

PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC
Western Québec School Board

Minutes of the **Council of Commissioners** meeting held on October 25, 2016 at the Western Québec School Board, 15 rue Katimavik, Gatineau, Québec, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Brunke, Daly, Dionne, Egan, Garbutt, Guy, Labadie, Larventz, McCrank, and Schaler, and Parent Commissioners Boucher, Davis, and Komm

Personnel:

Director of Education, S. Aitken
Director of Complementary Services, B. Burn
Interim Director of Finance, S. Cox
Director of Human Resources, School Organization and Transportation, M. Dubeau
Director of Buildings, Equipment, and Technology, P. Proulx

The Interim Director General, R. Ahern, and the Secretary General / Director of Programs and Evaluation, Terry Kharyati, were also present.

REGRETS: Chair Shea and Commissioner Young

Call to Order

In the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chair Guy called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Public Participation

-Brian Smeltzer, President of the WQTA spoke in regards to the WQTA position on the Learning Bar.

C-16/17-48

Adoption of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-49

Approval of Minutes – September 27, 2016

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the minutes of a meeting held on September 27, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Carried unanimously

Chair's Report

The Vice-Chair, A. Guy presented his report. He talked about the events that commissioners attended these last few months as well as upcoming events including:

- Conversations regarding tax issues in Québec
- Bill 105
- AGM
- School Board Budget

- Workshops in Québec City
- Spring Conference in May

Director General's Report

The Interim Director General, R. Ahern, presented her written report. Topics included:

- September 30, 2016 student enrolment: 7134 students
- MEES consultation process documents for educative success

C-16/17-50

Commissioners' Stipend

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Daly that the allocation of the commissioners' stipend for 2016-2017 be distributed in the same fashion as previous years.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-51

Executive Committee Report – October 19, 2016

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Executive Committee minutes of October 19, 2016.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-52

Sport-Études Program

WHEREAS the School Board has been contacted by a number of parents interested in enrolling their children in the program for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years;

WHEREAS the Hadley Governing Board and the WQSB had previously approved support of the Sport-études program;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the WQSB approve the application for a Sport-études program at Hadley starting for the 2017-2018 school year.

For: 9

Against: 1

Motion carried

C-16/17-53

***OurSCHOOL* Survey Evaluation System – Contract by Mutual Agreement with The Learning Bar Inc.**

WHEREAS the contract with The Learning Bar Inc. for the *OurSCHOOL* (formerly known as *Tell Them From Me*) survey evaluation system for the WQSB and the English school boards of Québec expired in June 2016;

WHEREAS the English school boards of Québec agree that a survey evaluation system is critical to their ongoing assessment and continuous improvements efforts and that it is imperative that they use the same platform for standardization and benchmarking purposes;

WHEREAS the WQSB, under the leadership of Mr. Paul Lamoureux, agreed to pilot the contracting process and contract negotiations on behalf of the English school boards of Québec;

WHEREAS a proposal has been submitted by The Learning Bar Inc. for this contract in the amount of \$130,000 per year, or \$390,000 for a three-year period, and in addition to the standard features that our schools have been accustomed to, this proposal includes the development and release of Québec Norms, a Career Pathways Survey Module, and one Raising the Bar video;

WHEREAS the contract will cover a period of three (3) years, from November 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019 with no option for renewal;

WHEREAS the WQSB has received legal mandates from the English school boards of Québec totaling \$119,154 per year, or \$357,462 for the three-year period of the contract;

WHEREAS the WQSB's share of the global contract amounts to \$10,846 per year, or \$32,538 for the three-year period of the contract;

WHEREAS following extensive research for potential competitors, it was determined that The Learning Bar Inc. is the only supplier able to provide the required products and services, and, according to contract regulations, the WQSB may proceed by mutual agreement with The Learning Bar Inc.;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garbutt that the WQSB proceed with signing the global contract on behalf of the English school boards in Québec for the *OurSCHOOL* Survey Evaluation system with The Learning Bar Inc., and that the Interim Director General, R. Ahern, be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-54

Group Buying for Oil Tender

WHEREAS the contract for purchasing oil for our schools has expired with Les Huiles de la Désert Inc. and Petro Pontiac;

WHEREAS the WQSB has the opportunity to participate in the Group Buying Program through the CSPQ for the purchasing of oil for our schools;

WHEREAS the contract will cover a period of 3 years, from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020, with a one-year option for renewal;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Garbutt that the WQSB participate in the Group Buying Program through the CSPQ for the purchasing of oil for our schools, and the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, Mr. P. Proulx, be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-55**Oil Contract with Les Huiles de la Désert Inc. & Petro Pontiac – Gré à Gré**

WHEREAS the contract for purchasing oil for our schools has expired;

WHEREAS the WQSB will be participating in the Group Buying Program through the CSPQ for the purchase of oil for our schools with the contract start date of April 1, 2017;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner McCrank that the WQSB be authorized to go Gré à Gré with Les Huiles de la Désert Inc. & Petro Pontiac until the new contract through Group Buying is approved and that the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology, Mr. P. Proulx, be authorized to sign all documents necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-56**Capital Project – New Classrooms at Dr. S. E. McDowell**

WHEREAS Council passed resolution C-15/16-26 allowing the WQSB to go out to tender for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS an additional \$9544.92 was approved, bringing the total expenses of the project over by 12%;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Egan that the bid submitted by Les Industries CAMA, in the amount of \$79,300 plus the additional \$9544.92 totaling \$88,844.92 excluding taxes, be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-57**Computer Leasing**

WHEREAS the Director of Buildings, Equipment and Technology was granted approval by Council (C-15/16-7) to go out to tender for the above mentioned project;

WHEREAS an extra amount was approved for \$39,185.28, bringing the total expenses of the project over by 20.9%;

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the bid submitted by Microrama, in the amount of \$187,416 plus the additional \$39,185.28 excluding taxes, be approved.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-58**GRICS Invoice**

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that resolution C-16/17-34, passed at the September meeting for the GRICS invoice, be amended to show 2016-2017 instead of 2015-2016 as indicated in the resolution.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-59

Complementary Services Committee Report – October 5, 2016

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Complementary Services Committee minutes of October 5, 2016.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-60

Human Resources Committee Report – October 3, 2016

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Brunke that the Council acknowledge receipt of the draft Human Resources Committee minutes of October 3, 2016.

Carried unanimously

C-16/17-61

Regional Taxation

WHEREAS the Québec English School Boards Association (QESBA) reaffirms its position on regional taxation; and

WHEREAS QESBA actively advocates the implementation of regional taxation throughout Québec, modeled after the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal (CGTSIM) with the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) and ministry officials;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the Western Québec School Board not support the QESBA's proposal calling for regional taxation across the province to be modeled after the CGTSIM.

Carried unanimously

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on November 29, 2016.

C-16/17-62

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Dionne that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Carried unanimously

TK/nb