

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on December 1, 2020 via Zoom videoconferencing at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Guy, Commissioners Boucher, Cornforth, Daly, Garbutt, Giannakoulis, Graham, Lyrette-Brennan, Labadie, McCrank and Young, and Parent-Commissioners Brennan, Connell, Coutlée and Taylor.

Personnel:

Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation P. Proulx

Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi

Director of Education S. Aitken

Director of Finance S. Cox

Director of Finance M. Lupien

Director of Human Resources T. Kharyati

Administrative Officer R. Vincent

REGRETS: Commissioner Schaler

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.

Call to Order: 7:15 pm

C-20/21-61 **Adoption of Agenda**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that the agenda be adopted as presented with the mention that the motion to Postpone agenda items 13.1 and 13.2 from the last Commissioners meeting has been extended to January.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-62 **Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2020**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that the minutes of a meeting held on November 10, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Chair's Report

Chair Guy presented his report. Topics discussed included:

- How the pandemic has stimulated innovation within our education system
- Congratulations to the Commissioners and Parent-Commissioners who have been elected on the various committees
- Congratulations to Commissioner Wayne Daly who was elected Vice-Chair and QESBA Representative
- The postponement of School Board Elections
- Russell Copeman's Loan of Service to EMSB
- RAWQ Coffee Club
- Lab-École Project at PETES
- A reflection on the late James Shea, former WQSB Chairman

C-20/21-63

Election Procedures

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

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-64

Appointment of Scrutineers

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that George Singfield and Rachel Vincent be appointed as scrutineers for the election of the members of the Human Resources Committee and all other committees.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-65

Nominations for Parent-Commissioner Representation on the Human Resources Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that Council accept nominations for the Parent-Commissioner position on the Human Resources Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Nominations
Commissioner Taylor

By
Commissioner Boucher

C-20/21-66

Cease Nominations for Parent-Commissioner Representation on the Human Resources Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that nominations for the Parent- Commissioner position on the Human Resources Committee cease.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-67

Declaration of Election of Parent-Commissioner Representation on the Human Resources Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that Parent-Commissioner Taylor be declared elected as member of the Human Resources Committee.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-68

Nominations for Commissioner Representation on the Human Resources Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that Council accept nominations for **two (2)** commissioner positions on the Human Resources Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Nominations

By

Commissioner Boucher
Commissioner Giannakoulis
Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan

Commissioner Brennan
Self
Self

C-20/21-69 **Cease Nominations for Commissioner Representation on the Human Resources Committee**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that nominations for **two (2)** commissioner positions on the Human Resources Committee cease.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-70 **Declaration of Election of Commissioner Representation on the Human Resources Committee**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Commissioners Boucher and Lyrette-Brennan be declared elected as members of the Human Resources Committee.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-71 **Nominations for Commissioner Representation on the Discipline Committee**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that Council accept nominations for the **five (5)** commissioner positions of members on the Discipline Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Nominations

By

Commissioner Brennan	Commissioner Taylor
Commissioner Giannakoulis	Commissioner Daly
Commissioner McCrank	Commissioner Boucher
Commissioner Connell	Commissioner Brennan
Commissioner Labadie	Self
Commissioner Daly	Self
Commissioner Garbutt	Self

C-20/21-72 **Cease Nominations for Membership on Discipline Committee**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Graham that nominations for the **five (5)** Commissioner positions of members on the Discipline Committee cease.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-73 **Declaration of Election of Commissioner Members on Discipline Committee**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that Commissioners Brennan, Garbutt, Daly, Labadie, and Giannakoulis be declared elected as members of the Discipline Committee.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-74 **Nominations for Commissioner Representation on the Professional Improvement Committee (PIC)**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that Council accept nominations for the **one (1)** position of member on the Professional Improvement Committee (PIC).

Carried Unanimously

Nominations

By

Commissioner Graham	Commissioner Daly
Commissioner Cornforth	Self
Commissioner Boucher	Commissioner McCrank
Commissioner Giannakoulis	Commissioner Garbutt

C-20/21-75

Cease Nominations for Membership on the PIC

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

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-76

Declaration of Election of the Member on the PIC

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

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-77

Nominations for Commissioner Representation on the Educational Policies Committee (EPC)

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that Council accept nominations for the **one (1)** position of member on the Educational Policies Committee (EPC).

Carried Unanimously

Nominations

By

Commissioner Daly	Self
Commissioner Taylor	Commissioner Brennan
Commissioner Graham	Self

C-20/21-78

Cease Nominations for Membership on the EPC

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

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-79

Declaration of Election of the Member on the EPC

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Commissioner Graham be declared elected as member of the EPC.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-80

Appointment of Representatives on the Transportation Committee of the Centre de services scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that Commissioners Cornforth and Lyrette-Brennan be appointed as representatives on the Transportation Committee of the Centre de services scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-81 **Appointment of Representatives on the Transportation Committee of the Centre de services scolaire de l'Or-et-des-Bois**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that Commissioner Young be appointed as representative on the Transportation Committee of the Centre de services scolaire de l'Or-et-des-Bois.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-82 **Appointment of Representatives on the Transportation Committee of the Centre de services scolaire de Rouyn-Noranda**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that Commissioner Young be appointed as representative on the Transportation Committee of the Centre de services scolaire de Rouyn-Noranda.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-83 **Appointment of Representatives on the Transportation Committee of the Centre de services scolaire du Lac-Témiscamingue.**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Connell that Commissioner Young be appointed as representative on the Transportation Committee of the Centre de services scolaire du Lac-Témiscamingue.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-84 **Appointment of five (5) representatives on the Ad Hoc Communications Committee**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that Commissioners Labadie, Coutlée, Boucher and Daly be appointed as representatives on the Ad Hoc Communications Committee and that Parent-Commissioner Taylor be also appointed as representative on the Ad Hoc Communications Committee.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-85 **Appointment of four (4) representatives on the Advisory Committee on FNMI Education**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that Commissioners Young, Taylor, Daly and Lyrette-Brennan be appointed as representatives on the Advisory Committee on FNMI Education.

Carried Unanimously

DG's Report

Director General M. Dubeau presented his report:

- He will continue to give his weekly reports to Council on Fridays
- His DG's written reports will now consist of a compilation of his weekly reports
- He highlighted that Dec. 7-11 is WQSB in-school and centre admin appreciation week
- He acknowledged the incredible work that R. Ahern did preparing the Annual Report
- He also acknowledged the tremendous work that the Finance Department did under the leadership of Directors of Finance S. Cox and M. Lupien for the 2019-2020 Financial Statements

C-20/21-86 **Annual Report 2019-2020**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the Annual Report 2019 - 2020 be received as presented.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-87

Executive Committee Report – November 24, 2020

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Boucher that Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of November 24, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

WQSB 2020-2021 Derogation Report

The Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi presented the WQSB 2020-2021 derogation report.

WQSB 2020-2021 Homeschooling Report

The Director of Education S. Aitken presented the WQSB 2020-2021 Homeschooling report.

**Parent-Commissioner Brennan left at 9:30p.m.*

C-20/21-88

Financial Statements 2019-2020

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that Council acknowledge that a comprehensive review of the 2019-2020 financial statements was presented by the Audit Committee in the presence of board auditors, and that the Western Québec School Board's Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2020 be accepted as deposited.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-89

Régime d'emprunts à long terme (Long-Term Loan)

ATTENDU QUE, conformément aux dispositions de l'article 288 de la Loi sur l'instruction publique (chapitre I-13.3) ainsi que de l'article 77.1 de la Loi sur l'administration financière (RLRQ, chapitre A-6.001), la Commission scolaire Western Québec (l'« Emprunteur ») souhaite instituer un régime d'emprunts, valide jusqu'au 30 septembre 2021, lui permettant d'emprunter à long terme auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement, pour un montant n'excédant pas 16 700 000 \$;

ATTENDU QUE, conformément à l'article 83 de cette loi, l'Emprunteur souhaite prévoir, dans le cadre de ce régime d'emprunts, que le pouvoir d'emprunter et celui d'en approuver les conditions et modalités soient exercés par au moins deux de ses dirigeants;

ATTENDU QU'il y a lieu d'autoriser ce régime d'emprunts, d'établir le montant maximum des emprunts qui pourront être effectués en vertu de celui-ci, ainsi que les caractéristiques et limites relativement aux emprunts à effectuer et d'autoriser des dirigeants de l'Emprunteur à conclure tout emprunt en vertu de ce régime et à en approuver les conditions et modalités;

ATTENDU QUE le ministre de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (le « Ministre ») a autorisé l'institution du présent régime d'emprunts, selon les conditions auxquelles réfère sa lettre du 24 novembre 2020;

SUR LA PROPOSITION DU COMMISSAIRE DALY, IL EST RÉSOLU :

1. QU'un régime d'emprunts, valide jusqu'au 30 septembre 2020, en vertu duquel l'Emprunteur peut, sous réserve des caractéristiques

et limites énoncées ci-après, effectuer des emprunts à long terme auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement, pour un montant n'excédant pas 16 700 000 \$, soit institué;

2. QUE les emprunts à long terme effectués par l'Emprunteur en vertu du présent régime d'emprunts soient sujets aux caractéristiques et limites suivantes :
 - a. malgré les dispositions du paragraphe 1 ci-dessus, l'Emprunteur ne pourra, au cours de chacune des périodes de **quinze mois** s'étendant du 1^{er} juillet au 30 septembre et comprises dans la période visée au paragraphe 1, effectuer des emprunts qui auraient pour effet que le montant total approuvé pour l'Emprunteur, pour une telle période, par le Conseil du trésor au titre de la programmation des emprunts à long terme des commissions scolaires, soit dépassé;
 - b. l'Emprunteur ne pourra effectuer un emprunt à moins de bénéficier d'une subvention du gouvernement du Québec conforme aux normes établies par le Conseil du trésor, au titre de l'octroi ou de la promesse de subventions aux commissions scolaires, ainsi qu'aux termes et conditions déterminés par le Ministre et pourvoyant au paiement en capital et intérêt de l'emprunt concerné même si, par ailleurs, le paiement de cette subvention est sujet à ce que les sommes requises à cette fin soient votées annuellement par le Parlement;
 - c. chaque emprunt ne pourra être effectué qu'en monnaie légale du Canada auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement;
 - d. le produit de chaque emprunt ne pourra servir, outre le paiement des frais inhérents à l'emprunt concerné, que pour financer les dépenses d'investissement et les dépenses inhérentes aux investissements de l'Emprunteur subventionnées par le Ministre;
3. QU'aux fins de déterminer le montant total auquel réfère le paragraphe 1 ci-dessus, il ne soit tenu compte que de la valeur nominale des emprunts effectués par l'Emprunteur;
4. QU'en plus des caractéristiques et limites énoncées précédemment, les emprunts comportent les caractéristiques suivantes :
 - a. l'Emprunteur pourra contracter un ou plusieurs emprunts pendant toute la durée du régime d'emprunts jusqu'à concurrence du montant qui y est prévu, et ce, aux termes d'une seule et unique convention de prêt à conclure entre l'Emprunteur et le ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement;
 - b. chaque emprunt sera constaté par un billet fait à l'ordre du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement;
 - c. le taux d'intérêt payable sur les emprunts sera établi selon les critères déterminés par le gouvernement en vertu du décret

numéro 432-2018 du 28 mars 2018, tel que ce décret peut être modifié ou remplacé de temps à autre; et

- d. afin d'assurer le paiement à l'échéance du capital de chaque emprunt et des intérêts dus sur celui-ci, la créance que représente pour l'Emprunteur la subvention qui lui sera accordée par le Ministre, au nom du gouvernement du Québec, sera affectée d'une hypothèque mobilière sans dépossession en faveur du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement.
5. QUE l'Emprunteur soit autorisé à payer, à même le produit de chaque emprunt contracté en vertu du présent régime, les frais d'émission et les frais de gestion qui auront été convenus;
6. QUE l'un ou l'autre des dirigeants suivants :
Le Président
Ou le Directeur général
Ou le Vice-président
Ou la Directrice générale adjointe

de l'Emprunteur, **pourvu qu'ils soient deux agissant conjointement**, soit autorisé, au nom de l'Emprunteur, à signer la convention de prêt, la convention d'hypothèque mobilière et le billet, à consentir à toute clause et garantie non substantiellement incompatible avec les dispositions des présentes, à livrer le billet, à apporter toutes les modifications à ces documents non substantiellement incompatibles avec les présentes, ainsi qu'à poser tous les actes et à signer tous les documents, nécessaires ou utiles, pour donner plein effet aux présentes;

7. QUE, dans la mesure où l'Emprunteur a déjà adopté une résolution instituant un régime d'emprunts pour les mêmes fins, la présente résolution remplace la résolution antérieure, sans pour autant affecter la validité des emprunts conclus sous son autorité avant la date du présent régime d'emprunts.

Adoptée à l'unanimité

C-20/21-90 **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report – October 26, 2020**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Council acknowledge receipt of the SEAC minutes of October 26, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-91 **Parents' Committee Report – October 19, 2020**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of October 19, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-92 **Parents' Committee Report – November 3, 2020**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Connell that Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of November 3, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-93

Official Council Electronic Correspondence

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Graham that all official electronic council correspondence be conducted through the use of assigned WQSB email services as of December 2, 2020.

**Parent-Commissioner Taylor left at 10:00pm*

C-20/21-94

Commissioners' Stipend

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garbutt that the model proposed for the allocation of the commissioners' stipend be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

C-20/21-95

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Carried Unanimously