

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, 7525, chemin de Chambly, St. Hubert, Québec on December 17, 2013.

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	N. Nichols
P. Booth Morrison	J. Freund	D. Pinel
K. Cameron	M. Gour	G. Sastre
A. Capobianco Skipworth	D. Lamoureux	D. Smith
P. D'Avignon	M. L'Heureux	D. Smyth
	L. Llewelyn Cuffling	PARENTS– P. Chouinard, D. Copeman

Regrets: F. Blais, D. Horrocks, S. Rasmussen

Also present

Sylvain Racette, Director General
 Pierre Farmer, Assistant Director General
 Denise Paulson, Secretary General
 Michel Bergeron, Director of Financial Resources
 Wendy Bernier, Interim Director of Human Resources
 Mary Williams, Director of Educational Services
 Gail Somerville, Director of Complementary Services

Presence noted

E. Strike, S. Le Sueur

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

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

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS : None

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2013

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Chouinard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the Minutes of the meeting held on November 19, 2013 be adopted.

ABSTENTION 1 (Cuffling)
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Director General followed up:

- Nil

CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR GENERAL

Chair's report – M. Bell

- Attended the Administrators' Christmas Social on December 11th with Commissioners Gour, Nichols and Horrocks
- Attended the official opening of the revamped auditorium at Heritage Regional High School on December 17th with Commissioners Gour, D'Avignon, Dumont, Chouinard, L'Heureux, and Nichols

Director General's report – S. Racette

TOPICS THAT REQUIRED SPECIAL ATTENTION

Since the last Council meeting, there have been two expulsions, both from HRHS. One was for possession of drugs (sec. 5) and the other for violence – harassment (sec. 5).

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The Director General reported on the meetings and events he attended.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

MELS is reviewing the Pre-K program and school boards have been asked to wait before registering students. Meanwhile, the Principal at Terry-Fox has created a working group to find the registrations needed to start the program as soon as we receive the go-ahead.

On Friday the 13th there was a server shut down at the board. Hats off to Benoit Dupuis who worked throughout the night to have it operational as quickly as possible. It was back on line by the afternoon.

A communication survey is on our website. Please take the time to complete it!

The date to repair the roof at Centennial has been pushed back by one year because of the Québec Games. Instead, the windows at St. Lawrence and insulation at St. Lambert will be done.

Nelson Mandela's death – flags were lowered where possible.

HATS OFF

To the anonymous donor who will be giving the Richelieu Valley CLC over 100 Christmas Log Cakes to distribute to families in need in the Richelieu Valley schools. I would like to take this opportunity to tip my hat to Brian Peddar, the RVCLC Coordinator, for his dynamic work with our communities.

Parents' Committee:

- No report
- Date of next meeting: January 6, 2014

REPORTS (non-voting items only)

Executive – M. L'Heureux

- Lack of quorum for December meeting; meeting rescheduled for January 7, 2014

Transportation Advisory – L. Cuffling

- Meeting rescheduled for January 14, 2014

Education – D. Smith:

- Meeting held on November 25.
- E. Baldock presented on CFER; in-school work placement program
- L. Rae presented with M. Williams on research they have been conducting
- Next meeting: January 27, 2014

Financial and Audit – P. Booth Morrison

- Was to have met tonight but cancelled due to event being held at Heritage Regional High School.
- Next meeting will be in January at the call of the Chair.

Governance and Ethics – M. L'Heureux

- Meeting rescheduled for January 7, 2014

Human Resources – H. Dumont :

- Next meeting in early January. Will confirm date.

Material Resources and Safe Schools – K. Cameron

- No meeting since last Council

QESBA – A. Capobianco

- Board of Directors meeting held on December 6, 2013 in Montreal. Presentation on building a house in Ormstown – School boards are invited to get involved. Riverside will be approached for its masonry. Partnered with Habitat Canada
- Bill 63 also discussed. QESBA very transparent on topic.
- Looking to recruit new candidates for elections. QESBA will act as a resource for elections.
- Read Monday messages for additional information.
- Date of next meeting: January 31st, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution B482-20131217

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012-2013

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner L'Heureux, seconded by Commissioner Sastre, that the Annual Report for 2012-2013 be adopted.

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Resolution B483-20131217

RECOMMENDATION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN THE QUEBEC ENGLISH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (QESBA)

Whereas the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) bestows, in exceptional cases, the title of Honorary Member to an individual from within or beyond its network who has contributed to education in an exemplary fashion;

Whereas only three recipients have been so honored since the inception of linguistic school boards;

Whereas an Honorary Member can be nominated by the QESBA Board of Directors and/or a member school board;

Whereas the QESBA Executive Committee is proposing the name of Paul Gérin-Lajoie, Quebec's first Education Minister and long-time supporter of public education and social justice as the fourth recipient of this distinguished award;

Whereas the Honorary Membership is subject to approval by the Annual General Meeting;

Whereas QESBA is submitting this resolution to its member boards for consideration and subsequent preliminary approval by return resolution;

Be it resolved that approval of the nomination of Paul Guerin-Lajoie by formal resolution of the nine member boards qualify in this exceptional case as membership approval, to then be ratified during the next Annual General Meeting of the Association;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Capobianco Skipworth, seconded by Commissioner Chouinard that QESBA award Paul Gérin-Lajoie an Honorary Membership during the Annual Spring Conference to be held in May at the Château Frontenac in Québec City.

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Resolution B484-20131217

AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL THE RENTAL AGREEMENT AT 7900 TASCHEREAU BLVD., BROSSARD

WHEREAS the rental cost of 7900 Taschereau Blvd., in Brossard is approximately \$200,000 per year;

WHEREAS the rental agreement is in effect until December 31st 2020 and the contract stipulates that written notice of 12 months be given to break the rental agreement;

WHEREAS the rental agreement also has a penalty clause equivalent to \$100,000;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Cameron, seconded by Commissioner D'Avignon that the Director General be authorized to provide written notice by December 31, 2013, of Riverside School Board's intention to break the lease at 7900 Taschereau Blvd. effective on December 31, 2014; and

FURTHERMORE, that the Director General be authorized to sign any pertinent documents.

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IN CAMERA

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Sastre, seconded by Commissioner Morrison that Council move IN CAMERA at 8:15 p.m.

OUT OF CAMERA

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner L'Heureux, seconded by Commissioner Sastre, that Council move OUT OF CAMERA at 8:30 p.m.

Council resumes at 8:35 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

public.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: S. Le Sueur asked when a decision will be taken regarding moving The Alternate School. The Chair responded that it would occur in January.

ROUND OF APPLAUSE

- Commissioner Chouinard congratulated St. Johns Elementary for collecting enough food for 80 families – best effort to date.
- Commissioner Copeman extended kudos to Ms. Small and her team at Heritage on the latest edition of Da Bomb Variety Show.
- Commissioner Capobianco Skipworth congratulated staff and the Parent Participation Organization at Mountainview School for raising \$2,400. at their Santa Claus breakfast.
- P. Farmer congratulated St. Mary’s School for collecting gifts suitable to child’s age for 25 families.
- Commissioner Gour attended the Christmas concert at Good Shepherd School. The children put their heart and soul into the best concert to date.
- Commissioner Nichols also attended the concert at Good Shepherd School. She received a phone call from a gentleman looking to give away a doll house to a needy family – the mother was very excited about receiving it. The gentleman will deliver it.
- Commissioner Smyth attended the concert at John Adam school. His son played the part of elf # 8 in the Christmas Dragon theme.
- Commissioner Capobianco Skipworth offered her personal thanks to all who helped her recently. Best wishes for the holiday season.

CLOSING:

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Pinel, seconded by Commissioner Cuffling, at 8:45, that the meeting be closed.

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Moira Bell, Chairman

Denise Paulson, Secretary General



CONSEIL DES COMMISSAIRES COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

Members are hereby convened to a **regular** meeting on
Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Centre
7525 chemin de Chambly, St. Hubert, QC

AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order and Quorum
2. Adoption of the Agenda (a 10 minute break may be called during the meeting)
3. Questions from the Public – 30 minutes
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1 Adoption of the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2013
 - 4.2 Business arising from the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2013
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 Education
 - 6.4 Finance and Audit
 - 6.5 Governance and Ethics
 - 6.6 Human Resources
 - 6.7 Material Resources and Safe Schools
 - 6.8 Q.E.S.B.A.
7. New Business
 - 7.1 Adoption of the Annual Report for 2012-2013
 - 7.2 Recommendation for Honorary Membership in the Quebec English School Boards Association
 - 7.3 Authorization to Cancel the Rental Agreement at 7900 Taschereau Blvd., Brossard
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. Hubert, Québec, on December 12, 2013

Denise Paulson, Secretary General

CORRESPONDENCE - RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD
2013.12.17

FROM / DE	TYPE	SUBJECT / OBJET
Josée Garneau, The Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation	Letter to the Chairman	<i>Tiny Tim Fund</i>