

Council of Commissioners  
Report for the meeting of November 27, 2017

Presentation

The Lindsay Place Quartet from the senior strings class performed.

Chair's Report

The chair made a general statement about Bill 62 and the Board's inclusive philosophy.

New Hirings in Administration Positions

Assistant Director of Finance position which has been vacant since October 2017 has been filled. Two new positions were also filled: Coordinator of Material Resources and Coordinator of School Transportation.

Questions from the Public on Labour Hearings

There was a Quebec Labour Tribunal hearing in mid-November. Carol Mastantuono is charging the school board with wrongful dismissal. The School Board's lawyer has asked the judge of the hearing for a publication ban. The next hearing will take place in June of 2018. Chris Eustace held up a sign that said, "Freedom of the Press".

LGBTQ Rainbow Umbrella

This is a non-profit organization that strives to create inclusive safe spaces for the LGBTQ youth of Verdun. A motion was passed to send a letter of support to this organization.

New MEES Budgetary Rules

The school board will no longer have to wait for confirmation of codes for students with special needs from MEES. MEES will forward the funds based on the codes given by the school board. According to the school board, this will mean less paperwork for the professionals.

## Class Action Lawsuit

A motion was passed to ask the Ministry of Education to participate in a public debate with the school boards and the public. Other school boards have also put forward this motion. The Quebec Court authorized a class action lawsuit in December of 2016. The suit alleges that schools are asking for extra fees from parents and this goes against the Education Act which guarantees free education at the elementary and high school levels.

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