Chair Shea called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public Participation

-Parent Commissioner Boucher talked briefly about EPCA and thanked the parents on their behalf.

-Parent Louise Belisle shared concerns she has regarding some aspects of the WQSB committee formation.

C-16/17-117

Adoption of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Boucher that the agenda be adopted with the removal of item:

7.3 MB Greater Gatineau Gymnasium

And the moving of item 6.1 to immediately after the adoption of the Agenda.

Carried unanimously

Director of Education, R. Ahern, and the Principal of Maniwaki Woodland School, A. Addleman, along with Drew Wapachee-McDougall gave a PowerPoint presentation titled *Indigenous Pedagogy and Culturally Responsive Curriculum*.

C-16/17-118

Approval of Minutes – November 29, 2016

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the minutes of a meeting held on November 29, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chair's Report

Chair Shea presented his written report. Topics included:

- Meetings attended during the past months
- Literacy Week
- Destination Imagination

Director General's Report

The newly appointed Director General, M. Dubeau, presented his written report. Topics included:

- Grants for Embellissement des cours d'écoles
- Increasing student population
- Sale of the old Wakefield School building
- Commissioners' Workshop
- Appointments
- Negotiations Updates
- Celebration of success
- Update on Taxes

C-16/17-119

Negotiations for Local Arrangements

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Davis that resolution C-16/17-16 be rescinded.

*C-16/17-16 Negotiations for Local Arrangements
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that the Interim Director General, the Director of Human Resources, and the Coordinator of Human Resources be mandated to negotiate the Local Arrangements on behalf of the WQSB.*

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-120

Negotiations for Local Arrangements

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Director General, the Assistant Director General, the Director and the Coordinator of Human Resources, and two principals be mandated to negotiate the Local Arrangements on behalf of the WQSB.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-121

Annual Report 2015-2016

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Annual Report 2015-2016 be received as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-122

Special Executive Committee Report – November 29, 2016

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Special Executive Committee minutes of November 29, 2016.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-123

Executive Committee Report – January 24, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of January 24, 2017.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-124

Capital Project – Dr. Wilbert Keon – Repairs/Sealing of the Foundation

WHEREAS a call for the tendering of bids has been made by invitation for the above-mentioned project;

WHEREAS 9307-8269 Q. Inc Vamaya submitted the lowest bid and was awarded the contract in the amount of \$46,200 excluding taxes;

WHEREAS after the start of the project, it was discovered that one third of the foundation is built with rock and cement instead of a poured foundation, resulting in an additional cost of \$3480;

WHEREAS the foundation under the balcony and the steps needed to be rebuilt and the French drain replaced at an additional cost of \$2890;

WHEREAS at the request of the WQSB, a 6-inch PVC pipe and a stone dry bed were added to redirect the water in a natural flow some 300 feet away from the school to alleviate the flooding problem, at a cost of \$8330;

WHEREAS the above-mentioned project will be reported to the Treasury Board because it is over the 10% threshold;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the above-mentioned change orders be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-125

Protocole D'Entente –Buckingham School and the Ville de Gatineau

WHEREAS the Ville de Gatineau will contribute \$5000 towards the *Embellissement des cours d'école* project at Buckingham School;

WHEREAS a *protocole d'entente* between the WQSB and the Ville de Gatineau is needed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology be authorized to sign the *protocole d'entente*.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-126 Transportation Committee Report – December 1, 2016
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Transportation Committee minutes of December 1, 2016.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-127 Parents’ Committee Report – November 21, 2016
IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Boucher that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents’ Committee minutes of November 21, 2016.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-128 Professional Improvement Committee (PIC) Report – December 19, 2016
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft PIC minutes of December 19, 2016.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-129 Composition of Chelsea Elementary School Governing Board
WHEREAS considering the student enrollment and current practices at Chelsea Elementary School, the Governing Board and the Principal of the school have requested that the number of parent representatives on their governing board be reduced from 7 to 6, that the number of teachers be reduced from 5 to 4, and that the support staff and daycare representatives remain at 1 each;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garbutt that the composition of the Chelsea Elementary School Governing Board be as follows: 6 parent representatives, 4 teacher representatives, 1 support staff representative, and 1 daycare representative, effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

Carried unanimously

Committee minutes/Reports

This item was tabled.

Date of next meeting

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

C-16/17-130 Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Brennan that the meeting be adjourned at 10 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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