

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 15, 2015.

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Booth Morrison

A. Capobianco Skipworth

C. Craig

M. Gour

C. Horrell

D. Lamoureux

L. Llewelyn Cuffling

A. Mazur

D. Smith

D. Smyth

Parent Commissioners

T. Aguiar

P. Chouinard

M. Rayes

L. Rodrigues

Regrets: D. Butler, H. Dumont

Also present

Sylvain Racette, Director General

Pierre Farmer, Assistant Director General

Denise Paulson, Secretary General

Michel Bergeron, Director of Financial Resources

Wendy Bernier, Director of Human Resources

Mary Williams, Director of Educational Services

Gail Somerville, Director of Complementary Services

Lucie Roy, Director of Adult and Continuing Education

Presence noted

Alexandra Audet, David Fournier

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

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

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ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2015:

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Aguiar, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the Minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 2015, be adopted.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Director General followed up:

As a follow up to last Council's resolution appointing the new Director of Human Resources, the Director General welcomed Mrs. Hélène Coupal to this first meeting in her new capacity.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS : None

CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR GENERAL

Chair's report – D. Lamoureux

The Chairman reported on the meetings and events he had attended since the last Council, one of which was the press conference this morning on Bill 86.

Director General's report – S. Racette

TOPICS THAT REQUIRED SPECIAL ATTENTION

Since the last Council meeting there has been 1 expulsion from Heritage for possession of drugs.

MEETINGS

- › The Director General reported on the meetings he had attended since the last Council meeting

EVENTS

- › December 2 - Inauguration of ACCESS Sainte-Julie Centre mécanique de machinerie fixe
- › December 7 - RVCLC partners meeting at Mount Bruno School to Network with representatives from community organizations, volunteers active in our schools-community, staff from the 5 elementary schools in the Richelieu Valley – It was great to learn more about the different initiatives of our very active RVCLC!!

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- › Government's announcement of an additional \$80 million for Education
- › Bill 86 – The DG offered a few details
- › There will be a Press conference tomorrow by QESBA and its partners.
- › December 9th strike day
- › Yesterday the last sectorial ententes were signed with CPNCA. We are now waiting for the provincial ententes at the Table Centrale (namely on salary and pensions)

HATS OFF

- › Mary Eva, teacher at HRHS, sent me the following comments about some of our RSB presenters at the Teachers' Convention: *Jennifer McNeil and Wendy Maher all day workshop was the highlight of the day. The information they shared is invaluable to elementary teachers (and me who teaches HS). Those who attended could not thank them both enough for their workshop. This is a feather in their caps and in RSB's as well. Victoria Howard's Celebrating Black History workshop was also successful and generated much discussion from those who attended. Well done!*
- › CPIQ's *Apprendre et Enseigner* Fall issue features Riverside teacher writing. On-line journal is available at <http://en.calameo.com/read/0018988044bfd1ebb4db4>. Worth a read!
- › Hats off to the employees who have dedicated 25 years and more of their lives to RSB and to those who retired last year, for their contribution to the education of the youth on the South Shore. It is unfortunate that *Le Journal de Montréal* identified the dinner we organize annually as a tribute to them as an unreasonable expense. Last year's reception cost the Board, in recognition, \$6.77 per year of service of these individuals who helped to make our Board one of the top graduating boards in the Province.

Our students are doing well and they have a future thanks to the contributions of our staff. That is why we stand proudly by our decision to honor them. Too bad that the news the *Journal* reported was not the one about our commissioners paying their Christmas reception from their own pocket. That too deserves a hat's off.

Parents' Committee: T. Aguiar

- Meeting was held on December 7
- It was the committee's holiday social.
- The Director of Finance briefed the committee on the 2014-2015 financial statement as well as on the revised budget for 2015-2016.
- The Director General shared a PPT outlining Bill 86 and highlighted the key points.
- A further discussion of the Parents Committee resolution took place
- Harold Napper school shared its success with a petition that yielded 250 signatures and their letter drive 125 letters. This took place over a 3-day period.
- Consideration is still being given as to whether or not a Town Hall should be held. The committee is currently looking at logistics and costs involved.

Special Needs Advisory Committee: L. Rodrigues

Director Gail Somerville presented the Complementary Services educational programs.

Parents were concerned at this meeting that with the growing numbers of special needs students and current and ongoing budget cuts, Riverside will need to close some of our more expensive speciality classrooms.

Date of next meeting is January 23, 2016

REPORTS (non-voting items only)

Executive – Meeting was not held.

Transportation Advisory – Meeting planned for January 2016

Education – No report

Audit (Finance/Material Resources)

Meeting held on November 24.

Reviewed the revised 2015-2016 budget

Next meeting at the call of the Chair.

Governance and Ethics – Meeting was not held.

Human Resources – M. Gour

Meeting held on December 8.

Welcomed new Director of Human Resources

Resolutions before Council tonight

Marketing and Communications –

No report

QESBA

- Executive held a teleconference on December 11 for four hours re: Bill 86 – QESBA, QCGN, EPCA and Home & School regroupment
- Press conference to be held on December 16 at 10 a.m. at Le Nouvel Hôtel in Montreal
- Review of Bill 86 and its impact on the English community
- Expects more meetings in the new year.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution B555-20151215

ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Chouinard, seconded by Commissioner Craig, that the Annual Report for 2014-2015 be adopted.

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Resolution B556-20151215

ADOPTION OF THE REVISED POLICY ON ENROLMENT CRITERIA

WHEREAS the consultation period on revisions to the Policy on the Enrolment Criteria has ended;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Gour, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the revised Policy on the Enrolment Criteria be adopted as circulated.

UNANIMOUS

Resolution B557-20151215

ADOPTION OF THE LINGUISTIC POLICY

WHEREAS the consultation period on draft Linguistic Policy has ended;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Horrell, that the Linguistic Policy be adopted with an amendment proposed by Commissioner Cuffling to the effect that the words "of Canada" be added following the words "official languages".

UNANIMOUS

Resolution HR438-20151215

MOVEMENT OF A PEDAGOGICAL DAY

WHEREAS Council approved a Pedagogical day set for May 24, 2016 in the 2015-2016 youth sector school calendar (Resolution - HR404-20150217);

WHEREAS this date now conflicts with a provincial exam set for the same date by the MEESR;

WHEREAS this resolution was reviewed and is supported by the Human Resources Committee;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Smyth, seconded by Commissioner Rodrigues, that the pedagogical day set for May 24, 2016 in the 2015-2016 youth sector school calendar be moved to May 20, 2016.

UNANIMOUS

Resolution HR439-20151215

REGROUPMENT PLANS FOR ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY AND ADULT EDUCATION

WHEREAS this resolution was reviewed and is supported by the Human Resources Committee;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Horrell, seconded by Commissioner Capobianco Skipworth, that the Board adopt the «Regroupment Plan for Teachers for 2016-2017, for the purpose of identifying the teachers to be declared excess, placed on availability or non-reengaged because of surplus», which has been prepared according to the provisions of Appendix II of the 2010-2015 teachers' Collective Agreement;

FURTHERMORE, that a copy of these plans be filed with and made a part of the official copy of the minutes of this meeting.

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Resolution HR440-20151215

SCHOOL CALENDARS 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 FOR THE YOUTH SECTOR

WHEREAS this resolution was reviewed and is supported by the Human Resources Committee;

IT IS MOVED BY Commissioner Rodrigues, seconded by Commissioner Aguiar, that the attached youth sector calendar 2016-2017 be received for consultation which will run until **February 12, 2016**. As well, that the attached youth sector 2017-2018 school calendar identifying only vacation periods and school year beginning and ending dates be received for consultation for the same period.

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HR441-20151215

AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A REGROUPMENT TO VERIFY JUDICIAL RECORDS

WHEREAS, Article 261.01 states that: "Before hiring persons who would be required to work with minor students or be regularly in contact with them, the school board must ensure that they have no judicial record relevant to the functions that could be assigned to them within that school board.

To that end, those persons must send a declaration concerning their judicial record to the school board. The school board must verify the declaration or have it verified."

WHEREAS those persons being considered for hire and/or as a volunteer must also provide a judicial record;

WHEREAS Riverside School Board can save 20% of its costs by joining with a group of school boards to have these verifications done by an outside agency;

WHEREAS this resolution was reviewed and is supported by the Human Resources Committee;

IT IS MOVED by Commissioner Capobianco Skipworth, seconded by Commissioner Horrell, that the Council of Commissioner support Riverside's participation in this regroupment plan.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS : None

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Capobianco Skipworth is still waiting to hear about refugees in Adult Ed.

Commissioner Gour asked what exactly was happening with negotiations. The Director General informed Council that in various sectors there are agreements in principle, however salary and pension at the central table have yet to be settled.

BRAVOS

- Commissioner Cuffling spoke of the first meeting of the South Shore Educational Foundation. Four new members were elected, among those are Christina Armeni, President and Frank White, Treasurer
- Commissioners Capobianco Skipworth, Morrison and Craig attended the Santa Claus breakfast at Mountainview school, as did Sylvain Racette. Brian Peddar presented on the CLC
- Commissioner Capobianco Skipworth offered congratulations to EMSB for going ahead with its by-election. Former RSB Administrator Bernie Praw was elected.
- Commissioner Rayes told the council that Christina Armeni is a great asset for the SSEF.
- Commissioner Rayes also offered congratulations to Emilie Bortolussi-Courval whose letter on the Wave against bullying, which she initiated while a student at St. Lambert Elementary, was published in the Huffington Post.
- Commissioner Craig attended the fabulous craft fair at CRHS.
- St. Jude received another \$5,000 donation in books from Indigo-Chapters
- Commissioner Mazur also extends congratulations to CRHS for a job well done on the fair.
- The Chairman thanked everyone for attending this evening and wished all Happy Holidays

CLOSING:

IT WAS MOVED by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Smith, at 8:40 p.m., that the meeting be closed.

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Dan Lamoureux, Chairman

Denise Paulson, Secretary General

Members are hereby convened to a **regular** meeting on
 December 15, 2015, 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
3. Approval of Minutes
 - Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2015
 - Business arising from the Minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2015
4. Questions from the Public – 30 minutes
5. Chairman’s Remarks
6. Director General’s Remarks
7. Parent Committee Report
8. Special Needs Advisory Report
9. Committee Reports

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10. Resolutions
 - Adoption of the 2014-2015 annual report
 - Adoption of the revised policy on enrolment criteria
 - Adoption of the linguistic policy
 - Movement of a pedagogical day
 - Regroupment plans for elementary, secondary and adult education
 - School calendars 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 for the youth sector
 - Authorization to participate in a regroupment to verify judicial records
11. Correspondence
12. Questions from the Public – 20 minutes
13. Bravos (2 minutes per member)
14. Other Business
15. Close of Meeting
16. Date of Next Regular Meeting: **January 19 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

Given at Saint-Hubert, Québec, on December 10, 2015

Denise Paulson, Secretary General

CORRESPONDENCE - RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD

2015.12.15

FROM	TYPE	SUBJECT
Christian Fréchette, Président and Jennifer Maccarone, Chairperson SWLSB Fondation Sir-Wilfrid-Laurier Foundation	Invitation to Chairman	Fundraising evening
Commission scolaire des Rives-du Saguenay	Resolution	Request for support of the Facebook page « <i>Ma démocratie scolaire, j'y crois!</i> »
Commission scolaire des Hautes-Rivières	Resolution	Support of public education
Commission scolaire de Charlevoix	Resolution	Support of public education
Commission scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais	Resolution	<i>Mesure 50730</i>
The Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation	Letter to the Chairman	2015 Corporate Appeal Committee

2016-2017

<p><u>PLAN DE REGROUPEMENT - SECONDAIRE</u> <u>REGROUPEMENT PLAN - SECONDARY</u></p>
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INSTRUCTION GIVEN IN ENGLISH

Computer Sciences

Dance

Drama

English Language Arts

Ethics and Religious Culture

Guidance

Human Sciences

Home Economics

Mathematics

Music

Physical Education and Health

POP (Personal Orientation Project)

Science and Technology

Special Education

Visual Arts

INSTRUCTION GIVEN IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

Éthique

Français

French Second Language

Sciences et technologie

Sciences humaines

Spanish

2016-2017

<p><u>PLAN DE REGROUPEMENT - PRIMAIRE</u> <i>REGROUPMENT PLAN - ELEMENTARY</i></p>
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INSTRUCTION GIVEN IN ENGLISH

Dance
Drama
General Subjects
Music
Physical Education and Health
Special Education
Visual Arts

INSTRUCTION GIVEN IN FRENCH

Art dramatique
Arts plastiques
Danse
Éducation physique et santé
Enfance inadaptée
French Immersion
French Second Language
Informatique
Musique

2016-2017

PLAN DE REGROUPEMENT EDUCATION DES ADULTES REGROUPEMENT PLAN – ADULT EDUCATION

Computer Sciences
English Language Arts
English Second Language
French Second Language
Human Sciences
Mathematics
Natural Sciences
Personal & Social Development
Physical Education
Resource
Social Integration
Sociovocational Integration
Spanish
Visual Arts

PLAN DE REGROUPEMENT FORMATION PROFESSIONNELLE REGROUPEMENT PLAN – VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Accounting
Secretarial Studies
Starting a Business
Health Care
Masonry - Bricklaying
Pharmacy Technical Assistance
Professional Sales
Stationary Engineering



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COMMISSION SCOLAIRE RIVERSIDE / RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD
Calendrier scolaire 2016-2017 / School Calendar 2016-2017

July 2016 juillet

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Congés / holidays

Journées pédagogiques / Pedagogical days

Journées pédagogiques conditionnelles / Conditional ped. days

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Étapes / Terms – No. Days/jours

1. Aug. 31 – Nov. 4 (44)
2. Nov. 7 – Feb. 3 (51)
3. Feb. 6 – June 22 (86)

Journées pédagogiques / Pedagogical days

17 fixes pour toutes les écoles / Board-wide (fixed)

1 au niveau de l'école – à déterminer / School-level – T.B.D.

2 conditionnelles / conditional



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COMMISSION SCOLAIRE RIVERSIDE / RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD
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