

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on September 29, 2009 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Personnel:

Director of Finance and Human Resources, P. Lamoureux
Assistant Director of Education, M. Dubeau
Assistant Director of Human Resources, D. Giroux
Assistant Director of Education, M. Lothian

The Director General, M. Dawson, the Deputy Director General, C. O'Shea and the Secretary General, R. Vézina were also present.

Call to Order

The Chair, Commissioner Chiasson, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

C-09/10-16 **Approval of Agenda**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the Agenda be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-17 **Approval of Minutes – June 23, 2009**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Wilson that the Minutes of a meeting held on June 23, 2009 be approved as amended.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-18 **Approval of Minutes – July 9, 2009**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Minutes of a special meeting held on July 9, 2009 be approved as amended.

Carried unanimously

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairs are meeting on September 30th in Québec City in preparation for LRAC. The QESBA Annual General Meeting will be held on October 17th. The Fall PD session is on October 16th. The Chair encouraged all commissioners to participate. Registration can be done on-line or through Eileen. Rooms can be booked through Eileen.

The Chair reported he has been busy on T.E.O.; Board officials are working on resolving differences with the Municipality.

Director General Report

Mike Dawson presented his written report including opening day reports from schools. All had a great opening day. He met P. Turpin from SIMBAL last week as a follow-up to the communications workshop and to plan the meeting on October 20th with administrators. The Directors General meeting was held here at the board office on September 11th. All were quite impressed with our new administration office. M. Dawson gave a follow-up regarding some recent incidents.

C-09/10-19**Appointment – Principal at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that David McFall be appointed as Principal of Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective July 1, 2009.

Carried unanimously

Pontiac Pool Project

Mike Dawson reported the project is getting closer to realization. There appears to be a desire that it be built in Campbell's Bay. There is a possibility that it be built on school property, but the school board will not fund it nor be responsible for the operation expenses.

C-09/10-20**Pontiac Pool Project**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Western Québec School Board agree with and encourage this project to proceed.

Carried unanimously

Ward Boundaries

The Director General addressed the issue of ward boundaries and suggested that a meeting be called shortly.

Spring Conference

Mike Dawson recommended that we host the 2011 AAESQ/QESBA Spring Conference. Administration feels that it can and should do this. He feels that it would be good for the region and for the Western Québec School Board. He would like to take this opportunity to showcase what we can do. This will be a standing item on the Council of Commissioners agendas.

The commissioners extended thanks to Mike Dawson for the school reports.

QESBA Report

Mike Chiasson made his report on the QESBA activities.

C-09/10-21**Voting at The Annual General Meeting**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Western Québec School Board commissioners cast their votes collectively at the upcoming QESBA Annual General meeting.

For: 14
Against: 3

Motion carried

C-09/10-22**President – QESBA**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lanyi that as a Board, all 21 votes be cast for Debbie Horrocks for the position of President of QESBA.

For: 14
Against: 4

Motion carried

C-09/10-23**Executive Committee – QESBA**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that as a Board, all 21 votes be cast for Mike Chiasson and J. Ryan for members of the Executive Committee.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-24**Voting Delegates – QESBA Annual General Meeting**

Considering that Commissioners Chiasson, Jawbone and Young have expressed their intention to attend the QESBA Annual General meeting on October 17, 2009;

Considering that collectively, the Western Québec School Board has 21 vote holders (elected and parent commissioners);

Considering that 18 votes may be redistributed to attending commissioners;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien:

that six votes be redistributed to Commissioner Chiasson

that six votes be redistributed to Commissioner Jawbone

that six votes be redistributed to Commissioner Young and that if one of the above three commissioners is unable to attend, the votes be redistributed between the attending commissioners.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-25**Executive Committee Report – September 22, 2009**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Executive Committee minutes of September 22, 2009.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-26**Appointment – Assistant Director General**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Paul Lamoureux be appointed to the position of Assistant Director General effective July 1, 2009.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-27**Thanks to Colin O'Shea**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that Council recognize and thank Colin O'Shea for all his dedication and excellent work over the years.

Carried unanimously

Congratulations were extended by the Council of Commissioners to Paul Lamoureux for his appointment.

C-09/10-28**Recognition of Director General**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, following a review process and in accordance with the Regulation Respecting the conditions of Employment of Management Staff of School Boards, the Director General be recognized at the maximum performance bonus for his contribution to the success of the board operation for the period ending June 30, 2009.

Carried unanimously

Mr. Dawson thanked Council for supporting him and for their support of administration.

C-09/10-29**Senior Management Staffing Plan**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, the Senior Management Staffing Plan be accepted, as presented by the Director General.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-30**Corporate Committee Report – September 1, 2009**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Corporate Committee minutes of September 1, 2009.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-31**Education Committee Report – September 10, 2009**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board acknowledge receipt of the minutes of the Education Committee meeting of September 10, 2009.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-32 **Governing Board Training**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that administration offer training for Governing Boards yearly, if possible in October.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-33 **Special Business Committee Report – June 23, 2009**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Business Committee minutes of June 23, 2009.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-34 **Special Business Committee Report – July 9, 2009**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Business Committee minutes of July 9, 2009.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-35 **Standing Committee Membership**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Lanyi that the current committee members remain on the committees where they presently sit.

For: 16

Against: 1

Motion carried

Appointment of Chairpersons of Standing Committees

The three standing committees broke into groups to determine who would chair each committee and all committees agreed that their current Chairpersons will remain:

Commissioner Young – Chair of Business Committee

Commissioner O'Brien – Chair of Education Committee

Commissioner Guy – Chair of Corporate Committee

C-09/10-36 **Executive Committee – Members at Large**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that Commissioners Gunn and Jawbone remain as members of the Executive Committee.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-37 **-35° Weather Guideline**
WHEREAS a change in weather patterns has been experienced over the last few years;

WHEREAS we have experienced several delays or mechanical failure due to extreme cold weather;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, a -35° weather guideline be adopted for Poltimore School and if activated the decision to delay or cancel buses should be made by 6:00 a.m.;

Furthermore, for the Pontiac area should the C.S.H.B.O. make the decision to delay or cancel busses, the Principals concerned would be notified by 6:30 a.m.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-38

Approval of Accounts – April 2009

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of April 2009 be approved in the amount of \$4,233,739.17.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-39

Approval of Accounts – May 2009

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of May 2009 be approved in the amount of \$3,171,081.10.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-40

Approval of Accounts – June 2009

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of June 2009 be approved in the amount of \$8,264,646.68.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-41

Affiliation à l'Association régionale du sport étudiant de l'Outaouais

LE COMMISSAIRE PERRY PROPOSE QUE la commission scolaire Western Québec paie une affiliation de base de 0.37¢ basée sur un critère PER CAPITA de la population scolaire de la commission scolaire et ce au 30 septembre de l'année scolaire en cours. Cette affiliation symbolise la reconnaissance de la commission scolaire aux buts que poursuit l'Association régionale du sport étudiant de l'Outaouais conformément aux lettres patentes de cette dernière.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-42

Affiliation à l'Association régionale du sport étudiant de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue

IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR LE COMMISSAIRE PERRY QUE la commission scolaire Western Québec paie une affiliation de base de 600,00 \$, en plus d'une cotisation de 0,15 \$ per capita pour la clientèle primaire et secondaire de la commission scolaire, et ce, au 30 septembre 2008, pour un total de 697.65 \$ (651 élèves). Cette affiliation symbolise la reconnaissance de la commission

scolaire aux buts que poursuit l'Association régionale du sport étudiant de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue, conformément aux lettres patentes de cette dernière.

Carried unanimously

Administration will report on justification of prices and the reason for the differences between associations.

C-09/10-43

Servitude - St-Jacques School

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the school board grant to Her Majesty for Québec, represented by her Ministry of Transport, a real and perpetual servitude of underground drainage on St-Jacques School, situated on Church Street in Portage-du-Fort, Province of Québec and known as lot number 3 350 601 of the Cadastre of Québec, Division of Pontiac. The said servitude will affect a strip of land ten meters wide and will encompass 821.1 square meters;

FURTHERMORE, that all instruments and documents necessary or proper to be executed by the Western Québec School Board with respect to this servitude be signed on behalf of the school board by the Chairman of the Board (or by the Vice-Chairman should the Chairman not be available) and the Director General (or the Deputy Director General should the Director General not be available).

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-44

Request for Home Schooling

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the request to home school BOUK68060101 be approved for the 2009-2010 school year and administration ensure appropriate evaluations of student learning is carried out according to policy.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-45

Request for Home Schooling

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the request to home school GAUH67620103, GAUDK18579802 and GAUD03059601 be approved for the 2009-2010 school year and administration ensure appropriate evaluations of student learning is carried out according to policy.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-46

Request for Home Schooling

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the request to home school BARS78510304 and BARH69040106 be approved for the 2009-2010 school year and administration ensure appropriate evaluations of student learning is carried out according to policy.

Carried unanimously

Report on Home Schooling and Derogations

M. Lothian presented a report on home schooling and derogation requests. Commissioner O'Brien thanked M. Lothian for her good work in convincing a number of students to come to school.

C-09/10-47

Appointment of Representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire Des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that Commissioners Dexter and Wilson be appointed as representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire Des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-48

Appointment of Representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire de l'Or-et-des-Bois

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that Commissioners Larivière and Chiasson be appointed as representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire de l'Or-et-des-Bois.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-49

Appointment of Representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire de Rouyn-Noranda

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that Commissioners Larivière and Wilson be appointed as representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire de Rouyn-Noranda.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-50

Appointment of Representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire du Lac-Témiscamingue

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that Commissioners Daly and Jawbone be appointed as representatives on the Transportation Committee of Commission scolaire du Lac-Témiscamingue.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-51**Signing Authority – Fibre Optic**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that Commissioner Chiasson be authorized to sign, on behalf of the Western Québec School Board, the agreement to register Western Québec School Board as the owner of six fibre in the territory of Commission scolaire Au-Coeur-des-Vallées.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-52**Expulsion – Student at Philemon Wright High School**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the Discipline Committee, student (CROM27029404) be expelled from Philemon Wright High School and all schools and services of the Western Quebec School Board for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

Carried unanimously

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on October 27th, 2009. **NOTE:** The October 26th Business Committee of The Whole meeting is postponed to the call of the Chair. A suggestion was made that the meeting be held on the same date as the November Council of Commissioners' meeting (November 24th).

C-09/10-53**Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Larivière that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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