

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on February 22, 2011 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 (by telephone), Larivière (by video-conference), McCrank, O'Brien, Perry, Shea, Taylor, Wilson and Young (by video-conference), Parent
Commissioners Gibbons and Komm

Personnel:

Director of Education, M. Lothian

REGRETS: Commissioner Lanyi

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

C-10/11-113

Approval of Agenda

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

10.1 Caisse Populaire Desjardins Bank Accounts

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-114

Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2011

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Wilson that the Minutes of a meeting held on January 25, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chairman's Remarks

- Everything of interest from the Ministry and QESBA has been forwarded
- The QESBA March P.D. session will be held on March 19th by video-conference – contact Richard Vézina this week – he will check if we can link in our outlying schools
- The Chair encouraged all commissioners to participate in the upcoming AAESQ/QESBA Spring Conference
- The Chair sent his regrets for the Chairs' meeting with the Minister – he couldn't make it because of the storm
- Commissioner Shea expressed his concern that Western Québec School Board was not represented at this meeting
- Commissioner Davidson added that she was there for cancelled meeting.

Director General's Report

The Director General presented his written report. Topics included:

- Pontiac High School's ranking in Fraser Report – newspaper article
- Article about skateboard park on D'Arcy McGee grounds
- Music Makers will go ahead with a replacement musical director
- A professional development day was added to this year's calendar because of absence of transportation
- Meeting with the Minister
- The CSBA conference will be held in Ottawa in July
- The spring conference
- Commissioner Hendry suggested that a map with directions to Hotel Lac Leamy be sent out to all boards for distribution

ADG's Report on Audit Recommendations

- P. Lamoureux presented a summary of the audit recommendations. He stated that all have been implemented except #1 which is currently being worked on.
- P. Lamoureux mentioned that all boards are being audited for March 31st year end, in addition to June 30th year end.
- He presented Project TFP, which gives access to evaluations and taxation roles through internet.

QESBA meeting

Commissioner Young added that almost all boards were present at the meeting and that QESBA stated that it expects the Spring Conference to be in deficit. M. Chiasson stated that he would clear this up at the next meeting.

C-10/11-115

Executive Committee Report – February 15, 2011

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that the Board acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of February 15, 2011.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-116

In-camera session

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the meeting move in-camera at 7:45 p.m.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-117

Public session

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Wilson that the meeting resume public session at 7.55 p.m.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-118**Audit Recommendations**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Shea that the Audit Recommendations be received by the Western Québec School Board and that all recommendations contained therein be implemented as soon as possible.

For: 16
 Against: 0
 Abstention: 1 (Commissioner Jawbone)

Motion carried

Commissioner O'Brien reported on the activities of the Education Committee.

C-10/11-119**Education Committee Report – February 9, 2011**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board acknowledge receipt of the draft Education Committee minutes of February 9, 2011.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-120**PWHS – Finding Life Project in Kenya**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the education committee, Council approve the participation of a Sec. V PWHS student (yet to be selected) in the Finding Life Project, University of Ottawa, in Kenya from April 21 to May 10, 2011.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-121**PWHS – England in March 2012**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the education committee, Council approve the PWHS Rugby Team trip to England in March 2012.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-122**D'Arcy McGee – Saskatchewan**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the education committee, Council approve the D'Arcy McGee exchange with a school in Saskatchewan in the spring of 2011.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-123**D'Arcy McGee – Football Team Exchange**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the education committee, Council approve the D'Arcy McGee football team exchange with Terry Fox School in Kelowna, BC in September 2011.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-124

G. Th  berge Cultural Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the education committee, Council approve the G. Th  berge cultural trip to Washington DC June 2 to 6, 2011.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-125

Survey on the Post-secondary projects of secondary V students in Quebec's Anglophone high schools

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the education committee, Council approve the Canada Institute for research on linguistic minorities request to administer the survey on the Postsecondary projects of secondary V students in Quebec's Anglophone high schools in our schools.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-126

Viens Nous Parler De Ton Avenir Survey

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the education committee, Council approve the SADC request to administer the "Viens nous parler de ton avenir" survey in St. Michael's, Maniwaki Woodland and the Maniwaki Adult Education Centre.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-127

Survey on Work-School Connection

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the education committee, Council approve the Comit   sur la pers  v  rance scolaire (Val D'Or) request to administer a survey on Work-School connection in Golden Valley School and Val D'Or Adult Education Centre.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner O'Brien reported on the School Bus Safety Campaign. He was interviewed on A-Channel and students from South Hull School were there; they enjoyed the experience.

C-10/11-128

Special Education Advisory Committee Report – February 7, 2011

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Board acknowledge receipt of the draft SEAC minutes of February 7, 2011.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-129

Parents' Committee Report – January 17, 2011

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Komm that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of January 17, 2011.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner O'Brien stated that he takes exception to the implication of "delay tactics" being used by the Education Committee and reiterated the Education Committee's invitation to the Parents' Committee to come and present their expectations to the Education Committee. Mike Dawson will be making a presentation to the Parents' Committee on enrichment.

C-10/11-130 **Educational Policies Committee Report – February 16, 2011**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board acknowledge receipt of the draft EPC minutes of February 16, 2011.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-131 **Caisse Populaire Desjardins - Résolution désignant les représentants et déterminant leurs pouvoirs**
LE COMMISSAIRE YOUNG PROPOSE QUE le directeur général et le président de la commission scolaire soient les représentants de la commission scolaire à l'égard de tout compte qu'elle détient ou détiendra à la caisse. Ces représentants exerceront tous les pouvoirs relatifs à la gestion de la commission scolaire et, sans restreindre la généralité de ce qui précède, notamment les pouvoirs suivants, au nom de la commission scolaire :

- Émettre, accepter, endosser, négocier ou escompter tout chèque, billet à ordre, lettre de change ou autre effet négociable;
- Signer ou approuver tout retrait, document ou pièce justificative;
- Demander l'ouverture par la caisse de tout folio utile pour la bonne marche des opérations de la commission scolaire;
- Signer tout document ou toute convention utile pour la bonne marche des opérations de la commission scolaire;

Le directeur de la commission scolaire exercera seul les pouvoirs suivants, au nom de la commission scolaire :

- Faire tout dépôt, y compris le dépôt de tout effet négociable;
- Concilier tout compte relatif aux opérations de la commission scolaire.

Tous les autres pouvoirs des représentants devront être exercés de la façon suivante :

Tous ensemble conjointement;

Si l'un des représentants adopte l'usage d'un timbre de signature, la commission scolaire reconnaît toute signature ainsi faite comme constituant une signature suffisante et sera liée par celle-ci tout comme si elle avait été écrite, soit par ce représentant, soit

avec son autorisation, peu importe qu'elle ait été effectuée sans autorisation, ou de toute autre manière.

Les pouvoirs mentionnés dans la résolution énoncée précédemment sont en sus de ceux que les représentants pourraient autrement détenir.

Cette résolution demeura en vigueur jusqu'à ce qu'un avis écrit de modification ou abrogation ait été reçu à la caisse.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-132

Adoption of School Calendar 2011-2012

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the 2011-2012 School Calendar be adopted as presented by the Director of Human Resources.

Carried unanimously

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

C-10/11-133

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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