

**PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC**  
**Western Québec School Board**

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on February 24, 2015 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Shea, Commissioners Daly, Dionne, Garbutt, Guy, Labadie, Larventz, McCrank, Schaler, and Young (by videoconference), and Parent Commissioners Boucher, Fenton (by videoconference), and Lafond

**Personnel:**

Director of Student Services, B. Burn  
Director of Human Resources, School Organization and Transportation, M. Dubeau  
Director of Education, M. Lothian  
Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx

**REGRETS:** Commissioners Brunke and Egan, and Parent Commissioner Komm

The Director General, P. Lamoureux, the Assistant Director General/Director of Education, Adult Education and Vocational Training, R. Ahern, and the Director of Legal Services/Secretary General, R. Vézina, were also present.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Shea called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**C-14/15-124**

**Adoption of Agenda**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Guy that the agenda be adopted with the addition of:

10.2 Paperless meetings

Carried unanimously

**C-14/15-125**

**Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2015**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the minutes of a meeting held on January 27, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman presented his written report.

**Director General's Report**

The Director General presented his oral report. Topics included:

- Ongoing meetings with the MELS and the Minister of Finance
- Special Education funding
- Optimization projects
- Amalgamation of school boards
- Use of accumulated surplus to balance school board budgets
- Parental contributions for daycare services

- Consultative budget parameters timeline
- Expected budget cuts

**C-14/15-126**

**St. Michael's School Trip to Rome and Athens**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that council approve the St. Michael's School trip to Rome and Athens during the March Break 2016.

Carried unanimously

**LCEEQ Conference**

The Director of Education, M. Lothian, reported on the recent LCEEQ conference on Visible Learning held in Laval on February 9-10, 2015. Feedback from participants has been very positive.

**C-14/15-127**

**Project 30850 Handicap Accessibility Grant**

WHEREAS the MELS has mandated all school boards to ensure handicap accessibility to their buildings by 2017-2018;

WHEREAS, for this purpose, the MELS has granted the WQSB \$146,428 for the 2014-2015 school year;

WHEREAS there remains an unspent portion from previous years of \$346,574, for a total available of \$493,002;

WHEREAS the table below reflects the current status for each WQSB school building;

<b>School</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<b>Partially Accessible</b>	<b>Not Accessible</b>	<b>Closest Accessible School</b>
BUCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY		X		
CHELSEA ELEMENTARY	X			
DR. S.E. MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY	X			
DR. W. KEON SCHOOL (ELEMENTARY)	X			
EARDLEY ELEMENTARY	X			
GOLDEN VALLEY SCHOOL	X			
G. THEBERGE SCHOOL	X			
GREATER GATINEAU ELEMENTARY	X			
MANIWAKI WOODLAND			X	Queen Élizabeth (58 Km)
NAMUR INTERMEDIATE	X			
NORANDA SCHOOL			X	Golden Valley (115 Km)
ONSLOW ELEMENTARY	X			
P.E. TRUDEAU ELEMENTARY		X		
POLTIMORE ELEMENTARY		X		
QUEEN ELIZABETH ELEMENTARY	X			
SOUTH HULL ELEMENTARY	X			
ST. JOHN'S ELEMENTARY	X			
LORD AYLMEY JR. ELEMENTARY			X	Eardley (1 Km)
LORD AYLMEY SR. ELEMENTARY	X			

WAKEFIELD ELEMENTARY	X			
D'ARCY / SYMMES HIGH SCHOOL	X			
DR. W. KEON SCHOOL (HIGH SCHOOL)			X	McDowell (72 Km)
PWHS / HADLEY HIGH SCHOOL	X			
PONTIAC HIGH	X			
ST. MICHAEL'S HIGH SCHOOL		X		
HULL ADULT EDUCATION		X		
MANIWAKI AE			X	
PONTIAC AE (Dr. S.E. McDowell)			X	
VAL D'OR AE	X			
WESTERN QUEBEC CAREER CENTRE	X			
BOARD	X			

WHEREAS there are no English schools within 10 km of Maniwaki Woodland Elementary School that is accessible to handicapped students;

WHEREAS an MB project is planned for this year at Maniwaki Woodland School to complete work on the interior of the building, the elevator can be incorporated into this project;

WHEREAS a cost analysis has been carried out by Carrier, Savard, Isabelle & Associés for Maniwaki Woodland School, determining the cost of installing an elevator to be approximately \$440,693.43 including taxes;

WHEREAS the Directors of the Western Québec School Board are recommending that an elevator be installed at Maniwaki Woodland School;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the WQSB go out to public tender for the purchasing and installing of an elevator at Maniwaki Woodland School.

Carried unanimously

#### **Letters to residents regarding Wakefield Well**

The Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, P. Proulx, presented a letter that will be sent in the coming days to people who reside in the area surrounding the newly built Wakefield School advising them of the presence of a wet well supplying drinking water to the school.

#### **Report on Budget 2015-2016**

The Director General, P. Lamoureux, presented a document providing general information on the School Board's 2014-2015 budget and some considerations for the upcoming discussions concerning the 2015-2016 budget.

C-14/15-128

**Transportation Committee Report – February 10, 2015**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Transportation Committee minutes of February 10, 2015.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-129

**Mileage Adjustment 2014-2015 – Autobus Outaouais**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the mileage amount for Autobus Outaouais be decreased by \$19, 231.07 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-130

**Mileage Adjustment 2014-2015 – Autobus LaSalle**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the mileage amount for Autobus LaSalle be decrease by \$9,705.44 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-131

**Mileage Adjustment 2014-2015 – Baie Transport**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the mileage amount for Baie Transport be increased by \$6,849.60 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-132

**Mileage Adjustment 2014-2015 – Bigras Transport**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that the mileage amount for Bigras Transport be decreased by \$250.37 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Carried unanimously

C-14/15-133

**Parent request – Financial compensation**

WHEREAS the current bus stop for WQSB students 0033423 and 0039115 is located at the corner of Ch. Du Lac Gull/Ch. Inlet at a distance of 1.7 km from the beginning of the private property;

WHEREAS the students' family has requested a financial compensation for the 2013-2014 and the 2014-2015 school years for driving their children to their designated bus stop;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Labadie that, as recommended by the Transportation Committee, the family's request be granted retroactively to the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

For: 4

Against: 3

Motion carried

**C-14/15-134**

**Parents' Committee Report – January 19, 2015**

IT WAS MOVED by Parent-Commissioner Boucher that the Council acknowledge receipt of the Parents' Committee minutes of January 19, 2015.

Carried unanimously

**Communications Ad Hoc Committee**

The Director General presented a document titled "WQSB Communications Work Plan 2012-2014" and stated that one of the main focusses for this committee will be to review this work plan.

**C-14/15-135**

**Audit Committee Report – February 17, 2015**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Audit Committee minutes of February 17, 2015.

Carried unanimously

**C-14/15-136**

**Draft Revised Policy C-5 – Policy Outlining the Discipline Committee Process**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the Draft Revised Policy C-5 – "Policy Outlining the Discipline Committee Process" be sent out for public consultation.

Carried unanimously

**Paperless Meetings**

Commissioner Guy enquired as to whether or not laptops were to be provided to commissioners. The Director General will look into this possibility.

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on March 31, 2015.

**C-14/15-137**

**Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Young that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Carried unanimously

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