

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on November 30, 2021 via Teams at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Interim Chair Daly, Commissioners Boucher, Cornforth, George, Giannakoulis, Graham, Labadie, Lyrette-Brennan, McCrank, Shaar, 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 M. Lupien
 Director of Human Resources T. Kharyati
 Contract Compliance Officer A. Gendron
 Coordinator of Financial Services N. Dagenais
 Administrative Officer R. Vincent

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.

- **Land Acknowledgment**

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

C-21/22-56 Adoption of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-57 Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2021

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that the minutes of a meeting held on October 26, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

Director General's Report

The Director General gave a verbal report. Topics discussed included:

- His weekly update reports: Commissioners are welcome to send him info.
- Bill 9 -National Student Protector.
- COVID-19 Outbreaks at Dr. Wilbert Keon School.
- The excellent collaboration between the School Board and CISSO & CISSAT.
- 2 COVID-19 outbreaks in the North.
- Vaccinations underway for 5 to 11 year-olds.
- The senior Admin participation in an internal communications workshop.
- Congratulations to the Finance department for their hard work on completing the Financial Statements.

- C-21/22-58 Annual Report 2020-2021**
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that the 2020–2021 Annual Report be received as presented.
Carried Unanimously
- C-21/22-59 Executive Committee Report – November 23, 2021**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of November 23, 2021.
Carried Unanimously
- C-21/22-60 Derogation Request No. 21560G002 to the WQSB Purchasing Policy No. D-11 to Enter into a Mutual Agreement with the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf (MOSD) for the 2021-2022 school year**
WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board wishes to enter into a mutual agreement contract with the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf for the 2021-2022 school year;
WHEREAS the contract start date is November 30, 2021 and the contract end date is November 29, 2022;
WHEREAS *s. 6.4 Mutual Agreement Contract*, the WQSB Purchasing Policy states that:
a) The School Board may use a mutual agreement process for contracts of an estimated value below \$5,000;
b) The School Board communicates directly with at least one supplier, indicating the good(s), service(s) or construction work(s) required and any other relevant information;
c) Before entering into a contract by mutual agreement, the School Board must ensure that fair prices and conditions are obtained;
WHEREAS the value of this contract to be entered into by mutual agreement is above the threshold of \$5,000 for a mutual agreement contract;
WHEREAS the tendering process for a contract above \$5,000 requires 3 written quotes;
WHEREAS Policy D-11, *s. 7* provides an exception to the tendering process:
Except for contracts where the estimated expenditure is equal to or above the thresholds established by the Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies, the Council of Commissioners may authorize the School Board, in exceptional circumstances and for legitimate reasons, to enter into a contract without following the tendering processes described herein.

WHEREAS the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf has provided integrated services for our students in the past and is the only firm who can provide this service to the WQSB;

WHEREAS the annual value of the contract of **\$31,479.00** is within the signing authority of the Director General according to the WQSB's delegation of powers By-Law 30;

WHEREAS by its resolution E-21/22-59, the Executive Committee recommends Council approve the derogation request;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve the derogation request and enter into a mutual agreement contract with the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf for the 2021-2022 school year.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-61 Public Tenders – Renovation of the Change Room – Hadley - Project #21510B110

WHEREAS the MEQ has allocated a budget in the amount of **\$660,000** from the 2019-2020 Mesure 50621 for the above-mentioned project;

WHEREAS a call for public tender was completed for the above-mentioned project;

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

- 176026 CANADA INC. (Amor Construction)
- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
- AppelleFred
- 3955788 CANADA INC. (DMA Construction)
- BOLESS INC.
- D.L.S. CONSTRUCTION INC.
- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE
- 6739741 CANADA INC. (Gestion DMJ)
- LES ENTREPRENEURS GÉNÉRAUX RAYMOND & ASSOCIÉS INC.
- LES TOITURES RAYMOND ET ASSOCIÉS INC.
- SÉGUIN MORRIS INC.

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

AppelleFred	\$476,680
6739741 CANADA INC (Gestion DMJ)	\$489,765
3955788 CANADA INC (DMA Construction)	\$524,000

DEFRAN INCORPORÉE	\$524,222
LES ENTREPRENEURS GÉNÉRAUX RAYMOND & ASSOCIES INC.	\$534,350

WHEREAS the lowest bid is conformed;

WHEREAS by its resolution E-21/22-60, the Executive Committee recommends Council award the contract to AppelleFred;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shaar that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to AppelleFred.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-62 Temporary Delegation of Power for the Duration of the Election Period

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners will be in an election period for 35 days prior to the February 20, 2022 polling date;

WHEREAS according to the Act respecting school elections, Council cannot sit during the 25 days preceding the polling date;

WHEREAS there is a need to temporarily delegate the signing authority of the Council of Commissioners for expenses over \$50,000;

WHEREAS by its resolution E-21/22-61, the Executive Committee recommends Council delegate the signing authority for expenses over **\$50,000** to the Director General, Mr. Mike Dubeau, for the period of December 1, 2021 to March 1, 2022;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council delegate the signing authority for expenses **over \$50,000** to the Director General, Mr. Mike Dubeau, for the period of December 1, 2021 to March 1, 2022.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-63 Rescind Resolution C-19/20-116

WHEREAS Resolution C-19/20-116 authorized the Director of Buildings, Pascal Proulx, to sign a contract with 6 professionals;

WHEREAS WOOD CANADA LIMITÉE was not part of the contract;

WHEREAS the Treasury Board is questioning the resolution;

WHEREAS by its resolution E-21/22-62, the Executive Committee recommends Council rescind Resolution C-19/20-116;

It WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council rescind Resolution C-19/20-116.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-64 Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School Extension – Lab-École – Contract with Professionals

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

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

WHEREAS a joint 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.

WHEREAS the amount for each professional will adhere to 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 overall amount will be within the MEQ allocation for professional services authorized for this project;

WHEREAS by its resolution E-21/22-63, the Executive Committee recommends Council mandate the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation, Mr. P. Proulx, to sign all documents necessary relating to the joint contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shaar that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council mandate the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation, Mr. P. Proulx, to sign all documents necessary relating to the joint contract.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-65 Group Buying Program – Centre de services partagés du Québec – Office Supplies and Photocopy Paper (by the box) – 2021-7515-80 - Request for Authorization to Mandate the Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) to Conclude a Contract by Mutual Agreement

WHEREAS Resolution C-18/19-194 authorized the WQSB to join the purchasing group No. 2019-7515-80 (Collecto SAR110-2019);

WHEREAS that contract ends on June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS the CAG's strategy is to conclude a new contract by mutual agreement with the same supplier for a period of 4 months while consolidating other contracts of the same nature;

WHEREAS there are specific needs for the acquisition of supplies consisting of office supplies and photocopy paper for the 2022-2023 school year;

WHEREAS the WQSB can join the purchasing group offered by the Centre de services partagés du Québec, File # 2021-7515-80 – Fournitures de bureau et papier d'impression (bte);

WHEREAS the *Regulation respecting certain supply contracts of public bodies*, RLRQ C-65.1, r 5.1;

WHEREAS this type of contract requires the authorization of the chief executive officer of the public body before the notice of a call for tenders is published;

WHEREAS the new contract will cover the period of July 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022 (4 months), with no renewal option;

WHEREAS the estimated value of the contract, including the renewal options is estimated at **\$46,500**;

WHEREAS by its resolution E-21/22-64, the Executive Committee recommends Council approve that the WQSB proceed with joining the contract for its purchasing of office supplies and photocopy paper;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coullée that as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve that the WQSB proceed with joining the contract for its purchasing of office supplies and photocopy paper (by the box) through the Centre de services partagés du Québec program, and that the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation, Mr. P. Proulx, be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-66 Group Buying Program – Centre de services partagés du Québec – IT Consultant – Services – 2021-8049-80

WHEREAS there are specific needs for the acquisition of services for an IT Consultant on an ad-hoc basis;

WHEREAS there is an opportunity to join the purchasing group offered by the Centre de services partagés du Québec, 2021-8043-80, Services de courtage TI;

WHEREAS the *Regulation respecting certain supply contracts of public bodies*, RLRQ C-65.1, r 5.1;

WHEREAS this type of contract requires the authorization of the chief executive officer of the public body before the notice of a call for tenders is published;

WHEREAS the contract is for a period of 36 months, starting January 30, 2022 and ending January 29, 2025, with no option for renewal;

WHEREAS the total financial commitment for this contract is estimated at **\$150,000**;

WHEREAS by its resolution E-21/22-65, the Executive Committee recommends Council approve that the WQSB proceed with joining the contract for its purchasing of educational technology;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council approve that the WQSB proceed with joining the contract for its purchasing of educational technology through the Centre de services partagés du Québec program, and that the Director of Buildings, Technology and Transportation, Mr. P. Proulx, be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-67 Delegation of Power of Signature – Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board has regular projects in collaboration with the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques (MELCC);

WHEREAS there is a need to have a delegate to sign all administrative documents and requests for a certificate of authorization from the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques in accordance with the Environment Quality Act;

WHEREAS the need to have a delegate to sign all documents required under section 115.8 of the Environment Quality Act;

WHEREAS by its resolution E-21/22-66, the Executive Committee recommends Council delegate the power of signature to the Director of Buildings for all administrative documents and requests for a certificate of authorization from the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Connell that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council delegate the

power of signature to the Director of Buildings for all administrative documents and requests for a certificate of authorization from the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques in accordance with the Environment Quality Act and to sign all documents required under section 115.8 of the Environment Quality Act.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-68 Public Call for Tenders – Renovation of the Gymnasium – Golden Valley - Project #21510B250-1

WHEREAS the MEQ has allocated from the 2019-2020 Mesure 50621 a budget in the amount of **\$465,000** for the above-mentioned project;

WHEREAS the MEQ has allocated from the 2019-2020 Mesure 50621 a budget in the amount of **\$1,000,000** for the interior renovation project;

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

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

- 9136-4554 QUÉBEC INC. (Construction Beauchêne)
- CONSTRUCTION FILIATRAULT INC.
- CONSTRUCTION TREM-NOR INC.
- Groupe GMR Construction inc.
- Association des professionnels de la construction et de l'habitation du Québec (APCHQ)
- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais

WHEREAS the following bids were received:

CONSTRUCTION FILIATRAULT INC.	\$618,899.81
9136-4554 QUÉBEC INC. (Construction Beauchêne)	\$726,106.13
CONSTRUCTION TREM-NOR INC.	\$728,900.00

WHEREAS the lowest bid is conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Brennan that the bid submitted by Construction Filiatrault Inc. in the amount of **\$618,899.81** excluding taxes be approved and that the Director of Buildings be mandated to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-69 Civil Engineer – Parking Lot – Hadley/Philemon Wright – Project #21510B220

WHEREAS the MEQ has allocated a budget in the amount of \$4,450,000 from the 2020-2021 Mesure 50620 for the above-mentioned project;

WHEREAS a call for tenders was completed for the selection of a Civil Engineer for the above-mentioned project;

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

- CIMA+ S.E.N.C.
- Les Services EXP Inc.
- QDI
- WSP Canada Inc.

WHEREAS the members of the Selection Committee, following a quality evaluation, recommend that CIMA+ S.E.N.C. be awarded the contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Council award the contract to CIMA+ S.E.N.C., as recommended by the Selection Committee.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-70 Buildings Inspection – Derogation to the D-11: Purchasing Policy

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation has called for tenders to engage a firm to train school boards on the new building inspection processes and implementation of a new software;

WHEREAS the contract was awarded to ALTA;

WHEREAS the number of hours allocated to the Western Quebec School Board has been used;

WHEREAS the frequent turnover of personnel in the Buildings Department;

WHEREAS there is a need for the Western Québec School Board to hire ALTA to help complete the project;

WHEREAS the mutual agreement is valued at \$37,164.00, which does not comply with Policy D-11;

WHEREAS article 7 of the Purchasing Policy aD-11 allows for this type of derogation;

WHEREAS the RARQ approves the derogation;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner Shaar to allow the derogation from Policy D-11 for the contract with ALTA and to authorize the Director of Buildings P. Proulx to sign the contract.

Carried Unanimously

- C-21/22-71** **2020-2021 Financial Statements**
 IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that the Western Québec School Board's Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021 be accepted as presented.
- Carried Unanimously
- C-21/22-72** **Signing Authorities for Administration of Bank Accounts**
 WHEREAS article 174 of the Education Act states that the Council of Commissioners may delegate some of its functions, by By-Law, to the Director General;
- WHEREAS currently the Director General of the Western Québec School Board has the signing authorities for bank account administration;
- WHEREAS the signing authorities for bank account administration should be transferred to the Director of Finance;
- WHEREAS the foregoing signing authorities are not to include payment disbursements;
- It is recommended that the Council of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of the administrative signing authorities for banking purposes from the Director General to the Director of Finance;
- IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Brennan that Council approve the transfer of the administrative signing authorities for banking purposes as recommended.
- Carried Unanimously
- C-21/22-73** **Line of Credit with the MFQ**
 ATTENDU QUE, conformément à l'article 78 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 31 décembre 2022, lui permettant d'effectuer des emprunts par marge de crédit auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement, pour financer ses projets d'investissement pour lesquels une subvention est accordée par le ministre de l'Éducation (les « Projets »);
- ATTENDU QUE le montant des emprunts à contracter en vertu de ce régime d'emprunts ne devra pas excéder les montants autorisés par le ministre de l'Éducation, conformément à la Loi sur l'instruction publique (RLRQ, chapitre I-13.3) et à la Loi sur l'administration financière pour ces Projets;
- ATTENDU QUE les Projets seront financés uniquement auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement;

ATTENDU QUE tout emprunt temporaire effectué auprès d'institutions financières pour le financement des Projets, doit, à l'échéance ou dès que possible, être financé auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement;

ATTENDU QU'il est opportun, à cet effet, d'autoriser ce régime d'emprunts et d'en approuver les conditions et modalités;

ATTENDU QUE, conformément à l'article 83 de la Loi sur l'administration financière, l'Emprunteur souhaite, dans le cadre de ce régime d'emprunts, que le pouvoir d'emprunter et celui d'approuver les conditions et les modalités des emprunts soient exercés par au moins deux de ses dirigeants;

ATTENDU QUE ce régime d'emprunts doit être autorisé par le ministre de l'Éducation, conformément à la Loi sur l'instruction publique et à la Loi sur l'administration financière;

IL EST EN CONSÉQUENCE RÉSOLU PAR LE COMMISSAIRE-PARENT BRENNAN :

1. QUE, sous réserve de l'autorisation requise du ministre de l'Éducation, l'Emprunteur soit autorisé à instituer un régime d'emprunts, valide jusqu'au 31 décembre 2022, lui permettant d'effectuer des emprunts par marge de crédit auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement, pour financer ses projets d'investissement pour lesquels une subvention est accordée par la ministre de l'Enseignement supérieur (les « Projets »), selon les limites et caractéristiques suivantes :
 - a) 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;
 - b) les emprunts effectués par marge de crédit seront réalisés en vertu d'une convention de marge de crédit à intervenir avec le ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement, conformément aux conditions et aux modalités qui y sont établies;
 - c) le montant des emprunts à contracter en vertu de la marge de crédit ne devra, en aucun temps, excéder le montant autorisé par le ministre de l'Éducation en vertu de lettres d'autorisation qu'il délivre de temps à autre pour ces Projets.
2. QUE les Projets soient financés uniquement auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement;

3. QU'aux fins de déterminer le montant des emprunts auquel réfère le paragraphe 1c), il ne soit tenu compte que du solde des emprunts en cours et non encore remboursés contractés auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement, ainsi que des emprunts temporaires contractés auprès d'institutions financières pour les Projets, antérieurement à la présente résolution;
4. QUE tout financement temporaire en cours contracté auprès d'institutions financières pour les fins des Projets soit, à l'échéance ou dès que possible, réalisé auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement;
5. QU'aux fins de constater chaque emprunt ou chaque remboursement de capital ou d'intérêt sur les marges de crédit, l'Emprunteur soit autorisé à remettre au ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement, une confirmation de transaction;
6. QUE le/la Directeur(trice) général(e), le/la Directeur(trice) général(e) adjoint(e), le/la Directeur(trice) des ressources financières, ou le/la Coordonnateur(trice) aux ressources financières de l'Emprunteur, pourvu qu'ils soient deux agissant conjointement, soient autorisés, pour et au nom de l'Emprunteur, à signer toute confirmation de transaction aux fins de constater chaque emprunt contracté aux termes des marges de crédit ou tout remboursement d'emprunt sur ces marges;
7. QUE le/la Directeur(trice) général(e), le/la Président(e), ou le/la Directeur(trice) général(e) adjoint(e) de l'Emprunteur, pourvu qu'ils soient deux agissant conjointement, soient autorisés, pour et au nom de l'Emprunteur, à signer la convention de marge de crédit, à consentir à tout ajout ou modification non substantiellement incompatible avec les dispositions des présentes et à poser tous les actes et à signer tous les documents nécessaires ou utiles pour donner plein effet aux emprunts par marge de crédit;

QUE la présente résolution remplace toutes les résolutions antérieurement adoptées pour les mêmes fins.

C-21/22-74 **Transportation Committee Report – November 15, 2021**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that Council accept receipt of the Transportation Committee minutes of November 15, 2021

Carried Unanimously

- C-21/22-75 One-year contract – Autobus LaSalle Inc.**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that Council approve the one-year contract negotiated with Autobus LaSalle, in the amount of **\$229,035.05**, as recommended by the Transportation Committee.

Carried Unanimously

- C-21/22-76 One-year contract – Baie Transport Inc.**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that Council approve the one-year contract negotiated with Baie Transport, in the amount of **\$132,035,28**, as recommended by the Transportation Committee.

Carried Unanimously

- C-21/22-77 One-year contract – Autobus La Petite Nation Inc.**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that Council approve the one-year contract negotiated with Autobus La Petite Nation, in the amount of **\$139,470,73**, as recommended by the Transportation Committee.

Carried Unanimously

- C-21/22-78 One-year contract – Bigras Transport Inc.**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that Council approve the one-year contract negotiated with Bigras Transport, in the amount of **\$124,820,73**, as recommended by the Transportation Committee.

Carried Unanimously

- C-21/22-79 Parents' Committee Report – October 18, 2021**
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that Council accept receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of October 18, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

- C-21/22-80 Educational Policy Committee Report – June 1, 2021**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Graham that Council accept receipt of the Educational Policy Committee minutes of June 1, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

- C-21/22-81 Governance & Ethics Committee Report – October 12, 2021**
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Council accept receipt of the Governance & Ethics Committee minutes of October 12, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

- C-21/22-82 Audit Committee Report – November 22, 2021**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Coutlée that Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Audit Committee minutes of November 22, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-83 Ad Hoc Communications Committee Report – October 14, 2021

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Council accept receipt of the Ad Hoc Communications Committee minutes of October 14, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-84 Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Indigenous Education – Committee Purpose, Mandate and Composition Adjustment

WHEREAS the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Indigenous Education's original purpose and role was:

The purpose of the ad hoc advisory committee is to provide opportunities for dialogue, collaboration and partnerships to support FNMI learner success.

The role of the committee was to:

- Engage in dialogue and collaborate with FN communities and organizations to raise cultural awareness and support student success
- Pursue opportunities to engage in practices that support reconciliation

WHEREAS the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Indigenous Education Composition was:

- WQSB Chairman
- 3 commissioners, 1 from region 8 and 2 from region 7
- Senior Administration – ADG as responsible for Indigenous community partnerships and Indigenous learner success
- 4 representatives from First Nations Communities (Algonquins of Barriere Lake, Kitigan Zibi, Temiscaming First Nations and Keboawek)
- 1 representative from each Friendship Centre (Val D'or and Maniwaki)
- 4 parent representatives (should represent the diversity of learners, on-reserve, off-reserve, diverse Nations)
- 2 student representatives

WHEREAS the Ad Hoc Committee has met throughout the 2020-2021 year to examine and adjust its mandate and composition to ensure effectiveness and alignment with the WQSB mandate as given under the Education Act;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner Young that the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Indigenous Education's purpose, mandate and composition be adjusted as follows:

The purpose of the ad hoc advisory committee is to provide the Western Québec School board with a vision, opportunities and an effective model for dialogue, for collaboration, as well as for fostering partnerships to support Indigenous learner success.

The role of the committee is to:

- Actively engage in relationship building, communication, collaboration and action with Indigenous communities and organizations in order to raise cultural awareness and support student success.
- Actively engage and provide leadership in the process of reconciliation through the calls to action contained in the reports of both the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Public Inquiry Commission on relations between Indigenous Peoples and certain public services in Québec: listening, reconciliation, and progress where the calls to action intersect with the mandate (Instruct, Socialize and Qualify) of the Western Québec School Board under the Education Act.
- Pursue opportunities to engage in practices that support reconciliation as an example for the Western Québec learning community.

Composition

- WQSB Chairman
- 3 commissioners, 1 from region 8 and 2 from region 7
- Senior Administration – ADG as responsible for Indigenous community partnerships and Indigenous learner success
- 4 representatives from First Nations Communities
- 2 parent representatives (should represent the diversity of learners, on-reserve, off-reserve, diverse nations)
- 2 staff representatives
- Student representation on an ad hoc basis

Carried Unanimously

C-21/22-85 Request for Reconsideration

WHEREAS a Discipline Committee Appeal request was submitted to G. Singfield, Secretary General (Student ID Number: 0034298);

WHEREAS the appeal was heard before the Council of Commissioners at a meeting called for that purpose on November 23, 2021;

WHEREAS a recommendation was made by the Commissioners present at the appeal hearing to uphold the original decision rendered by the Discipline Committee on October 18, 2021;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan to uphold the decision to expel student 0034298 from attending WQSB schools or centers for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

For: 10

Against: 2 (Taylor, Boucher)

Abstentions: 2 (Cornforth)

C-21/22-86 Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.