MANUAL OF POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND BY-LAWS

DELEGATION OF POWER TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

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A By-Law to delegate powers and functions to the Director General

PART 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1  This by-law is established by virtue of Section 174 of the Education Act (L.Q., ch. 1-13.3)

Article 2  From the moment this by-law comes into force, it will replace all by-laws pertaining to Delegation of Powers to the Director General, including by-law 2-97 adopted by the Provisional Council of School Board 50-08 on December 18, 1997.

Article 3  The present by-law determines the rights, powers and obligations delegated to the Director General by the Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

Article 4  The Council of Commissioners retains all the rights, powers and obligations not explicitly delegated to the Executive Committee, the Director General, the cadres or any other statutory body.

Article 5  Delegation of rights, powers and obligations explicitly entrusted to the Director General is subject to the rights, powers and obligations explicitly entrusted to the Executive Committee or to the cadres or any other statutory body.

Article 6  Delegation of rights, powers and obligations to the Director General or any other statutory body includes complete authority on the subject delegated and extends to any action consequential to this authority and useful to its carrying out. The authority conferred upon the Director General to do something includes the right not to do it or to do it in part.
Article 7  The Director General must exercise, within the limitation clause above, the delegation of rights, powers and obligations included in the present by-law, subject to and within the framework of budgetary rules, policies, collective agreements, norms, methods and procedures adopted by the Board, as well as within the framework of other government laws and by-laws, Board's by-laws and resolutions and contracts binding the Board.

PART II – RIGHTS, POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS

The Council of Commissioners confers upon the Director General the following rights, powers and obligations:

Instructional Management

Article 8  The Director General is responsible for the development and application of the school calendar.

Article 9  The Director General is responsible for the decision to close schools in emergency situations.

Article 10  The Director General may take any other measure requiring immediate action to ensure the efficient functioning of the Board's schools.

Article 11  The Director General may exempt from a subject in the curriculum a student who requires support measures. (Section 222.1, E.A.)

Article 12  The Director General may allow a school, subject to the Minister's approval, to replace a Ministry of Education's program with a local one for any student who is unable to benefit from the Ministry of Education's curriculum. (Section 222.1, E.A.)

Student Services Management

Article 13  The Director General has the authority to adapt educational services for the handicapped students with special needs. (Section 234, E.A.)
Article 14  The Director General has the authority to process derogation requests for kindergarten, elementary and secondary levels. (Section 241.1-241.3, E.A.)

Human Resources Management

Article 15  In the present by-law, the following words have the definition stated hereafter:

Hire: To establish an employment tie between an individual and the school board.

Re-assign: To transfer an employee to another position within his/her classification for which the maximum salary is identical.

Suspend: To deprive an employee of his/her employment and corresponding salary for an undetermined period of time. Exceptionally, the suspension could be of an administrative nature, without salary loss.

Dismiss: To break the employment tie, with reason, in the course of the year or at the end of a term.

Article 16  The Director General administers the current collective agreements.

Article 17  The Director General applies the government’s rules and regulations relating to working conditions for administrators and in-school administrators of Anglophone school boards.

Article 18  The Director General takes all the decisions relating to settlement of grievances or disagreements as understood in collective agreements, as well as legal disputes up to a maximum of $50,000.

Article 19  The Director General grants, when required, leaves of absence of one month or less, with or without salary.

Article 20  The Director General hires and dismisses all personnel with the exception of the administration staff.
Article 21  The Director General transfers management personnel and non-teaching professionals.

Article 22  The Director General suspends, when required, an employee or cadre belonging to any employment classification, according to current collective agreements.

Article 23  The Director General assigns, re-assigns or nominates the professionals, the technical and administrative support staff, and maintenance support staff.

Article 24  The Director General serves notice of dismissal, termination of appointment, non-renewable of appointment and non-reengagement, including those related to surplus personnel, for all employment classifications, except for senior administrators, department, school or centre cadres.

Article 25  The Director General proceeds with lay-offs and non-reengagement because of surplus.

Article 26  The Director General appoints the Board's representatives on committees established according to collective agreements, laws and by-laws.

Article 27  The Director General designates vacation and summer shutdown periods.

Financial Resources Management

Article 28  The Director General prepares and submits to the Ministry of Education any request for additional, complementary or specific allowance, grant or credit, from any source.

Article 29  The Director General grants contracts for goods and services, when the value of these contracts is equal to or under $50,000, subject to the powers delegated to schools and centres principals, as well as cadres.
Physical Resources Management

Article 30  The Director General leases movables required for the operation of the Board, in all cases where the amount of the annual lease is equal to or under $50,000.

Article 31  The Director General leases immovables required for the operation of the Board, in all cases where the amount of the annual lease is equal to or under $50,000.

Article 32  The Director General signs a lease for movables in all cases where the amount of the annual lease is equal to or under $50,000, subject to the powers delegated to the governing boards.

Article 33  The Director General signs a lease for immovables in all cases where the amount of the annual lease is equal to or under $50,000, subject to the powers delegated to the governing boards.

Article 34  The Director General authorizes alterations, renovations or repairs to the Board's facilities, in all cases where the total cost of the work, including materials, workmanship and professional services does not exceed $50,000.

General Management

Agreements

Article 35  The Director General signs contracts or agreements for administrative or educational purposes with another school board, an organization or an individual, for delivery of administrative or educational services to the Board.

Insurance

Article 36  The Director General purchases insurance to cover the Board's movables and immovables or damages not otherwise covered.

Article 37  The Director General authorized the limit of coverage required by CSST's retrospective regime and the settlement of claims under $50,000.
Other Business

Article 38  In the case of absence or inability of the Secretary General to act, the Director General signs the minutes recorded during the meetings of the Council of Commissioners, as well as any document or copy of document from the Board’s archives.

Article 39  The Director General signs, for and on behalf of the Board, any agreement, contract or act, agreed upon and established by resolution, under the authority of the Council or the Executive Committee, as the case may be.

PART III – FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 40  The Director General must submit a report of actions taken by virtue of this delegation to the Council of Commissioners.

Article 41  The present By-law takes effect on the date mentioned on the notice about its adoption (or at a later date to be specified on that notice) and remains in effect until such date it may be repealed, replaced or modified, in whole or in part, by a duly adopted By-law or the Board.