

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the proceedings of a **regular** session of the Council of Commissioners for Riverside School Board held at the Administration Centre, 299 Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier Blvd., St. Lambert, Québec on September 15, 2009.

The Secretary General established that quorum was met and Chairman Moira Bell, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

M. Bell	H. Dumont	L. Llewelyn Cuffling
F. Blais	D. Gareau	N. Nichols
P. Booth Morrison	M. Gour	S. Rasmussen
K. Cameron	D. Guerriero	G. Sastre
M. Cloutier	D. Horrocks	D. Smith
P. D'Avignon	D. Lamoureux	PARENTS – P. Chouinard, D. Copeman
	M. L'Heureux	

Regrets: A. Capobianco Skipworth, Pierre Farmer

Also present

Kevin Lukian, Director General
 Stephen Lessard, Assistant Director General
 Denise Paulson, Secretary General
 Germain Brière, Director of Financial Resources
 Michel La Rue, Director of Human Resources
 Maria Nasso-Maselli, Director of Elementary Schools
 Gail Somerville, Director of Complementary Services

Presence noted

M. Gagnon, R. Mace, T. Mahoney, S. Compagna, five other members of the public

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Nichols, and seconded by Commissioner Chouinard, that the agenda be adopted and that a copy be appended to the Minutes of this meeting.

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS :

- Action Longueuil candidates for election to the municipality of Longueuil presented a letter of intent and a proposal regarding the development of the land behind Centennial Regional High School. The Director General responded that Riverside School Board was open to exploring projects that would be of benefit to our students however he suggested that post-election would be more appropriate. The Chair thanked the three candidates for the overture.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2009.

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Chouinard, and seconded by Commissioner D'Avignon, that the Minutes of the meeting held August 18, 2009 be adopted.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Director General followed up:

- The new Assistant Director of Finance, Michel Bergeron, assumed his duties on September 14, 2009.

CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR GENERAL

Chair's report – M. Bell

- On August 27th attended the opening of ACCESS with the Director General and Assistant Director General and noted that the staff was very enthusiastic about the new school year.
- On August 28th, attended the RSB welcome back ceremonies with many commissioners. Wonderful event with the theme being the Arts and Creativity. We celebrated what we do in our classrooms and schools.
- The ribbon-cutting ceremony at Chambly Academy may be delayed as there is still humidity in the cement floor in the gym.

Commissioner Dan Lamoureux stated that he wanted the minutes to reflect that he was opposed to the professional development session for Riverside School Board commissioners, which is being planned October 2nd and 3rd, 2009, Auberge Bromont.

Commissioner Ken Cameron voiced his support of the professional development session.

Director General's report – K. Lukian

- We are working closely with MELS and Public Health to provide staff, students and parents with important information that will help deal effectively with this issue. Focus is on prevention, hygienic and safety precautions and communications have been issued and will continue to be issued as developments occur. The Board's Pandemic Response Plan is in its advanced stages and should be finalized in the coming weeks to be previewed with Council in early October and with the Management Advisory Committee in mid-October.
- Copies of this newly-announced Plan of Action are in commissioners' files this evening. It represents a multi-sectorial, multi-pronged approach to mobilize Quebec society to address the persistently high (30%) dropout rate in public education.
- It focuses especially in three transition periods:
 1. arrival in Kindergarten;
 2. movement from elementary to secondary; and
 3. senior high school – sec. 4 and 5 leading to graduation.
- Riverside is fortunate in that our graduation rate (81.7% average for 7 year cohort for past 4 years) already surpasses the provincial target of 80% by the year 2020. Improving our rate will nevertheless be a major focus in the coming years and will be an important part of the new MELS/Riverside School Board Partnership Agreement to be developed and adopted before the end of the 2009-2010 school year.
- There have been no expulsions since the last Council meeting. Two students were reinstated on September 1, 2009.
- Development teams are being put together for each of the five MELS orientations:
 1. Increasing the graduation rate of students under the age of 20 – S. Lessard
 2. Student achievement in English Language Arts & French Second Language – M. Nasso-Maselli
 3. Achievement/Perseverance of special needs students – G. Somerville

4. Healthy Living/Safe School Environments – M La Rue & P. Farmer
5. Increasing the number of students under the age of 20 in vocational training programs – L. Beaupré

Parents' Committee: P. Chouinard/D. Copeman

- Commissioner Chouinard reported that a meeting had been held on August 31st and reviewed the documents that were out for consultation. Members also discussed the H1N1 flu pandemic and the committee's affiliation with a new parent association.
- The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7 p.m. At that time, elections will take place.

REPORTS (non-voting items only)

Executive - L. Cuffling:

- Meeting was held September 1.
- Chair was elected – L. Cuffling. Vice-Chair elected – F. Blais.
- Reviewed draft policy on Introducing Students to Democracy. Will be recommended to Council for adoption.
- Reviewed the new draft By-Law on the Examination of Complaints. Will be discussed again at next Executive.
- Next meeting: October 6 (work session)

Transportation Advisory - L. Cuffling:

- Next meeting will be at the call of the chair, which is expected to be in mid-October.

Communication – M. Cloutier:

- Committee will be meeting in the coming weeks.

Education – S. Rasmussen:

- First meeting will be held on September 22nd at ACCESS at 6:30 p.m.

Governance and Ethics: F. Blais

- Met on September 2 immediately after the executive.
- Fernand Blais elected Chairman and Lesley Cuffling elected Vice-chairman.

Financial and Audit

- no report

Human Resources

- no report

QESBA – D. Horrocks/P. D'Avignon:

- Jacques Ménard, Chair of BMO, involved in a study on the dropout rate presented to QESBA Board of Directors and AAESQ.
- H1N1 is a topic commanding much attention;
- Labour Relations Advisory Committee meeting in Quebec City on October 16th
- QESBA Annual General Meeting on October 17 at Loews Le Concorde; registration is \$85 per person
- Michel Nadeau will speak on Law 88
- Ron Edwards Lecture: student panel
- New chair of Nominations Committee is Will Flynn. Marcus Tabachnick resigned.
- QESBA new website to be launched shortly.

- Next meeting in Quebec City.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution B295-20090915

AUTHORIZATION FOR GREENFIELD PARK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF IB WORLD SCHOOLS OF QUEBEC (SEBIQ)

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Lamoureux, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, that Mrs. Lucie Roy, Principal of Greenfield Park Primary International School, be mandated to vote on behalf of Riverside School Board at the Annual General Meeting of the Society of IB World Schools of Quebec (SEIBQ).

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Resolution B296-20090915

VOTING DELEGATES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE QUEBEC ENGLISH SCHOOLS BOARDS ASSOCIATION (QESBA):

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Blais, and seconded by Commissioner Cuffling, that Commissioner Pierre D'Avignon be delegated to cast the votes of Riverside School Board commissioners who are not present at the 2009-2010 Annual General Meeting of the QESBA on October 17, 2009; and

THAT, in the absence of Commissioner D'Avignon, Commissioners Donna Copeman and Pierre Chouinard be named as voting delegate alternates.

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Resolution B297-20090915

NOMINATION OF A CANDIDATE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE QUEBEC ENGLISH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner D'Avignon, and seconded by Commissioner Cloutier, that Council support the candidacy of Commissioner D. Horrocks on the Executive Committee as President of the Quebec English School Boards Association.

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Resolution 289os-20090915

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Copeman, and seconded by Commissioner D'Avignon, that Commissioners Smith, Rasmussen, Nichols, Cuffling and Copeman, be appointed to the Education Committee for the 2009-2010 school year.

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Resolution B290os-20090915

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Chouinard, and seconded by Commissioner Cuffling, that Commissioners Chouinard, Cuffling and D'Avignon, be appointed to the Audit and Financial Resources Committee for the 2009-2010 school year.

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Resolution B291os-20090915

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner D'Avignon, and seconded by Commissioner Smith, that Commissioners Dumont, Horrocks, Chouinard and Capobianco Skipworth, be appointed to the Human Resources Committee for the 2009-2010 school year.

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Resolution B292os-20090915

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE MATERIAL RESOURCES AND SAFE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE :

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Cameron, and seconded by Commissioner Copeman, that Commissioners Cameron, D'Avignon, Nichols and Capobianco Skipworth be appointed to the Material Resources and Safe Schools Committee for the 2009-2010 school year.

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Resolution B293os-20090915

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Chouinard, and seconded by Commissioner Blais that the following commissioners be appointed as members of the Communication Committee:
Commissioners Cloutier, Dumont, Horrocks and Rasmussen

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Resolution B298-20090915

COMMISSIONER AWARD OF MERIT

WHEREAS the members of the Council of Commissioners of Riverside School Board believe that it is appropriate to acknowledge student effort by presenting a Commissioner Award of Merit at graduation ceremonies;

WHEREAS the criteria and the award will be established by Council and transmitted to school administrators;

WHEREAS the honour of presenting the Commissioner Award of Merit will be reserved to commissioners or a representative delegated by Council;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner L'Heureux that an amount be reserved from the annual budget allocated to Council for the specific purpose of funding a Commissioner Award of Merit in every Riverside School Board school and centre.

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Resolution E83-20090915

AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT FOR ITINERANT SERVICES:

WHEREAS the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf is the designated service provider for Quebec English School Boards for students identified with severe hearing impairments;

WHEREAS there are 13 students at Riverside School Board with identified severe hearing impairments;

WHEREAS the set rate per student, as established between the MELS and the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf, is \$7,990 for full-time itinerant services and \$3,995 for half-time services;

WHEREAS this fee is taken into consideration by the MELS in their allocation to us for these students:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Sastre, and seconded by Commissioner Gour that, for the school year 2009-2010, Riverside School Board contract itinerant instructional services from the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf for its students with identified hearing impairments in the amount of \$83,895.

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Resolution E84-20090915

AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT FOR INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY GIANT STEPS, KELLS ACADEMY, MONTREAL ORAL SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, PETER HALL SCHOOL, VANGUARD SCHOOL, AND SUMMIT SCHOOL:

WHEREAS the following private schools have agreed to provide instructional programs for the number of students below, at the fees indicated:

Giant Steps	4 students	\$ 90,316
Kells Academy	1 student	\$ 13,490
MOSD	2 students	\$ 48,672
Peter Hall	3 students	\$ 65,754
Vanguard	11 students	\$145,969
Summit	8 students	\$150,508

WHEREAS Riverside School Board cannot provide the instructional programs which these students require;

WHEREAS the MELS will reimburse Riverside School Board for the total amount of the fees indicated:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Smith, and seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, that, for the school year 2009-2010, Riverside School Board enter an inter-board agreement with Giant Steps, Kells Academy, MOSD, Peter Hall School, Vanguard School, and Summit School to provide instructional programs, in the amounts indicated, for a total of \$514,709, and for the number of students specified above.

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Resolution HR209-20090915

EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM VICE-PRINCIPAL AT ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL:

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of Council on July 7, 2009, Mr. Jean-René St-Cyr was appointed to the position of Interim Vice-Principal at St. Lawrence School;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Copeman, seconded by Commissioner Chouinard, that the effective date of such appointment be modified from July 8, 2009 to August 17, 2009.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Correspondence - As listed in Appendix "A" to these Minutes. Copies available to the public.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS :

- D. La Rocque appreciates having access to the portal for Parent Committee members, but he requires training.
- Asked whether it would be possible to utilize CLC facilities for meetings and allow members to participate without having to travel long distances.
- Asked whether Chambly Academy work was on schedule. The Director General noted that the humidity level in the cement floor was still too high to lay the gym floor.
- Asked whether point had been made with school administrators not to schedule conflicting Governing Board meetings in their schools on October 19th , which is the evening planned for the Governing Board training session.

ROUND OF APPLAUSE

- Commissioner Dan Lamoureux referred to the September 5th issue of The Gazette which referred to the Hydro Quebec energy contest in which St. Johns School is a potential winner. The award will be announced next Wednesday at the Hydro Quebec building in Montreal.
- Commissioners Gour, Cuffling, Bell, and Horrocks attended a fund-raising supper for RAPID (Resources for the Anglophone Population with Intellectual Disabilities) which took place at St Francis of Assisi Church.
- Commissioner Copeman commented on the motivational speaker, Dalton Sherman, at the Welcome Back ceremony.
- On December 10 in Laval, 20 representatives from HRHS will be carrying the Olympic Torch.
- S. Lessard explained the role that blank canvasses played at the welcome back day at Heritage Regional High School. He also indicated that due to technical difficulties, the 15 minute video synopsis would be shown at an upcoming work session of council.

CLOSING:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Blais, and seconded by Commissioner Chouinard, at 9 p.m., that the meeting be closed.

Moira Bell, Chairman

Denise Paulson, Secretary General

CORRESPONDENCE - RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD
09.09.15

<i>FROM</i>	<i>TO</i>	<i>SUBJECT</i>
Michelle Courchesne, MELS	Letter to the Chairman	First plan of action
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Michel Laurendeau, Table d'éducation interordres de la Montérégie	Letter to the Chairman	Calendar
Fondation de l'ATEQ	Letter to the Chairman	Support for children in need
Mark Saucier, Hydro Québec Action Longueuil	Invitation to the Chairman Presentation to Council	Leaders in energy efficiency Documents presented in Public Question Period
Michelle Courchesne, MELS	Letter to the Chairman	First plan of action



CONSEIL DES COMMISSAIRES COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

Members are hereby convened to a regular meeting on
Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Centre
299 Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier Blvd., St. Lambert, Québec.

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order and Quorum
2. Adoption of the Agenda (a 10 minute break will be called during the meeting)
3. Questions from the Public – 30 minutes
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1 Adoption of the Minutes of August 18, 2009
 - 4.2 Business arising from the Minutes of August 18, 2009
5. Chairman and Director General
 - 5.1 Chairman's Report
 - 5.2 Director General's Report
 - 5.3 Parents' Committee Report
6. Committee Reports
 - 6.1 Executive
 - 6.2 Transportation
 - 6.3 Communication
 - 6.4 Education
 - 6.5 Finance and Audit
 - 6.6 Governance and Ethics
 - 6.7 Human Resources
 - 6.8 Material Resources and Safe Schools
 - 6.9 Q.E.S.B.A.
7. New Business
 - 7.1 Board Administration
 - 7.1.1 Authorization for GPPI to vote at the SEIBQ annual general meeting
 - 7.1.2 Appointment of members of the Education committee
 - 7.1.3 Appointment of members of the Audit and Financial Resources committee
 - 7.1.4 Appointment of members of the Human Resources committee
 - 7.1.5 Appointment of members of the Material Resources and Safe Schools committee
 - 7.1.6 Appointment of members of the Communication committee
 - 7.1.7 Voting delegates - annual general meeting of QESBA
 - 7.1.8 Nomination to the Executive Committee of QESBA
 - 7.1.9 Commissioner Awards of Merit
 - 7.2 Education
 - 7.2.1 Authorization of payment for itinerant services
 - 7.2.2 Authorization of payment for instructional services to be provided by private schools
 - 7.3 Human Resources
 - 7.3.1 Effective date of appointment of an interim vice-principal at St. Lawrence School
8. Correspondence
9. Other Business
10. Questions from the Public – 20 minutes
11. Round of Applause (limit of 2 minutes/member)
12. Closing

Given at St. Lambert, Québec, on September 11, 2009

Denise Paulson, Secretary General