

Approved minutes of the meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Friday, April 11, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Board Office, 2046, chemin St-Louis, Québec (Québec) G1T 1P4.

Present: Stephen Burke Chairman

Heather Clibbon-Coté Commissioner

Marie-Claude Doucet Commissioner (by videoconference)
Debbie Ford-Caron Commissioner (by videoconference)
Chantal Guay Commissioner (by videoconference)

Kevin Jack Commissioner Wyna Marois Commissioner

Stephen Nellis Parent Commissioner

Esther Paradis Commissioner

Jean Robert Vice-Chairman

Marielle Stewart Director General

Jo-Ann Toulouse Commissioner (by videoconference)

Marie-Soleil Tremblay Commissioner Edward Vining Commissioner Aline Visser Commissioner

Absent: Isabel Béland Parent Commissioner

Darlene Brown Commissioner
Robert Lemelin Commissioner
Jo Rosenhek Commissioner
Robert Vallières Commissioner

In attendance: François Garon Computer Technician

Pierrette Laliberté Director of Human Resources

Patti L. Moore Secretary General

Stephen Pigeon Director of Instructional Services

14-04.01 Call to order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

14-04.02 Approval of the agenda

It was MOVED by E. Paradis, SECONDED by M.-C. Doucet and UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved as circulated.

14-04.03 Public question period

No public was present.

14-04.04 **Question Period for Students**

No questions were asked.

14-04.05 <u>Correspondence from Students</u>

No correspondence was received.

14-04.06 Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 21st, 2014

It was MOVED by A. Visser, SECONDED by E. Paradis and RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on March 21st, 2014 be approved as presented.

Commissioner H. Clibbon-Coté abstained from voting.

14-04.07 Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on April 4th, 2014

It was MOVED by W. Marois, SECONDED by E. Paradis and RESOLVED, that the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on April 4th, 2014 be approved as presented.

Commissioner D. Ford-Caron abstained from voting.

14-04.08 **Business arising from the minutes**

No business to report.

14-04.09 Report from the Chairman

The Chairman announced the nomination of the new Central Québec School Board Director General, Mr. Stephen Pigeon, who will begin his new appointment as of July 16, 2014.

The Chairman indicated that he had sent a report to commissioners that addressed the following:

- Défilé de la Saint Patrick March 22nd
- VEQ Leadership Table Meeting with Gérard Deltell March 24th
- QESBA teleconference on the PD Session's Friday evening debate March 26th
- QESBA Board of Directors March 28th
- QESBA PD Session March 28th and 29th, 2014
- Selection Committee for the replacement of the Director General March 31st
- Interview on RadioX Montréal April 1st
- CQSB Audit Committee Meeting April 2nd
- Agenda Meeting April 2nd
- Letter to the Graduates of 2014
- School Board Elections 2014

14-04.10 <u>Director General's Report</u>

The Council received information regarding the following items:

- a) Up-date on Strategic Planning
- b) Update on Early Childhood Symposium
- c) Follow up on CQSB Performing Arts Festival (High School)
- d) Analysis of 2014-2015 Preliminary Enrolment Statistics
- e) Examination Schedule
- f) Major Renovations Projects
- g) Labour Relations Committees
 - i. Senior Staff of Service Directors
 - ii. Senior Staff of Schools and Centre Principals
 - iii. Teachers

14-04.11 New Business

a) By-Law Regarding the Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings (deposit)

The By-Law Regarding the Day, Time and Place of Regular Meetings was deposited and will be discussed at the working session in May.

- b) COSB Provisional Staffing Plan (provisional approval)
 - i) <u>Allocation for management staff (Senior Staff of schools, Centre and of the</u> Board Office)

It was MOVED by M.-S. Tremblay, SECONDED by K. Jack and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; that the allocation for management staff of schools, centre and of the Board Office be provisionally accepted as presented on the summary of recommended staffing plan for 2014-2015 dated April 11, 2014, pending final approval of the budget.

ii) Allocation for professional staff (spiritual & community life animators, EQLC professionals, servicing schools, Board Office)

It was MOVED by E. Vining, SECONDED by H. Clibbon-Coté and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; that the allocation for professional staff of schools, centre and of the Board Office be provisionally accepted as presented on the summary of recommended staffing plan for 2014-2015 dated April 11, 2014, pending final approval of the budget.

iii) Allocation for support personnel (Board Office, janitorial services, documentation technicians, laboratory technicians, in-school support personnel, student supervisors)

It was MOVED by W. Marois, SECONDED by D. Ford-Caron and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; that the allocation for support personnel of schools, centre and of the Board Office be provisionally accepted as presented on the summary of recommended staffing plan for 2014-2015 dated April 11, 2014, pending final approval of the budget.

14-04.11 New Business (continued)

c) Nomination of CQSB GRICS Voting Delegate and Substitute

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board is member of the *Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires (GRICS)* and must appoint an official delegate to represent the School Board and act on its behalf;

It was MOVED by A. Visser, SECONDED by H. Clibbon-Coté and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; that Pierrette Laliberté be the Central Québec School Board's official delegate for all regular general assemblies or special meetings of the *GRICS*; and

THAT should the official delegate not be able to attend a meeting, that Stephen Pigeon, be the alternate delegate.

N.B. Please note that this resolution supersedes any other resolution for the purpose of appointing an official delegate to the General Meeting of the *GRICS*.

d) Adult Education 2014-2015 Calendar (adoption)

WHEREAS section 238 of the Education Act stipulates that every school board shall establish the school calendar of its schools, taking into account the provisions of the basic school regulation;

WHEREAS the teachers' collective agreement provides for a committee that is consulted on the school calendar;

WHEREAS the committee has met and has been consulted on and recommends the adoption of the proposed calendar for the 2014-2015 school year;

It was MOVED by E. Paradis, SECONDED by H. Clibbon-Coté and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; that the Central Québec School Board accept the school calendar for the adult sector for the 2014-2015 school year as in **Appendix 1** to the minutes.

e) School Elections - Allocation of funds

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* has imposed significant budget reductions during the past three years on school boards;

WHEREAS school boards have been instructed that these compressions were not to affect classrooms:

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board expenses for the 2014 School Elections could cost up to \$250,000;

14-04.11 New Business (continued)

e) School Elections – Allocation of funds (continued)

WHEREAS school elections are scheduled to occur in November 2014 and no additional funding has been allocated to cover these operating expenses;

It was MOVED by E. Paradis, SECONDED by E. Vining and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; that the Central Québec School Board request that the *ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* fund the November 2014 school elections through a specific supplementary allocation.

14-04.12 <u>Committee Reports</u>

a) Executive Committee

No meeting was held.

b) Parents' Committee

No meeting was held.

c) Transport Advisory Committee

A meeting was held on March 26, 2014. The main point discussed was the request for transportation from Ste-Agathe to St-Jacques-de-Leeds going toward Thetford Mines.

i. Proposal for Transportation from Ste-Agathe to Thetford Mines

WHEREAS the administration of CQSB and the Council of Commissioners originally refused the request, determining that as Sainte-Agathe falls within the catchment area of *la Commission scolaire des Navigateurs* while transportation from St-Jacques-de-Leeds to Thetford Mines falls under the jurisdiction of la *Commission scolaire des Appalaches*, that CQSB did not have any jurisdiction over the decision;

WHEREAS *la Commission scolaire des Navigateurs* has stipulated that they have no objections to la *Commission scolaire des Appalaches* picking up CQSB students in their catchment area, if *des Appalaches* is willing to provide the service;

WHEREAS *La Commission scolaire des Appalaches* has agreed to assume the full responsibility for transporting all CQSB students in the area, providing that certain conditions are met. <u>Specifically</u>:

14-04.12 <u>Committee Reports (continued)</u>

c) Transport Advisory Committee (continued)

i. Proposal for Transportation from Ste-Agathe to Thetford Mines (continued)

- La Commission scolaire des Appalaches would be the sole recipient of any transportation allocations for CQSB students in the area;
- CQSB would no longer negotiate a yearly contract with Transport Filion: la Commission scolaire des Appalaches would take sole responsibility for that contract (note: Transport Filion has been consulted and is agreeable to the proposed solution, providing that there is no significant loss of revenue due to unproductive kilometers);
- All families in the area requesting school-bus transportation would become part of the catchment area of *la Commission scolaire des Appalaches* and would therefore have to agree to send their children to Thetford Mines only;
- School-bus (or other forms of) transportation to Québec City would no longer be offered or subsidized;
- La Commission scolaire des Appalaches would have to enlarge its fleet of buses to accommodate the additional CQSB students being added to its routes. They would therefore bill CQSB for the cost of upgrading two buses (one double-roue would become a 12-rangées and another simple-roue would become a double-roue). They would also bill CQSB the basic fee for transportation already being provided by Transport Filion. In addition they would charge CQSB by the kilometer for any students being picked up on des Navigateurs territory;
- That all parents in the area unanimously agree in writing that henceforth, no form of school-bus transportation would be offered toward Québec City and that it be clearly understood that once the new agreement is put into practice, no further requests to alter the route back to Québec City would be considered;
- That the parents in the village of Sainte-Agathe agree to one pick-up and drop-off point determined by *la Commission scolaire des Appalaches*.

WHEREAS the cost-analysis demonstrates that the increased cost would not be substantial, amounting to a cost of \$13,855/year for the Board, or a difference of approximately \$7,000/year when compared with the previous arrangement;

It was MOVED by E. Paradis, SECONDED by W. Marois and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; that the Council of Commissioners authorise negotiations with la *Commission scolaire des Appalaches* to become the new catchment for CQSB students living south of Sainte Agapie and going to school in Thetford Mines.

d) Audit Committee

A meeting was held on April 2, 2014. The minutes were sent prior to the meeting. M.-S. Tremblay reported that the auditor will be starting his work and noted that it is reassuring that the CQSB is on budget.

14-04.12 <u>Committee Reports (continued)</u>

e) Evaluation of the Director General

No meeting was held.

f) Communications Committee

No meeting was held.

g) Human Resources Committee

No meeting was held.

h) Ethics and Governance Committee

No meeting was held.

i) Ad Hoc Committee on Short and Long Term Planning

No meeting was held.

14-04.13 Quebec English School Boards Association

a) Report from the Board of Directors

S. Burke reported that previous QESBA Executive Director David Birnbaum was nominated as an MNA in the Darcy McGee riding. The next task will be to find a new Executive Director of QESBA.

b) Reports from the Committees

No meetings held; no report was made.

14-04.14 Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on Friday, May 9, 2014.

14-04.15 Question period

a) Public

No public was present.

b) Commissioners

No questions were asked.

14-04.16	<u>In-camera session</u>					
	No in-camera session was held.					
14.04.17	Adjournment					
	The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:03 SECONDED by A. Visser.	p.m.	on a	MOTION	by MS.	Tremblay,
	Patti L. Moore Secretary General		-	phen Burke airman		

Approved on May 9, 2014.



APPENDIX 1 CALENDRIER 2014 - 2015 CALENDAR



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