



Approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. by videoconference.

Present:	Stephen Burke	Chairman
	Heather Clibbon	Commissioner
	Debbie Cornforth	Parent Commissioner
	David Eden	Commissioner
	Debbie Ford-Caron	Commissioner
	Chantal Guay	Commissioner
	Cameron Lavallee	Commissioner
	Ian O’Gallagher	Commissioner
	Esther Paradis	Commissioner
	France Pedneault	Commissioner
	Stephen Pigeon	Director General
	Jean Robert	Vice-Chairman
	Jo Rosenhek	Commissioner
	Jo-Ann Toulouse	Commissioner
Absent:	Isabel Béland	Parent Commissioner
	Christian Falle	Parent Commissioner
	Jason Kilganan	Parent Commissioner
In Attendance:	Guylaine Allard	Director of Financial Services
	Stéphane Lagacé	Director of Educational Services
	Yves Lambert	President, CQTA
	Nancy L’Heureux	Director of Human Resources, Assistant Director General
	Melanie Simard	Recording Secretary

21-05.01 Call to Order

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

21-05.02 Approval of the Agenda

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

21-05.03 Public Question Period

There were no questions.

21-05.04 Question Period for Students

No students were present.

21-05.05 **Correspondence from Students**

No correspondence was received.

21-05.06 **Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 21, 2021**

It was MOVED by I. O’Gallagher, SECONDED by E. Paradis and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 be accepted with the following modifications:

Item 21-04.08, point: Superior **Board** hearing in Bill 40 of April 14; to:
Item 21-04.08, point: Superior **Court** hearing on Bill 40 of April 14; and

Item 21-04.12 a), point: QESBA Membership **Gees**, to:
Item 21-04.12 a), point: QESBA Membership **Fees**.

21-05.07 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

21-05.08 **Report from the Chairman**

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

- QESBA Executive Committee – April 28
- Agenda Meeting – April 30
- CPNCA Presentation to the QESBA Executive Committee – May 3
- CQSB Human Resources Committee – May 5
- QESBA Finance Committee – May 12
- Media Requests

21-05.09 **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) Exam Schedule – 2021-2022
- c) Monthly COVID-19 Update
- d) Negotiations Update
- e) Summer Renovation Projects
- f) Highlights or Budget Parameters
- g) 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

21-05.10

New Business

a) Declaration of Excess and Surplus of Personnel

There is no excess and surplus of personnel to declare for the 2021-2022 school year.

b) Modification of Organizational Chart

The draft Organizational Chart was deposited for consultation purposes.

21-05.11

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

A meeting was held on May 5, 2021. The main item of this meeting was to review the CQSB Organizational Chart.

21-05.11 **Committee Reports (continued)**

i) **Resource Allocation Committee**

A meeting was held on May 12, 2021.

21-05.12 **Quebec English School Boards Association**

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

No meeting was held. The next meeting will be held on May 28, 2021.

After discussion, the following motion was adopted:

WHEREAS the Canadian Association of School System Administrators (CASSA) and the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA), hosted by the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), will hold its 2021 National Trustees Gathering on Indigenous Education & CSBA Congress on July 7 to 9, 2021;

WHEREAS this Annual Congress will be held virtually this year and the registration fee for one school board or district with 3,001 to 15,000 students is \$1,000 (excluding taxes) per organization with no limit of individual attendees from the Council of Commissioners or Senior Staff;

It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by D. Cornforth and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Council of Commissioners accept to pay the \$1,000 registration fee, excluding taxes, for the registration of the Central Québec School Board to the 2021 National Trustees Gathering on Indigenous Education & CSBA Congress to be held on July 7 to 9, 2021.

b) **Report From Committees**

There was a meeting of the Finance Committee on May 12, 2021. S. Burke mentioned that the QESBA fees for the 2021-2022 school year will remain the same as the 2020-2021 school year.

21-05.13 **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

21-05.14 **Question period**

a) **Public**

No questions were asked.

21-05.14 **Question period (continued)**

b) **Commissioners**

D. Ford-Caron raised a question on the meaning of a new mandate that was instilled by the *Ministère de l'Éducation* that school boards now need to have a "Transitional Agent" to support students from 4-year Kindergarten to 5-year Kindergarten. Her questions being if this support was to assist parents in the transition or help for a language barrier for students starting pre-school.

S. Lagacé advised the Council of Commissioners that Ms. Bronwen Hughes, Pedagogical Consultant has been assigned to this task in collaboration with Ms. Jill Robinson, Coordinator of Educational Services. He mentioned that the title is Early Childhood Transition Agent, supporting families to transition from private, CPE or other forms of early childcare to the Kindergarten 4- and 5-year-old programs – school setting. He noted that this program was to promote global development and help implement preventive interventions in the early stages of a students' academic path.

21-05.15 **In-camera session**

No in-camera session was held.

21-05.16 **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 7:57 p.m. on a motion by C. Guay.

Stephen Pigeon
Director General

Stephen Burke
Chairman

Approved on June 16, 2021.