



Approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 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
	Sara Downs	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Christian Falle	Parent Commissioner (videoconference)
	Debbie Ford-Caron	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Chantal Guay	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Esther Paradis	Commissioner
	Stephen Pigeon	Director General
	Patsy Poulin	Parent Commissioner (videoconference)
	Jean Robert	Vice-Chairman
	Jo Rosenhek	Commissioner
	Aline Visser	Commissioner
Absent:	Kevin Jack	Commissioner
	Stephen Nellis	Parent Commissioner
	Jo-Ann Toulouse	Commissioner
In attendance:	François Garon	Computer Technician
	Sandra W. Griffin	Interim Secretary General
	Yves Lambert	Treasurer, CQTA and Teacher at Three Rivers Academy
	Yves Lorange	Director of Financial Services, Buildings & Equipment and School Transportation
	Melanie Simard	Executive Secretary

16-10.01 Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

16-10.02 Approval of the Agenda

It was MOVED by E. Paradis, SECONDED by J. Rosenhek and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the agenda be approved with the following additions in Item 10.

New Business:

10. f) Bill 105;

10. g) 2016 CQSB Cross-Country Run (20th Edition);

10. h) Playground Equipment at Dollard-des-Ormeaux School

16-10.03 Public Question Period

No questions were asked.

16-10.04 **Question Period for Students**

No students were present.

16-10.05 **Correspondence from Students**

No correspondence was received.

16-10.06 **Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 16th, 2016**

It was MOVED by H. Clibbon, SECONDED by D. Ford-Caron and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Friday, September 16th, 2016 be accepted as circulated.

16-10.07 **Business arising from the minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

16-10.08 **Report from the Chairman**

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

- Voice of English-speaking Québec (VEQ) Fall Fest – September 17th, 2016
- CQSB Executive Committee meeting – September 20th, 2016
- Bill 105 – Parliamentary Hearing – September 21st, 2016
- DDO Sod-Turning Ceremony – September 23rd, 2016
- RRS Inauguration Ceremony – September 30th, 2016
- CQSB Cross-Country Run (20th Edition) – October 1st, 2016
- Agenda Meeting – October 3rd, 2016
- Human Resources Committee meeting – October 4th, 2016

16-10.09 **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) 20th Edition of the CQSB Cross-country Run
- c) 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

New Businessa) Policy on Private Practices (deposit)

The draft Policy on Private Practices was deposited for consultation purposes.

b) Association régionale de sport étudiant : Québec – Fees and Representatives

- i. It was MOVED by A. Visser, SECONDED by E. Paradis and UNANIMOUSLY resolved; THAT the Central Québec School Board pay membership fees to the *Association régionale de sport étudiant de Québec et de Chaudière-Appalaches Inc* based on \$0.23 per student for elementary and secondary students attending Central Québec schools in administrative regions 03 and 12 based on the September 30th enrolment of the current year. In this way, the School Board acknowledges the aims of the Association as set out in their letters patent.
- ii. It was MOVED by A. Visser, SECONDED by E. Paradis and UNANIMOUSLY resolved; THAT the Central Québec School Board delegate Edward Sweeney, for the secondary level, and Gary Kenler, for the elementary level, to represent the School Board at the *Association régionale de sport étudiant de Québec et de Chaudière-Appalaches* for the 2016-2017 school year. The School Board's representative's mandate is mainly in regard to the program of activities offered by the Association and the official delegate will participate in the decisions of the Association and to keep the School Board informed of the decisions.

c) Association régionale de sport étudiant: Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean – Fees and Representative

- i. It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by S. Downs and UNANIMOUSLY resolved; THAT the Central Québec School Board pay membership fees to the *Association régionale de sport étudiant – Saguenay – Lac-St-Jean* of \$150.00; based on the September 30th enrolment of the current year. In this way, the School Board acknowledges the aims of the Association as set out in their letters patent.
- ii. It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by S. Downs and UNANIMOUSLY resolved; THAT the Central Québec School Board delegate Jamie Kirlin, to represent the School Board at the *Association régionale de sport étudiant – Saguenay – Lac-St-Jean* for the 2016-2017 school year. The School Board's representative's mandate is mainly in regard to the program of activities offered by the Association and the official delegate will participate in the decisions of the Association and to keep the School Board informed of the decisions.

d) Réseau du sport étudiant de la Mauricie : Fees and Representative

- i. It was MOVED by S. Downs, SECONDED by E. Paradis and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board pay membership fees to the *Réseau du sport étudiant de la Mauricie*; based on \$ 1.71 per student for secondary students attending La Tuque High School, Three Rivers Academy and Shawinigan High School in the Mauricie region, based on the September 30th enrolment of the current year. In this way, the School Board acknowledges the aims of the Association as set out in their letters patent.
- ii. It was MOVED by S. Downs, SECONDED by E. Paradis and UNANIMOUSLY resolved; THAT the Central Québec School Board delegate Faisal Docter, to represent the School Board at the *Réseau du sport étudiant de la Mauricie* for the 2016-2017 school year. The School Board's representative's mandate is mainly in regard to the program of activities offered by the Association and the official delegate will participate in the decisions of the Association and to keep the School Board informed of the decisions.

<p>C. Guay arrived at 7:29 p.m.</p>

e) Agreement with an Educational Private Establishment

It was MOVED by H. Clibbon, SECONDED by P. Poulin and UNANIMOUSLY resolved; THAT in virtue of article 213 of the Education Act (LRQ, chap. I-13.3) and article 61 of the Private Education Act (LRQ, chap. E-9.1), the Central Québec School Board accepts to pay, in accordance with the budgetary rules of the *Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* for the 2017-2018 school year, the schooling of certain students of its territory that attend the Vanguard private education establishment by agreement; and

THAT the students thus schooled are registered in accordance with the requirements of Bill 101 on the language of instruction; and

THAT the Director General be hereby authorized to sign for and in the name of the Central Québec School Board the necessary agreements for the application of the present resolution.

f) 2016 CQSB Cross-Country Run (20th Edition)

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board's (CQSB) 2015 Cross-Country Run did not take place given that work to rule was in place;

WHEREAS the 20th edition of the CQSB Cross-Country Run was brought back this year;

WHEREAS everyone involved with this board-wide event (parents, teachers, staff, and other volunteers) did so on a purely voluntary basis;

New Business (continued)f) 2016 CQSB Cross-Country Run (20th Edition) (continued)

WHEREAS the CQSB Cross-country Run brings together our students and that the Council of Commissioners recognize that this event provides a great deal of unity and camaraderie within the CQSB family and beyond;

It was MOVED by J. Rosenhek, SECONDED by C. Guay and UNANIMOUSLY resolved; THAT the organizers and all the volunteers, who have freely offered their personal time to make this event such a resounding success, be commended and thanked for their commitment by the members of the Council of Commissioners.

g) Bill 105

WHEREAS Bill 86 - An Act to modify the organization and governance of school boards to give schools a greater say in decision-making and ensure parents' presence within each school board's decision-making body - has been withdrawn by the government of Québec;

WHEREAS Bill 105 - An Act to amend the Education Act - was deposited by the Minister of Education in June 2016;

WHEREAS Bill 105 confirms the Québec government's commitment to maintain school board elections in this province;

WHEREAS public hearings on Bill 105 were held without the Central Québec School Board (CQSB) being invited to participate in such hearings;

WHEREAS the members of the CQSB Council of Commissioners feel strongly about a number of issues brought forth in Bill 105;

WHEREAS the study article by article of the proposed legislation is still underway;

It was MOVED by S. Downs, SECONDED by D. Ford-Caron and UNANIMOUSLY resolved; THAT the Central Québec School Board Council of Commissioners respectfully submits the following to the attention of the Minister and the members of the *Commission de la culture et de l'éducation*:

- the CQSB welcomes the decision of the Minister to allow parent-commissioners to vote on all issues brought to the Council table;
- the CQSB believes that the decision to add or not a co-opted commissioner should be at the sole discretion of each school board;
- the CQSB agrees that the Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) should be composed of a majority of Principals chosen by their peers so as to avoid any politicization of the RAC;

New Business (continued)g) Bill 105 (continued)

- the recommendations of the RAC must not be binding on the Council of Commissioners; the said Council must remain the level of authority and decision-making; the Council's decision to accept or not the recommendations of the RAC is made by majority vote of the members of the Council;
- the powers of the Minister must be clearly defined and limited to certain situations described in the legislation so as to avoid any unnecessary ministerial interference in the management of the school board; and

THAT this motion be transmitted to the *Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* as well as to the members of the *Commission de la culture et de l'éducation*.

h) Playground Equipment at Dollard-des-Ormeaux School

WHEREAS in September 2015 the Municipality of Shannon (the Municipality) and The Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces (the Department) wished to become active partners in school life for the two schools on their territory (Dollard-des-Ormeaux School and *École Alexander-Wolff*); funding was provided by the Department for playground equipment, which was installed by the Municipality;

WHEREAS after a summary inspection by Central Québec School Board's (CQSB) accredited Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) specialist in safety, it was determined that the modules had numerous areas where the safety of the children playing on these structures was jeopardized;

WHEREAS an independent expert was brought in to inspect the structures at both schools; Dollard-des-Ormeaux and Alexander-Wolff, and representatives from the Municipality and the CQSB were present during said inspection. A report was provided indicting the changes that were required; the Municipality removed all hazardous risks that could compromise the children's safety;

WHEREAS the CQSB and the Municipality agreed, via a Letter of Understanding, that any further work that would be deemed necessary in terms of the state of the equipment and the maintenance would be carried out by the Municipality and the cost would be assumed by them as well; in addition, the CQSB indicated that in the event that the installations must be removed, the Municipality would carry out the work and assume all costs related to such an exercise;

WHEREAS in a letter dated November 24th, 2015 signed by Mr. Hugo Lépine, former Director General and Secretary Treasurer of the Municipality, it was confirmed to the CQSB that the Municipality was in agreement with the terms and conditions set out in the letter of understanding;

16-10.10 **New Business (continued)**

h) Playground Equipment at Dollard-des-Ormeaux School (continued)

WHEREAS the Chairman of the CQSB received a letter from the Municipality on September 22nd, 2016, which was accompanied by a resolution indicating that the Municipality deems it appropriate at this time to hand over the playground equipment to the school (CQSB) at no cost along with the responsibility of the upkeep and maintenance;

WHEREAS the School Board disagrees with the transfer of responsibilities given the agreement that was struck between the Municipality and the CQSB;

It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by A. Visser and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board's position is that the agreement that was struck in November 2015 must be upheld.

16-10.11 **Committee Reports**

a) Executive Committee

A meeting was held on September 20th, 2016. Mr. Burke made a detailed report on this meeting.

b) Parents' Committee

No meeting was held. A meeting is scheduled on October 25th, 2016.

It was noted that this was the last Council of Commissioners meeting for the four parent-commissioners as their two-year mandate is over;

It was MOVED by H. Clibbon, SECONDED by J. Rosenhek and UNANIMOUSLY resolve; THAT the Council of Commissioners offers its sincerest thanks to:

- Isabel Béland, representing the elementary level
- Christian Falle, representing the outlying regions
- Stephen Nellis, representing the secondary level
- Patsy Poulin, representing the special needs students

For their commitment and dedication to the schools, parents and students of the Central Québec School Board and that their high level of attendance to the meetings be noted.

c) Special Needs Advisory Committee

No meeting was held. A meeting is scheduled on October 17th, 2016.

16-10.11 **Committee Reports (continued)**

d) Transport Advisory Committee

A meeting was held on October 4th, 2016. E. Paradis, Chair of the committee made a report on the various items discussed during the meeting.

e) Audit Committee

No meeting was held. A meeting is scheduled for November 1st, 2016.

f) Evaluation of the Director General

No meeting was held.

g) Ethics and Governance Committee

No meeting was held.

h) Human Resources Committee

A meeting was held on October 4th, 2016. S. Burke made a report of the meeting.

i) Riverside Schools Ad Hoc Committee

No meeting was held. J. Robert and S. Burke reported to the Council on the inauguration ceremony that took place at Riverside Regional School on September 30th, 2016.

16-10.12 **Quebec English School Boards Association**

a) Report from the Board of Directors

No report was made.

b) Reports from Committees

No report was made. It was noted that the Annual General Assembly of QESBA is taking place on October 15th, 2016.

16-10.13 **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, 2016.

16-10.14 **Question period**

a) Public

No questions were asked.

b) Commissioners

No questions were asked.

16-10.15 **In-camera session**

No in-camera session was held.

16-10.16 **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:02 p.m. on a MOTION by H. Clibbon, SECONDED by J. Rosenhek.

Sandra Wright Griffin
Interim Secretary General

Stephen Burke
Chairman

Approved on November 16, 2016.