



Approved minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Central Québec School Board held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 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 David Eden Christian Falle Debbie Ford-Caron André Gosselin Chantal Guay Jason Kilganan Cameron Lavallee Ian O’Gallagher France Pedneault Stephen Pigeon Jean Robert Jo-Ann Toulouse	Chairman Commissioner (by TEAMS) Parent Commissioner (by TEAMS) Commissioner Parent Commissioner (by TEAMS) Commissioner (by TEAMS) Commissioner Commissioner (by TEAMS) Parent Commissioner Commissioner (by TEAMS) Commissioner Commissioner (by TEAMS) Director General Vice-chairman Commissioner (by TEAMS)
Absent:	Jessie Greene Jo Rosenhek	Parent Commissioner Commissioner
In Attendance:	Jacob Dussault-Marcoux Stephane Lagace Vincent Laliberté Anissa Landry Nancy L’Heureux Benoit Sévigny	Recording Secretary (by TEAMS) Director of Educational Services Secretary General Director of Financial Services Assistant Director General and Director of Human Resources Director of Buildings & Equipment, and Information Technologies (by TEAMS)

23-11.01 **Call to Order**

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

23-11.02 **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.

23-11.03 **Approval of the Agenda**

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

23-11.04 **Public Question Period**

There were no questions.

23-11.05 **Question Period for Students**

No students were present.

23-11.06 **Correspondence from Students**

No correspondence was received.

23-11.07 **Complaints**

No complaints were received.

23-11.08 **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on October 11, 2023**

It was MOVED by D. Cornforth, SECONDED by C. Guay and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, be accepted as presented.

23-11.09 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

No business arose from the minutes.

23-11.10 **Report from the Chairman**

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

- QESBA Bill 40 Event – October 16
- QESBA Board Meeting – October 20
- QESBA PD Session – October 21
- QESBA Annual General Meeting – October 21
- CQSB Retirement Celebration – October 26
- QESBA Executive Committee – November 6
- Agenda Meeting – November 6
- *Fondation Petits Bonheurs d'École* – November 12
- QESBA Finance Committee – November 14

23-11.11 **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
B. Sévigny passed along a message from Daniel Letourneau, former janitor at the Board for over 40 years, who retired last week. He wanted to thank the Commissioners and share his appreciation. The council clapped in honour of his great service.

23-11.11 **Director General's Report (continued)**

- c) Negotiation Update
- 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

23-11.12 **Strategic Planning**

Since the Commitment-to-Success Plan's adoption in June and the Plan of Action's presentation in October, we are currently on schedule. The Assistant Director General, Nancy L'Heureux, presented the tool that keeps track of the progress in our action plans as well as a report on the months of August through November. Going forward, the report would cover only the progress done in the last month, in between councils.

23-11.13 **New Business**

- a) Three-year Plan for the Destination of Immovables and Deeds of Establishment (deposit)

The draft Three-year Plan for the Destination of Immovables and Deeds of Establishment has been received for consultation purposes. The final document will be presented for adoption at the January 24, 2024, meeting of the Council of Commissioners.

- b) Québec City School Calendar – Youth Sector 2024-2025 (adoption)

WHEREAS section 238 of the Education Act stipulates that every school board shall establish the school calendar of its schools, taking into account the provisions of the basic school regulation;

WHEREAS the teachers' collective agreement provides for a committee that is consulted on the school calendar;

WHEREAS the committee has met and has been consulted on and recommends the adoption of the proposed calendar for the 2024-2025 school year;

It was MOVED by A. Gosselin, SECONDED by I. O'Gallagher, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the Central Québec School Board accept the school calendar (Québec City – Youth Sector) for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.

23-11.13

New Business (continued)

c) Amendment to the By-law regarding the day, time and place of regular meetings

WHEREAS section 162 of the Education Act indicates that the Council of Commissioners must adopt a by-law concerning the day, time and place of its regular meetings;

WHEREAS section 392 of the Education Act stipulates that public notice must be given before the adoption of a by-law;

It was MOVED by A. Gosselin, SECONDED by D. Eden, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT the June 19, 2024, regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners that was to be held at 7 p.m. at the Board Office or online via the TEAMS platform be moved to June 12, 2024.

d) Draft Proposal for the Division of the Electoral Map (adoption)

WHEREAS the Act Respecting School Elections requires that the territory of school boards be divided into electoral divisions according to the number of electors;

WHEREAS at the November 15, 2023, pre-session of the Council of Commissioners' meeting, the electoral map division proposal of the eleven electoral divisions was presented to the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS a public notice will be published giving electors 15 days to signify their disagreement with the proposal;

WHEREAS the Act Respecting School Elections requires school boards to adopt the final electoral divisions no later than December 31 of the year preceding the election;

It was MOVED by A. Gosselin, SECONDED by F. Pedneault, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT in accordance with the Act Respecting School Elections, the Central Québec School Board adopt the draft proposal for the division of the Electoral Map separating its territory into eleven (11) electoral divisions as in presented; and

THAT a public notice will be published giving electors 15 days to signify their disagreement with the proposal; and

THAT the Council of Commissioners will need to adopt a final division proposal for the purposes of that election during the December 13, 2023, regular meeting.

New Business (continued)e) Delegation: Transport Advisory Committee Membership for Other School Boards

WHEREAS Section 2 of the Regulation Respecting Student Transportation states that the advisory committee on student transportation of a board shall consist of (...) the Director General or the Assistant Director General of any school board for which the board organizes student transportation;

WHEREAS the Director General has many other important responsibilities and cannot attend the meetings in the school boards that provide all or part of the transportation services for our schools;

WHEREAS the Director General intends to delegate this responsibility;

It was MOVED by C. Lavallee, SECONDED by J.-A. Toulouse, and unanimously RESOLVED; THAT for the 2023–2024 school year, the representative on the various Transport Advisory Committees for the Central Québec School Board be as follows:

C.s. de la Beauce-Etchemin: Julie Bureau and/or Marylène Perron
C.s. de l'Énergie : Julie Bureau and/or Marylène Perron
C.s. de la Jonquière : Julie Bureau and/or Marylène Perron
C.s. de Portneuf : Julie Bureau and/or Marylène Perron
C.s. du Chemin du Roy : Julie Bureau and/or Marylène Perron
C.s. du Lac-Saint-Jean : Julie Bureau and/or Marylène Perron

f) Présentation d'un projet dans le cadre du Programme d'aide financière aux infrastructures récréatives, sportives et de plein air

Il est PROPOSÉ par D. Ford-Caron, APPUYÉ par F. Pedneault et RÉSOLU à l'unanimité ;

QUE la Commission scolaire Central Québec autorise la présentation du projet de gymnase pour l'école secondaire régionale Riverside au ministère de l'Éducation dans le cadre du Programme d'aide financière aux infrastructures récréatives, sportives et de plein air ; et

QUE soit confirmé l'engagement de la Commission scolaire Central Québec à payer sa part des coûts admissibles au projet et à payer les coûts d'exploitation continue de ce dernier, à assumer tout dépassement de coûts généré par les travaux et à ne pas accorder de contrat relatif à des coûts directs avant l'obtention d'une lettre d'annonce de la ministre ; et

QUE la Commission scolaire Central Québec désigne monsieur Benoît Sévigny, Directeur des ressources matérielles, comme personne autorisée à agir en son nom et à signer en son nom tous les documents relatifs au projet mentionné ci-dessus.

23-11.14

Committee Reports

a) Executive Committee

No meeting was held.

b) Parents' Committee

A meeting was held on October 25, 2023.

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

No meeting was held.

23-11.15

Quebec English School Boards Association

a) Report from the Board of Directors

D. Ford-Caron and S. Burke did a report on the following topics:

Bill 40, Bill 23, QESBA Professional Development Session & Annual General Meeting.

23-11.15 **Quebec English School Boards Association (continued)**

a) Report from the Board of Directors (continued)

The results of the elections are the following:

QESBA Board of Directors by school board: Mr. Stephen Burke and Mrs. Debbie Ford-Caron will represent CQSB;

President for QESBA: Joe Ortona (English Montreal);

Vice-President for QESBA: Paola Galati (Sir Wilfred Laurier).

The next meeting will be held on December 1, 2023.

b) Report from Committees

QESBA will be attending a conference on the English Public Education to be held in April 2024.

23-11.16 **Next meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on December 13, 2023.

23-11.17 **Question period**

a) Public

There were no questions.

b) Commissioners

Commissioner D. Ford-Caron mentioned that she was asked if any topics would help commissioners do their job. The eligibility certificates question was raised, and she suggested a training to the commissioners, so they know what to answer to people instead of referring them to the school board.

D. Ford-Caron recommended that all commissioners be invited to attend Remembrance Day ceremonies, as it makes our community visible and shows support for the military that served. D. Ford-Caron congratulated the Riverside Regional High School for their excellent Remembrance Day ceremony.

The Chairman S. Burke mentioned that an invitation was sent to community leaders, such as D. Ford-Caron, to attend a VEQ forum that was held on November 4, 2023.

23-11.18 **In-camera session**

No in-camera session was held.

23-11.19 **Adjournment**

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by I. O'Gallagher.

Vincent Laliberté
Secretary General

Stephen Burke
Chairman

Approved on December 13, 2023.