

The first General Council meeting of the new school year on November 17 and 18, 2017 was attended by 105 delegates representing 60 school boards.

GENERAL COUNCIL

1. Directive on expenses charged to parents

The delegates held a closed meeting on the directive from Education Minister Sébastien Proulx to consult in-depth about expenses charged to parents. Deliberations benefited from an analysis of existing school-board policies on these expenses (see the policy drafted by the CS des Grandes-Seigneuries (<https://goo.gl/WRmo6N>) as well as from a review of the current policy in Ontario (<https://goo.gl/mUU8UU>).

2. Student transportation

A five-delegate committee on student transportation was struck. Its mandate is to collectively gather information about this from all delegates. Meetings will take place by videoconference.

3. 2017-2022 Strategic Plan (SP)

The four issues contained in the draft 2017-2022 Strategic Plan were presented to the delegates. These issues were formulated on the basis of the suggestions made at the last General Council meeting in April 2017.

3.1 Tasks to be completed in each parents' committee by December 31

It was agreed to complete a Google.doc questionnaire to validate the main SP directions (one response per parents' committee). The SP will then be officially adopted at the General Council meeting on February 16, 2018.

4. Budgetary rules and ending ADD/ADHD diagnostic validation in order to obtain services

The parents attending the General Council meeting warmly welcomed the announcement from the Education Minister concerning the reduction in bureaucracy with the ending of diagnostic validation in schools. (See news release: <https://goo.gl/qSjMQ6>).

5. Video message from the Minister

The delegates viewed a video message from the Minister wishing them a productive General Council meeting and thanking them for their involvement in the Quebec school system.

6. An important announcement concerning the next Annual General Meeting

After hearing the delegates' views and considering the major constraints entailed in holding the G20 meeting in Quebec City in June 2018, it was decided to schedule the next AGM at the Hôtel Universel in Rivière-du-Loup on June 1 and 2, 2018. Please note this in your planner – more details coming soon.