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To ensure members of the Lester B. Pearson School Board community remain up to date regarding what transpires at regular Council of Commissioners meetings, the Department of Communications and Community Development sends out summaries of the different decisions that are taken following each meeting.

Please find some of the highlights below that were taken during the March 22nd regular meeting. Different Committee reports that were presented as well as the minutes will be available at the following link by the end of the week: <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/council/CommitteeReports.asp>

1. The Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board unanimously adopted a resolution proclaiming that the “n” word must never be uttered within the confines of the LBPSB schools and centres considering that it is derogatory, denigrating and harmful to the safety and well-being of the school board community. The resolution also states that the LBPSB denounces racism and discrimination in all forms, that the board has always been committed to equity, inclusion and respect for all and that the devastating impact of discrimination can no longer be ignored.
2. The Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the Quebec government to reimburse all funds that the board is already forced to spend on school elections, which were postponed on two separate occasions last year, and is expected to finance when they are rescheduled. The resolution states that while the government postponed the elections the board incurred many additional costs to prepare for the elections and shouldn't have to foot the bill out of operating expenses.
3. The Council of Commissioners adopted the Lester B. Pearson School Board's 2021-2022 Student Transportation Organizational Plan following a recommendation by the Transportation Advisory Committee.
4. The Council of Commissioners approved the purchase of two new Ford Transit service trucks for a maximum budgetary price of \$135,000 before taxes, including all required modifications. The purchase is required in order to replace two aging service trucks with funding from the 2020-2021 Capital Budget. The two vehicles are suitable for the different needs of the School Board.
5. The Council of Commissioners awarded a contract for Lindsay Place High School Project #2006 Civil, for the West parking asphalt renovation and drainage and St-John Fisher Jr./Church joined land portion renovation to the lowest compliant bidder, Excavation D.D.L., in accordance with the tender documents for the amount of 466 305.00\$ (before taxes). The Facilities and Security Committee recommended the awarding of this contract.
6. The Council of Commissioners approved a decision that will see the current rental of facilities rates increased by 1% for the 2021-2022 school year. This decision follows a recommendation by the Facilities and Security Committee.