Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board held Monday, April 27, 2015 at 1925 Brookdale Avenue, Dorval, QC. Notice was given at the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2014 by By-law 1(2014) and sent out on April 24, 2015 in accordance with the procedures of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, and with Section 162 of the Education Act. This meeting was “Live Webcast”.

PRESENT:
Commissioners: Chair S. Stein Day, Vice Chair N. Burke, J. Arless, N. Beaton, E. Bender, C. Berger, W. Clifford, M. Davis, L. Derry (present until item 5.1), F. di Bello (present until item 5.1), D. Olivenstein, D. Pavone.
Parent Commissioners: S. Bhargava, S. Buckingham, F. Clarke.
Student Commissioners: S. Nadeau, K. Nodzynski.
Administration: R. T. Mills, Director General; S. Balleine, Assistant Director General; C. Heffernan, Assistant Director General; F. Hamel, Director of Corporate Affairs & Legal Services; J. Hendry, Coordinator of Communications & Marketing; P. Saucier, Computer Technician.
Recording Secretary: S. Kaley; Exec. Secretary
ABSENT: Parent Commissioner M. Nalecz, Commissioner M. Sherman.
Unions and Associations: D. Bianchi; (PASA), J. Donnelly; (PTU), D. Estok (PASA), R. Gilmartin; (IASS), V. Marin; (APBA) A. Nenadovich; (IASS) A. Provost; (IASS), M. Rutherford; (PEP).

Presentation: Thorndale School Choir and Strings

The meeting was called to order at 7:56 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
   IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Arless to approve the agenda.
   IT WAS MOVED BY Vice Chair Noel Burke to add the heading “Unions and Employee Associations” as items 4A and 16A. CARRIED
CARRIED as amended

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
2.1 Regular Meeting held on March 30, 2015
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner E. Bender:
THAT the minutes be approved.
CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of March 30, 2015: Nil

3. PRIORITIES

3.1 Chair’s Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Chair S. Stein Day:
THAT the Chair’s written report, as contained in Vol. XVII No. 8/Draft (April 2015) of The Pearson News, be received.
CARRIED

Chair S. Stein Day announced the retirement of Director General R. T. Mills, and thanked him for his many years of service and innumerable contributions to the School Board. Director General R. T. Mills thanked everyone for the privilege of representing the Board for the past nine years.

3.2 Director General’s Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Chair S. Stein Day:
THAT the Director General’s written report, as contained in Vol. XVII No. 8/Draft (April 2015) of The Pearson News, be received.
CARRIED

3.3 Administrative Staffing – Status Changes for 2015-2016 (Head Office, In-Schools and Centres)

Resolution number 2015-04-#01

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2015, a number of employment status changes have been proposed by the Director General:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner F. di Bello AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the status of the Head Office, In-School and Centre administrators listed in the document entitled Administrative Staffing – Status Changes 2015-2016, dated April 27, 2015, be changed as indicated, effective July 1, 2015 and that the following status changes be made.
3.4 Administrative Staffing Changes – 2015-2016 (In-Schools and Centres)

Resolution number 2015-04-#02

WHEREAS the Administration of the Lester B. Pearson School Board has formulated a plan for administrative staffing of the schools and centres for the 2015-2016 school year, as contained in the document entitled New Administrative Staffing Assignments 2015-2016:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner W. Clifford AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the document entitled New Administrative Staffing Assignments 2015-2016, dated April 27, 2015, constitute the administrative assignment changes in the schools and centres, effective July 1, 2015 and that the following appointments be made.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFING ASSIGNMENTS 2015-2016 (SCHOOLS/CENTRES)
Vote:
12 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

4A. UNIONS AND EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

V. Marin, President (APBA); D. Bianchi, President (PASA); D. Estok, Vice-President (PASA); A. Nenadovich, President (IASS); M. Rutherford, President (PEP).
- Congratulated Mr. Mills on his many years of service in education and offered well wishes on his retirement.
J. Donnelly; President (PTU).
- Asked the following questions regarding the cuts in teaching time (of 18 minutes per day) to kindergarten children:
  - Why are the cuts being made?
  - How much savings will be gained?
  - How will parents react to the news, such as the added cost for the After School Program?
  - Are the cuts a final decision or will they be re-evaluated after a trial period?
Responses by: S. Stein Day, Chair; S. Balleine, Assistant Director General.

4. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

M. Francois Hamel, Director of Corporate Affairs & Legal Services, reviewed the guidelines regarding the public question period: a fifteen-minute limit for the entire period, a three-minute limit per inquisitor, inquisitors must identify themselves and address all questions to the Chair, questions must relate to the School Board activities, and respectful and appropriate language must be used at all times.
Chair S. Stein Day reminded the public that Vice Chair N. Burke would keep track of the 3 minute limit per inquisitor.

N. Emond, St. John Fisher JR Teacher.
- Expressed concerns in regards to the negative impact that the reduced teaching time with specialists will have on kindergarten students’ development.
Response by: S. Stein Day, Chair.

P. Fulginiti, Greendale Elementary School Teacher.
- Expressed concerns that kindergarten teachers are not being considered equally compared to other Elementary School teachers.
- Requested that the budget cuts be spread out through all of the Elementary School grades, instead of isolated to Kindergarten.
Responses by: S. Stein Day, Chair; S. Balleine, Assistant Director General.

S. Kell, Verdun Elementary School Teacher.
- Questioned if the Board has examined the very strong connection between the high percentage of music a child receives in early education and the acquisition of literacy skills.
Response by: S. Stein Day, Chair.

A. Dunn, St. John Fisher JR Teacher.
- Expressed concerns that replacing specialists with monitors is not an equivalent substitute in specialized fields such as art, english, music and physical education.
- Expressed concern about the value of cutting specialist teaching time to save money, as it will greatly affect the quality of education received at the kindergarten level.
Response by: S. Stein Day, Chair.

Online question from Anonymous.
- Questioned if the reduction of specialist teaching time to kindergarten students will result in an increase in the workload.
Response by: S. Balleine, Assistant Director General.

Commissioners L. Derry and F. di Bello left the meeting at 8:53 pm.

5. INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 NSBA Convention in Nashville Tennessee Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Chair S. Stein Day:
THAT the written report on the National School Boards Association's 2015 Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, held from March 20 to 23, 2015, be received.
CARRIED

6. EDUCATION

6.1 Education Committee Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner E. Bender:
THAT the written report on the Education Committee meeting, held on April 7, 2015, be received.
CARRIED

6.2 Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner S. Buckingham:
THAT the written report on the SNAC meeting, held on April 15, 2015, be received.
CARRIED

6.3 Home Schooling Policy - Adoption

Resolution number 2015-04-#03

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners mandated the Education Committee to review the Home Schooling Policy; and

WHEREAS the Education Committee submitted a draft of said policy to be distributed for consultation; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2014-03-#16, the Council of Commissioners approved the distribution of the document for consultation; and

WHEREAS the draft of the Home Schooling Policy was distributed to the consultative partners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board during the week of March 31, 2014, with responses to be returned to the Director of Secretariat no later than June 20, 2014; and
WHEREAS, at the December 15, 2014 Council of Commissioners meeting, the Resolution was tabled and the consultation period extended in order to receive input from home schooling parents; and

WHEREAS the draft of the Home Schooling Policy was distributed to the Lester B. Pearson School Board home schooling parents during the week of February 3, 2015 with responses to be returned by February 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS the responses to the consultation were reviewed by a subcommittee; and

WHEREAS the Education Committee, at their meeting of April 7, 2015, recommended the approval of the draft policy:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Olivenstein AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the Home Schooling Policy be adopted.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

(This document is appended to, and forms an integral part of, the minutes.)

6.4 Partnership Agreement between the LBPSB and Jade College Inc.

Resolution number 2015-04-#04

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board has the opportunity to partner with Jade College Inc., in the Vocational Training sector of the Continuing Education Department, to enhance the Starting a Business program (5764) in English; and

WHEREAS the Continuing Education Department of the Lester B. Pearson School Board has studied the details of the partnership and determined that it is advantageous for the School Board to participate in said partnership; and

WHEREAS, at their April 7, 2015 meeting, the Education Committee of the Lester B. Pearson School Board also studied the details of the partnership and determined that it is advantageous for the School Board to participate in said partnership; and

WHEREAS the modalities of said partnership are described in an agreement; and
WHEREAS said agreement must be approved and signed:
WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner E. Bender AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT approval be given for the partnership between the Lester B. Pearson School Board and Jade College Inc., in the Vocational Training sector of the Continuing Education Department, to enhance the Starting a Business program (5764) in English; and

THAT the Chair and Director General of the School Board be authorized to sign said contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

7. HUMAN RESOURCES

7.1 Human Resources Committee Report: Nil

8. EXECUTIVE

8.1 Executive Committee Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Berger:
THAT the written report on the Executive Committee meeting, held on April 20, 2015, be received.
CARRIED

8.2 2015-2016 Transportation User Fees

Resolution number 2015-04-#05

WHEREAS the Administration proposed user fees for transportation services as described in the document entitled 2015-2016 Proposed User Fees for Transportation; and

WHEREAS, at its April 15, 2015 meeting, the Advisory Committee on Student Transportation reviewed said document and recommended it be submitted to the Executive Committee for recommendation to the Council of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, at its April 20, 2015 meeting, the Executive Committee recommended that approval be given to the 2015-2016 Proposed User Fees for Transportation document; and

WHEREAS both committees recommended that the Administration be authorized to organize, at its discretion, accommodation transportation
services for students residing in zones not serviced by the 2015-2016
Student Transportation Organizational Plan:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Arless AND
UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT approval be given to the document entitled 2015-2016 Proposed User Fees
for Transportation:

a) Courtesy and accommodation services at $160 for elementary school
students and at $290 for accommodation services for secondary school
students, with a maximum of $320 per family and $580 per school year
respectively; and

b) Notwithstanding the above, accommodation services at $290 per student
with a maximum of $580 per family per school year, for students attending
the International Baccalaureate Program at Children’s World
Academy; and

THAT the Administration be authorized to organize, at its discretion,
accommodation transportation services for students residing in zones not
serviced by the 2015-2016 Student Transportation Organizational Plan,
for a fee not to exceed $580 per family per school year.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions
(This document is appended to, and forms an integral part of, the minutes.)

8.3 Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys (CSMB) Fundraiser – May 2015

Resolution number 2015-04-#06

WHEREAS, at its April 20, 2015 meeting, the Executive Committee suggested
that two (2) members of the Council of Commissioners attend the
Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys Fundraiser to be held on May
14, 2015; and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee asked that the Council of Commissioners
name the participants who will attend:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Berger AND
RESOLVED:

THAT Commissioners Joshua Arless and Michael Nalecz attend the Commission
scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeoys Fundraiser to be held on May 14, 2015.
Vote:
9 in favor
1 opposed (Commissioner M. Davis)
No abstentions

9. AUDIT

9.1 Audit Committee Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Pavone:
THAT the written report on the Audit Committee meeting, held on April 20, 2015, be received.
CARRIED

10. GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS

10.1 Governance and Ethics Committee Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Olivenstein:
THAT the verbal report on the Governance and Ethics Committee meeting, held on April 23, 2015, be received.
CARRIED

11. FACILITIES AND SECURITY

11.1 Facilities and Security Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Berger:
THAT the written report on the Facilities and Security Committee meeting, held on April 13, 2015, be received.
CARRIED

11.2 Facilities – Gordon Robertson Beauty Academy – Repairs of brick & concrete and replacement of doors (Project #1422) – Mesure #50620

Resolution number 2015-04-#07

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board received a grant, under Mesure #50620, to perform building work at selected schools; and

WHEREAS public notice was given, calling for the tendering of bids for the repair of brick & concrete work and the replacement of doors at Gordon Robertson Beauty Academy (Project #1422) to be carried out in the Summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS the tenders were received and recorded on March 27, 2015 in order to award a contract; and

WHEREAS the architectural firm ANA Architecture Inc. analyzed the tenders; and
WHEREAS, at its April 13, 2015 meeting, the Facilities and Security Committee recommended that the contract be awarded:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner E. Bender AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the contract for the repair of brick & concrete work and the replacement of doors at Gordon Robertson Beauty Academy (Project #1422), be awarded, in accordance with the tender documents, to the lowest compliant bid, Construction Savite Inc., for the amount of $192,375.00 (plus taxes); and

THAT the Chair and Director General of the School Board be authorized to sign said contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

11.3 Facilities – Macdonald High School – Repair of brick work, replacement of windows & basketball backboards, and repair to gym floors (Project #1425) – Mesure #50620

Resolution number 2015-04-#08

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board received a grant, under Mesure #50620, to perform building work at selected schools; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2014-09-#06, the School Board approved the professional firms to prepare plans and specifications for these selected projects during the year 2015; and

WHEREAS public notice was given, calling for the tendering of bids for the repair of brick work, the replacement of windows & basketball backboards, and the repair to the gym floors at Macdonald High School (Project #1425) to be carried out in the Summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS the tenders were received and recorded on March 27, 2015 in order to award a contract; and

WHEREAS the architectural firm Langlois Architectes analyzed the tenders; and

WHEREAS, at its April 13, 2015 meeting, the Facilities and Security Committee recommended that the contract be awarded:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Pavone AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:
THAT the contract for the repair of the brick work, the replacement of windows & basketball backboards, and the repair to the gym floors at Macdonald High School (Project #1425), be awarded, in accordance with the tender documents, to the lowest compliant bid, Melk Construction Inc., for the amount of $305,337.40 (plus taxes); and

THAT the Chair and Director General of the School Board be authorized to sign said contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

11.4 Facilities – Springdale Elementary School – Replacement of roof and electrical panels (Project #1426) – Mesure #50620

Resolution number 2015-04-#09

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board received a grant, under Mesure #50620, to perform building work at selected schools; and

WHEREAS public notice was given, calling for the tendering of bids for the replacement of the roof and electrical panels at Springdale Elementary School (Project #1426) to be carried out in the Summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS the tenders were received and recorded on March 27, 2015 in order to award a contract; and

WHEREAS the architectural firm Leclerc Associés Architectes Inc. analyzed the tenders; and

WHEREAS, at its April 13, 2015 meeting, the Facilities and Security Committee recommended that the contract be awarded:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner N. Beaton AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the contract for the replacement of the roof and the electrical panels at Springdale Elementary School (Project #1426), be awarded, in accordance with the tender documents, to the lowest compliant bid, Les Couvertures St-Léonard Inc., for the amount of $256,000.00 (plus taxes); and

THAT the Chair and Director General of the School Board be authorized to sign said contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.
Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

11.5 Facilities – Christmas Park Elementary School – Floor tile replacement and land rehabilitation (Project #1423)

Resolution number 2015-04-#10

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board received a grant, under File #AMT 2014-2015, to perform building work and a grant, under “Land Rehabilitation Program (2014-2015)”, to perform decontamination work at selected schools; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2014-09-#06, the School Board approved the professional firms to prepare plans and specifications for these selected projects during the year 2015; and

WHEREAS public notice was given, calling for the tendering of bids for the floor tile replacement and land rehabilitation at Christmas Park Elementary School (Project #1423) to be carried out in the Summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS the tenders were received and recorded on March 27, 2015 in order to award a contract; and

WHEREAS the architectural firm Birtz Bastien Beaudoin Laforest Architectes Inc. (BBBL) analyzed the tenders; and

WHEREAS, at its April 13, 2015 meeting, the Facilities and Security Committee recommended that the contract be awarded:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner W. Clifford AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the contract for the floor tile replacement and land rehabilitation at Christmas Park Elementary School (Project #1423), be awarded, in accordance with the tender documents, to the lowest compliant bid, Les Entreprises J. Piccioni Inc., for the amount of $310,359.23 (plus taxes); and

THAT the Chair and Director General of the School Board be authorized to sign said contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions
11.6 Facilities – ILC – Marcus Tabachnick – Replacement of electrical entrance and brick work (Project #1403) – Mesure #50620

Resolution number 2015-04-#11

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board received a grant, under Mesure #50620, to perform building work at selected schools; and

WHEREAS public notice was given, calling for the tendering of bids for the replacement of the electrical entrance and the brick work at the International Language Centre (ILC) - Marcus Tabachnick (Project #1403) to be carried out in the Summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS the tenders were received and recorded on March 30, 2015 in order to award a contract; and

WHEREAS the architectural firm Birtz Bastien Beaudoin Laforest Architectes Inc. (BBBL) analyzed the tenders; and

WHEREAS, at its April 13, 2015 meeting, the Facilities and Security Committee recommended that the contract be awarded:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner N. Burke AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the contract for the replacement of the electrical entrance and the brick work at the International Language Centre - Marcus Tabachnick (Project #1403) be awarded, in accordance with the tender documents, to the lowest compliant bid, Gestion Pachar Inc., for the amount of $196,800.00 (plus taxes); and

THAT the Chair and Director General of the School Board be authorized to sign said contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

11.7 Facilities – John Rennie High School – Renovation of washrooms – Part 2 (Project #1405) – Mesure #50620

Resolution number 2015-04-#12

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board received a grant, under Mesure #50620, to perform building work at selected schools; and
WHEREAS, by Resolution 2014-09-#06, the School Board approved the professional firms to prepare plans and specifications for these selected projects during the year 2015; and

WHEREAS public notice was given, calling for the tendering of bids for the renovation of washrooms (Part 2) at John Rennie High School (Project #1405) to be carried out in the Summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS the tenders were received and recorded on March 30, 2015 in order to award a contract; and

WHEREAS the architectural firm ANA Architecture Inc. analyzed the tenders; and

WHEREAS, at its April 13, 2015 meeting, the Facilities and Security Committee recommended that the contract be awarded:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Student Commissioner K. Nodzynski AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the contract for the renovation of washrooms (Part 2) at John Rennie High School (Project #1405) be awarded, in accordance with the tender documents, to the lowest bid, KA Construction Inc., for the amount of $203,920.00 (plus taxes); and

THAT the Chair and Director General of the School Board be authorized to sign said contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

11.8 Facilities – Maple Grove Elementary School – Various renovations, land and building (Project #1406) – Mesures #50620 & #30810 and Land Rehabilitation Program (2014-2015)

Resolution number 2015-04-#13

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board received a grant, under Mesures #50620 & #30810 and the Land Rehabilitation Program (2014-2015), to perform building work at selected schools; and

WHEREAS public notice was given, calling for the tendering of bids for various renovations, land and building, at Maple Grove Elementary (Project #1406) to be carried out in the Summer of 2015, including:
- Window replacement
- Concrete window seals repair & replacement
- Renovation of the washrooms
- Floor tile replacement
- Brick repair & foundation wall repair
- Universal access upgrades (lift & automatic door opener)
- Repair of a flood drain in the central school yard
- Oil tank removal
- Re-pavement of the east school yard & parking and painting of new game lines; and

WHEREAS the tenders were received and recorded on March 31, 2015 in order to award a contract; and

WHEREAS the architectural firm ANA Architectes Inc. analyzed the tenders; and

WHEREAS, at its April 13, 2015 meeting, the Facilities and Security Committee recommended that the contract be awarded:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Arless AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the contract for various renovations, land and building, at Maple Grove Elementary School (Project #1406) be awarded, in accordance with the tender documents, to the lowest compliant bid, 2862-5622 Québec Inc. (Le Groupe St-Lambert), for the amount of $1,501,151.20 (plus taxes); and

THAT the Chair and Director General of the School Board be authorized to sign said contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

11.9 Facilities – Beurling Academy – Repair of block walls in gymnasiums (Project #1420) – Mesure #50620

Resolution number 2015-04-#14

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board received a grant, under Measure #50620, to perform building work at selected schools; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2014-09-#06, the School Board approved the professional firms to prepare plans and specifications for these selected projects during the year 2015; and
WHEREAS public notice was given, calling for the tendering of bids for the repair of block walls in the gymnasiums at Beurling Academy (Project #1420) to be carried out in the Summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS the tenders were received and recorded on March 31, 2015 in order to award a contract; and

WHEREAS the architectural firm *Birtz Bastien Beaudoin Laforest Architectes Inc. (BBBL)* analyzed the tenders; and

WHEREAS, at its April 13, 2015 meeting, the Facilities and Security Committee recommended that the contract be awarded:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner M. Davis AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the contract for the repair of block walls in the gymnasiums at Beurling Academy (Project #1420) be awarded, in accordance with the tender documents, to the lowest compliant bid, *Rénovation en Action (9217-2097 Québec Inc.)*, for the amount of $118,868.60 (plus taxes); and

THAT the Chair and Director General of the School Board be authorized to sign said contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

11.10 Facilities – Dorset Elementary – Replacement of the sanitary pumps and brick work (Project #1404) – Mesure #50620

*Resolution number 2015-04-#15*

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board received a grant, under Mesure #50620, to perform building work at selected schools; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2014-09-#06, the School Board approved the professional firms to prepare plans and specifications for these selected projects during the year 2015; and

WHEREAS public notice was given, calling for the tendering of bids for the replacement of the sanitary pumps and brick work at Dorset Elementary (Project #1404) to be carried out in the Summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS the tenders were received and recorded on April 1, 2015 in order to award a contract; and
WHEREAS the architectural firm Héloïse Thibodeau Architecte Inc. analyzed the tenders; and

WHEREAS, at its April 13, 2015 meeting, the Facilities and Security Committee recommended that the contract be awarded:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner F. Clarke AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the contract for the replacement of the sanitary pumps and brick work at Dorset Elementary (Project #1404) be awarded, in accordance with the tender documents, to the lowest compliant bid, MELK Construction Inc., for the amount of $229,954.55 (plus taxes); and

THAT the Chair and Director General of the School Board be authorized to sign said contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

11.11 Facilities – Lakeside Academy – Building code upgrade and washroom renovations (Project #1407) – Mesure #50620

Resolution number 2015-04-#16

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board received a grant, under Mesure #50620, to perform building work at selected schools; and

WHEREAS public notice was given, calling for the tendering of bids for the building code upgrade and washroom renovations at Lakeside Academy (Project #1407) to be carried out in the Summer of 2015; and

WHEREAS the tenders were received and recorded on April 9, 2015 in order to award a contract; and

WHEREAS the architectural firm ANA Architectes Inc. analyzed the tenders; and

WHEREAS, at its April 13, 2015 meeting, the Facilities and Security Committee recommended that the contract be awarded:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Student Commissioner S. Nadeau AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the contract for the building code upgrade and washroom renovations at Lakeside Academy (Project #1407) be awarded, in accordance with the
tender documents, to the lowest compliant bid, 2862-5622 Québec Inc. (Le Groupe St-Lambert), for the amount of $1,678,570.00 (plus taxes); and

THAT the Chair and Director General of the School Board be authorized to sign said contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

12. COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 Communications & Innovations Committee Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner N. Beaton:
THAT the written report on the Communications & Innovations Committee meeting, held on April 22, 2015, be received.
CARRIED

13. OTHER REPORTS

13.1 Central Parents' Committee Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner S. Bhargava:
THAT the written report on the Central Parents’ Committee meeting, held on April 9, 2015, be received.
CARRIED

13.2 Central Students' Committee Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioners S. Nadeau and K. Nodzynski:
THAT the written report on the Central Students’ Committee meeting, held on April 11, 2015, be received.
CARRIED

13.3 School Tax Management Committee
IT WAS MOVED BY Chair S. Stein Day:
THAT the written report on the School Tax Management Committee meetings, held on March 12 and April 9, 2015, be received.
CARRIED

Student Commissioners S. Nadeau and K. Nodzynski left the meeting at 10:05 pm.

13.4 Quebec English School Boards Association Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Vice Chair N. Burke:
THAT the written report on the Quebec English School Boards Association meeting, held on April 10, 2015, be received.
CARRIED
13.5 Intercultural Advisory Committee Report: Nil

13.6 Pearson Education Foundation Report
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner N. Beaton:
THAT the written report, highlighting the Pearson Educational Foundation
April 2015 Newsletter, be received.
CARRIED

13.7 Transportation Advisory Committee Report:
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Arless:
THAT the verbal report on the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, held in
April 2015, be received.
CARRIED

13.8 International Committee Report: Nil

14. CORPORATE BUSINESS

14.1 Correspondence: Nil

14.2 Three-year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2015-2018

Resolution number 2015-04-#17

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 211 of the Education Act (RSQ ch. I-13.3), “Each year... the school board shall establish a three-year plan of allocation and destination of its immovables”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sections 193 (2) and 211 of the Education Act, the proposed three-year plan was submitted to the municipalities and/or metropolitan communities located entirely or partially on the School Board territory, and to the Central Parents’ Committee and to other consultative partners of the School Board for consultation and response; and

WHEREAS the consultation responses have been reviewed and modifications have been made to the Three-year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2015-2018 of the Lester B. Pearson School Board:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner N. Beaton AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT approval be given to the Three-year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2015-2018 of the Lester B. Pearson School Board.
14.3  Food Services Contract

Resolution number 2015-04-#18

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board is currently seeking a supplier to arrange for the provision of food services throughout the network of schools, centres and offices of the Lester B. Pearson School Board; and

WHEREAS a public notice was given, calling for the tendering of bids for a three-year (3) contract, with the possibility of two (2) additional terms of one (1) year, to supply the School Board with food services; and

WHEREAS seven (7) companies reviewed the tender; and

WHEREAS three (3) companies participated in the on-site visits; and

WHEREAS one (1) tender was received and recorded; and

WHEREAS a selection committee analyzed the tender:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner N. Burke AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the proposed contract for the provision of food services throughout the network of schools, centres and offices of the Lester B. Pearson School Board be awarded to Groupe Compass (Québec) Ltée; for a period of three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2015 and concluding June 30, 2018, with options for two (2) additional years; and

THAT the Chair and Director General of the School Board be authorized to sign said contract for, and on behalf of, the Lester B. Pearson School Board.
14.4 Banking Services 2015-2016

Resolution number 2015-04-#19

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2011-02-#05, the contract for banking services to the Lester B. Pearson School Board was awarded to the Royal Bank of Canada for a three-year (3) period terminating June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2014-02-#07, the contract for banking services to the Lester B. Pearson School Board was extended to June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, under Article 37 of the Regulation respecting service contracts of public bodies, a financial or banking service agreement may be entered into by mutual agreement; and

WHEREAS the Royal Bank of Canada has submitted an offer of service to the Lester B. Pearson School Board for an additional year, matching service fees and maintaining the interest rate offered on bank balances, as was offered on the original contract of June 2008 which was awarded after an invited tender; and

WHEREAS the service charges and interest received are unchanged and favorable to the schools and centers:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner S. Bhargava AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the contract for banking services to the Lester B. Pearson School Board be awarded to the Royal Bank of Canada for a one-year (1) period terminating June 30, 2016.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

14.5 Recommendation to MELS regarding the Budgetary Cuts

Resolution number 2015-04-#20

WHEREAS all school boards are facing major budgetary cuts, to be detailed in the upcoming budget rules for education, over and above the recurring negative adjustments from previous years; and

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board is proud of its exemplary, efficient and effective management of our resources year after year; and
WHEREAS further cuts to our budget will directly affect programs that have been developed for our students; and

WHEREAS the management indicators from the Minister of Education, Leisure and Sports (MELS) clearly indicate that Lester B. Pearson School Board has outperformed many of the school boards in Québec and still maintained success rates for our students at the highest levels; and

WHEREAS we believe that all school boards should be encouraged to operate in an efficient and effective manner; and

WHEREAS there is little incentive to do so under the current practice of budgetary cuts being based on a per capita (per student) basis:

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Chair S. Stein Day AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Education, Leisure and Sports (MELS) by the Chair on behalf of the Council of Commissioners entreatinng the Minister to make the necessary budgetary cuts based on the past three years history of their own management indicators, which will provide the incentive for every school board to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible while not allowing particular one-time costs to overly influence the results; and

THAT copies of said letter be sent to the Premier of Québec, and all the MNAs within the territory of the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Vote:
10 in favor
None opposed
No abstentions

15. OTHER BUSINESS: Nil

16A. UNIONS AND EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS: Nil

16. FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
Chair S. Stein Day reminded the public that the rules outlined by M' Hamel also apply to the second question period with the addition that questions be related to the agenda.

S. Kell, Verdun Elementary School Teacher.
- Questioned if there is government funding for various activities such as swimming lessons for Elementary School students.
- Questioned the lack of funding for Elementary School outings.

Responses by: S. Stein Day, Chair; R.T. Mills, Director General.

Online question from Anonymous.
- Questioned if the transportation fees increased, and if so, what will be the cost this year.

120
Responses by: S. Stein Day, Chair; C. Heffernan, Assistant Director General.

Online comment from Jennifer from St. Thomas High School.
- Congratulating Dominique Daoust on her new position as Principal at Birchwood Elementary School.

Online question from Brian.
- Questioned if the Beurling bathrooms will be renovated.
Response by: C. Heffernan, Assistant Director General.

Online question from Anonymous.
- Questioned what other areas where considered for cutbacks, and why Kindergarten specialist time was chosen over those areas.
Response by: S. Stein Day, Chair.

17. ADJOURNMENT:
IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Berger:
THAT, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourn at 10:40 p.m.
CARRIED

Chair

Director of
Corporate Affairs & Legal Services

Attachments (listed by/with Agenda Item number):

Agenda item: 6.3 Home Schooling Policy
Agenda item: 8.2 2015-2016 Proposed User Fees for Transportation
Agenda item: 14.2 Three-year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2015-2018