



Approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office, 2046, chemin St-Louis, Québec (Québec) G1T 1P4.

Present:	Isabel Béland	Parent Commissioner
	Stephen Burke	Chairman
	Heather Clibbon	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Debbie Cornforth	Parent Commissioner
	Sara Downs	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Christian Falle	Parent Commissioner (videoconference)
	Debbie Ford-Caron	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Chantal Guay	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Cameron Lavallee	Commissioner
	Stephen Pigeon	Director General
	Jean Robert	Vice-Chairman
	Jo Rosenhek	Commissioner
	Jo-Ann Toulouse	Commissioner (videoconference)
Absent:	Wyna Marois	Commissioner
	Esther Paradis	Commissioner
	Aline Visser	Commissioner
Other:	Vacant Position	Parent Commissioner, Special Needs
In attendance:	Gina Farnell	Director of Complementary Educational Services
	François Garon	Information Technology Technician
	Pierrette Laliberté	Director of Human Resources & Assistant Director General
	Yves Lambert	Treasurer, CQTA
	Yves Lorange	Director of Financial Services, Buildings & Equipment and School Transportation
	Jill Robinson	Coordinator of Educational Services
	Melanie Simard	Recording Secretary
	Sandra W. Griffin	Secretary General

17-02.01 Call to Order

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

17-02.02 Approval of the Agenda

It was MOVED by C. Lavallee, SECONDED by D. Ford-Caron and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

17-02.03 Public Question Period

No questions were asked.

17-02.04 **Question Period for Students**

No students were present.

17-02.05 **Correspondence from Students**

No correspondence was received.

17-02.06 **Confirmation of the Elected Candidate of Ward 4**

Sandra Wright Griffin, Secretary General advised the Council of Commissioners that Mr. Cameron Lavallee was the acclaimed commissioner in electoral ward 4.

17-02.07 **Oath of Office**

Cameron Lavallee, signed an oath solemnly swearing to faithfully perform the duties under his responsibility to the best of his judgement and capacity as Commissioner of electoral division #4.

17-02.08 **Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 18, 2017**

It was MOVED by S. Downs, SECONDED by J.-A. Toulouse and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 be accepted as circulated.

17-02.09 **Business arising from the minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

17-02.10 **Report from the Chairman**

The Chairman had sent his report to commissioners that addressed the following:

- QESBA Board Meeting – January 20, 2017
- Agenda Meeting – February 6, 2017
- Meeting with Minister Proulx

17-02.11 **Director General's Report**

The Director General formally addressed the Council and provided a report on the following items:

- a) Up-date on Strategic Planning
- b) Report on the CQSB Basketball Tournament
- c) Staff Appreciation Week

17-02.11 Director General's Report (continued)

- d) Labour Relations Committees
 - i) Senior Staff of Service – Directors, Coordinators and Management Staff
 - ii) Senior Staff of Schools and Centre – Principals
 - iii) Teachers
 - iv) Professionals
 - v) Support Staff

17-02.12 New Business

a) Annual Report

As no public was present part one of the annual report was tabled. The strategic directions in part two were reported on in detail by J. Robinson and G. Farnell.

S. Burke requested to Mr. Yves Lambert to pass on the Council's gratitude to all the teachers for the success of our students in being the third in the province for the graduation and qualification rate.

S. Pigeon requested that the CQSB's Educational Services receive congratulations on all their dedicated work in the realization of such a high rate as they are the link to the teachers in the classroom.

The regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners resumed at 7:35 p.m.

b) Request to the *Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* for additional electoral divisions

J. Robinson left at 7 :37 p.m.

WHEREAS the Act respecting school elections (R.S.Q. ch. E-2.3) stipulates that the Central Québec School Board (CQSB) is entitled to 8 electoral divisions;

WHEREAS section 7 of this same Act stipulates that the Minister may authorize a school board to have from one to five more electoral divisions than the number generated by the application of section 6;

WHEREAS the territory of the Central Québec School Board is particularly large;

WHEREAS there are over 370 municipalities on the School Board's territory;

WHEREAS many of the of the municipalities and schools are located in isolated areas throughout the School Board;

WHEREAS it is important and essential that the population residing in all geographic areas of the Central Québec School Board territory be properly represented on the Council of Commissioners;

New Business (continued)b) Request to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur for additional electoral divisions (continued)

WHEREAS the Minister of Education granted the request from the Central Québec School Board for additional electoral divisions for the 1998, 2003, 2007 and 2014 school elections;

WHEREAS the authorization granted in 2014 permitted the population of the Central Québec School Board to be represented by eleven commissioners;

WHEREAS the existence of eleven wards has allowed for a just and efficient distribution of the Central Québec School Board's representation throughout its vast territory;

WHEREAS any reduction in the number of wards attributed to the Central Québec School Board would definitely be detrimental to the notion of equitable distribution of resources; human as well as material;

It was MOVED by J. Rosenhek, SECONDED by S. Downs and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board request that the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur authorize the establishment of three additional electoral divisions for a total of no less than eleven, which is less than the maximum number of five additional electoral divisions available under the Act respecting school elections, and which will allow the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board to continue to adequately represent and serve the population on its territory.

c) Alienation of a Lot - Shawinigan

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board owns a piece of land located on *rue des Cèdres* in Shawinigan;

WHEREAS this piece of land is vacant;

WHEREAS the said land has no added value in the pursuit of Shawinigan High School's mandate;

WHEREAS the alienation of the land will have no impact on the school's activities;

It was MOVED by C. Guay, SECONDED by S. Downs and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board authorize the Director of Financial Services, Buildings and Equipment and School Transportation to implement the necessary procedures for the alienation of the land situated on *rue des Cèdres* in Shawinigan.

17-02.12 **New Business (continued)**

d) Encroachment of Land – Chibougamau

This item is tabled to the next meeting.

17-02.13 **Committee Reports**

a) Executive Committee

No meeting was held.

b) Parents' Committee

A meeting was held on February 7, 2017. D. Cornforth made a brief report on this meeting.

c) Special Needs Advisory Committee

A meeting was held on February 6, 2017. G. Farnell made a report on this meeting.

d) Transport Advisory Committee

No meeting was held. A meeting is scheduled on March 2, 2017.

e) Audit Committee

No meeting was held.

f) Evaluation of the Director General

No meeting was held.

g) Ethics and Governance Committee

No meeting was held.

h) Human Resources Committee

No meeting was held.

17-02.14 **Quebec English School Boards Association**

a) Report from the Board of Directors

No report was made.

17-02.14 **Quebec English School Boards Association (continued)**

b) Report from Committees

D. Ford-Caron had sent her report to commissioners that addressed the following:

- Finances
- CSBA Delegates
- QESBA Public Positions
- Constitution Committee
- Spring Conference 2017
- Bill 105
- History Program
- Canada Day Challenge

17-02.15 **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

17-02.16 **Question period**

a) Public

No questions were asked.

b) Commissioners

I. Béland raised questions about the possibility of transportation from CQSB at Dollard-des-Ormeaux School for the 2017-2018 school year and requested an update on the building extension at the same school.

17-02.17 **In-camera session**

An in-camera session was held from 8:23 p.m. to 8:47 p.m.

17-02.18 **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:48 p.m. on a MOTION by C. Guay, SECONDED by S. Downs.

Sandra Wright Griffin
Secretary General

Stephen Burke
Chairman

Approved on March 22, 2017.