

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on April 28, 2020 via Zoom videoconferencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

Personnel:

Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation P. Proulx

Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi

Director of Finance S. Cox

Director of Education S. Aitken

Director of Human Resources T. Kharyati

REGRETS: Commissioners Garbutt and Young

The Director General, M. Dubeau, the Secretary General – Director of Corporate Services, G. Singfield, and the Assistant Director General / Director of Education, Adult Education/Vocational Training, R. Ahern were also present.

Public Participation:

Ms. Hazim: Voiced concerns **about** the opening on May 11. Covid-19 is a deadly virus. Schools do not have proper sanitization measures in place. What is the school **board's** position on this? What is the school **board's** emergency plan if a child or staff contracts Covid-19? What's the teachers' union's position?

Ms. Bouthillier: Shared all of the same concerns as Ms. Hazim. Our kids are being used by the Government as guinea pigs. What is the **Board's** position on this? And what is the Board's opinion on our school system in 2020 and how it has failed our students? Why was no action plan in place for distance learning? What steps are being taken to be better prepared to have distance education so that children can continue their learning? How can the Board get with the times with respect to distance learning?

Mr. Londynski: How is the school **board** proceeding with the May 11 reopening? What is its plan? Parents need clarifications on the optional return as stated by the Minister. What does optional mean? Why the change in document management for parents? Why is priority given to the portal? It is baffling that paper report cards are no longer available. Parents should have the right to choose how they receive their **child's** report cards. Also, there remains issues with WQSB email addresses. There are serious concerns on the use of technology. What about virtual learning? – Why is it that in 2020 at WQSB we cannot provide virtual classes to students? This is unacceptable. The WQSB can do better than what the Ministry mandates. Parents need clear explanations.

***All questions will be compiled and answered in a document that will be made available to all parents. Please send questions to: WQquestions@wqsb.qc.ca**

Call to Order: 7:39pm

C-19/20-111 Adoption of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the agenda be adopted as presented with the following modification:

Removal of agenda item: 9.3 Parents' Committee – November 18, 2019

Carried unanimously

C-19/20-112 Approval of Minutes – March 31, 2020

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the minutes of a meeting held on March 31, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chair's Report

Chair Guy presented his verbal report. Topics discussed included:

- How impressed he is by the professionalism and efforts of the WQSB teachers, staff, and senior administration to go above and beyond to serve our students despite the challenging situation.
- There is confidence that we will continue to address collectively the daily challenges ahead by working with the Government for the safety and security of our learners.
- The recommendations issued by QESBA relating to the educational implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Based on the recommendations by QESBA, it appears that the government has taken many in consideration for its plan.
- Reassurance that the Government's plan to reopen schools, albeit with its many challenges, does reflect many of the recommendations from the nine English school boards.

Director General's Report

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

- As educators, we all have concerns about opening our schools and centres during this stage of the pandemic.
- It is important to note that it is our government that has made the decision to gradually open the schools and centres. It is not a school board or school-based decision.
- As employees in the Education sector, it is our collective responsibility, to the best of our ability, to implement these decisions. We will depend on the expertise of our staff, the directives and advice from public health, and the Ministry of Education to inform us on how to implement the MEES plan.
- Some concerns will be solved at the school level, while others will require more information from the MEES.
- There are many logistical challenges ahead such as transportation, school organization, staffing, etc.
- As we continue to move forward, any information received from the MEES will be shared with staff, parents, and the WQSB communities.

C-19/20-113

Executive Committee Report – April 21, 2020

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Davis that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of April 21, 2020.

Carried unanimously

C-19/20-114

Public Tender – Cleaning Products – Project #19510B010

WHEREAS a call by public tender was made for the tendering of bids for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS the tendering is for 3 years with no additional renewal option;

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

Distribution Éventail
Laboratoire Choisy Ltée
Les Chimiques BOD Inc.
Produits Sany, une division de Solutions Supérieures Ltée
Roy Murcklen Industries – Romco
Sani-Sol Inc.
Staples Avantage Canada
Wood Wyant Inc.

WHEREAS the following bids have been received:

Suppliers	1 year	3 years
Produits Sany, une division de Solutions Supérieures Ltée	\$169,063.07	\$507,189.21
Roy Murcklen Industries – Romco	\$183,753.18	\$551,259.54

WHEREAS the lowest bid conforms;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Cornforth that the **bid submitted** by Produits Sany, une division de Solutions Supérieures Ltée, in the amount of \$507,189.21 for 3 years excluding taxes be approved and that the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation be authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously

C-19/20-115

Rescind Resolution # C-19/20-90 – Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School Extension – Lab École – Architectural Contest – Contract with the Laureate

WHEREAS resolution C-19/20-90 was for a contract with the architect firm only;

WHEREAS for the Lab École project, a common contract needs to be signed for the following professionals:

- Architect;
- Landscape Architect;
- Structural Engineer;
- Civil Engineer;
- Mechanical/Electrical Engineer;
- Environmental Engineer.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne to rescind resolution #C-19/20-90.

Carried unanimously

C-19/20-116 Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School Extension – Lab École – Contract with Professionals

WHEREAS DMA Architectes has been selected by the Jury as the Laureate of the architectural contest;

WHEREAS DMA Architectes has brought together a team of professionals to complete the contest and to do the project;

WHEREAS a common contract needs to be signed for the following professionals:

- Architect – DMA Architectes;
- Landscape Architect - VLAN PAYSAGES INC.;
- Structural Engineer - LATERAL S.E.N.C.;
- Civil Engineer - GRAVITAIRE S.E.N.C. ;
- Mechanical/Electrical Engineer - PAGEAU MOREL & ASSOCIÉS INC.;
- Environmental Engineer - WOOD CANADA LIMITEE.

WHEREAS the amount for each professional will follow the rules and regulations in place such as the “TARIF D'HONORAIRES POUR SERVICES PROFESSIONNELS FOURNIS AU GOUVERNEMENT PAR DES ARCHITECTES” and the “**TARIF D'HONORAIRES POUR SERVICES PROFESSIONNELS FOURNIS AU GOUVERNEMENT PAR DES INGÉNIEURS**”;

WHEREAS the global amount will be within the MEES allocation for professional services authorized for this project;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Schaler to mandate the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation Mr. P. Proulx to sign any and all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously

C-19/20-117 Appui au projet universel de construction d'un réseau de transport et d'un réseau d'accès Internet à large bande pour tous les territoires mal desservis situés dans les MRC de Pontiac et de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau.

WHEREAS Connexion Fibre Picanoc and WQSB are partners in the Fiber Optic network in the MRC of Pontiac and the MRC de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau;

WHEREAS Connexion Fibre Picanoc is supplying Internet connection in these MRCs and would like to extend and improve the services offered;

WHEREAS the opportunity for Connexion Fibre Picanoc to request a grant to the "Fonds pour la large bande du CRTC";

WHEREAS Connexion Fibre Picanoc would like a letter from his partners to support the request;

WHEREAS there is no financial obligation for the WQSB;

WHEREAS that project will be beneficial for the WQSB by providing high speed Internet connection to the homes of some of our students;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne to authorize Alain Guy and Mike Dubeau to sign a letter to support this request.

Carried unanimously

C-19/20-118 Adoption of Revised Policy E-9: The Appropriate Use of Information & Communication

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that, as recommended by the Governance & Ethics Committee and following the consultation process, the revised Policy E-9 – "*The Appropriate Use of Information & Communication*" be adopted as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-19/20-119 Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Graham that the meeting be adjourned at 9:29 p.m.