



Approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Board Office, 2046 chemin Saint-Louis, Québec (Québec) G1T 1P4 and on TEAMS platform.

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

24-01.01 Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

24-01.02 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.

24-01.03 Approval of the Agenda

It was MOVED by C. Guay, SECONDED by J. Kilganan and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

24-01.04 **Public Question Period**

There were no questions.

24-01.05 **Question Period for Students**

No students were present.

24-01.06 **Correspondence from Students**

No correspondence was received.

24-01.07 **Complaints**

No complaints were received.

24-01.08 **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on December 13, 2023**

It was MOVED by H. Clibbon, SECONDED by I. O’Gallagher and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, be accepted as presented.

Commissioner D. Ford-Caron and Parent Commissioner J. Greene abstained from voting.

24-01.09 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

No business arose from the minutes.

24-01.10 **Report from the Chairman**

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

- Happy New Year
- Meeting with Citadel Foundation - December 21st
- QCT Interview - January 11th
- Agenda Meeting - January 12th

24-01.11 **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) Update from Buildings & Equipment and IT
- c) Update from Human Resources

24-01.11 **Director General's Report (continued)**

d) Update from Financial Services

The need for a new auditor has been brought up, but the restriction to have them be bilingual makes it harder to find the right firm. However, as per the Chairman's recommendation, language should not be a reason to refuse any candidate, especially considering the current lack of tenders and since most employees dealing with the auditors can speak French. Commissioner Kilganan wondered if this would incur any changes in the presentation of documents, but the Chairman reassured the council that no extra work will be required since the documents are already sent to the MEQ in French. The only translations would occur during correspondences or meetings.

e) Update from Secretariat General

The Secretary General has initiated contact with a lawyer from Québec with the goal of creating a foundation for the CQSB. This entity would allow the school board to receive funds from other foundations and give receipts to the donors. Further updates will follow when the entity is created.

24-01.12 **Strategic Planning**

N. L'Heureux presented the update on the Action Plans and Commitment-to-success plan for the month of January.

24-01.13 **New Business**

a) Three-year Plan & Deeds of Establishment (adoption)

WHEREAS section 211 of the Education Act stipulates that each school board shall establish a three-year plan for the allocation and destination of its immovables.

WHEREAS section 211 also stipulates that, in accordance with the plan, deeds of establishment are to be issued to each school and centre listed in the plan;

It was MOVED by C. Lavallee, SECONDED by A. Gosselin, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT pursuant to section 211 of the Education Act, the Central Québec School Board adopt the three-year plan and the deeds of establishment for its schools and centres for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027 school years as presented.

b) Budget Management Process 2024-2025 – Youth Sector (deposit)

The Budget Management Process 2024-2025 for the Youth Sector was received for consultation purposes. The final document will be presented for adoption at an upcoming Council of Commissioners Meeting to be held on February 21, 2024.

24-01.13 **New Business (continued)**

- c) Budget Management Process 2024-2025 – Adult Education & Vocational Training (deposit)

The Budget Management Process 2024-2025 for the Adult Education and Vocational Training was received for consultation purposes. The final document will be presented for adoption at an upcoming Council of Commissioners Meeting to be held on February 21, 2024.

24-01.14 **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.

- h) Human Resources Committee

No meeting was held.

24-01.14 **Committee Reports (continued)**

i) **Resource Allocation Committee – January 17th**

Director General, S. Pigeon, did a report on the RAC Meeting: close to half a million dollars were received for the *Plan de rattrapage* and since the law requires to share such financial assistance from the government, a meeting of all director generals from the nine English school boards was held last week.

24-01.15 **Quebec English School Boards Association**

a) **Report from the Board of Directors**

There has been no new meeting since December, but the next one will discuss the issue that most rules are not adapted to school boards, as they are meant for the *centre de services scolaires*. QESBA will have a meeting with the Minister on February 6th and plans to present the realities faced by the nine English school boards.

b) **Report from Committees**

No report was made.

24-01.16 **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on February 21, 2024.

24-01.17 **Question period**

a) **Public**

There were no questions.

b) **Commissioners**

Commissioner J. Greene asked for some help from the council to raise funds for a new playground at the Riverside Regional schools. The Chairman answered that, unfortunately, the school board will not participate in this campaign as the budget is towards maintenance, rather than new investments. There is a process where you can match funds with the *Ministère de l'Éducation* and it has been done throughout the past decade.

Similarly, Commissioner D. Ford-Caron asked when and where the school board planned to reinstate the playground that had been removed during the Riverside Regional Elementary School expansion. B. Sévigny, Director of Buildings and Equipment, answered that a part of the budget is allocated to the replacement of moved elements and courtyard repairs. Drafts of the new playground will be presented to the council as soon as they are available.

24-01.17 **Question period (continued)**

b) **Commissioners (continued)**

Commissioner D. Ford-Caron reminded the members that up until February 1st, 5 p.m., applications for the governor general's medal can still be submitted. There is no limit to the number of applications sent from the same school. The Chairman reassured the council that all principals have been informed. Should any students from CQSB be selected, the commissioner from that ward will be asked to represent the school board.

24-01.18 **In-camera session**

No in-camera session was held.

24-01.19 **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:28 p.m. on a motion by D. Ford-Caron.

Vincent Laliberté
Secretary General

Stephen Burke
Chairman

Approved on February 21, 2024.