

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on March 28, 2017 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Shea, Commissioners Brunke, Daly, Dionne, Egan, Garbutt, Guy (by telephone), Labadie, Larventz, 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

The Director General, M. Dubeau, and the Secretary General / Director Human Resources, Terry Kharyati, were also present.

Call to Order

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

C-16/17-134

Adoption of Agenda

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

5.1.1 Approval of Central Calendar

14.1 Update on QESBA

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-135

Approval of Minutes – January 31, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the minutes of a meeting held on January 31, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-136

Approval of Special Minutes – February 21, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the minutes of a special meeting held on February 21, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chair's Report

Chair Shea presented his written report. Topics included events and meetings he attended over the last two months.

Director General's Report

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

-Destination Imagination

-Concours d'art oratoire

-English Public Speaking

- Two-day MTM
- Update on public participation proposal from St. Michael's—not forthcoming by April 1st.
- Updated Organizational Chart of the WQSB
- Directors Burn, Aitken, Cox, Proulx, Kharyati presented their dossiers to Council

C-16/17-137**Executive Committee Report – March 21, 2017**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of March 21, 2017.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-138**English School Board Representative for the Conseil de Développement des Athlètes du Pontiac**

WHEREAS the MRC of Pontiac put in place a Conseil de développement des athlètes du Pontiac;

WHEREAS members of several organizations including the English and French school boards and the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes will be on this committee;

WHEREAS the Director of Buildings and the principal of Dr. Wilbert Keon were invited to participate within this committee;

WHEREAS the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes is the preferred location for the Conseil de Développement des Athlètes du Pontiac because of its proximity to Ontario;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that Council approve the appointment of the Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology, and the principal of Dr. Wilbert Keon to the community.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-139**Capital Projects 2017-2018— Mesure 50624**

WHEREAS the Capital Grants from MEES for 2016-2017 is estimated at \$980,000;

WHEREAS the following list has been retained for the 2016-2017 Capitals Project;

Schools	Description	Estimated
Namur	Renovation of washrooms	\$70,000
PWHS	Roof basin 18	\$75,000
Noranda	Interior repairs	\$70,000
Golden Valley/Val D'Or A.E.	Interior repairs	\$100,000
Chelsea	Fence and bus lane	\$50,000
Wakefield	Water treatment system	\$70,000
Greater Gatineau	VP office	\$84,000
Darcy McGee	Synthetic field	\$125,000
All Buildings	Maintenance vehicle (2)	\$90,000
All Buildings	Contingency	\$246,000
TOTAL		\$980,000

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Boucher that the above-mentioned Capital Projects 2017-2018 Mesure 50624, estimated at \$980,000 including contingencies, be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-140

**Greater Gatineau Major Renovations to the Gymnasium –
Mesure 50710 from 2009/2010**

WHEREAS the gymnasium roof, exterior walls, and heating radiators need major repairs;

WHEREAS the remaining budget from Mesure 50710 from 2009/2010 can cover the cost of the project evaluated at \$253,200;

WHEREAS an official request must be sent to the MEES;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology be authorized to submit the official request to the MEES.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-141

**Greater Gatineau—Major Renovations to the Main Entrance –
Mesure 50620 from 2011/2012**

WHEREAS the main entrance of the Greater Gatineau School need major renovations;

WHEREAS the remaining budget from Mesure 50620 from 2011-2012 can cover the cost of the project evaluated at \$202,000;

WHEREAS an official request must be sent to the MEES;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology be authorized to submit the official request to the MEES.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-142

**Board Office Redesign of Reception Area – Mesure 50624 from
2016-2017**

WHEREAS the reception area needs to be redesigned for efficiency;

WHEREAS the remaining budget from Mesure 50624 from 2016-2017 can cover the cost of the project evaluated at \$35,000;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the above-mentioned project be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-143

Dr. Wilbert Keon – Project Accessibility Phase II – Mesure 30850

WHEREAS the MEES requires that all school board buildings be accessible to persons with disabilities by 2017-2018;

WHEREAS for this purpose, the MEES has granted a yearly amount of \$146,428;

WHEREAS the remaining budget, including the last year of the grant, is \$252,256;

WHEREAS the table below reflects the status for each WQSB building;

School	Accessible	Partially	Not	Closest Accessible School
Buckingham Elementary		x		
Chelsea Elementary	x			
Dr. S. E. Mcdowell Elem.	x			
Dr. W. Keon School		x		
Eardley Elementary	x			
Golden Valley School	x			
G. Theberge School		x		
Greater Gatineau Elem.	x			
Maniwaki Woodland	x			
Namur Intermediate	x			
Noranda School			x	Golden Valley 115 km
Onslow Elementary	x			
P. E. Trudeau Elem.		x		
Poltimore Elementary		x		
Queen Elizabeth Elem.	x			
South Hull Elementary	x			
St. John's Elementary	x			
Lord Aylmer Jr			x	Lord Aylmer Sr
Lord Aylmer Sr	x			
Wakefield Elementary	x			
D'arcy / Symmes Schools	x			
PWHS / Hadley Schools	x			
Pontiac High	x			
St. Michael's High School		x		
Hull Adult Education		x		
Maniwaki A. E.			x	
PONTIAC A.E. (Dr. S.E.		x		
Val D'or A.E.	x			
Western Québec CC	x			
Board Office	x			

WHEREAS no English school within 10 km of Dr. Wilbert Keon School is accessible to students with disabilities;

WHEREAS phase I has been completed making the administration and cafeteria level accessible to persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS phase II will make the library accessible to persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS the project is estimated at \$252, 256;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology be authorized to move forward with the above-mentioned project.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-144

Can Share Connection Inc. Agreement - Recruitment of Students from China

WHEREAS the Adult and Vocational Training Department has an agreement with Can Share Connection Inc. for the recruitment of vocational training students from China;

WHEREAS the agreement is based on a percentage of the tuition cost per student registered;

WHEREAS Can Share Connection Inc. has recruited 34 students who are currently registered in vocational training programs at the Western Québec School Board;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the payment to Can Share Connection Inc. in the amount of \$189,818.44 including taxes be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-145 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – January 30, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Davis that the Council acknowledge receipt of the SEAC minutes of January 30, 2017.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-146 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – March 13, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Davis that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft SEAC minutes of March 13, 2017.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-147 Parents' Committee Report – January 23, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Boucher that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of January 23, 2017.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-148 Parents' Committee Report – February 20, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Parents' Committee minutes of February 20, 2017.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-149 Audit Committee Report – January 31, 2017

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Audit Committee minutes of January 31, 2017.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-150 Educational Policy Committee (EPC) Report – December 5, 2016

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft EPC minutes of December 5, 2016.

Carried unanimously

QESBA Report

Commissioner Guy gave a report on the latest QESBA meeting he attended.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on April 25, 2017.

C-16/17-151

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Davis that the meeting be adjourned at 9 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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