

Minutes of the proceedings of a **special** meeting of the **Council of Commissioners** of the New Frontiers School Board held at the School Board offices, 214 McLeod, Chateauguay, Québec on **Tuesday, May 26, 2020**, at 19:00 hours and at which the following commissioners were present on “Teams”, representing a quorum of the Council of Commissioners:

David D’Aoust, Chair
Lina Chouinard
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:

Kenneth Crockett
Dana Hoshowatiuk, Commissioner representing the Parents’ Committee

Also in attendance, in Howick:

Rob Buttars, Director General
Mike Helm, Assistant Director General & Secretary General

Also in attendance, via “Teams”:

Eric Colbert, Director of Material Resources
Chantal Martin, Director of Continuing Education
Cuthbert McIntyre, Director of Human Resources
Terry Savoie, Director of Financial Services
James Walker, Director of Educational Services
Luisa Benvenuti, Administration Officer
Bonnie Gilmour, SEPB Interim President
Bonnie Mitchell, NFAA President

Call to Order

The Chair opened the 297th meeting at 19:05 hours and welcomed members. It was confirmed by the Secretary General that this special meeting was called in compliance with Article 163 of the Education Act.

Chair & Secretary

Chair D. D’Aoust presided the meeting; Mrs L. Benvenuti 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.

Public Question Period

There were no questions asked.

2020-2021 Administrative Assignments

Following consultation with the Human Resources Standing Committee, the Director General presented the following list of administrative assignments for the 2020-2021 school year, which was accepted:

Director General	Rob Buttars
Assistant Director General & Secretary General (& Transportation)	Mike Helm
Administration Officer	Luisa Benvenuti
Director of Continuing Education	Chantal Martin
Coordinator, Community & Business	Chuck Halliday
Director of Educational Services	James Walker
Coordinator, Instructional Services	Kara Johnstone
Coordinator, Complementary Services	Caroline Erdos

2020-2021 Administrative Assignments – cont'd

Manager, Information Technology Services
Director of Financial Services
Coordinator, Financial Services
Director of Human Resources
Coordinator, Human Resources
Director of Material Resources
Manager, Material Resources (60%)
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Principal, Centennial Park
Principal, Franklin (0.5)
Principal, Hemmingford (0.5)
Principal, Gault
Principal, Harmony
Principal, Heritage
Principal, Howick
Principal, Mary Gardner
Principal, Ormstown
Principal, St. Willibrord
Principal, Chateaugay Valley Regional High School
Vice Principal, CVR, 50%
Vice Principal, CVR
Principal, Howard S. Billing Regional High School
Vice Principal, HSB
Vice Principal, HSB
Centre Director, CVCEC & HAEC
Centre Director, Nova
Assistant Centre Director, Nova
Administrator on medical leave
Administrator on leave to MEES

Marc-André Picard
Terry Savoie
Chantal Bujold
Cuthbert McIntyre
Gary Tennant
Eric Colbert
Dan Boyle
Leopold Hatungimana
To be announced
Jo-Anne Daviau
Eveline Taylor (*interim*)
Eveline Taylor (*interim*)
Marc Brindle
Serge Dubuc
Collin Thomas (*interim*)
Melanie Primeau
Lynn Harkness
Joanne Henrico
Caroline Beaulieu
Brigitte Barrette-Frost
James Furey (*interim*)
Anick Leclerc (*interim*)
Lynn Claude (*interim*)
Leo Scantlebury (*interim*)
Felicia LeBlanc (*interim*)
Derek Stacey (*interim*)
Bonnie Mitchell
Nancy Richer
Lina Zielinski
Daryl Ness

Director General's Priorities – 2019-2020 Year End Report

Mr R. Buttars deposited his year-end report of the priorities undertaken during the 2019-20 school year. He invited commissioners to contact him with questions.

Resolution #CC20-05-26sp-001

QESBA's Injunction Application

Whereas the National Assembly introduced a bill to reform the province's public education system entitled An Act to amend mainly the Education Act with regard to school organization and governance ("Bill 40") on October 1, 2019; and whereas the English-speaking community in Quebec has expressed grave concerns with the effects of Bill 40 on the English-language minority's power of management and control protected by s. 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and whereas the National Assembly gave assent to Bill 40 on February 8, 2020; and whereas Bill 40 provides for the election of the members of the boards of directors of the new English-language school service centres on November 1, 2020; and whereas the Quebec English School Boards Association ("QESBA") has launched a constitutional challenge to Bill 40 on May 15 filed jointly with Lester B. Pearson School Board and Mr. Adam Gordon, Chairman of the Sir-Wilfrid Laurier School Board Parents Committee, as co-applicants; and whereas, until a judgment on the merits is rendered, the application of Bill 40 will have significant harmful effects on s. 23 rightsholders' management and control; and whereas the QESBA and its co-applicants have also applied for an exemption for all English-language school boards from Bill 40 until a final judgment on its constitutionality is rendered; and whereas the New Frontiers School Board wishes to be exempt from Bill 40 before a final judgment on its constitutionality is rendered;

Therefore, it was moved by Commissioner B. Gibbs and resolved that the New Frontiers School Board expresses its full support for the QESBA and its co-applicants' challenge to Bill 40's constitutionality; and that the New Frontiers School Board also expresses its full support for QESBA and its co-applicants' application to obtain an exemption from Bill 40 for all English-language school boards in Quebec before a final judgment on its constitutionality; and

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That the New Frontiers School Board wishes to benefit from any exemption from Bill 40 granted by the courts in order to protect the power of management and control for s. 23 rightsholders residing in its territory before a judgment on Bill 40's constitutionality is rendered; and that the New Frontiers School Board shall mandate external lawyers to file a declaration of intervention in order to become a co-applicant in the constitutional challenge to Bill 40 and benefit from any exemption granted by the court from Bill 40 before a final judgment on its constitutionality is rendered.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Second Public Question Period

There were no questions asked.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 19:47 hours on a motion by Commissioner B. Gibbs.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

David D'Aoust
Chair

Mike Helm
Secretary General