

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on September 28, 2010 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Personnel:

Director of Education, M. Dubeau
Director of Education, M. Lothian
Director of Buildings, Equipment and Transportation, C. O'Shea

REGRETS: Commissioners Dexter, Jawbone and Lanyi, Parent
Commissioner McClelland

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-10/11-1 **Approval of Agenda**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Wilson that the Agenda be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-2 **Approval of Minutes – June 29, 2010**
IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Minutes of a meeting held on June 29, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman presented his report. Specific topics included:

- beginning of year review
- Spring conference
- QESBA AGM-PD session
- Fall forum
- Award of merit – QESBA

Director General's Report

The Director General spoke to his written report; he noted specifically that:

- The state of the schools at the opening, notwithstanding some major obstacles, i.e. the earthquake and the Jeux du Québec, was exceptional. He congratulated Mr. O'Shea and his team for their outstanding work.
- All departments contributed to the great beginning of the school year
- There is good news in enrolment in some schools, but bad news in others
- The future of our schools needs to be discussed
- The board needs to look at how money should be invested in the future
- There is a concern about G. Théberge School's reduction in enrolment; we need to look at the situation and plan for the future
- The Director General wishes to get Council to mandate administration to begin exploring possibilities and avenues for the future of our board
- The Principal at South Hull is retiring
- There are changes to the Basic School Regulations
- Governing Board training has been scheduled for October 18th to 21st
- There was an incident at Symmes-D'Arcy McGee/Blog
- The Directors Responsibilities Chart was distributed
- A draft of the Educational Support Team pamphlet was distributed
- AAESQ/QESBA Spring Conference 2011 was discussed

Commissioner O'Brien asked that an overview be presented to Council on the new school board Portal. M. Dawson mentioned that a presentation could be made at the next Council meeting.

C-10/11-3

Executive Committee Report – September 21, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Davidson that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Executive Committee minutes of September 21, 2010.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner Davidson mentioned that committee members will be meeting in October to discuss a process/structure with respect to the Director General evaluation.

C-10/11-4

Corporate Committee Report – September 7, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Corporate Committee minutes of September 7, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-5

Education Committee Report – September 8, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board acknowledge receipt of the minutes of the Education Committee meeting of September 8, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-6

Business Committee Report – September 16, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Business Committee minutes of September 16, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-7

Revised Budget 2010-2011

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners adopted the 2010-2011 budget in June (C-09/10-274);

WHEREAS the school board's budget was developed under the new accounting practices (GAAP);

WHEREAS the school board's accumulated surplus is targeted towards the depreciation of capital assets and provision for accumulated bank of sick days and holidays;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young as recommended by the Business Committee, that the 2010-2011 revised budget be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-8

Bill 100 Target

WHEREAS the Québec provincial government approved Bill 100 that puts in place measures to re-balance the provincial budget in 2013-2014 and reduces the debt;

WHEREAS school boards must reduce by 10% their administrative expenses for 2013-2014;

WHEREAS school boards as of 2010-2011 must reduce by 25% their publicity, travel and professional development expenses;

WHEREAS school boards as of 2010-2011 must reduce their management and administrative personnel through attrition;

WHEREAS school boards must submit to the Minister of Education, Sports and Leisure a detailed plan on the measures to be implemented to attain these targets;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young as recommended by the Business Committee, that Council approve the school board plan to reduce administrative and management personnel and administrative expenses and submit thereof a copy to the Minister of Education, Sports and Leisure.

For: 13

Against: 3

Motion carried

C-10/11-9

Law 100: Act to Implement Certain Provisions of the Budget Speech of March 30, 2010, Reduce the Debt and Return to a Balanced Budget in 2013-2014

WHEREAS the National Assembly of Québec has recently adopted Bill 100, “*an Act to implement certain provisions of the budget speech of March 30, 2010, reduce the debt and return to a balanced budget in 2013-2014*”;

WHEREAS this legislation requires school boards to reduce administrative expenditures by 10% by the end of the fiscal exercises 2013-2014 and expenditures on travel, professional development and publicity by 25% starting in the fiscal year 2010-2011;

WHEREAS Bill 100 calls into question the expertise and autonomy of school boards by prescribing, arbitrarily, how and where these cuts must be realized and thus deprives school boards of the opportunity to implement reductions in a manner consistent with their expertise and experience in delivering quality educational and complementary services;

WHEREAS Western Québec School Board is committed to providing all students with the best possible educational and support services;

WHEREAS in order to fulfill that commitment Western Québec School Board must be able to exercise its full and legitimate role as an elected level of government, and to do so in the most responsible and effective manner possible;

WHEREAS Western Québec School Board, like other Québec school boards, already demonstrates greater efficiency in its expenditure of public funds than any other level of government or public service in Québec;

WHEREAS Western Québec School Board recognizes and accepts its responsibility to contribute to the necessary task of debt reduction in Québec and thus, does not dispute its over-all obligation to cut expenditures prescribed in Bill 100;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that Western Québec School Board call upon the Government of Québec to respect the legitimate right of school boards in Québec to manage their financial responsibilities in accordance with the Education Act by amending Bill 100 and removing the arbitrary and potentially detrimental imposition of specific directives with respect to how school boards must realize reductions in their expenditures between now and the completion of the 2013-2014 fiscal exercise;

THAT Western Québec School Board express its readiness to realize the overall cost reductions prescribed by Bill 100, but only in its overall expenditures and in a manner consistent with

its mission of providing the best possible educational and support services and by virtue of its autonomy under the Education Act; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Québec, the Minister of Finance, the President of the Treasury Board, the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports, all MNA's on the Western Québec School Board territory, all English School Boards, the Québec English School Boards Association, all French school boards on the territory, and the Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-10

Dr. S.E McDowell: School Yard Paving

The Director of Buildings, Equipment and Transportation, C. O'Shea informed the Committee members that tenders were opened on Monday, August 30th, 2010 in the presence of C. O'Shea, Director Buildings, Equipment and Transportation, G. Charron, Superintendant of Buildings and L. McTiernan, Administration Assistant, Buildings Department.

WHEREAS four (4) companies were invited to tender;

WHEREAS three (3) tenders were received;

Pavage Gadbois	86,010.75\$
Blue Heron Landscaping	95,379.38\$
Mickey McGuire	107,089.02\$

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young as recommended by the Business Committee that the tender submitted by Pavage Gadbois in the amount of \$86,010.75 for the yard work to be completed at Dr. S.E. McDowell be awarded pending the MELS grant for the *Embellissement des cours d'école*.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-11

Onslow: Playground Rehabilitation

The Director of Buildings, Equipment and Transportation, C. O'Shea informed the Committee members that tenders were opened on Monday, August 30th, 2010 in the presence of C. O'Shea, Director Buildings, Equipment and Transportation, G. Charron, Superintendant of Buildings and L. McTiernan, Administration Assistant Buildings Department.

WHEREAS the total project amount for the *Embellissement des cours d'école* is 38,000.00\$. 5,764.00\$ from the school, 3,491.00\$ from fundraising, 20,000.00\$ from the school board and 8,745.00\$ from the MELS grant;

WHEREAS three (3) companies were invited to tender;

WHEREAS two (2) tenders were received;

Les Fermes Renaud	30,984.19\$
Pavage Gadbois	32 620.87\$

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young as recommended by the Business Committee, that the tender submitted by Les Fermes Renaud in the amount of \$30,984.19 for the playground rehabilitation at Onslow be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-12

Photocopier Tender

The Director of Buildings, Equipment and Transportation, C. O'Shea informed the Committee members that tenders were opened on Tuesday, August 24th, 2010 in the presence of C. O'Shea, Director Buildings, Equipment and Transportation, G. Charron, Superintendant of Buildings and L. McTiernan, Administration Assistant Buildings Department.

WHEREAS the above went to public tender;

WHEREAS five (5) tenders were received;

Toshiba	135,129.44\$
Konika Minolta	143,414.70\$
Xerox	155,766.60\$
Fredal Solutions	166,857.00\$
Ricoh	318,960.00\$

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young as recommended by the Business Committee, that the tender submitted by Toshiba in the amount of 135,129.44\$ be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-13

Signing Authority

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young as recommended by the Business Committee, that Michel Hotte be authorised to sign the site plan for the exchange of property between Richard Fortin, land surveyor and the school board.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-14

Elsie Street

WHEREAS Bouffe Pontiac has written to the school board indicating that they do not have the necessary funding to purchase the Elsie St. Building at this time;

WHEREAS they are requesting a new lease which would allow them to install kitchen facilities;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young as recommended by the Business Committee, that the administration investigate the

possible extension of the lease to Bouffe Pontiac and kitchen facilities.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-15

Approval of Accounts – May 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of May 2010 be approved in the amount of \$3,668,266.28.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-16

Approval of Accounts – June 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of June 2010 be approved in the amount of \$6,353,818.44.

Carried unanimously

A presentation was made by Mr. Colin O'Shea concerning EBC's condominium development project.

C-10/11-17

Administration Mandate

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that Council mandate Administration to begin discussions with the view of exploring different possibilities of transactions or agreements with the City of Gatineau and EBC concerning land at Eardley School.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-18

Deed of Release – Joseph Remiszewski and Mark Remiszewski

WHEREAS a judgement in favour of the Western Québec School Board was published on said property on April 30, 1986 under number 189973 at the registrar's office for the district of Papineau;

WHEREAS the Western Québec School Board acknowledges having received payment of all taxes and interest owed by Joseph Remiszewski and Mark Remiszewski on a property located at 1251 chemin Smallian, in the Municipality of Mulgrave & Derry, Québec;

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

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-19

Appointment of Representatives on the Transportation Committee of Other Boards

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Wilson that the same commissioners be appointed as representatives on the

Transportation Committees of Commission scolaire Des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais, Commission scolaire de l'Or-et-des-Bois, Commission scolaire de Rouyn-Noranda and Commission scolaire du Lac-Témiscamingue.

Carried unanimously

M. Lothian distributed a summary and made a presentation on Home Schooling and Derogations for the 2010-2011 school year.

C-10/11-20

Request for Home Schooling

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the request to home school NANJ92010203 be approved for the 2010-2011 school year and administration ensure appropriate evaluations of student learning is carried out according to policy.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-21

Request for Home Schooling

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the request to home school GAUH67620103, GAUDK18579802, GAUD03059601 and GAUP665604 be approved for the 2010-2011 school year and administration ensure appropriate evaluations of student learning is carried out according to policy.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-22

Request for Home Schooling

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the request to home school BIRA01019701 be approved for the 2010-2011 school year and administration ensure appropriate evaluations of student learning is carried out according to policy.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-23

Request for Home Schooling

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the request to home school THIJ635704XX be approved for the 2010-2011 school year and administration ensure appropriate evaluations of student learning is carried out according to policy.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-24

Request for Home Schooling

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the request to home school BOUK68060101 be approved for the 2010-2011 school year and administration ensure appropriate evaluations of student learning is carried out according to policy.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-25

Request for Home Schooling

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the request to home school BARH69040106 and BARS78510304 be approved for the 2010-2011 school year and administration ensure

appropriate evaluations of student learning is carried out according to policy.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-26

Request for Home Schooling

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the request to home school COTE69610003 be approved for the 2010-2011 school year and administration ensure appropriate evaluations of student learning is carried out according to policy.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-27

Request for Home Schooling

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the request to home school KOCE16039406 be approved for the 2010-2011 school year and administration ensure appropriate evaluations of student learning is carried out according to policy.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-28

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 2009, pour un total de 695.55 \$ (637 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

Date of Next Meeting

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

NOTE: A Business Committee of The Whole meeting will be held on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

C-10/11-29

Adjournment

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

Carried unanimously

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