



Approved minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Wednesday, May 6th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office, 2046 chemin Saint-Louis, Québec (Québec) G1T 1P4.

Present:	Isabel Béland	Parent Commissioner (videoconference)
	Stephen Burke	Chairman (videoconference)
	Heather Clibbon	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Debbie Cornforth	Parent Commissioner (videoconference)
	Sara Downs	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Debbie Ford-Caron	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Chantal Guay	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Jason Kilganan	Parent Commissioner (videoconference)
	Cameron Lavalée	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Wyna Marois	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Esther Paradis	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Stephen Pigeon	Director General (videoconference)
	Jean Robert	Vice-Chairman (videoconference)
	Joanne Rosenhek	Commissioner (videoconference)
	Jo-Anne Toulouse	Commissioner (videoconference)
Absent:	Christian Falle	Parent Commissioner
	Aline Visser	Commissioner
In Attendance:	Yves Lambert	President, CQTA (videoconference)

20-05A.01 Call to Order

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

20-05A.02 Approval of the Agenda

It was MOVED by J.-A. Toulouse, SECONDED by J. Rosenhek and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

20-05A.03 Public Question Period

There were no questions.

20-05A.04 The Reopening of CQSB Elementary Schools

WHEREAS all schools in the province of Québec were put in complete lockdown as of March 13, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS the Government of Québec has announced a target date of May 11 outside the Montreal Metropolitan Community and May 19 for the island of Montréal to reopen elementary schools;

WHEREAS the Central Quebec School Board (CQSB) has the responsibility first and foremost to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff;

WHEREAS the CQSB has the legal authority to manage its schools and centre, including its Constitutional right to manage and control its minority language institutions;

WHEREAS the CQSB adheres to the principle of subsidiarity by evaluating the needs and capacities of each of its learning communities in order to ensure an enlightened decision as to the reopening or not of any particular school;

WHEREAS the government of Québec has declared that the return to school of all elementary school students is not to be considered as mandatory but rather a decision to be made by their parents or legal guardians;

It was MOVED by C. Guay, SECONDED by I. Béland and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the CQSB having assessed, evaluated and determined, on the recommendation of the Director General, that elementary schools on its territory can safely reopen according to recognized health and safety standards as well as organizational requirements stipulated by the Government of Quebec guidelines; and

THAT the Director General of the CQSB be authorized, should the need arise due to health issues brought to light and reviewed by the proper health authorities, or because of safety issues, to close a school at short notice, and inform the Council of Commissioners of such decision, as well as the proper authorities of the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES).

20-05A.05 **Public Question Period**

There were no questions.

20-05A.06 **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 7:40 p.m. on a MOTION by J. Robert.

Sandra Griffin
Secretary General

Stephen Burke
Chairman

Approved May 20, 2020