

Minutes of the proceedings of a regular meeting of the **Council of Commissioners** of the New Frontiers School Board held at Howick Elementary School, 5 Lambton, Howick, Québec on **Tuesday, March 12, 2019**, at 19:00 hours and at which the following commissioners were present, representing a quorum of the Council of Commissioners:

Lina Chouinard
Kenneth Crockett
David D'Aoust, Chair
Barbara Ednie
Howard (Buzz) Gibbs
Shannon Keyes, Commissioner representing the Special Needs Advisory Committee
Raymond Ledoux
Dianne McKell Eastwood
Abdul Pirani
John Ryan, Vice-Chair
Peter Stuckey
Karin Van Droffelaar
Debra Wright, Commissioner representing the Parents' Committee
Anne-Marie Yelle, Commissioner representing the Parents' Committee

Absent with Regrets:

Debie Germann, Commissioner representing the Parents' Committee

Also in attendance:

Rob Buttars, Director General
Mike Helm, Assistant Director General
Gary Tennant, Secretary General
Kevin Harvey, Director of Material Resources
Chantal Martin, Director of Continuing Education
Cuthbert McIntyre, Director of Human Resources
James Walker, Director of Educational Services
Daryl Ness, NFAA Representative

Call to Order & Opening Remarks

The Chair opened the 280th meeting at 19:36 hours.

Chair & Secretary

Chair D. D'Aoust presided the meeting; Mr G. Tennant served as recorder.

Recognition Statement

Commissioner R. Ledoux acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Mohawk; a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Nations.

Adoption of the Agenda

Additions:

6.5 EMSB Resolution - "Maintain School Boards with Elected School Commissioners"

9.3 Financial Recovery Plan

The agenda was adopted with additions on a motion by Commissioner B. Ednie.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Waiver – Reading of the Minutes 2019-02-05

It was moved by Commissioner D. McKell Eastwood to waive the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of 2019-02-05.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Adoption of the Minutes of 2019-01-08

It was moved by Commissioner R. Ledoux to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of 2019-02-05.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Question Period

There was no public present.

Chair

Interview – Brenda Milner

Chair D. D'Aoust informed Council of the interview with Ms. Milner. The interview was very engaging. The Chair thanked other members for attending.

Entente – Nursing Assistance program

The Chair reported that he has been advocating for the reinstatement of the program after the proposed entente had not been approved by the Ministry. Discussions with various political representatives emphasized that there exists a need for nursing assistants across the region, in particular in the Anglophone community.

Spring Conference 2019 (Attendance list; room and travel sharing?)

The Chair confirmed a list of commissioners requesting to attend this year's Spring Conference in May. Council was informed that the allocated budget would permit approximately eight commissioners to attend.

Shared classroom space with Commission scolaire Des Grandes-Seigneuries (CSDGS)

The Chair informed the Council of the CSDGS's request for space from the school board. The item was referred to the Director General for further review.

English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Resolution - "Maintain School Boards with Elected School Commissioners"

The Chair distributed the above-mentioned resolution from the EMSB. Commissioners were asked to review the resolution and consider possible actions, if any. Council has requested that the school board draft a similar resolution for adoption at the next Council meeting.

Director General

Administrative Staffing Timeline

R. Buttars, Director General, informed Council of an amended administrative staffing timeline, including any changes. The amended timeline was also reviewed previously by the Human Resources Standing Committee.

New proposed legislation

The Director General summarized various bills being tabled in the National Assembly by the Government. There are also proposed regulatory changes to the Basic School Regulation pertaining to elementary school recesses

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on May 14, 2019 at 16:30 hours at the School Board offices in Chateaugay. A meeting kit will be posted on Friday, May 10, 2019.

Resolution #CC19-03-12-001

Major School or Centre Change

WHEREAS *Policy FCB - Major School and Centre Change*, requires the school board, after receipt of projected enrolments, to determine if any changes may need to be considered to the *Three-Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables and Deeds of Establishment*; and

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners, designated the Educational Services Standing Committee (ESSC) to review projected enrolments and possible factors affecting potential enrolment at the Council of Commissioners' meeting of February 5th, 2019; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has allocated six additional 4-year-old fulltime pre-school classes to the school board for the 2019-20 school year (subject to final Ministry approval); and

WHEREAS the Parents' Committee has requested that the school board consider major school change for the 2020-21 school year; and

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners can deem it necessary to consider changes and major school change as per *Policy FCB – Major School and Centre Change*;

THEREFORE on the recommendation of the Educational Services Standing Committee, it is moved by Commissioner K. Van Droffelaar

THAT the Council of Commissioners of the New Frontiers School Board deem it necessary to consider changes and major school change for the 2020-21 school year; and

THAT the Council of Commissioners study potential enrollment changes, educational program requirements, and other pertinent data in order to start the consultation process as per *Policy FCB*.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Resolution #CC19-03-12-002

Adoption of School Calendar For 2019-2020

WHEREAS consultation on the establishment of the 2019-2020 school calendar for the youth sector has been completed; and

WHEREAS negotiations have been concluded with the Chateauguay Valley Teachers' Association; and

WHEREAS the proposed calendars provide for two hundred (200) working days for teachers; and

WHEREAS the proposed 2019-2020 calendar provides for a Christmas break to extend from December 23rd, 2019 to January 3rd, 2020, inclusively; and

WHEREAS the proposed 2019-2020 calendar provides for a March break to extend from March 2nd to 6th, 2020 inclusively;

THEREFORE, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Standing Committee, it is moved by Commissioner A. Pirani

THAT the Council of Commissioners approve the 2019-2020 school calendar for the youth sector, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Resolution #CC19-03-12-003

Leaves of Absence

Request for Deferred Salary Leave

Employee #1389

On the recommendation of the Human Resources Standing Committee, it is moved by Commissioner A. Pirani that the Council of Commissioners approve the following request for a deferred salary leave:

Employee #1389, a teacher at Mary Gardner Elementary School, requesting a four-year plan at 87.5% over the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 school years, with the leave taking place from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

Leave of Absence without Pay

Employee #2201

On the recommendation of the Human Resources Standing Committee, it is moved by Commissioner A. Pirani that the Council of Commissioners approve the following request for a leave of absence without pay:

Employee #2201, a teacher at Harmony Elementary School, requesting a leave of absence without pay for the period from October 2, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Resolution #CC19-03-12-004

Financial Recovery Plan

WHEREAS the New Frontiers School Board is required to submit a financial recovery plan to the Ministry of Education by March 15th, 2019; and

WHEREAS a recovery plan was developed in collaboration with the audit firm Raymond Chabot Grant & Thornton (RCGT); and

WHEREAS the recovery plan, if approved by the Ministry of Education, will be in effect for the next six years; and

WHEREAS the recovery plan will continue to allow the New Frontiers School Board to offer the same level of services to its students;

THEREFORE on the recommendation of the Operations Standing Committee, it is moved by Commissioner P. Stuckey

THAT the New Frontiers School Board submit the introductory letter and recovery plan, as prepared, to the Ministry of Education.

Student Leadership Funds

The Educational Services Standing Committee (ESSC) is charged with the administration of the Student Leadership Fund; whose purpose is to provide financial assistance when NFSB students attend leadership-based conferences and provide leadership opportunities in the schools and centres.

This past month, the ESSC received and approved two (2) applications. The first application is from Gault Institute and the second application is from Heritage Elementary School (HES).

The Gault Institute student council has been discussing different ways of reducing the high anxiety levels of their students. Following a collective brainstorming session, the student council proposes creating an area on the school stage where they can relax, listen to music, catch up on homework, and have fun with friends. They would like to purchase beanbag chairs, an air hockey table, and speakers. So far, the student council has raised \$100.00 from a bake sale fundraiser and plan on having 3 other fundraisers before the school year is over. Gault Institute requested \$1,000.00 for this initiative, \$500.00 of which was approved.

Mr Harry Antoine, the physical education teacher at Heritage Elementary School as well as HES students have created a school hockey team. This team will represent HES and their community by participating in a RSEQ Hockey Tournament. In order to be selected to participate, students must show great leadership skills at school, complete their academic endeavors, and lead by example in and outside the classroom. The requested funds will go towards supporting the tournament registration fees as well as any costs related to the tournament for all 11 of the players. HES requested and received \$500.00 for this initiative.

Updated Rankings of Schools on New Approaches, New Solutions Index

For the information of the Council of Commissioners, please find listed below the details pertaining to the updated school rankings on the New Approaches, New Solutions (NANS) index.

The NANS index assigns a rank of one through ten to schools. The higher the rank (closer to ten) the greater the risk factors associated with the student population.

School	New NANS Ranking	Previous Ranking
Mary Gardner School	6	5
Saint-Willibrord School	9	6
Franklin Elementary School	8	9
Heritage Elementary School	10	10
Gault Institute	10	9
Howick Elementary School	8	9
Ormstown Elementary School	9	9
Hemmingford Elementary School	5	7
Centennial Park School	6	5
Harmony Elementary School	6	7
Châteauguay Valley Regional High School	9	10
Howard S. Billings High School	6	5

Chateauguay Valley Career Education Centre and Nova Career Centre Open House

On March 21, 2019, Chateauguay Valley Career Education Centre and Nova Career Centre will hold their “Explore Your Future” Open Houses from 4:00 to 8:30 pm.

The Continuing Education Department will use the shuttle bus to transport participants between the centres. A schedule of travel times will be posted. We are hoping this service will encourage visits between the two centres.

New Frontiers School Board youth sector Principals have received an invitation for their grade 5 and secondary 3 students to take part in a “hands on learning” open house. The visits will be held during the day for these students. Each department will have activities for the students to discover the trades.

The Centre Directors and their teams are very excited at the opportunity to open their doors to our students, families, and the public, and look forward to sharing the love of their trades with all!

Life @ NFSB

The document was reviewed by Council. Once again, it was well-received and interesting.

New Business

There was no new business.

Parents’ Committee

D. Wright, Commissioner Representing Parents’ Committee, reported that the committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC)

S. Keyes, Commissioner Representing SNAC, reported that the committee met on February 27th, 2019. Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and availability of IEP information to parents in general were discussed.

Quebec English School Board's Association (QESBA)

J. Ryan, Vice-Chairperson, reported that he had represented QESBA at a meeting to seek feedback on changes to the Official Languages Act. Many community organizations were present and proposed changes were discussed. The Chair reported that the Executive Director of QESBA has successfully completed the probationary period for the position.

Other Committees

There were no reports.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

There were no reports at this time.

List of Disbursements

Commissioners were provided with the following list of disbursements for the month of February 2019:

Chq Nbr	Chq Date	PaidTo	Amount
182831	2/1/2019	A S CONSULTANTS - A.TALWAR	4,865.35
182836	2/1/2019	BARTIMAEUS INC.	1,140.55
182837	2/1/2019	BOHAM GAZ INC.	4,386.52
182838	2/1/2019	BRAULT & BOUTHILLIER LTEE	1,698.25
182839	2/1/2019	BV COMMUNICATIONS	4,018.25
182840	2/1/2019	C. S. LA VALLEE-DES-TISSERANDS	2,069.40
182851	2/1/2019	FONDS DE SOLIDARITE DES TRAVAILLEURS DU QUEBEC (FTQ)	4,292.94
182852	2/1/2019	GDM GROUPE-CONSEIL INC.	1,743.02
182854	2/1/2019	GROUPE SIMONEAU INC.	3,311.15
182859	2/1/2019	MASSICOTTE DIGNARD TAILLEFER PATENAUDE	23,814.95
182860	2/1/2019	MATERIAUX PONT MASSON INC.	3,873.99
182861	2/1/2019	MATREC	3,954.16
182863	2/1/2019	ORKIN CANADA CORPORATION	5,288.78
182864	2/1/2019	OUTILS PIERRE BERGER INC.	2,197.10
182866	2/1/2019	PLOMBERIE CHAUFFAGE VINCENT	6,789.56
182868	2/1/2019	RAYMOND CHABOT GRANT THORNTON *ADMINISTRATION	13,981.89
182869	2/1/2019	RCI ENVIRONNEMENT	1,317.56
182870	2/1/2019	RESEAU DE TRANSPORT METROPOLITAIN	2,972.25
182872	2/1/2019	RICOVA SERVICES INC.	2,756.50
182881	2/1/2019	WOLSELEY CANADA INC.	1,630.52
182882	2/1/2019	WOOD WYANT CANADA INC.	2,985.19
182884	2/1/2019	BISSON, ALAIN	3,298.87
182886	2/1/2019	C. S. WESTERN QUEBEC	7,500.00
182890	2/1/2019	CAPITALE GESTION FINANCIERE,LA INC.	34,994.39
182895	2/1/2019	CONSTRUCTION ET RENOVATION MARTIN DESGROSEILLIERS	31,858.21
182896	2/1/2019	CONSTRUCTIONS GMP INC (LES)	226,205.74

182906	2/1/2019	GROUPE GESFOR POIRIER PINCHIN INC.,LE	2,182.81
182908	2/1/2019	IGA FAMILLE ROY	1,256.75
182909	2/1/2019	INDUSTRIAL ALLIANCE	28,556.59
182912	2/1/2019	LIGUE DE HOCKEY INTERSCOLAIRE	4,828.93
182915	2/1/2019	MCLEAN, DIANE M.A.	2,420.00
182916	2/1/2019	OBURO	14,030.40
182920	2/1/2019	PIECES D'AUTO HAP INC. (LES)	1,208.92
182923	2/1/2019	PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY	3,511.82
182928	2/1/2019	RETRAITE QUEBEC	254,502.24
182935	2/1/2019	SSQ, SOCIETE D'ASSURANCE-VIE INC.	8,259.01
182940	2/1/2019	TYCO INTEGRATED FIRE&SECURITY	1,690.14
182942	2/1/2019	XEROX CANADA LTEE	7,113.66
182946	2/1/2019	NOVEXCO/ HAMSTER	3,490.14
182951	2/7/2019	REVENU QUEBEC	467,233.17
182952	2/7/2019	REVENU CANADA	190,291.34
182955	2/6/2019	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS	3,759.50
182957	2/6/2019	EXPERTISE NEUROSCIENCES	2,989.35
182958	2/6/2019	BARTIMAEUS INC.	3,136.52
182960	2/6/2019	PRIEST	10,398.86
182961	2/12/2019	SERVICES DE CARTES DESJARDINS	3,008.15
182962	2/14/2019	9072-0103 QUEBEC INC.	13,575.05
182963	2/14/2019	AUTOBUS DUFRESNE INC.	9,646.11
182964	2/14/2019	AUTOBUS RACINE LTEE	9,160.49
182965	2/14/2019	AUTOBUS ROLAND LEDUC INC.	98,604.97
182966	2/14/2019	AUTOBUS VENISE LTEE	6,838.62
182967	2/14/2019	CIE TRANSBUS (1986) INC.	7,792.05
182968	2/14/2019	MOR TRANSPORT INC.	3,430.69
182969	2/14/2019	RO-BUS INC.	58,212.76
182970	2/14/2019	TRANSPORT P.M.D. BRAULT INC.	18,669.91
182972	2/14/2019	ROGERS	2,052.69
182973	2/14/2019	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT	1,100.00
182977	2/14/2019	INDUSTRIAL ALLIANCE	28,664.21
182985	2/15/2019	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT	5,500.00
182988	2/19/2019	ACT FOUNDATION	2,008.05
182995	2/19/2019	BRISSON LEGRIS	5,372.06
182996	2/19/2019	BROME LAKE BOOKS	1,820.21
183000	2/19/2019	CHOQUETTE-CKS INC.	1,364.37
183001	2/19/2019	CHOQUETTE-CKS INC.	1,043.86
183004	2/19/2019	CREPIN SPORTS INC.	5,633.14
183006	2/19/2019	EMULSION SERIGRAPHIE	1,997.40

183008	2/19/2019	G.M.A.A.	1,478.88
183009	2/19/2019	GROUPE GESFOR POIRIER PINCHIN INC.,LE	2,517.95
183012	2/19/2019	HELENE GAUDET CHANDLER -CRHA	6,631.70
183015	2/19/2019	IGA ORMSTOWN	1,384.41
183016	2/19/2019	IMAGES IMPACT VISION	5,743.00
183018	2/19/2019	INVENTEX	1,275.30
183020	2/19/2019	JOHNSTON, RANDY	3,055.00
183024	2/19/2019	LOCATION TREMBLAY	3,627.30
183025	2/19/2019	LOGIN CANADA	2,279.72
183027	2/19/2019	MCLEAN, DIANE M.A.	11,000.00
183028	2/19/2019	MELIMAX TRANSPORT INC.	1,545.31
183029	2/19/2019	MONTREAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY	1,350.00
183031	2/19/2019	PAVAGES J.M. BEAULIEU, LES	14,251.15
183032	2/19/2019	PAVAGES ULTRA INC.(LES)	6,059.18
183033	2/19/2019	PEARSON CANADA INC. T46254	3,122.09
183038	2/19/2019	PITNEYWORKS	6,000.00
183041	2/19/2019	PROPAGE INTERACTIF INC.	2,217.29
183050	2/19/2019	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS	2,318.92
183051	2/19/2019	SCHOLASTIC CANADA LTD	1,243.95
183053	2/19/2019	SERRURIER HAVELOCK ENR.	1,321.92
183056	2/19/2019	SEXUAL HEALTH NETWORK OF QC	1,850.00
183058	2/19/2019	SSQ, SOCIETE D'ASSURANCE-VIE INC.	9,159.60
183070	2/19/2019	SPECTRUM NASCO QUEBEC	5,184.34
183072	2/19/2019	AGENCE OMETZ	5,355.00
183076	2/19/2019	AVI-SPL CANADA LTD	3,887.05
183077	2/19/2019	AVOCATS LE CORRE & ASSOCIES, S.E.N.C.R.L. (LES)	3,416.49
183078	2/19/2019	BARTIMAEUS INC.	1,140.55
183081	2/19/2019	C. S. LESTER B. PEARSON	236,000.00
183084	2/19/2019	CERTIFIED LABORATORIES	1,001.40
183089	2/19/2019	ECOLE PETER HALL SCHOOL INC.	48,537.72
183092	2/19/2019	ENVIRO CONNEXIONS	2,903.91
183098	2/19/2019	GRICS	1,753.66
183103	2/19/2019	LECLERC ASSOCIES ARCHITECTES	7,788.20
183108	2/19/2019	MATERIAUX PONT MASSON INC.	12,382.91
183109	2/19/2019	MORNEAU SHEPELL LTD	1,327.70
183111	2/19/2019	OMER DESERRES INC.	1,461.62
183112	2/19/2019	ON THE MARK PRESS	1,292.29
183113	2/19/2019	OUTILS PIERRE BERGER INC.	8,981.26
183114	2/19/2019	PETRO MONESTRIE INC	6,850.29
183115	2/19/2019	PLOMBERIE CHAUFFAGE VINCENT	6,518.64

183118	2/19/2019	R.S. D'AMOUR & FILS INC.	4,031.09
183119	2/19/2019	RCI ENVIRONNEMENT	1,306.32
183122	2/19/2019	SOLUTIONS SHERBY	3,018.22
183128	2/19/2019	WOLSELEY CANADA INC.	1,029.89
183130	2/21/2019	REVENU QUEBEC	460,884.60
183131	2/21/2019	REVENU CANADA	187,955.21
183133	2/20/2019	ASSOCIATION PROVINCIAL ENSEIGNANTS DU QUEBEC	6,243.75
183134	2/20/2019	C.V.T.A.	10,267.48
183141	2/20/2019	S.E.P.B. QUEBEC	6,724.34
183142	2/20/2019	S.M.A.E.S.P. (SPPSM)	1,126.34
183143	2/20/2019	UNION DES EMPLOYEES ET EMPLOYES DE SERVICE LOCAL 800	1,136.16
183144	2/22/2019	6502709 CANADA INC.	5,921.20
183145	2/22/2019	ADGESBQ	1,000.00
183148	2/22/2019	IGA ORMSTOWN	1,040.52
183149	2/22/2019	KILDAIR SERVICE LTEE	30,621.86
183152	2/22/2019	REFRIGERATION YVAN ALLISON	5,966.34
183153	2/22/2019	WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE CANADA COMPANY	12,727.74
183154	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	2,412.85
183156	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	5,334.16
183157	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	1,885.22
183158	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	2,290.53
183159	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	1,246.32
183160	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	7,115.77
183161	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	3,527.30
183162	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	2,077.08
183163	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	1,598.98
183164	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	3,362.15
183165	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	7,312.71
183166	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	36,319.04
183168	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	9,913.19
183169	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	11,104.88
183170	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	6,359.88
183171	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	3,441.92
183172	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	7,497.76
183173	2/25/2019	HYDRO QUEBEC	12,458.01
183174	2/25/2019	GAZ METRO	4,857.36
183175	2/25/2019	GAZ METRO	4,288.32
183176	2/25/2019	GAZ METRO	3,479.54
183177	2/25/2019	GAZ METRO	5,756.61
183178	2/25/2019	GAZ METRO	28,035.16

183181	2/26/2019	DELARONDE, RUSSELL	1,560.00
183182	2/26/2019	BV COMMUNICATIONS	4,035.63
183184	2/26/2019	9072-0103 QUEBEC INC.	13,575.05
183185	2/26/2019	AUTOBUS DUFRESNE INC.	9,646.11
183186	2/26/2019	AUTOBUS RACINE LTEE	9,787.09
183187	2/26/2019	AUTOBUS ROLAND LEDUC INC.	100,152.38
183188	2/26/2019	AUTOBUS VENISE LTEE	6,838.62
183189	2/26/2019	CIE TRANSBUS (1986) INC.	7,792.05
183190	2/26/2019	MOR TRANSPORT INC.	3,430.69
183191	2/26/2019	RO-BUS INC.	60,672.06
183192	2/26/2019	TRANSPORT P.M.D. BRAULT INC.	19,104.75
183193	2/26/2019	REVENU QUEBEC	1,820.80

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Unfinished Business / Business Arising/General Order

There was no unfinished business.

Second Public Question Period

There was no public present.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21:08 hours on a motion by Commissioner S. Keyes.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

David D'Aoust
Chair

Gary Tennant
Secretary General