

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on January 26, 2010 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Brunke, Daly, Dexter, Gunn, Guy, Hendry (by telephone), Jawbone (by video-conference), Lanyi, Larivière (by video-conference), McCrank, O'Brien, Shea, Taylor, Wilson and Young (by telephone), Parent Commissioners Komm and McClelland

Personnel:

Assistant Director of Education, M. Dubeau
Assistant Director of Education, M. Lothian

REGRETS: Commissioners Chiasson, Davidson, Garbutt and Perry.

The Director General, M. Dawson, the Deputy Director General/ Director of Finance and Human Resources, P. Lamoureux and the Secretary General, R. Vézina were also present.

Call to Order

The Chair and Vice-Chair being absent, the Director General, M. Dawson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Nomination of Acting Chairperson

The Director General asked for nominations to appoint an Acting Chairperson:

Danielle Lanyi nominated Cary O'Brien, seconded by Wayne Daly. Cary O'Brien accepted the nomination and took his seat to preside the meeting.

Swearing-in of Parent Commissioner Komm

Parent Commissioner Komm was sworn in by Director General, M. Dawson.

The acting Chair, C. O'Brien welcomed and congratulated Parent Commissioner Komm.

Public Participation

Monique Henri, Chair – D'Arcy McGee Governing Board and Mark Caissy, Chair Symmes Junior High School Governing Board made representations concerning continuing efforts to have changes made at the intersection of Vanier Road and Boulevard Du Plateau, which the schools deem unsafe. They asked the board to continue support efforts to pressure both the city and the STO.

C-09/10-117 **Approval of Agenda**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter that the Agenda be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-118 **Approval of Minutes of November 24, 2009**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Minutes of a meeting held on November 24, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chairman's remarks

A committee has been formed, with Marian Lothian and Michael Chiasson as co-chairs, to organize the AAESQ/QESBA Spring Conference 2011. The committee is aware that Council wants things done differently. More information will follow.

Director General Report

The Director General made his report. Influenza A(H1N1) is under control. He gave details about a school bus accident that occurred this morning. There were no serious injuries.

The Director General made a Power Point presentation concerning Success Plans. He also gave an overview of SKO Vision software aimed at creating and monitoring success plans.

QESBA Report

Commissioner Young gave his update. There was an unofficial announcement that there is a good chance of twinning elections with municipal elections.

C-09/10-119 **Executive Committee Report – January 19, 2010**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Gunn that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Executive Committee minutes of January 19, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-120 **Corporate Committee Report – January 12, 2010**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Corporate Committee minutes of January 12, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-121 **By-Law #18 – Send for Consultation**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that, as recommended by the Corporate Committee, By-Law #18 – *By-Law Establishing Procedures for the Examination of Complaints* be sent out for consultation.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Guy made a presentation about the current work of the Corporate Committee.

Education Committee Report

Commissioner O'Brien gave his report which contained information on the following:

- French language task force
- Teacher recruitment and retention
- Alternate programme (Beth Burn and Judy Price to give an update)
- Enrichment: not being looked at presently, is still a priority, will get to this shortly
- Daycare
- K-4

C-09/10-122

Education Committee Report – January 13, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Education Committee minutes of January 13, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-123

Hull Adult Education Centre - Trip to New York City

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lanyi that as recommended by the Education Committee, the Hull Adult Education Centre's request to participate in a trip to New York City on May 6 to May 9, 2010 be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-124

D'Arcy McGee High School - Europe Cultural Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Gunn that as recommended by the Education Committee, the D'Arcy McGee High School's request to participate in a Europe Cultural Trip from April 15 to April 24, 2010 be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-125

D'Arcy McGee High School - Exchange Trip to Vancouver

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that as recommended by the Education Committee, the D'Arcy McGee High School's request to participate in the Youth Exchange Program in Vancouver from April 23 to May 3, 2010 be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-126

D'Arcy McGee High School - Exchange Trip to Altona

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that as recommended by the Education Committee, the D'Arcy McGee High School's request to participate in the Exchange Program to Altona from April 20 to April 26, 2010 be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-127

D'Arcy McGee High School - Canada World Youth Global Learner Program

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that as recommended by the Education Committee, the D'Arcy McGee High School's request to participate in the Canada World Youth Global Learner Program in Ecuador from June 26 to July 10, 2010 be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-128

Plan d'aménagement de la formation professionnelle et technique

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport has mandated all Québec regions to produce a concerted "Plan d'aménagement de la formation professionnelle et technique » ;

WHEREAS, in continuity with the "2004-2008 Strategic Plan for the Québec-wide delivery of English Language Vocational Training" plan, the nine English school boards have worked collaboratively with the 4 English colleges in this process and have represented the needs of their student population;

WHEREAS this « plan d'aménagement » was developed in close consultation with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport's "Section de la formation professionnelle et technique et de la formation continue (SFPTFC)", the "Services à la communauté Anglophone (SCA)" and the Provincial Vocational-Technical Collaboration Committee for the English Sector (PVTCC);

WHEREAS this "plan d'aménagement" includes an in-depth analysis of labour market trends and reviews existing points of service with the view of developing and consolidating program offerings where appropriate;

WHEREAS this "plan d'aménagement" is comprehensive and deals with major issues affecting vocational and technical education service delivery in the English language;

WHEREAS this "plan d'aménagement" has been approved unanimously by the Association of Directors General of English School Boards of Québec (ADGESBQ);

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter that the Council of Commissioners of the Western Québec School Board approve the "2009 Plan d'aménagement de l'offre de formation professionnelle et technique en langue anglaise" for the Québec-wide delivery of English Language Vocational and Technical Training".

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Vocational-Technical Collaboration Committee for the English Sector (PVTCC) to be included in support of our

“Plan d’aménagement” and deposited at the Ministère de l’Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport for analysis and consideration.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-129

Special Business Committee Report – December 16, 2009

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Special Business Committee minutes of December 16, 2009 as modified.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-130

Tax Certificates

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the School Board decrease the amount invoiced to notaries to \$10.00 a certificate.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-131

Revised Budget 2009-2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the 2009-2010 Revised budget be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-132

Business Committee of The Whole Report – January 19, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Board acknowledge receipt of the minutes of a meeting of the Business Committee of The Whole held on January 19, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-133

Financial Statements for 2008-2009

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Business Committee of The Whole, the Western Quebec School Board’s Financial Statement for 2008-2009 prepared by the firm of Samson & Associates be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-134

Appointment of Auditing Firm 2009-2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Business Committee of The Whole, the accounting firm of Samson & Associates be retained as the board’s auditing firm for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Wilson expressed thanks to members of the Parents' Committee: library.

- C-09/10-135** **Complementary Services Parity Committee Report – November 23, 2009**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Taylor that the Board acknowledge receipt of the minutes of the Complementary Services Parity Committee meeting held on November 23, 2009.
 Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-136** **Approval of Accounts – July 2009**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of July 2009 be approved in the amount of **\$1,429,388.13**.
 Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-137** **Approval of Accounts – August 2009**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of August 2009 be approved in the amount of **\$3,429,006.07**.
 Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-138** **Approval of Accounts – September 2009**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of September 2009 be approved in the amount of **\$6,680,891.31**.
 Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-139** **Approval of Accounts – October 2009**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of October 2009 be approved in the amount of **\$6,042,090.15**.
 Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-140** **Approval of Accounts – November 2009**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of November 2009 be approved in the amount of **\$4,593,936.74**.
 Carried unanimously

Book Project

Commissioner Daly made a presentation about a project organized by Dave Smith to recycle primary and secondary books to send to needy countries. He would like a note to go out from the Director General that books shall not be destroyed but delivered to the Board Office. M. Dawson will send a note out to principals.

C-09/10-141**Book Project**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that primary and secondary school books not be destroyed but be sent to the Board Office before the end of February to be shipped to third world countries.

Carried unanimously

Public Health Study – Radon Gas

Paul Lamoureux informed Council of the health authorities (MELS, National Institute of Public Health) pilot project to determine levels of radon gas at Dr. W. Keon, Dr. S.E. McDowell, Maniwaki Woodland, Queen Elizabeth and St. John's. Devices will be installed in classrooms to measure levels. All governing boards, parents and staff will be informed.

C-09/10-142**Expulsion – Student at Maniwaki Woodland School**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Wilson that, as recommended by the Discipline Committee, student (JERN28049705) be expelled from Maniwaki Woodland School and all schools and services of the Western Quebec School Board for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-143**Expulsion – Student at Pontiac High School**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that, as recommended by the Discipline Committee, student (NEWC 25129403) be expelled from Pontiac High School and all schools and services of the Western Quebec School Board for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

Carried unanimously

M. Dawson informed Council that the Minister will visit D'Arcy McGee on Monday, February 1st to meet with teachers for two hours.

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on February 23, 2010.

C-09/10-144**Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lanyi that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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