



**QESBA Election Bulletin for the week of September 29, 2014**

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Québec City – Forum "Ensemble contre l'intimidation"  
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**Global News**

QESBA is thrilled to announce that we have reached an agreement with Global Montreal to host a series of candidate debates for those seeking the office of Chairman in the four contested Greater Montreal area boards. The first tapings will take place this Friday in Montreal and will be aired over the weekend on Global. The two first boards will be Riverside and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

**Nominations are officially closed**

Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. nominations for the 2014 School Board elections closed. We have yet to receive final numbers from the DGEO due to a technical glitch in their database. We should have final details by tomorrow morning. Among the candidates for Chairman, 3 have been elected by acclamation. Acclaimed are:

**Stephen Burke at the Central Québec School Board, and**

**Michael Murray at the Eastern Townships School Board, and**

**David D'Aoust at the New Frontiers School Board.**

**Meeting for newly elected Chairs**

QESBA is preparing an invitation and an agenda for a meeting of newly-elected Chairmen. The meeting will take place at the QESBA offices on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you distribute a copy of both documents to each candidate for Chairman in your Board so that they can put the date in their agenda. It will be a session on the role and responsibilities of the position as well as information about what has been happening in Quebec City at MELS and with the government. The intention is to give them as much information as possible as they get ready for their first meeting with their new Councils.

**Election Period – Sept 29 – Nov 2, 2014**

This is a really touchy period of time. At all times we must be, and must be seen to be, neutral and fair to all candidates. With the new rules, the close oversight by the Directeur Général des Élections du Québec, and the most intense public and media scrutiny ever, we need this election to be a success on every level. The DGs will need to be in contact with the current Chairmen to meet fiduciary responsibilities, such as cheque signing, and on urgent matters. Aside from those cases, it is best if Chairmen not be present in Board Head office and advisable that DGs and other Senior Administration avoid meeting with candidates individually or in groups. We are

following the same rules here at QESBA and have been, and will continue to, send candidates to their local Returning Officer for answers to most questions. As DGs arrange for post-election information meetings with the Chairman and their newly-elected Council, QESBA is prepared to help out in any way we can, from providing technical information to acting as guest speakers to address issues, topics, or messages that you would want delivered by an arms-length third party.

### **QESBA Election Central**

Again this election, QESBA will be acting as election central for the English School Board community. We are arranging to receive election results as they are available and will be posting them in our office location and on our web site. The media is being advised of that they can get all up-to-date information at our office starting just after 8 p.m. on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. With the cooperation of the Returning Officers, we should be able to provide election results and some basic statistics on voter participation rates, etc. rapidly on election night. We will truly be a “one stop” place for information and should you want information about what is happening in the other Boards, do not hesitate to contact us on that evening. We will send you contact information as we get closer to Election Day.

### **QESBA Support**

Please remember that we are here to help. If you have questions or comments that you think would be helpful to share through this bulletin, please send them to us and we will include them in the following issue.