

**PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC**  
**Western Québec School Board**

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on January 30, 2018 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Shea, Commissioners, Brunke, Daly, Egan, Garbutt, Guy, Labadie, Larventz, McCrank, Schaler, and Parent-Commissioners, Brennan, Davis and Giannakoulis.

**Personnel:**

Director of Education, S. Aitken

Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi

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

Director of Finance, S. Cox

**REGRETS:** Commissioners Dionne and Young; Parent-Commissioner Boucher

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

**Call to Order**

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

**C-17/18-86 Adoption of Agenda**

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

6.4 Policy on Educational Success Presentation

Carried unanimously

**C-17/18-87 Approval of Minutes – November 28, 2017**

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

Carried unanimously

**Chair's Report**

Chair Shea presented his report as distributed.

**Director General's Report**

The Director General, M. Dubeau, presented his written report. He touched on a letter received from the Minister of Education outlining the five provincial objectives and two orientations to be incorporated into the school board's commitment to success plan, The School Board plan must be deposited with the Ministry of Education by June 1, 2018. A detailed timeline of activities will be presented at the February Council of Commissioners meeting for discussion.

The Director General, M. Dubeau also spoke on the most recent Fraser Report publication on the performance of Québec high schools. Philemon Wright, D'Arcy McGee, and Pontiac

High Schools ranked as the top three out of 16 schools that were ranked in the Outaouais region. The other WQSB high schools were not considered in the ranking due to the small cohorts of students.

**C-17/18-88 Annual Report 2016-2017**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Annual Report 2016-2017 be received as presented.

Carried unanimously

**C-17/18-89 Executive Committee Report – January 23, 2018**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of January 23, 2018.

Carried unanimously

**C-17/18-90 Sport-Études Program**

WHEREAS the School Board will take into consideration the MEES recommendations from previous applications for Sports- Études, to develop a new plan for the program for implementation of a Sports- Études program for 2019-2020;

WHEREAS the Hadley Governing Board, the Philemon Wright Governing Board, and the WQSB had previously approved support of the Sports- Études program;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the WQSB approve the application to be filed in March 2018 for a Sports- Études program at Hadley and Philemon Wright for the 2019-2020 school year.

Carried unanimously

**C-17/18-91 Recognition of the Ontario labour market**

WHEREAS 70 870 Québec residents work in another province;

WHEREAS 60 000 of these 70 870 residents work in Ontario, primarily in Ottawa, given its geographic proximity to the Outaouais region;

WHEREAS recommendations cited in the final report on collegial training opportunities (Rapport Demers), that was tabled in June 2014 by the ministry of education, are applicable to vocational training; that is, to authorize and recognize programs of study that meet the labour needs of a region and to assess the opportunities of such programs;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner McCrank that the ministry of education recognize the Ontario training market in proximity to the Outaouais region for training-employment opportunities during its analysis of applications for permanent and provisional authorizations, according to the framework for vocational training, and that a copy of this resolution to be sent to all members of the National Assembly.

Carried unanimously

## **Educational Matters**

the Assistant Director General / Director of Education, Adult Education and Vocational Training, R. Ahern presented the Policy on Educational Success. She touched on its main objectives which are:

- Graduation and Qualifications
- Equity - reducing the achievement gap between groups
- Prevention - reducing vulnerability factors in youth
- Language Proficiency - increase proficiency on grade 4
- Educational Path - reduce delay on entry to high school
- Living Environment - all schools in good condition

### **C-17/18-92    Climat scolaire, intimidation et violence**

WHEREAS according to the terms set out in section 214.1 of the Education Act, every school board must enter into an agreement to determine how the officers of police forces located on their territory will intervene in an emergency and when an act of violence is reported to them, and to establish a mode of collaboration for prevention and investigation purposes;

WHEREAS the Government has, by regulation, determined the essential elements and the special stipulations that the agreement must include;

WHEREAS representatives of the WQSB and the different police forces located on its territory have negotiated the terms and conditions of such an agreement, which are set out in the draft "ENTENTE RELATIVE À LA COLLABORATION ENTRE LA COMMISSION SCOLAIRE ET LES SERVICES DE POLICE À DES FINS DE PRÉVENTION ET D'ENQUÊTES AINSI QU'AUX INTERVENTIONS DE LEURS MEMBRES EN CAS D'URGENCE OU DE SIGNALEMENT D'UN ACTE D'INTIMIDATION OU DE VIOLENCE", which has been communicated to the members of Council;

WHEREAS the Director General recommends that the above-mentioned agreement be approved;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner Labadie that the draft ENTENTE RELATIVE À LA COLLABORATION ENTRE LA COMMISSION SCOLAIRE ET LES SERVICES DE POLICE À DES FINS DE PRÉVENTION ET D'ENQUÊTES AINSI QU'AUX INTERVENTIONS DE LEURS MEMBRES EN CAS D'URGENCE OU DE SIGNALEMENT D'UN ACTE D'INTIMIDATION OU DE VIOLENCE be approved, and that the Director General, Mike Dubeau, be authorized to sign the agreement and any and all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution, as well as to designate any WQSB representatives for communication purposes, as outlined in section 10 of the agreement;

AND

That the Director General be mandated to send a signed copy of the agreement to all WQSB school principals and to the student ombudsman, as required by Law.

Carried unanimously

**C-17/18-93    Protocole d'entente between the Western Québec School Board (WQSB) and the Commission scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais**

WHEREAS the resolution C-15/16-108 was authorizing the signature of a protocole d'entente between the Western Québec School Board and the Commission scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais for the use of St-John's School located in Campbell's Bay;

WHEREAS the resolution C-15/16-107 was authorizing the signature of a protocole d'entente between the Western Québec School Board and the Commission scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais for the use of La Cité étudiante located in Maniwaki;

WHEREAS the ententes were developed based on the square meters and the number of students;

WHEREAS the ententes have been signed for 5 years;

WHEREAS the ententes were done in good faith;

WHEREAS an important variation of the student population for the school year 2017-2018 has brought an increase of the invoice cost for the Western Québec School Board;

WHEREAS the administration of both school boards agrees that this situation is in contradiction of the goal of the ententes;

WHEREAS the Director General and the Director of Buildings of both school boards are recommending modifications to the ententes;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that both ententes be reopened and to authorize the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology Mr. P. Proulx to negotiate with the CSHBO and to request that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology Mr. P. Proulx to bring the new entente to Council for approval.

Carried unanimously

**C-17/18-94    Complete Renovation of 3 Classrooms at Namur School**

WHEREAS 3 classrooms at Namur School need to be completely renovated following reports done by three professional: Civil, Mechanical and Architectural;

WHEREAS the MEES is aware of the current situation and has agreed to modify the MB 2017-2018 planned projects to include the project mentioned above;

WHEREAS the project is evaluated at \$1.2 million including professional fees and taxes;

WHEREAS the Director General and the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology recommend that the modification to the MB 2017-2018 planned projects be accepted to include the above mentioned project;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie to request the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology Mr. P. Proulx to reevaluate the planning of the projects mentioned above and to return to Council for final approval.

Carried unanimously

The Director of Finance, S. Cox gave a presentation on Bill 166 – School Board Taxation.

**C-17/18-95 Bill 166 – School Board Taxation**

CONSIDERING the many facets of Bill 166;  
COMMISSIONER LARVENTZ PROPOSED that the Council mandate the Chair and the Vice-Chair, along with the senior administration team, to develop a clear brief on Bill 166 and its impact on the WQSB which will be presented at the February 27, 2018 Council of Commissioners meeting.

Carried unanimously

**C-17/18-96 Revised Policy C-17 – Policy Governing the Organization of Educational Services for Students with Special Needs – Send for Consultation**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Davis that, as recommended by Special Education Advisory Committee, the revised policy on the Policy Governing the Organization of Educational Services for Students with Special Needs be sent for consultation.

Carried unanimously

**C-17/18-97 Governance & Ethics Ctee Report – November 28, 2017**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garbutt that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Governance & Ethics Ctee Report of November 28, 2017.

Carried unanimously

**C-17/18-98 President of Elections**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that Pascal Proulx be named the WQSB Returning Officer for the November 4, 2018 School Board Elections.

Carried unanimously

**C-17/18-99 Motion to move into Camera**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Council moves into Camera.

Carried unanimously

**C-17/18-100 Motion to move out of Camera**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the Council moves out of Camera.

Carried unanimously

**C-17/18-101 Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Giannakoulis that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Carried unanimously