



Approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. by videoconference.

Present:	Isabel Béland	Parent Commissioner
	Stephen Burke	Chairman
	Heather Clibbon	Commissioner
	Debbie Cornforth	Parent Commissioner
	David Eden	Commissioner
	Christian Falle	Parent Commissioner
	Debbie Ford-Caron	Commissioner
	Jason Kilganan	Parent 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:	Chantal Guay	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

21-03.01 Call to Order

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

21-03.02 Approval of the Agenda

It was MOVED by D. Ford-Caron, SECONDED by D. Cornforth and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

21-03.03 Public Question Period

There were no questions.

21-03.04 Question Period for Students

No students were present.

21-03.05 **Correspondence from Students**

No correspondence was received.

21-03.06 **Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 20, 2021**

It was MOVED by I. O’Gallagher, SECONDED by C. Falle and RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 be accepted as circulated.

Commissioners J. Kilganan and E. Paradis abstained from voting.

21-03.07 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

21-03.08 **Report from the Chairman**

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

- Meeting of the QESBA Executive Committee of February 19, 2021
- Meeting of the QESBA Board of Directors of February 23, 2021
- Federal Confirmation of Sale of DND Land to the *Ministère de l’Éducation* of February 23, 2021
- Agenda Meeting of February 25, 2021
- Meeting of the QESBA Executive Committee of March 10, 2021

21-03.09 **Director General’s Report**

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

- a) Update on Educational Services
- b) Preliminary Enrolment – 2021-2022
- c) Monthly COVID-19 Update
- d) Negotiations Update
- e) Update on Mental Health Initiatives
- f) 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 Business

a) Nomination of Voting Delegates: GRICS

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board is a member of the *Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires* (GRICS) and must appoint an official delegate to represent the School Board and act on its behalf;

It was MOVED by F. Pedneault, SECONDED by J.-A. Toulouse and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT Nancy L'Heureux be the Central Québec School Board's official delegate for all regular general assemblies or special meetings of the GRICS; and

THAT should the official delegate not be able to attend a meeting, that Stephen Pigeon be the alternate delegate.

b) Budget Management Process – Youth Sector 2021-2022 (deposit)

The draft Budget Management Process – Youth Sector 2021-2022 was deposited for consultation purposes.

c) Budget Management Process – Adult Education and Vocational Training 2021-2022 (deposit)

The draft Budget Management Process – Adult Education and Vocational Training 2021-2022 was deposited for consultation purposes.

d) Nomination of External Auditors 2020-2021

WHEREAS the Central Québec School Board received tenders from accounting firms for the external audit for a period of three years beginning with the 2020-2021 school year;

WHEREAS the Audit Committee was mandated to act as the Selection Committee for external auditing services;

WHEREAS the Audit Committee analyzed the tenders received and prepared a recommendation for the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS section 284 of the Education Act stipulates that school boards must nominate external auditors annually;

It was MOVED by C. Falle, SECONDED by D. Ford-Caron and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Council of Commissioners accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and nominate the firm Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton as external auditors for the Central Québec School Board for a three-year contract, with the 2020-2021 school year being the first year of that three-year contract.

21-03.11

Committee Reports

a) Executive Committee

No meeting was held.

b) Parents' Committee

A meeting was held on February 9, 2021. A report was made by the Parent Commissioners D. Cornforth, I. Béland and C. Falle.

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.

i) Resource Allocation Committee

Meetings were held on February 1 and March 9, 2021.

21-03.12

Quebec English School Boards Association

a) Report from the Board of Directors

A meeting was held on January 29, 2021. D. Ford-Caron made a report concerning:

- Bill 40 - Court Challenge
- APPELE-Québec
- COVID-19 Update

21-03.12 **Quebec English School Boards Association (continued)**

a) Report from the Board of Directors (continued)

- Possible School Board Elections
- CSBA Congress 2021
- Heritage Grant for QESBA
- Modernizing of the QESBA Logo
- Professional Development session that will be held on March 13th

b) Report from Committees

S. Burke made a report on the Finance Committee meeting.

21-03.13 **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

21-03.14 **Question period**

a) Public

Y. Lambert advised the Council of Commissioners that numerous teachers from St. Patrick's High School and Quebec High School have concerns with the fact that there is only one principalship for both schools.

b) Commissioners

No questions were asked.

21-03.15 **In-camera session**

No in-camera session was held.

21-03.16 **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by H. Clibbon.

Stephen Pigeon
Director General

Stephen Burke
Chairman

Approved on April 21, 2021.