

**Province of Quebec  
Western Quebec School Board**

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on March 28, 2023, in a hybrid model at the Western Quebec School Board office 15, rue Katimavik at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Daly, Commissioners Boucher, Brushey, Cornforth, George, Giannakoulis, Goldsbrough, Graham, Lyrette-Brennan, McCrank, Shaar, Co-opted Commissioners Commoda and Garner, and Parent-Commissioners Brennan, Boucher-Sharma, Fortier and Taylor.

**REGRETS:** Commissioner Labadie

**Personnel:**

Director of Complementary Services L. Falasconi  
Director of Finance M. Lupien  
Director of Buildings P. Proulx  
Assistant Director of Human Resources J. Svetec  
Contract Compliance Officer A. Gendron  
Administrative Officer R. Vincent

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

**Public Participation:**

A statement was read by Ms. Bouchard to the Council of Commissioners about her disagreement with the content and manner of other WQSB parent volunteers' expression of their views at her Governing Board table and through the Parent Committee and its sub-committees on a variety of issues.

Ms. Sabrin Saraj, board member of Parents for Diversity, addressed the Council concerning the importance of inclusion and diversity.

- **Land Acknowledgment**

Call to Order: 7:22 p.m.

**C-22/23-130**

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

- Agenda item 10.6: Formation of an Intercultural Relations and Education Committee
- Agenda Item 10.2: Acknowledgment of the February 9, 2023 Governance & Ethics report

- Withdrawal of Agenda Items 11.1 and 11.1.1

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-131**

**Approval of Minutes**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that the minutes of a meeting held on February 28, 2023, be approved with the following changes:

- Acknowledgment that the G&E minutes of February 9, 2023 were accurate.
- C-22/23-115 – withdraw comment of correction as reported by Parent-Commissioner Taylor.

Carried unanimously

**Director General’s Report**

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

- Letter received from the Deputy Minister acknowledging the quality of the WQSB’s annual report
- Developments on the Lab-École project
- Electoral Divisions workplan for the 2024 School Board Elections
- The consultation of Commitment to success plan

**C-22/23-132**

**Consultation Plan for Commitment to Success Plan**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that Council approve the Consultation Plan for the Commitment to Success Plan as presented.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-133**

**Executive Committee Report – March 21, 2023**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of March 21, 2023.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-134**

**Redundancy of the Internet Link**

WHEREAS resolution C-21/22-197 approved the buildings and technology investment plan;

WHEREAS the above-mentioned project was allocated \$130,000 in the IT infrastructure plan;

WHEREAS the RISQ (Réseau d’informations scientifiques du Québec) is a non-for-profit organization whose mission is to develop and operate a private telecommunication network for the educational sector;

WHEREAS the RISQ is our Internet supplier;

WHEREAS for redundancy purposes, we must double our internet entrance;

WHEREAS there is an investment price of \$103,891 for the double entrance;

WHEREAS with its resolution E-22/23-133, the Executive Committee recommends that Council authorize the Director of Buildings to sign this contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council give the Director of Buildings signing authority for this contract.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-135**

**Public Tender – Golden Valley – Interior Renovation Phase 2 (Asbestos Encapsulation) – Contract # 22510B014**

WHEREAS resolution C-21/22-197 approved the buildings and technology investment plan;

WHEREAS an amount of \$1,157,467 from measure 50621 from the school year 2021-2022 was reserved for the above-mentioned project;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- Lincora (9394-5202 Québec Inc.)
- ACQ - Région de l'Outaouais
- CONSTRUCTION FILIATRAULT INC.
- CONSTRUCTION TREM-NOR INC.
- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE
- LANEXCO INC.

WHEREAS the following bids were received;

Construction Inc.	Trem-Nor	\$758,000
Construction Inc.	Filiatrault	\$939,255

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

WHEREAS with its resolution E-22/23-134, the Executive Committee recommends Council award the contract to Construction Trem-Nor Inc. in the amount of \$758,000 and give the Director of Buildings the authority to sign the contract;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brushey, that as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council award the contract to Construction Trem-Nor Inc. in the amount of \$758,000 and give the Director of Buildings the authority to sign the contract.

Carried Unanimously

**C-22/23-136**

**Public Tender – Hadley / Philemon Wright – Parking Lot Rehabilitation Phase 2 – Contract # 22510B017**

WHEREAS resolution C-21/22-197 approved the buildings and technology investment plan;

WHEREAS an amount of \$4,450,000 from measure 50621 from the school year 2020-2021 was reserved for the parking lot rehabilitation Phase 1;

WHEREAS Phase 1 of the contract authorized by resolution C-21/22-175 has been completed, and the budget balance will be used to cover Phase 2;

WHEREAS a public tender was completed;

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

- Excavation GTS (10087548 CANADA INC.)
- LES ENTREPRISES ROB & SYL (118012 CANADA LTÉE)
- Pavage Inter Cité (130247 CANADA INC.)
- Delta Électrique (2998939 CANADA INC.)
- Equinoxe JMP (6369472 CANADA INC.)
- CIVIL-DB EXCAVATION (9303-7877 Québec Inc.)
- ACQ – Région de l'Outaouais
- DEFRAN INCORPORÉE
- Infratek Construction
- Lamarche Électrique QC Inc.
- LE GROUPE LÉCUYER LTÉE
- LES PAVAGES LAFLEUR & FILS INC.
- POLANE INC.
- SÉGUIN MORRIS INC.

WHEREAS the following bids were received;

LES ENTREPRISES ROB & SYL (118012 CANADA LTÉE)	\$1,286,538.50
POLANE INC.	\$1,464,448.40
Infratek Construction	\$1,749,588.19
Equinoxe JMP (6369472 CANADA INC.)	\$1,751,842.60
DEFRAN INCORPORÉE	\$2,145,178.42
Pavage Inter Cité (130247 CANADA INC.)	\$2,239,871.50

WHEREAS the lowest bid conformed;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shaar to award the contract to LES ENTREPRISES ROB & SYL (118012 CANADA LTÉE) in the amount of \$1,286,538.50 and give the Director of Buildings the authority to sign the contract.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-137**

**Governance & Ethics Committee Report – February 9 and March 13, 2023**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Council acknowledge receipt of the Governance & Ethics Committee minutes of both February 9 and March 13, 2023.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-138**

**Policy C-26 Parent Authorization Form**

WHEREAS the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends that the duplicate of the *Parent Authorization Form* be removed from the list of published policies;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that the duplicate of the *Parent Authorization Form* be removed from the list of published policies as recommended by the Governance and Ethics Committee.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-139**

**Policy C-16 Self-Funded Trips**

WHEREAS as a result of changes made to the Education Act;

WHEREAS the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends that Policy C-16 *Self-Funded Trips* be rescinded and removed from the list of published policies;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that Policy C-16 be rescinded and removed from the list of published policies as recommended by the Governance and Ethics Committee.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-140**

**Rules of Procedure of Mandatory and Discretionary Committees of the Council of Commissioners**

WHEREAS the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends that the rules of procedure of mandatory and discretionary committees of the Council of Commissioners be inserted as an Annex to Policy A-16 *Governance*;

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor that the rules of procedure of mandatory and discretionary committees of the Council of Commissioners be inserted as an annex to Policy A-16 *Governance* as recommended by the Governance and Ethics Committee.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-141****C-5 Policy Outlining the Discipline Committee Process**

WHEREAS the Governance & Ethics Committee was originally tasked with prioritizing policies for revision;

WHEREAS Governance & Ethics Committee put together a list of priorities;

WHEREAS Bill 9 will take effect in August 2023 and has implications for the current Policy C-5 – *Policy Outlining the Discipline Committee Process*;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shaar that, as recommended by the Governance & Ethics Committee, Council refer Policy C-5 – *Policy Outlining the Discipline Committee Process* to the Governance & Ethics Committee for review and revision in light of the provisions of Bill 9.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-142****Human Resources Committee Report – February 20, 2023**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough that Council acknowledge receipt of the Human Resources Committee minutes of February 20, 2023.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-143****Parents' Committee Report – February 20, 2023**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of February 20, 2023.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-144****SEAC Committee Report – January 10, 2023**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that Council acknowledge receipt of the SEAC Committee Minutes of January 10, 2023.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-145****Intercultural Relations and Education Committee**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Taylor to establish an Intercultural Relations and Education Committee with the purpose of addressing both anti-racism and reconciliation as well as training and community outreach.

For: 14

Against: 2 (Graham)

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried

Committee Members:

- Commissioner Goldsbrough
- Co-opted Commissioner Garner
- Co-opted Commissioner Commoda

- Parent-Commissioner Fortier
- Parent-Commissioner Taylor

**C-22/23-146**                    **Adoption of School Calendar 2023-2024**  
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Cornforth that the 2023-2024 school calendar be adopted as presented by the Director of Human Resources.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-147**                    **Nominations for the Position of Co-opted Commissioner on the Advisory Committee on Indigenous Education**  
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan that Council accept nominations for the position of Co-opted Commissioner on the Advisory Committee on Indigenous Education.

Nominations

By

Co-opted Commissioner Commoda

Commissioner Lyrette-Brennan

**C-22/23-148**                    **Declaration of Election of the Co-opted Commissioner on the Advisory Committee on Indigenous Education**  
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough that Co-opted Commissioner Commoda be declared elected member of the Advisory Committee on Indigenous Education.

For: 15  
 Against: 0  
 Abstention: 1(Graham)  
 Motion carried

**C-22/23-149**                    **Nominations for the Position of Co-opted Commissioner on the Executive Committee**  
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Giannakoulis that Council accept nominations for the position of Co-opted Commissioner on the Executive Committee.

Nominations

By

Co-opted Commissioner Garner

Parent-Commissioner Taylor

**C-22/23-150**                    **Declaration of Election of the Co-opted Commissioner on the Executive Committee**  
 IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that Co-opted Commissioner Garner be declared elected member of the Executive Committee.

For: 15  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 1(Graham)  
Motion carried

**C-22/23-151**      **Nominations for the Position of Commissioner on the Ad Hoc Communications Committee**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brushey that Council accept nominations for **one** position of Commissioner on the Ad Hoc Communications Committee.

Nominations

By

Co-opted Commissioner Garner

Parent-Commissioner Taylor

**C-22/23-152**      **Declaration of Election of Commissioner on the Ad Hoc Communications Committee**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Boucher that Co-opted Commissioner Garner be declared elected member of the Ad Hoc Communications Committee.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-153**      **Destination Imagination 2023 - Expression of Appreciation**  
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Goldsbrough that the Council of Commissioners express their appreciation to all participants in the 2023 Destination Imagination tournament, and specifically to the team responsible for organizing the tournament, Ms. Lisa Diner, Mr. Steve Greig, and Mr. Alan Earwaker, for their dedication to this event and initiative.

Carried unanimously

**C-22/23-154**      **Adjournment**  
IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Fortier that the meeting be adjourned at 8:59 p.m.