

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on November 24, 2009 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Personnel:

Director of Buildings, Equipment and Material Resources, C. O'Shea
Assistant Director of Education, M. Dubeau
Assistant Director of Human Resources, D. Giroux
Assistant Director of Education, M. Lothian

REGRETS: Commissioners Jawbone and Lanyi, Parent Commissioner Komm, Director of Education, Adult and Vocational Training, R. Ahern

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, Commissioner Chiasson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Swearing-in of Parent Commissioner

Tammy McClelland was sworn in as parent commissioner by our Director General.

C-09/10-77

Approval of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the Agenda be approved with the addition of:

4.3 Vice-Principals – Adult Education

7.1.2 Arts Gala

8.2.1 Contracts and Mileage Adjustments

8.2.2 Special Needs

8.2.3 Du Plateau/Vanier Intersection

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-78

Approval of Minutes – October 27, 2009

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Perry that the Minutes of a meeting held on October 27, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chairman's Remarks

The T.E.O. meeting took place in preparation of the November 9th launch on "persévérance scolaire". There was some media coverage, but the Chairman remarked that the event was somewhat eclipsed by the coverage of the Municipal elections. Our board will be asked to meet certain specific targets.

QESBA: the Chair attended meetings of the Executive and Board of Directors. The Strategic Plan for QESBA is being examined. They are working on preparing the next P.D. sessions.

Director General's Report

M. Dawson distributed his report, including school reports. It appears that we have turned the corner in this region regarding A(H1N1), as absenteeism rates are back to normal. Vaccination is ongoing in our schools. M. Dawson will look into the possibility of distributing the school reports.

QESBA Spring Conference

A telephone conference was held and we received approval by AAESQ and QESBA to conclude the contract with the hotel. Marian Lothian will be administration's Co-Chair along with Mike Chiasson.

C-09/10-79 **Appointment of Vice-Principal – Western Québec Career Centre**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter that Dawn Thompson be appointed as part-time Vice-Principal (50%) at Western Québec Career Centre until June 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-80 **Appointment of Vice-Principal – Hull Adult Education Centre**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter that Mona Nesbitt be appointed as part-time Vice-Principal (50%) at Hull Adult Education Centre.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-81 **Executive Committee Report – November 17, 2009**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Executive Committee minutes of November 17, 2009.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-82 **Education Committee Report – November 4, 2009**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Education Committee minutes of November 4, 2009.

Carried unanimously

- C-09/10-83** **Arts Gala**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the Education Committee, Council support the Visual Arts Gala through in-kind services such as facility use, assistance from administration and support staff, publicity, etc.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-84** **Business Committee Report – November 5, 2009**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Business Committee minutes of November 5, 2009.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-85** **Service Charge on Outstanding Cheques**
 WHEREAS outstanding/nsf cheques is an ongoing concern within the school board;
 WHEREAS there is no standard fee throughout the school board;
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Business Committee, a standard fee of \$25.00 be charged by the administration office, schools and centers for all outstanding/nsf cheques.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-86** **Snow Contracts 2009-2010**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Business Committee, the 2008-2009 Snow Contracts, with the exception of Wakefield School, be renewed for the 2009-2010 school year as presented.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-87** **Sale of Convent**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Business Committee, the Western Québec School Board request the authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport to sell by public tender the St. Joseph Convent situated at 100 rue Notre Dame, L'Isle-aux-Allumettes, Québec J0X 1M0.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-88** **Sale of Queen Elizabeth Residence Building**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Business Committee, the Western Québec School Board request the authorization from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport to sell by public tender the old 4-unit residence situated at 1245 8th Street, Val-d'Or, Québec J9P 3P8.
- Carried unanimously

Business Committee of The Whole Meeting

A meeting of the Business Committee of The Whole has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Further notice will be forthcoming.

C-09/10-89

Corporate Committee Report – November 10, 2009

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Corporate Committee minutes of November 10, 2009.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-90

Special Education Advisory Committee Report – November 2, 2009

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter that the Board acknowledge receipt of the SEAC minutes of November 2, 2009.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-91

Consultative Transportation Committee Report – November 17, 2009

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Consultative Transportation Committee minutes of November 17, 2009.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-92

One Year Contract #5 – 2009/2010 – Autobus Outaouais

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, Council approve the capacity of bus #73 from a 5 row to a 9 row and that the amount of Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Nine Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$48,709.80) be increased to Sixty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Five Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$66,255.14) including indexation of 2.37%.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-93

One Year Contract #6 – 2009/2010 – Autobus Outaouais Inc.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, Council approve the One (1) year contract #6 negotiated with Autobus Outaouais Inc. in the amount of Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Five dollars and Ninety Seven cents (\$54,565.97) including the 2.37% indexation.

Carried unanimously

- C-09/10-94** **One Year Contract #7 – 2009/2010 – Autobus Outaouais Inc.**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, Council approve the One (1) year contract #7 negotiated with Autobus Outaouais Inc. in the amount of Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Eight dollars and Thirteen cents (\$47,238.13) including the 2.37% indexation.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-95** **One Year Contract #8 – 2009/2010 – Autobus LaSalle Ltée**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, Council approve the One (1) year contract #8 negotiated with Autobus LaSalle Ltée in the amount of Fifty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty Three dollars and Eight cents (\$59,443.08) including the 2.37% indexation.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-96** **One Year Contract #9 – 2009/2010 – Autobus Campeau Inc.**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, Council approve the One (1) year contract #9 negotiated with Autobus Campeau Inc. in the amount of Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Two dollars and Twenty Four cents (\$50,502.24) including the 2.37% indexation.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-97** **One Year Contract – 2009/2010 – Transport Létourneau Inc.**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, Council approve the capacity of bus #666 from a 5 row to a 9 row and that the amount of Forty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Six dollars and Sixty One cents (\$49,756.61) be increased to Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Twelve dollars and Eighteen cents (\$60,212.18) including the 2.37% indexation.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-98** **One Year Contract – 2009/2010 – Baie Transport**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, Council approve that an additional bus contract be awarded to Baie Transport in the amount of Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Seven dollars and Sixty One cents (\$51,727.61) including the 2.37% indexation.
- Carried unanimously

- C-09/10-99** **One Year Contract – 2009/2010 – Autobus LaSalle Ltée**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, Council approve the One (1) year contract #600 negotiated with Autobus LaSalle Ltée in the amount of Thirty Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five dollars and Fifty Seven cents (\$33,485.57) including the 2.37% indexation.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-100** **One Year Contract #14– 2009/2010 – Taxi Michel Therrien**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, Council approve the One (1) year contract #14 (2009/2010) negotiated with Taxi Michel Therrien in the amount of One Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Eighty Five dollars (\$182,085.00).
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-101** **One Year Contract #500– 2009/2010 – Taxi Regal**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, Council approve the One (1) year contract #500 (2009/2010) negotiated with Taxi Regal in the amount of Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty dollars (\$8,150.00).
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-102** **Mileage Adjustment 2009/2010 – Autobus Outaouais**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the mileage adjustment increase for Autobus Outaouais in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Two dollars and Eighty Nine cents (\$13,002.89) for the 2009/2010 school year be approved.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-103** **Mileage Adjustment 2009/2010 – Autobus LaSalle**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the mileage adjustment decrease for Autobus LaSalle in the amount of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy One dollars and Forty Five cents (-\$8,871.45) for the 2009/2010 school year be approved.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-104** **Mileage Adjustment 2009/2010 – Autobus Campeau**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the mileage adjustment increase for Autobus Campeau in the amount of Nine Hundred Ninety Three dollars and Forty Two cents (\$993.42) for the 2009/2010 school year be approved.
- Carried unanimously

C-09/10-105**Mileage Adjustment 2009/2010 – Baie Transport**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the mileage adjustment decrease for Baie Transport in the amount of One Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five dollars and Thirty Five Cents (-\$1,135.35) for the 2009/2010 school year be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-106**Mileage Adjustment 2009/2010 – Bigras Transport**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the mileage adjustment increase for Bigras Transport in the amount of Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Nine dollars and Forty Six cents (\$4,399.46) for the 2009/2010 school year be approved.

Carried Unanimously

C-09/10-107**Special needs – Alternate Programme**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the 1 year bus contract be reviewed in preparation for call for tenders in 2010-2011 and that the location of the Alternate programme be brought forward to council for further discussion on cost, location and travelling time.

Carried unanimously

C-09/10-108**Dangerous Intersection – Boulevard Du Plateau/Vanier Road**

WHEREAS the Governing Boards of Symmes Junior High School and D'Arcy McGee High School have brought to our attention the dangerous intersection at Boulevard Du Plateau/Vanier Road, where a student has been previously injured;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shea that the Board write a letter to Mayor Bureau of the City of Gatineau and to the three counselors covering the territory of the students attending D'Arcy McGee and Symmes Junior High Schools, demanding immediate action by the City to resolve this safety issue at the corner of Boulevard Du Plateau and Vanier Road.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Shea commended the Governing Boards at D'Arcy McGee and Symmes Junior High schools for having done all they could to resolve this safety issue.

C-09/10-109**Parents' Committee Report – October 20, 2009**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McClelland that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of October 20, 2009.

Carried unanimously

- C-09/10-110** **Parents' Committee Report – November 9, 2009**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McClelland that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of November 9, 2009.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-111** **Professional Improvement Committee Report – September 21, 2009**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shea that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Professional Improvement Committee minutes of September 21, 2009.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-112** **Professional Improvement Committee Report – November 9, 2009**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shea that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Professional Improvement Committee minutes of November 9, 2009.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-113** **Educational Policies Committee Report – September 21, 2009**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Educational Policies Committee minutes of September 21, 2009.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-114** **Educational Policies Committee Report – October 21, 2009**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Educational Policies Committee minutes of October 21, 2009.
- Carried unanimously
- C-09/10-115** **Provincial Football Championship**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that a congratulatory letter be sent on behalf of the Council of Commissioners to all coaches and players of D'Arcy McGee High School for their Provincial Football Championship victory at the Bol D'Or in Trois Rivières on November 14th, 2009 and that a copy be sent to the media.
- Carried unanimously

P. Lamoureux mentioned that he, along with C. O'Shea and R. Ahern participated in a blitz asking people to complete encouragement cards to be given to students in our region. This effort received good coverage in the media. Commissioner Shea mentioned that this was a great idea and asked if a template could be made available to commissioners electronically.

P. Lamoureux talked about a gala he attended with C. O'Shea in Montreal on November 18th to acknowledge engineering projects that are energy efficient. Our Board Office was one of seven finalists in our category. Thanks were given to C. O'Shea and the engineers for all their fine work on this building.

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on January 26, 2010.

C-09/10-116

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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