



Approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 7 p.m. on TEAMS platform.

Present:	Isabel Béland	Parent Commissioner
	Stephen Burke	Chairman
	Heather Clibbon	Commissioner
	Debbie Cornforth	Parent Commissioner
	Christian Falle	Parent Commissioner
	Debbie Ford-Caron	Commissioner
	André Gosselin	Commissioner
	Chantal Guay	Commissioner
	Jason Kilganan	Parent Commissioner
	Ian O’Gallagher	Commissioner
	France Pedneault	Commissioner
	Stephen Pigeon	Director General
	Jean Robert	Vice-chairman
	Jo Rosenhek	Commissioner
	Jo-Ann Toulouse	Commissioner
Absent:	David Eden	Commissioner
	Cameron Lavallee	Commissioner
In Attendance:	Jacob D.-Marcoux	Recording Secretary
	Anissa Landry	Director of Financial Services
	Stéphane Lagacé	Director of Educational Services
	Vincent Laliberté	Secretary General
	Yves Lambert	President, CQTA
	Nancy L’Heureux	Director of Human Resources and Assistant Director General
	Benoît Sévigny	Director of Buildings & Equipment, Information Technologies

22-10.01 Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

22-10.02 Native Land Recognition Statement

We would like to begin by acknowledging, honouring, and paying respect to our First Nations Communities; the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather for this event today.

22-10.03 Approval of the Agenda

It was MOVED by I. O’Gallagher, SECONDED by C. Guay and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of the following item:

Item 11.1) Delegation of Authority for QESBA meeting

22-10.04

Public Question Period

J.-A. Toulouse joined
at 7:05 p.m. and
I. Béland at 7:07 p.m.

Y. Lambert questioned the change in due dates for report cards to mid-February as opposed to mid-March in previous years.

22-10.05

Question Period for Students

No students were present.

22-10.06

Correspondence from Students

No correspondence was received.

22-10.07

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on August 31, 2022

It was MOVED by D. Cornforth, SECONDED by A. Gosselin and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, be accepted as presented.

b) Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting Held on September 14, 2022

It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by J. Kilganan and RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, be accepted as presented.

Commissioner C. Guay abstained from voting.

22-10.08

Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arose from the minutes.

22-10.09

Report from the Chairman

The Chairman provided a report to the Commissioners on the following items:

- Agenda Meeting – September 29
- Commentary

22-10.10

Director General's Report

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

- a) Update from Educational Services
- b) High School Open Houses
- c) JSMS "Day on the Land" Invitation

22-10.10

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

22-10.11

New Business

a) **Nomination of Commissioners to the 2022–2023 CQSB Committees (adoption)**

- a) It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by C. Guay; and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT for the 2022–2023 school year, the Executive Committee be composed of the Director General, Stephen Pigeon, the Chairman, Stephen Burke, the Vice-chairman, Jean Robert, Isabel Béland, Parent Commissioner and Commissioners Heather Clibbon, Debbie Ford-Caron, Ian O’Gallagher, Jo Rosenhek and André Gosselin.
- b) It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by C. Guay; and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT for the 2022–2023 school year, the commissioner representatives for the Central Québec School Board committees be as follows:

Audit Committee: Jean Robert, Debbie Ford-Caron and Jo-Ann Toulouse

Board Parity Committee: Jo-Ann Toulouse

Ethics and Governance Committee: Stephen Burke, Heather Clibbon, France Pedneault and Christian Falle

Evaluation of the Director General: Stephen Burke, Isabel Béland, Debbie Ford-Caron and Jean Robert

Expulsion Committees:

Chibougamau: Jo-Ann Toulouse

Jonquière : Debbie Ford-Caron

La Tuque : Chantal Guay

Québec City: André Gosselin

Thetford Mines : Jean Robert

Trois-Rivières : France Pedneault

Shawinigan: Christian Falle

Human Resources Committee: Stephen Burke, Debbie Cornforth, Jason Kilganan and André Gosselin

Labour Relations Committees:

School and Centre Administrators: André Gosselin and I. O’Gallagher

Senior Staff of Service: Stephen Burke and Jean Robert

New Business (continued)

- a) Nomination of Commissioners to the 2022-2023 CQSB Committees (adoption)
(continued)

Revision of Decision Committees:

Chibougamau/Jonquière : Debbie Ford-Caron, Chantal Guay and Jo-Ann Toulouse

Québec City: David Eden and Jo Rosenhek

Thetford Mines: Jean Robert

Trois-Rivières/Shawinigan/La Tuque : Chantal Guay, France Pedneault and Christian Falle

Transport Advisory Committees:

CQSB (Québec City): Cameron Lavallee and Debbie Cornforth

C.s. s. de la Beauce-Etchemin : Jean Robert

C.s. s. de l'Énergie : Chantal Guay

C.s. s. de la Jonquière : Debbie Ford-Caron

C.s. s. de Portneuf : Jo Rosenhek

C.s. s. du Chemin-du-Roy : France Pedneault

C.s. s. du Lac-Saint-Jean : Debbie Ford-Caron

- b) RSEQ Québec – Chaudière-Appalaches – Fees and Representatives (adoption)
- i. Membership in the *Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec (RSEQ)* – Québec and Chaudière-Appalaches Region

It was MOVED by A. Gosselin, SECONDED by J. Rosenhek and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board pay membership fees for the 2022-2023 school year based on \$0.29 per student enrolled as of September 30. In so doing, the School Board acknowledges the objectives of the RSEQ-QCA and gives it the status of member, as set out in their letters patent.

- ii. Delegation of Representatives

It was MOVED by A. Gosselin, SECONDED by J. Rosenhek and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT for the 2022-2023 school year the Central Québec School Board delegates Mr. Stéphane Lagacé, Director of Educational Services, as the official delegate and delegate to the Annual General Meeting. The School Board's representative's mandate is mainly in regard to the program of activities that the RSEQ Québec-Chaudière-Appalaches has submitted to our attention. To this end, this delegate is officially mandated to participate in the decisions and to follow up on the decision-making, in accordance with the procedures established by the School Board.

New Business (continued)c) RSEQ Saguenay – Lac-Saint-Jean – Fees and Representatives (adoption)

- i. Membership in the *Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec (RSEQ)* – Saguenay – Lac-Saint-Jean Region

It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by J. Rosenhek, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board pay membership fees for the 2022-2023 school year based on \$0.29 per student enrolled as of September 30. In so doing, the School Board acknowledges the objectives of the RSEQ-Saguenay – Lac-St-Jean and gives it the status of member, as set out in their letters patent.

- ii. Delegation of Representatives

It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by J. Rosenhek, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT for the 2022-2023 school year the Central Québec School Board delegates Mr. Derek Savoy. The School Board's representatives' mandate is mainly in regard to the program of activities that the RSEQ Saguenay – Lac-St-Jean has submitted to our attention. To this end, these delegates are officially mandated to participate in the decisions and to follow up on the decision-making, in accordance with the procedures established by the School Board.

d) RSEQ Mauricie – Fees and Representatives (adoption)

- i. Membership in the *Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec (RSEQ)* – Mauricie Region

It was MOVED by C. Guay, SECONDED by I. Béland and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board pay membership fees for the 2022-2023 school year based on \$0.29 per student enrolled as of September 30. In so doing, the School Board acknowledges the objectives of the RSEQ Mauricie and gives it the status of member, as set out in their letters patent.

- ii. Delegation of Representatives

It was MOVED by C. Guay, SECONDED by I. Béland and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT for the 2022-2023 school year, the Central Québec School Board delegates Ms. Carol-Ann Upshall. The School Board's representatives' mandate is mainly in regard to the program of activities that the RSEQ Mauricie has submitted to our attention. To this end, these delegates are officially mandated to participate in the decisions and to follow up on the decision-making, in accordance with the procedures established by the School Board.

- e) Entente relative à la collaboration entre la commission scolaire et les corps de police à des fins de prévention et d'enquêtes ainsi qu'aux interventions de leurs membres en cas d'urgence ou de signalement d'un acte d'intimidation ou de violence

ATTENDU QUE la Commission scolaire a pour mission, en vertu de l'article 207.1 de la Loi sur l'instruction publique (RLRQ, chapitre I-13.3), d'organiser, au bénéfice des personnes relevant de sa compétence, les services éducatifs prévus par cette loi et par les régimes pédagogiques établis par le gouvernement ;

ATTENDU QUE la Commission scolaire a également pour mission, en vertu de l'article 207.1 de cette loi, de promouvoir et valoriser l'éducation publique sur son territoire, de veiller à la qualité des services éducatifs et à la réussite des élèves en vue de l'atteinte d'un plus haut niveau de scolarisation et de qualification de la population et de contribuer, dans la mesure prévue par la loi, au développement social, culturel et économique de sa région ;

ATTENDU QUE la Commission scolaire veille, en vertu de l'article 210.1 de cette loi, à ce que chacune de ses écoles offre un milieu d'apprentissage sain et sécuritaire de manière à ce que tout élève qui la fréquente puisse y développer son plein potentiel, à l'abri de toute forme d'intimidation ou de violence et qu'à cette fin, elle soutient les directeurs de ses écoles au regard de la lutte contre l'intimidation et la violence ;

ATTENDU QUE le Corps de police ainsi que chacun de ses membres ont pour mission, selon leur compétence respective énoncée notamment aux articles 48, 50 et 69 de la Loi sur la police (RLRQ, chapitre P-13.1), de maintenir la paix, l'ordre et la sécurité publique, de prévenir et de réprimer le crime et les infractions aux lois ou aux règlements pris par les autorités municipales sur le territoire de la municipalité à laquelle il est rattaché, dans le territoire pour lequel il est établi ainsi que sur tout autre territoire sur lequel il assure des services policiers et d'en rechercher les auteurs ;

ATTENDU QUE l'article 214.1 de la Loi sur l'instruction publique prévoit qu'une commission scolaire et l'autorité de qui relève chacun des Corps de police desservant son territoire doivent conclure une entente concernant les modalités d'intervention des membres du Corps de police en cas d'urgence ainsi que lorsqu'un acte d'intimidation ou de violence leur est signalé et visant à mettre en place un mode de collaboration aux fins de prévention et d'enquêtes ;

ATTENDU QUE le Règlement sur les ententes des commissions scolaires relatives à la collaboration à des fins de prévention et d'enquêtes avec les corps de police ainsi qu'aux interventions de leurs membres en cas d'urgence ou de signalement d'un acte d'intimidation ou de violence (RLRQ, chapitre I-13.3, r. 6.1, ci-après le « Règlement ») établit les éléments essentiels et les modalités particulières que doivent respecter de telles ententes ;

ATTENDU QUE cette entente tient compte des mandats, des directives et des procédures d'intervention propres à chacune des parties ;

New Business (continued)

- e) Entente relative à la collaboration entre la commission scolaire et les corps de police à des fins de prévention et d'enquêtes ainsi qu'aux interventions de leurs membres en cas d'urgence ou de signalement d'un acte d'intimidation ou de violence (continued)

Il est PROPOSÉ par J. Kilganan, APPUYÉ par I. Béland et RÉSOLU à l'unanimité ; QUE la Commission scolaire Central Québec, représentée par le Directeur général, M. Stephen Pigeon, soit autorisée à signer l'Entente relative à la collaboration entre la commission scolaire et les corps de police à des fins de prévention et d'enquêtes ainsi qu'aux interventions de leurs membres en cas d'urgence ou de signalement d'un acte d'intimidation ou de violence.

- f) Three-Year Plan for the Destination of Immovables and Deeds of Establishments (deposit)

The draft Three-Plan for the Destination of Immovables and Deeds of Establishments was deposited for consultation purposes.

- g) Criteria for the 2023–2024 Admission and Enrolment of Students (deposit)

The draft Criteria for the 2023–2024 Admission and Enrolment of Students was deposited for consultation purposes.

- h) Request for Additional Space – Portneuf (adoption)

WHEREAS Portneuf Elementary School does not have a gymnasium;

WHEREAS it is important for Portneuf Elementary School to have their own adapted gymnasium in their building;

WHEREAS regular physical activity promotes concentration, which is a key factor in educational success;

It was MOVED by A. Gosselin, SECONDED by D. Cornforth and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board submit a request to the *Ministère de l'Éducation* for additional permanent space for a gymnasium at Portneuf Elementary School (35, rue Richard, Cap-Santé, QC G0A 1L0).

- i) Request for Additional Space – Riverside High School (adoption)

WHEREAS Riverside Regional Elementary School and Riverside Regional High School merged into one building in 2016–2017;

WHEREAS there is no library in the high school and the kids have to share the library at the elementary school.

New Business (continued)i) Request for Additional Space – Riverside High School (adoption) (continued)

WHEREAS a tunnel separates the secondary and elementary level and the gymnasium is on the elementary side of the building;

WHEREAS Riverside Regional Elementary School has reached the limit of its capacity and can no longer share the gymnasium with the high school students;

WHEREAS it is important for Riverside Regional High School to have their own adapted gymnasium in their building;

WHEREAS there is no other English secondary school within a 20-kilometer radius of Riverside Regional High School and the demographic statistics from the *Ministère de l'Éducation* indicate increased enrolment for this school over the next five years;

WHEREAS the demographic statistics do not take into consideration the increase in the student population that has been observed in recent years of the elementary students in Riverside Regional Elementary School continuing to Riverside Regional High School;

WHEREAS the increase in student population will also imply a need for additional classrooms and a collaborative room;

WHEREAS the principals of both schools predict an increase in student population beyond 200, at approximately 225 within the next five years;

WHEREAS the capacity calculated by the *Ministère de l'Éducation* is of 173 students for Riverside Regional High School;

It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by J. Rosenhek and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board submit a request to the *Ministère de l'Éducation* for additional space for three classrooms, a collaborative room and for the construction of a gymnasium at Riverside Regional High School (1770, rue Joule, Jonquière, QC G7S 3B1).

j) Request for Additional Space – Québec North Shore Elementary School (adoption)

WHEREAS the beginning of the four-year-old kindergarten programs in most elementary schools will cause schools to have limited capacity;

WHEREAS the relocation of students from the North Shore of Québec currently attending St Vincent School will increase capacity issues in the existing schools in the Québec City region;

New Business (continued)j) Request for Additional Space – Québec North Shore Elementary School (adoption)
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WHEREAS no school is physically located in the northeastern territory of Québec City, where the Central Québec School Board (CQSB) has the biggest student population;

WHEREAS the lack of a school in this part of the city entitles very long transportation time in the morning and after school for the students to access the current schools;

WHEREAS time spent in school transportation does not contribute to the CQSB mission of supporting vibrant learning communities in its schools that empower students to receive the best possible education and to prepare them to achieve their fullest potential;

It was MOVED by I. O’Gallagher, SECONDED by A. Gosselin, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board submit a request to the *Ministère de l’Éducation* for a new elementary school in the *Arrondissement Charlesbourg* to better serve the student population in the northeastern sector of Québec City.

k) Request for Additional Space – Mauricie English Elementary School (adoption)

WHEREAS the Mauricie English Elementary School building is aging;

WHEREAS important renovation work must be carried out and that this kind of renovation would require the relocation of the students;

WHEREAS it is unfeasible for the Central Québec School Board (CQSB) to move the students to another establishment;

WHEREAS for distance and transportation reasons it is not possible to reorganize any of our schools in the Mauricie region in any other way;

WHEREAS the professionals’ report carried out in 2018 mentions that a minimum of renovation work would cost several million dollars;

WHEREAS CQSB owns a piece of land (lot #1 211 884) that would allow for the construction of a new school;

WHEREAS this new school would make it possible to offer a vibrant learning community that would allow the Trois-Rivières elementary student population to receive the best possible education;

22-10.11

New Business (continued)

k) Request for Additional Space – Mauricie English Elementary School (adoption)

It was MOVED by F. Pedneault, SECONDED by C. Falle, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board (CQSB) submit a request to the *Ministère de l'Éducation* for the construction of a new school on lot #1 211 884 to replace the Mauricie English Elementary School (1275 rue Nicolas-Perrot, Trois-Rivières, QC G9A 1C2).

l) Delegation of Authority for QESBA Meeting

It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by J. Rosenhek, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Chairman, Mr Stephen Burke, be authorized to make necessary decisions on behalf of the Council of Commissioners and the CQSB when attending the next QESBA meeting.

22-10.12

Committee Reports

a) Executive Committee

No meeting was held.

b) Parents' Committee

No meeting was held.

c) Special Needs Advisory Committee

No meeting was held.

d) Transport Advisory Committee

No meeting was held.

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.

22-10.12 **Committee Reports (continued)**

h) Human Resources Committee

No meeting was held.

i) Resource Allocation Committee

A meeting was held on September 7, 2022.

j) Ad hoc Committee

No meeting was held but two Public Consultations have taken place so far.

22-10.13 **Quebec English School Boards Association**

a) Report from the Board of Directors

No report was made.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held October 28, 2022.

b) Report from Committees

No report was made.

22-10.14 **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

22-10.15 **Question period**

a) Public

There were no questions.

b) Commissioners

I. O’Gallagher congratulated everyone involved with the cross-country run.

D. Ford-Caron brought the topic of new students coming in through the military, from English provinces, and how they are to be assisted in their French courses, as parents have reached out to her about this.

S. Lagacé answered that a federal fund is available to “provide supplemental funding needed to deliver French Immersion programs in participating districts” and that parents are welcomed to call the Board Office for any questions on the matter.

22-10.16 **In-camera session**

No in-camera session was held.

22-10.17 **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:41 p.m. on a motion by D. Ford-Caron.

Vincent Laliberté
Secretary General

Stephen Burke
Chairman

Approved on November 9, 2022.