

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on November 27, 2018 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Guy, Commissioners Brunke, Daly, Dionne, Egan, Garbutt, McCrank, Schaler, Labadie, Larventz, Young and Parent-Commissioners, Boucher, Brennan, Davis and Cornforth.

Personnel:

Director of Buildings, Technology, and Archives Mr. P. Proulx
Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi
Director of Human Resources Mr. Terry Kharyati
Director of Education S. Aitken
Director of Finance Sandra Cox

REGRETS: Chair Shea

The Director General, M. Dubeau, the Assistant Director General / Director of Education, Adult Education and Vocational Training, R. Ahern, and the Secretary General M. Alain Gendron were also present.

Call to Order:

Vice-Chair Guy called the meeting to order at 7.06pm

C-18/19-47 Adoption of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that the agenda be adopted as presented with the modification that agenda Item 12.2 In-Camera Session: Request for Reconsideration be done subsequent to the swearing-in of the Parent-Commissioners.

Carried Unanimously

The Director General, Mike Dubeau, proceeded with the swearing-in of the four Parent-Commissioners, Rhonda Boucher, Greg Brennan, Shannon Davis, and Andrew Cornforth.

C-18/19-48 Motion to move into Camera

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that the meeting move in-camera at 7:12 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-49 Motion to move out of Camera

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that the meeting move out of in-camera at 8:49 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-50 Request for Reconsideration

CONSIDERING that a decision was made on October 29, 2018 to expel student #0041095 from all schools and services of the WQSB for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year;

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CONSIDERING that on October 31, 2018, a request for reconsideration was presented by the parent of student #0041095;

CONSIDERING that on, November 6, 2018, a meeting took place before the Secretary General of the WQSB and its Director General;

CONSIDERING the representations made by the parent of student #0041095 before the Council of Commissioners;

CONSIDERING the recommendations made by the Vice-Chair and the Director General of the WQSB;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the decision rendered on October 29, 2018 is upheld and that student # 0041095 be expelled from all schools but, may be provided with home tuition services based on the recommendations of the Director of Complementary Services.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-51 Approval of Minutes – October 30, 2018

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the minutes of a meeting held on October 30, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Director General's Report

The Director General, M. Dubeau, spoke very briefly on his written report.

C-18/19-52 Executive Committee Report – November 20, 2018

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Davis that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of November 20, 2018.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-53 Responsable de l'application des règles contractuelles (R.A.R.C.)

ATTENDU QU'en vertu de l'article 21.0.1 de la Loi sur les contrats des organismes publics, la CSWQ doit désigner un responsable de l'application des règles contractuelles;

LA COMMISSAIRE GARBUTT PROPOSE QUE la directrice des ressources financières, Sandra Cox, soit désignée comme responsable de l'application des règles contractuelles de la CSWQ, prenant effet immédiatement.

Adoptée à l'unanimité

C-18/19-54 Public Call for Tenders – Mesure 50511 – Agrandissement Greater Gatineau – Addition of 5 classes and a daycare – Project #18510B002

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

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

ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
Armatures Bois-Francs Inc (ABF)
Boless Inc.
Construction G.M.R. Associés Inc.
Defran Inc.
DLS Construction Inc.
DMA Construction
E. Séguin & Fils Ltée
Gestion DMJ Entrepreneur Général
IMI Manufacturing Inc.
Industries CAMA
JACO 6238009 Canada Inc.
LCC & Associés Canada Inc.
Mécanique MAP Inc.
Morin Isolation & Toitures Ltée

WHEREAS the following 5 tenders were received and recorded:

Boless Inc.	\$2,789,600
Industries CAMA	\$2,930,100
Groupe GMR Construction Inc.	\$3,042,500
Defran Inc.	\$3,184,422
LCC & Associés Canada Inc.	\$3,400,000

WHEREAS the lowest bid is conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that the bid submitted by Boless Inc., in the amount of \$2,789,600 excluding taxes and professional fees be approved and that the Director of Buildings, Technology and Archives Mr. P. Proulx be mandated to sign any and all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-55 Parents Committee Report – November 19, 2018

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that the council acknowledge receipt of the draft Parents' Committee minutes of November 19, 2018

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-56 Election Procedures

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the elections of the members of the Executive Committee and all other committees be held by secret ballot.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-57 Appointment of Scrutineers

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that M. Dubeau and R. Ahern be appointed as scrutineers for the election of the members of the Executive Committee and all other committees.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-58 Nominations for Positions of Voting Members on the Executive Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Davis that Council accept nominations for the **five (5)** positions of voting members on the Executive Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Nominations

A. Guy
H. Egan
W. Daly
C. Schaler
A. Brunke
P. Dionne

By

P. Dionne
S. Davis
L. Garbutt
M. Larventz
R. Boucher
W. Daly

C-18/19-59 Cease Nominations for Positions of Voting Members on the Executive Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Cornforth that nominations for positions of voting members on the Executive Committee cease.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-60 Election of Voting Members on the Executive Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that Commissioners Guy, Egan, Daly, Brunke and Dionne be declared elected members of the Executive Committee.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-61 Nominations for the Position of Parent-Commissioner on the Executive Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that Council accept nominations for the position of Parent-Commissioner on the Executive Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Nominations

S. Davis
R. Boucher

By

H. Egan
G. Brennan

C-18/19-62 Cease Nominations for the Position of Parent-Commissioner on the Executive Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that nominations for the position of Parent-Commissioner on the Executive Committee cease.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-63 Election of Parent-Commissioner on the Executive Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that Parent-Commissioner Davis be declared elected member of the Executive Committee.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-64 Nominations for Commissioner Representation on the Transportation Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that Council accept nominations for the **two (2)** positions of member of the Transportation Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Nominations

J. Labadie
M. Larventz
A. Brunke
W. Daly

By

H. Egan
P. Dionne
L. Garbutt
J. Labadie

C-18/19-65 Cease Nominations for Membership on the Transportation Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that nominations for the positions of member on the Transportation Committee cease.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-66 Election of Members of the Transportation Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that Commissioners Labadie and Brunke be declared elected as members on the Transportation Committee.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-67 Nominations for Commissioner Representation on the Governance & Ethics Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that Council accept nominations for the positions of member (**2 commissioners, 1 parent-commissioner**) on the Governance & Ethics Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Nominations

G. Brennan
J. Labadie
L. Garbutt

By

R. Boucher
J. Labadie
A. Brunke

C-18/19-68 Cease Nominations for Membership on the Governance & Ethics Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that nominations for the positions of member on the Governance & Ethics Committee cease.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-69 Election of Members of the Governance & Ethics Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that Commissioners Labadie and Garbutt, and Parent-Commissioner Brennan be declared elected as members of the Governance & Ethics Committee.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-70 Nominations for Commissioner Representation on the Audit Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that Council accept nominations for the positions of member (**2 commissioners, 1 parent-commissioner**) on the Audit Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Nominations

P. Dionne
M. Larventz
H. Egan
A. Cornforth
M. McCrank

By

H. Egan
C. Schaler
P. Dionne
S. Davis
W. Daly

C-18/19-71 Cease Nominations for Membership on the Audit Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that nominations for the positions of member on the Audit Committee cease.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-72 Election of Members of the Audit Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that Commissioners Egan and Dionne and Parent-Commissioner Cornforth be declared elected as members of the Audit Committee.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-73 Nominations for Commissioner Representation on the Human Resources Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that Council accept nominations for the positions of members (**2 commissioners, 1 parent-commissioner**) on the Human Resources Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Nominations

A. Brunke
M. Larventz
R. Boucher
J. Labadie

By

H. Egan
P. Dionne
A. Cornforth
H. Egan

C-18/19-74 Cease Nominations for Membership on the Human Resources Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Cornforth that nominations for the positions of member on the Human Resources Committee cease.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-75 Election of Members on the Human Resources Committee
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that Commissioners Labadie and Brunke and Parent-Commissioners Boucher be declared elected as members of the Human Resources Committee.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-76 Nominations for Commissioner Representation on the Professional Improvement Committee (PIC)

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that Council accept nominations for the position of member on the Professional Improvement Committee (PIC).

Carried Unanimously

Nominations

A. Cornforth
M. Larventz

By

R. Boucher
C. Schaler

C-18/19-77 Cease Nominations for Membership on PIC

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garbutt that nominations for the position of member on PIC cease.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-78 Election of the Member on PIC

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that Commissioner Cornforth be declared elected as member of PIC.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-79 Nominations for Commissioner Representation on the Educational Policies Committee (EPC)

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that Council accept nominations for the position of member on the Educational Policies Committee (EPC).

Carried Unanimously

Nominations

J. Labadie
W. Daly

By

J. Labadie
W. Daly

C-18/19-80 Cease Nominations for Membership on EPC

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that nominations for the position of member on EPC cease.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-81 Election of the Member on EPC

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that Commissioner Daly be declared elected as member of EPC.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-82 Nomination for Board Member of the QESBA

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that Council accept nominations for the position of board member of the QESBA.

Nominations

A. Guy

By

H. Egan

C-18/19-83 Cease Nominations for Board Member of the QESBA

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that nominations for the position of board member of the QESBA.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-84 Election of Board Member of the QESBA

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that Commissioner Guy be declared elected board member of the QESBA.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-85 Motion to move into Camera

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler that the meeting move in-camera at 10:05 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-86 Motion to move out of Camera

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larventz that the meeting move out of in-camera at 10:20 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-87 Transfer of mandate regarding the class-action lawsuit on parental school fees

WHEREAS the class-action lawsuit of unprecedented scope brought against all school boards, including the Western Québec School regarding parental fees (File 150-06-000007-138 from Superior Court records);

WHEREAS the work performed under this mandate for over a year by Mr. Éric Blackburn and attorney Iris Montini, which led to the implementation of a satisfactory solution for the school board, approved by the court on July 18, 2018, and to the appointment of an administrator and GRICS firm to enable execution of the transaction;

WHEREAS the breadth of the workload and responsibilities assumed by Mr. Éric Blackburn and attorney Iris Montini, in addition to their duties within their respective school board;

WHEREAS that it is normal and expected that such burden and responsibilities be shared;

WHEREAS the will of the General Council of the Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec (FCSQ) and the Board of Directors of QESBA to see their organizations take the lead in overseeing the file at its current stage, acceptance of full responsibility for it, and agreement of Mr. Éric Blackburn, attorney Iris Montini, and the Association des directions générales de commissions scolaires (ADIGECS) to the effect that this transfer of responsibilities will take place;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Western Québec School Board:

- Transfer to the Quebec English School Boards Association the mandate to oversee, on its behalf, finalisation of the aforementioned file regarding the class-action lawsuit on parental school fees;
- Thank all the partners who contributed, directly or indirectly, to the proper handling of this file to date.

Carried Unanimously

C-18/19-88 Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Davis that the meeting be adjourned at 10:23 p.m.