

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 January 19, 2010.

The Secretary General established that quorum was met and Chairman Moira Bell, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

Regrets : M. Cloutier, D. Gareau

Also present

Stephen Lessard, Director General
Denise Paulson, Secretary General
Germen Brière, Director of Financial Resources
Pierre Farmer, Director of Material Resources & Technology
Michel La Rue, Director of Human Resources
Maria Nasso-Maselli, Director of Elementary Schools
Gail Somerville, Director of Complementary Services

Presence noted

J. Plourde, M. Gagnon, T. Williams

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

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

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS : Nil

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2009

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Sastre, and seconded by Commissioner Cuffling, that the Minutes of the meeting held on December 15, 2009 be adopted.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Director General followed up:

- Nil

CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR GENERAL

Chair's report – M. Bell

- DG Liaison committee met on January 7 and discussed objectives and evaluation; board location; ADG position
- Board chairs met at QESBA on January 12
- January 13 – CanSpell at St. Lambert Elementary Grades 4 – 6
- Thanks to all who attended the January 14 New Year's social. Received many positive comments.
- Attended Music Counts presentation at CRHS on January 17 where Nikki Yanofsky performed.
- Spring Conference Steering Committee met; registration is scheduled for mid-February.

Director General's report – S. Lessard

Attended the Royal Oak Christmas dinner on December 16, 2009. Commissioners Dumont, Nichols and Gour were also present. Used the opportunity to reassure concerned parents and staff members and spoke at length with the Governing Board Chair.

Open House on Wednesday, January 20th at Good Shepherd School. This is a special invitation to Royal Oak parents organized by principals of both schools.

A meeting of the Steering Committee has been scheduled. Mrs. Nasso-Maselli and Mr. Farmer will represent the Board on this committee.

Myra Kestler, Principal of Harold Napper School. has been named as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals 2010 by the Learning Partnership. Congratulations, Myra!

Since the last Board meeting, there have been five expulsions. Three Secondary 2 students from Centennial – two for possession of a weapon and one for drug possession; one Secondary 3 student from Centennial for drug possession and one Secondary 5 student from Heritage for possession of a weapon.

Many of us had the opportunity to attend this most enjoyable event last Thursday, January 14th. Thank you to all the commissioners who took the time from their busy schedules to come to this event. I heard many positive comments from administrators as well as commissioners. I believe it gave us an opportunity to get to know each other better and I feel that this is something we should continue as the year progresses.

You have in your kits copy of a flyer promoting vocational education. As you peruse it, you will see that there is a quotation from the former Director General on the front page and that Patty Arnold, from Riverside School Board, is also part of the development team. As you know, making vocational training a viable choice for students is one of the Minister's goals.

The following are some of the committees I am involved in:

Advisory Board on English education

- Represent the English DGs on this committee
- Committee is chaired by Kate LeMaistre formerly McGill and presents briefs/reports to the Minister of Ed on educational concerns in the English Community
- This year working on the area of student success
- Guests so far this year have included two RSB employees or former employees – Carol Marriott, Lynn Senecal

Youth Transition to CEGEP committee

- Asked to sit on this committee by the MELS
- Looking at a rapprochement between the Cegep and Youth sectors - concerns
- 3 events planned including a meeting between teachers and administrators in the 2 sectors – Laval, later this month – 4 reps from RSB – 3 teachers and Mike Languay

- Also visits from Cegep teachers to high schools – HRHS has been selected for our region – a day in Feb or March
- Possibility of establishing a mentoring programme – RSB/ Champlain St Lambert – Ken Robertson

Parents' Committee: P. Chouinard

- Met on January 11
- Reviewed Examination of Complaints Policy
- Asked why Mont-Saint-Grégoire had been left out of the Enrolment Criteria document
- Exposé by a parent whose child had suffered an accidental burn; Committee adopted a resolution asking the School Board to advise schools about the risks
- English parent association has been officially recognized by the Government and has received a \$45,000 cheque

REPORTS (non-voting items only)

Executive - L. Cuffling:

- No meeting held in January.
- Next meeting: February 2, 2010.

Transportation Advisory –P. Chouinard:

- Committee met on December 7
- Franklin Jones reported on H1N1
- RSB students received high praise from clinic staff for their good behaviour
- Reviewed incident re: taxi injury
- Next meeting: March 16 at 10 a.m.

Communication – M. Cloutier:

- No meeting since last Council.
- New website to be launched next week.

Education – D. Smith:

- No meeting since last Council
- Date of next meeting: January 25

Financial and Audit – L. Cuffling:

- Meeting held January 12. Reviewed:
- Result of tendering process for banking services – a resolution is before Council tonight.
- First report on the revision of the Policy of Allocation of Resources.
- December budget follow-up for Board services
- Report on the projected use of school surpluses
- Internal Auditor position update
- Next meeting: January 26.

Governance and Ethics – L. Cuffling

- No meeting since last Council.
- Next meeting February 2.

Human Resources – H. Dumont:

- Meeting held on January 12. Discussed administrative appointment – resolution before

Council tonight.

- Next meeting on February 2.

Material Resources and Safe Schools – K. Cameron

- Dates of next meetings: February 9, March 9 and March 23.

QESBA – P. D'Avignon:

- No meeting since last Council

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution B322-20100119

THREE YEAR PLAN OF ALLOCATION AND DESTINATION OF IMMOVEABLES FOR THE SCHOOL YEARS 2010-2011, 2011-2012 AND 2012-2013

WHEREAS consultation with the Parents' Committee concerning the Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables for the School Years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 has taken place:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Capobianco Skipworth, and seconded by Commissioner Lamoureux, that the Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables for the school years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 for Riverside School Board, as described in the document entitled Planning for our Schools 2010-2013, be adopted.

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Resolution B323-20100119

ADOPTION OF THE LIST OF SCHOOLS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011:

WHEREAS the required consultation with the Parents' Committee concerning the List of Schools for the School Year 2010-2011 has taken place:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Smith, and seconded by Commissioner L'Heureux, that the List of Schools for Riverside School Board for the School Year 2010-2011, as described in the document entitled, Planning for our Schools 2010-2013, be adopted.

AGAINST 1 (Dumont)
ABSTENTION 1 (Nichols)
CARRIED

Resolution B324-20100119

ADOPTION OF THE DEEDS OF ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE SCHOOLS AND CENTRES OF RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Cuffling, and seconded by Commissioner Blais, that the Deeds of Establishment for the following schools and centres of Riverside School Board, as described in the document entitled, Planning for our Schools 2010-2013, be adopted:

**ACCESS
ALTERNATE SCHOOL (THE)
BOUCHERVILLE ELEMENTARY
CEDAR STREET
CENTENNIAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMBLY ACADEMY
COURTLAND PARK INTERNATIONAL
GOOD SHEPHERD**

**JOHN ADAM MEMORIAL
MOUNTAINVIEW
MOUNT BRUNO
REACH
ROYAL CHARLES
ST. JOHNS
ST. JUDE
ST. LAMBERT ELEMENTARY**

**GREENFIELD PARK PRIMARY INT'L.
HAROLD NAPPER
HAROLD SHEPPARD
HERITAGE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**ST. LAWRENCE
ST. MARY'S
TERRY FOX
WILLIAM LATTER**

AGAINST 1 (Dumont)
ABSTENTION 1 (Nichols)
CARRIED

Resolution B325-20100119

ADOPTION OF THE ENROLMENT CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOOLS AND CENTRES OF RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Lamoureux, and seconded by Commissioner L'Heureux, that the Enrolment Criteria for the following schools and centres of Riverside School Board, as described in the document entitled, Planning for our Schools 2010-2013, be adopted with the addition of Mont-Saint-Grégoire:

**ACCESS
ALTERNATE SCHOOL (THE)
BOUCHERVILLE ELEMENTARY
CEDAR STREET
CENTENNIAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMBLY ACADEMY
COURTLAND PARK INTERNATIONAL
GOOD SHEPHERD
GREENFIELD PARK PRIMARY INT'L.
HAROLD NAPPER
HAROLD SHEPPARD
HERITAGE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

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ST. LAMBERT ELEMENTARY
ST. LAWRENCE
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TERRY FOX
WILLIAM LATTER**

AGAINST 1 (Dumont)
ABSTENTION 1 (Nichols)
CARRIED

Resolution B326-20100119

ADOPTION OF THE RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD DOCUMENT ENTITLED "PLANNING FOR OUR SCHOOLS 2010-2013":

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Chouinard, and seconded by Commissioner Sastre, that the Riverside School Board document entitled, Planning for our Schools 2010-2013, be adopted.

AGAINST 1 (Dumont)
ABSTENTION 1 (Nichols)
CARRIED

Resolution B327-20100119

REQUEST FOR A PROVISIONAL AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER *HOME CARE ASSISTANCE (#5817)*, A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS Riverside School Board wishes to extend the programs offered to the English Community on our territory;

WHEREAS this program is part of the job priority sector in the Montérégie region;

WHEREAS job perspectives for 2008-2012, as determined by Emploi Québec, show that there is a need for qualified workers in this field in the Montérégie region;

WHEREAS the population is aging and the government wishes to put programs in place that will allow seniors to remain in their homes;

WHEREAS Riverside School Board has already requested a permanent authorization to offer this program (Resolution E61-20061017) but has not yet received confirmation;

WHEREAS Riverside School Board would like to assure the continuity of the first cohort that started in the spring of 2009, as well as the group started in the fall of 2009, and requires MÉLS authorization to do so;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Copeman, and seconded by Commissioner Capobianco Skipworth, that Riverside School Board request from the MÉLS a provisional authorization to offer program #5817 Home Care Assistance; AND

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ministry of Education, Recreation and Sport, as well as to the Members of the National Assembly situated on our territory.

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Resolution F92-20100119

AWARDING OF CONTRACT FOR BANKING SERVICES

WHEREAS a call for tender of services was launched with six major Canadian banks to supply banking services for the period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015;

WHEREAS a detailed analysis of the three offers of service received was conducted;

WHEREAS the results of the analysis were reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee at the meeting held January 12th and the committee supports the recommendation made;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Cuffling, and seconded by Commissioner Chouinard, that the offer of service from the National Bank, which was the most competitive according to the analysis made, be retained and that the necessary services be put in place for July 1, 2010.

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Resolution HR220-20100119

APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Bell, and seconded by Commissioner Horrocks, that **Pierre Farmer** be appointed to the position of Assistant Director General, effective January 20, 2010.

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OTHER BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS : Nil

ROUND OF APPLAUSE

- Commissioner Lamoureux attended CRHS – wonderful performance; thank you for generous donation.

- Commissioner Horrocks attended REACH's Christmas concert at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church – hats off to the students and staff!
- Commissioner Nichols attended the Christmas dinner at Royal Charles.

CLOSING:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Blais, and seconded by Commissioner Smith, at 8:37, that the meeting be closed.

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Moira Bell, Chairman

Denise Paulson, Secretary General



Members are hereby convened to a regular meeting on
Tuesday, January 19, 2010 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 December 15, 2009
 - 4.2 Business arising from the Minutes of December 15, 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 Adoption of Three Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immoveables for the School Years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013
 - 7.1.2 Adoption of List of Schools for the School Year 2010-2011
 - 7.1.3 Adoption of Deeds of Establishment for the Schools and Centres of RSB 2010-2011
 - 7.1.4 Adoption of Enrolment Criteria for the Schools and Centres of RSB 2010-2011
 - 7.1.5 Adoption of the Document - Planning for Our Schools 2010-2013
 - 7.2 Education
 - 7.2.1 Provisional Authorization for Home Care Assistance
 - 7.3 Financial Resources
 - 7.3.1 Awarding of Contract for Banking Services
 - 7.4 Human Resources
 - 7.4.1 Appointment of an Administrator
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 January 15, 2010

Denise Paulson, Secretary General