

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on January 25, 2011 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Personnel:

Director of Education, Adult Education and Vocational Training,
R. Ahern
Director of Education, M. Dubeau
Director of Education, M. Lothian

REGRETS: Commissioners Brunke, Chiasson and Jawbone, Parent Commissioner Komm

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

Call to Order

The Acting Chair, Commissioner Davidson, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

C-10/11-85

Approval of Agenda

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

10.3 Business Arising – Portables at Wakefield

10.4 Business Arising – Policy – Complaints

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-86

Approval of Minutes – November 30, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Wilson that the Minutes of a meeting held on November 30, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chairman's Remarks

The Acting Chair, Commissioner Davidson reported that the meeting with the Minister scheduled for Monday was cancelled. It has been rescheduled to February 14th.

Director General Report

The Director General distributed his written report. Items included:

- last Directors General meeting
- Music Makers
- Health issues with principals
- New collective agreements
- Barry MacDonald presentation
- Literacy day
- Publicity in Family Life magazine

AAESQ/QESBA Spring Conference 2011

The next meeting is in February. The speakers' list is finalized and the hotel/logistics are in place. Registration is starting; there is a 15 to 20K deficit at this point, but fundraising hasn't begun. No deficit is anticipated. Information is available on the AAESQ web site.

QESBA Report

Commissioner Young reported that QESBA is very proactive in the promotion of public schools.

Corporate Committee

Commissioner Guy reported on the activities of the Corporate Committee. He gave an update on the use of technology and the portal by the Corporate Committee. An offer was presented to other committees: if they want to try it, it can be arranged.

C-10/11-87

Corporate Committee Report – January 11, 2011

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Board acknowledge receipt of the draft Corporate Committee minutes of January 11, 2011.

Carried unanimously

Education Committee

Commissioner O'Brien reported on the activities of the Education Committee. He invited commissioners to attend the K-4 sub-committee meeting on February 9th at Pierre Elliott Trudeau School. He talked about Mike Dawson's presentation on the Ravens Wood Professional Development partnership.

C-10/11-88

Education Committee Report – January 12, 2011

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board acknowledge receipt of the draft Education Committee minutes of January 12, 2011.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-89**Ravens Wood Professional Development**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien, as recommended by the Education Committee, that Council approve the Professional Development session in London, England scheduled from February 28 to March 4, 2011;

AND Furthermore, that Council approve the extension of the current partnership agreement to the end of the current council's mandate.

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

Motion carried

C-10/11-90**K-4 Program**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien, as recommended by the Education Committee, that Council approve that the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Head Start Pre-K program become an ongoing, full-time program (subject to sufficient enrollment) and that administration develop enrolment criteria for the program;

Furthermore, that the students in the Pre-K program receive the same entitlement to support and services available to other Western Québec School Board K-4 students.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-91**Special Education Advisory Committee Report – November 8, 2010**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Taylor that the Board acknowledge receipt of the SEAC minutes of November 8, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-92**Consultative Transportation Committee Report – December 14, 2010**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Board acknowledge receipt of the draft Consultative Transportation Committee minutes of December 14, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-93**Reduction of Bus Contacts - Pontiac**

WHEREAS the transportation department was able to reduce 2 bus contracts in the Pontiac area without any impact on pick-up and drop-off times;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the original contract with Autobus LaSalle be reduced by one route and one Berline, to the amount of one million five hundred

nineteen thousand eight hundred ninety dollars and twenty two cents (\$1 519 890.22) including the 0.3% indexation.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-94

One Year Contract #5 – 2010/2011 – Autobus Outaouais

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the One (1) year contract #5 negotiated with Autobus Outaouais Inc. in the amount of seventy two thousand nine hundred thirty dollars and eighty three cents (\$72,930.83) including the 0.3% indexation be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-95

One Year Contract #6 – 2010/2011 – Autobus Outaouais Inc.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the One (1) year contract #6 negotiated with Autobus Outaouais Inc. in the amount of Fifty three thousand five hundred sixteen dollars and ninety two cents (\$53, 516.92) including the 0.3% indexation be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-96

One Year Contract #7 – 2010/2011 – Autobus Outaouais Inc.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the One (1) year contract #7 negotiated with Autobus Outaouais Inc. in the amount of Forty five thousand eight hundred sixty two dollars and twenty five cents (\$45,862.25) including the 0.3% indexation be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-97

One Year Contract #8 – 2010/2011 – Autobus LaSalle Ltée.

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Yong that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the One (1) year contract #8 negotiated with Autobus LaSalle Ltée in the amount of Fifty nine thousand seven hundred fifty four dollars and fifty nine cents (\$ 59,754.59) including the 0.3% indexation be approved.

Carried unanimously

- C-10/11-98** **One Year Contract #9 – 2010/2011 – Bigras Transport Inc.**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the One (1) year contract #9 negotiated with Bigras Transport Inc. in the amount of Fifty one thousand three hundred four dollars and sixty one cents (\$51,304.61) including the 0.3% indexation be approved.
 Carried unanimously
- C-10/11-99** **One Year Contract #10 – 2010/2011 – Transport Létourneau**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the one (1) year contract # 10 negotiated with Transport Létourneau Inc. in the amount of Sixty thousand five hundred thirty dollars and seventy five cents (\$60,530.75) including the 0.3% indexation be approved.
 Carried unanimously
- C-10/11-100** **One Year contract #11 – 2010/2011 - Baie Transport**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the one (1) year contract # 11 negotiated with Baie Transport in the amount of Forty nine thousand seven hundred ninety three dollars and twenty cents (\$ 49,793.20) including the 0.3% indexation be approved.
 Carried unanimously
- C-10/11-101** **One Year Contract #12 - 2010/2011 – Transport Michel Therrien**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the One (1) year contract #12 negotiated with Transport Michel Therrien in the amount of Seventy nine thousand six hundred five dollars (\$79 605.00) be approved.
 Carried unanimously
- C-10/11-102** **One Year Contract #13 - 2010/2011 – TransporAction**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the One (1) year contract #13 negotiated with TransporAction in the amount of Nineteen thousand nine hundred thirty nine dollars and sixty eight cents (\$19,939.68) be approved.
 Carried unanimously

C-10/11-103

Tender – Special Needs Transportation

WHEREAS we proceeded by invitation to tender to all our transporters, for our special needs transportation;

WHEREAS the initial contract is for 2 years;

WHEREAS we received three bids;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, a two (2) year contract (2010/2012) be concluded with Transport Michel Therrien in the amount of Ninety nine thousand seven hundred sixteen dollars and seventy cents (\$99,716.70).

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-104

Change to bus route #64

WHEREAS a group of parents of students travelling on bus route # 64 has requested that the route be amended in order to shorten their children's travel time;

WHEREAS to reduce the travel time of these students from Lac-Notre-Dame would increase the travel time for other students on the same route;

WHEREAS after re-evaluating the route in conjunction with the transporter, it was determined that the present route is the safest, for all passengers at this time;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, the route remain as is subject to a re-evaluation if a safe turn around location could be established for the students at Lac-Notre-Dame.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-105

Community Transit System Project

WHEREAS the regional government (CREO) is studying the implementation of a community transit system on the M.R.C.'s territories;

WHEREAS they are soliciting the support of local school boards to allow adults to travel on our bus routes when space is available, starting in 2012;

WHEREAS the Commission scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais have entered into an agreement with the M.R.C. Pontiac on a trial basis for one year;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommended by the Consultative Transportation Committee, a sub-committee be struck to study the Community Transit System project.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-106

Parents' Committee Report – November 22, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Gibbons that the Board acknowledge receipt of the draft Parents' Committee minutes of November 22, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-107

Approval of Accounts – October 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of October 2010 be approved in the amount of \$2,816,848.11.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-108

Approval of Accounts – November 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of November 2010 be approved in the amount of \$3,450,594.70.

Carried unanimously

Wakefield Portables Replacement

P. Lamoureux gave a report on the replacement of the Wakefield Portables. He and C. O'Shea went to Québec City and made a presentation. The review process is in progress. We will hear in May whether the Wakefield project will be approved for the 2011-2012 school year.

Policy – Complaints

Administration is currently working on a draft policy which will be reviewed by the Corporate Committee.

C-10/11-109

Deed of Release – Fernand Maltais, Part of lot 15H, Range 6, Township of Masham

WHEREAS two judgements in favour of the Western Québec School Board and notices were published on said property on April 14, 1986 under numbers 228654 and 228655, and two judgements were published on October 27, 1987 under numbers 247689 and 247690 at the registrar's office for the district of Gatineau;

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board acknowledges having received payment of all taxes and interest owed by Fernand Maltais on a property located at 8 chemin Shouldice, in the Municipality of LaPêche, Québec;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Chairman and the Director General, or Assistant Director General be authorized to sign the deed of release giving full and final discharge of the judgements on said property.

Carried unanimously

Committee for Financing of Small School Boards

Commissioner Daly gave an overview of this committee's mandate and explained that the Ministry is quite willing to entertain alternate ways of meeting reduction targets. The next meeting is January 26th. P. Lamoureux added that because we have been experiencing decreasing enrollment, we already have been downsizing.

C-10/11-110

Congratulations to Dean DeBlois

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shea that Western Québec School Board send a letter of congratulations to Dean DeBlois, a former student of the Board, for his nomination for an Academy Award and that he be invited to visit our schools to talk to our students about his career.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-111

Expulsion – Student at D'Arcy McGee High School

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Gunn that, as recommended by the Discipline Committee, student LEBM24109402 be expelled from D'Arcy McGee High School and all schools and services of the Western Québec School Board for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, and that he be permitted to write the June exams.

Carried unanimously

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

C-10/11-112

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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