

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Personnel:

Director of Education, Adult Education and Vocational Training,
R. Ahern
Director of Education, M. Dubeau
Director of Education, M. Lothian
Director of Buildings, Equipment and Transportation, C. O'Shea
Assistant Director of Human Resources, D. Giroux

REGRETS: Commissioners Davidson and Jawbone

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 7:04 p.m.

Public Participation

Mr. Gerard Desjardins, president of the Club des ornithologues de l'Outaouais, gave an overview of a research project started in 1990 that led to the publishing of the Breeding Birds Atlas of Québec. 3000 books were published in French and 3000 were published in English. A second edition is currently being worked on. The Club has decided to make a donation of approximately 30 copies, one for every school in the Board.

The Chair thanked M. Desjardins and Mrs. Bedard for their generosity on behalf of the Board.

Swearing-in of the Parent Commissioners

M. Dawson proceeded to the swearing-in of parent commissioners Danae Komm and Lee Gibbons.

C-10/11-55

Approval of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Agenda be approved with additions:

Item 10.1 Approval of Accounts July 2010

Item 10.2 Approval of Accounts August 2010

Item 10.3 Approval of Accounts September 2010

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-56

Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Taylor that the Minutes of a meeting held on October 26, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chairman's Topics:

- Minister questioning administration expenses
- Excellent P.D. session – very informative

Director General Report

- The Director General presented an oral report.
- He has been travelling between here and Québec City.
- He gave details concerning the involvement of English Boards in a principal's trip to Dominican Republic.
- He spoke about the Wakefield School situation - congratulations to Colin and team.
- He gave thanks to Commissioner Dexter for her great work with the community and staff.
- A request has been made to the MELS for a permanent solution to replace the portables at Wakefield School.
- Destination Imagination: initiative in some of our schools – a global competition from Kindergarten to university – final in Tennessee.
- Spring Conference – things are progressing well.
- He gave details on Ravenswood trip and funding.

QESBA Report

M. Chiasson reported that all information is being sent as received.

C-10/11-57

Executive Committee Report – November 23, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Board acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of November 23, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-58

Policy

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, Council mandate the administration to develop a policy concerning complaints against the school board and/or its employees.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-59

By-Laws – Delegation of Powers

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien to mandate the Executive Committee to review and update the Delegation of Powers by-laws.

Carried unanimously

Personal Services Contracts

This item was tabled.

C-10/11-60

Draft Policy on the Evaluation of the Performance of the Director General

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Gunn that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, the draft policy on the Evaluation of the Performance of the Director General be approved in principle and be sent out for consultation.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-61

Director General Evaluation 2010-2011 Performance Contract

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the Executive Committee, the Director General Evaluation 2010-2011 Performance Contract be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-62

Corporate Committee Report – November 9, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the Board acknowledge receipt of the draft Corporate Committee minutes of November 9, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-63

Education Committee Report – November 10, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that the Board acknowledge receipt of the draft Education Committee minutes of November 10, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-64

Noranda School Exchange

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the Education Committee, Council approve the Noranda School's request to participate in a school exchange with Kitchener.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-65

Business Committee Report – November 11, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the Board acknowledge receipt of the draft Business Committee minutes of November 11, 2010.

Carried unanimously

- C-10/11-66** **Symmes-City of Gatineau**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that, as recommend by the Business Committee, senior administration be mandated to investigate the terms and conditions of a possible partnership with the City of Gatineau to annex a gymnastics facility to Symmes/D'Arcy McGee high school.
- Carried unanimously
- C-10/11-67** **Fibre Partnership**
 WHEREAS the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais Police Department is in the process of updating their communication infrastructure;
- WHEREAS the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais has solicited the school board to partner on our fibre optic network;
- WHEREAS any additional cost to the school board would be absorbed by the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais;
- IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young, as recommended by the Business Committee, that the administration be mandated to investigate the possibilities of a partnership to lease fibre to MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais.
- Carried unanimously
- C-10/11-68** **HMT Revenue Group**
 IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young as recommended by the Business Committee, that senior administration be mandated to enter into an agreement with HMT Revenue Group to review the tax accounts from 2007 to June 2010.
- Carried unanimously
- C-10/11-69** **Price Invitation – Oil Contracts 2010-2011- Petro Pontiac**
 WHEREAS eight (8) companies were invited to tender on the Oil Contracts;
- WHEREAS three (3) tenders were received;
- IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young, as recommended by the Business Committee, that the Oil Contract for the 2010-2011 season submitted by Petro Pontiac in the amount of 0.6540 for Immaculate Conception, St-John's, Pontiac High, McDowell, Onslow and Dr. Wilbert Keon be approved.
- Carried unanimously
- C-10/11-70** **Price Invitation – Oil Contracts 2010-2011- Petro Canada Fuels**
 WHEREAS eight (8) companies were invited to tender on the Oil Contracts;
- WHEREAS two (2) tenders were received;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young, as recommended by the Business Committee, that the Oil Contract for the 2010-2011 season submitted by Petro Canada Fuels in the amount of 0.6690 for Buckingham, Chelsea and Wakefield be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-71

Price Invitation – Oil Contracts 2010-2011- Les Huiles de la Desert Ltée

WHEREAS eight (8) companies were invited to tender on the Oil Contracts;

WHEREAS one (1) tender was received;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young, as recommended by the Business Committee that the Oil Contract for the 2010-2011 season submitted by Les Huiles de la Desert Ltée in the amount of 0.699 for Maniwaki Adult Ed, Maniwaki Woodland and the amount of 0.725 for St-Michael's be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-72

Wakefield Snow Contract

WHEREAS the snow contract went out to public tender;

WHEREAS one (1) tender was received;

Barry McKenna	\$ 9,000.00
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IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young, as recommended by the Business Committee, that the tender submitted by Barry McKenna for the snow contract at Wakefield be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-73

Handicap Accessibility

WHEREAS the Buildings Department in conjunction with the EHDAA (Élevés handicapés ou en difficulté d'adaptation ou d'apprentissage) committee has prepared the plan of action under 'mesure 30850';

WHEREAS the completed documentation has been forwarded to the MELS;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young, as recommended by the Business Committee, that a letter of support be sent to the MELS requesting funding for the 'mesure 30850'.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-74

Deeds of Establishment

WHEREAS modifications have to be made to the Deeds of Establishment, that the Complexe Héritage non-residential building be added and indicating the new ownership by Western Québec School Board of Eardley Elementary School at 180 North Street, Gatineau;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young, as recommended by the Business Committee, that the Deeds of Establishment, as modified, be approved and forwarded to the MELS.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-75

Parents' Committee Report – October 27, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Parent Commissioner Komm that Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of October 27, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-76

Complementary Services Parity Committee Report – November 3, 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter that Council acknowledge receipt of the Complementary Services Parity Committee minutes of November 3, 2010.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-77

Approval of Accounts – July 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of July 2010 in the amount of \$1,302,620.04 be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-78

Approval of Accounts – August 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of August 2010 in the amount of \$1,885,586.67 be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-79

Approval of Accounts – September 2010

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the accounts for the month of September 2010 in the amount of \$7,108,001.22 be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-80

Additional Space at Wakefield School

WHEREAS there has been a steady increase in enrollment at Wakefield school;

WHEREAS the School Board financed the installation of additional temporary portable classrooms in 1985 and 1992;

WHEREAS additional classrooms had to be constructed in the basement to accommodate the continued student growth;

WHEREAS Yves Auger, structural engineer, has identified in his report following the earthquake that the portables have surpassed their life cycle expectancy and should be replaced;

WHEREAS recent air sampling by INAir Environment has identified continued air quality issues within the portables and basement classrooms and necessary ongoing expenses will continue until these issues are corrected;

WHEREAS the MELS demographic projections identifies a continual growth until 2015 for the Wakefield school catchment;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter that the School Board petition to the MELS to provide permanent additional space to replace the temporary portables under the program 'Ajout d'espace' to accommodate the increasing student population.

Carried unanimously

Eardley – EBC Inc Project

P. Lamoureux gave additional details concerning EBC Inc. Project.

Bus Safety Campaign

Commissioner Young gave details about the upcoming Bus Safety Campaign.

C-10/11-81

Pilot Pre-K Program in Pontiac Region

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dexter that Council mandate the Education Committee to study the feasibility of implementing a full-time Pre-K program in the Pontiac region, similar to the one that presently exists at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School, and report back to Council.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-82

Expulsion – Student at Hadley Jr. High School

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner O'Brien that, as recommended by the Discipline Committee, student PARJO4099702 be expelled from Hadley Jr. High School and all schools and services of the Western Québec School Board for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.

Carried unanimously

C-10/11-83

Expulsion – Student at Pontiac High School

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Taylor that, as recommended by the Discipline Committee, student OSHO17049700 be expelled from Pontiac High School and all schools and services of the Western Quebec School Board for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.

Carried unanimously

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on January 25, 2011.

C-10/11-84

Adjournment

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

Carried unanimously

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