



## VISITORS

Isabelle Beaulac, Principal of Richmond Regional High School; Owen Schmalenberg, Vice-Principal of Richmond Regional High School.

### 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The chairman, M. Murray, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner J. Humenuik-Campbell to adopt the Agenda of February 22, 2011, with the following addition:

Add Item 7.4 – Community Learning Centre

Carried unanimously

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2011

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner G. Barnett to approve the Minutes of the meeting that was held on January 25, 2011, with the following corrections:

Item 8.3 - (English Translation of the official French resolution for Long Term Borrowing Program) Resolution No. ETSB11-01-59):

2b) Remove the word *of* and replace with **or**;

4. Remove the word **to**;

4b) Add the word **of**;

Item 8.7 - Appointment of a Commissioner for Ward 19-Bury/Cookshire/Sawyerville – Correct the name of Ms. Jennifer Bardati to ***Mrs. Jennifer Downing-Bardati***;

Item 8.7.1 – Oath of Office, Declaration of a Commissioner and Confidentiality of Information Forms – Correct the name of Ms. Jennifer Bardati to ***Mrs. Jennifer Downing-Bardati***;

Item 14 – Commissioners' Comments and Questions - 4th paragraph – remove the word **of**.

Carried unanimously

### 4. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

**Amendment to the Agenda of February 22, 2011**

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner R. Gagnon to make an amendment to the Agenda of February 22, 2011, by moving Item 7.3 – Expulsion Request, directly after Item 4 – Question Period.

Carried unanimously

**7.3 Expulsion Request – Expulsion of Student A**

The Director General presented the following resolution:

**Resolution No. ETSB11-02-63  
Expulsion of Student A**

**WHEREAS**, in his first year (began in October 2010) at Richmond Regional High School, Student A has often been suspended from school for different reasons, mostly related to violence and drugs;

**WHEREAS**, on December 3, 2010, Student A was suspended by the school for violent behavior and possession of drug paraphernalia;

**WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2011, Student A was suspended by the school for aggressive physical behavior towards another student;

**WHEREAS**, despite all the interventions that have been done and the different services and agencies involved, Student A's behavior has escalated significantly;

**WHEREAS** Student A has severe violence issues (including police involvement) and behavior problems;

**WHEREAS**, as a school, RRHS can no longer support Student A at his level of difficulties;

**WHEREAS**, the last Safe School Assessment, dated January 20, 2011, stipulates that Student A's behavior was putting Richmond Regional High School's population at risk and, therefore, request that he be expelled from RRHS;

**WHEREAS** the Director General suspended Student A until the Council meeting and informed Student A and his parents that they were welcome to present their points of view at the Council meeting;

**WHEREAS** the Secretary General has contacted both parents to assist them for the Council of Commissioners meeting presentation;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner G. Holliday that Student A be expelled from Richmond Regional High School, effective immediately.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner R. Gagnon stated that it was important to note that this has not been a frivolous decision. Much consideration and thought has gone into this matter.

## **5. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE**

This month, the Council of Commissioners and Senior Administrators of the Eastern Townships School Board would like to signal the following:

- For twenty years the Town of Lennoxville, (now a borough of the City of Sherbrooke) has been recognizing the outstanding achievement of its citizens in a variety of fields through its Outstanding Achievement Awards. At last Thursday's awards ceremony, two individuals and one sports team from the ETSB community were recognized.
- Mr. Robert Fisk, a teacher and head coach of the Galt Pipers Hockey Team was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award for sports along with his team. Robbie has been the head coach of the Pipers since 2001 and this past year led them to a near perfect season, finishing first in the ETIAC League and then taking home the prestigious Graham Neil Trophy as the Provincial Champions. He is also a tireless volunteer in community sports working with the "Apple Juice" hockey league in Lennoxville as well as Minor hockey in Sherbrooke;
- Jessica Goodsell-Maysenhoelder, a level four student at Alexander Galt Regional High School, is an avid aspiring photographer, who has captured many ETSB sports events as well as those at Champlain Regional College and Bishop's University. Through her passion for photography, she has captured and shared many exciting moments for local sports enthusiasts. She is a true role model to other youth in her community, and an example to inspire others to follow their dream. Jessica received the Youth Leadership Award.

Congratulations to Robert Fisk, the Galt Pipers Hockey Team and Jessica Goodsell-Maysenhoelder for their outstanding achievement. We wish them continued success!

## **6. BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no Business Arising.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Hooked on School Days**

The Director General presented a report which outlined the specific activities each school, center and the School Board had participated in for Hooked on School Days. This report outlined the title of the activity, the target, a description and the date these activities were held.

## **7.2 Purchase of Yunnam CY-L 1630 Lathes by Campus Brome-Missisquoi Vocational Training Centre (CBM)**

The Director of Human Resources presented the following resolution:

### **Resolution No. ETSB11-02-64**

#### **Purchase of Yunnam CY-L 1630 Lathes by Campus Brome-Missisquoi Vocational Training Centre (CBM)**

**WHEREAS** the CBM needs to purchase eight (8) conventional lathes for Machining Technics using their capital (MAO);

**WHEREAS** three (3) firms received the specifications after a public invitation to bid on the equipment;

**WHEREAS** three (3) bids were received by the CBM by the date and time specified;

**WHEREAS** the lowest bid in the amount of \$102 247.69 (including taxes), was received from the company *Machineries BV Itée*;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner R. Gagnon that the CBM purchase the equipment from *Machineries BV Itée*;

**IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

## **7.4 Community Learning Centre**

The Assistant Director General and Director of Pedagogical Services stated that the Directors' Committee had reviewed and strongly recommends the proposal brought forth by Richmond Regional High School for a Community Learning Centre.

The Assistant Director General and Director of Pedagogical Services presented the following resolution:

### **Resolution No. ETSB11-02-65**

#### **Community Learning Centres (CLC) Project – Agreement protocol between the Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports (MELS) and the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) in supporting the inclusion of Richmond Regional High School in the CLC project.**

**WHEREAS** the MELS accepts this project with obligations from the ESTB;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB will ensure that the infrastructure required for the installation of a visio-conference centre be adequate;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB will respect the principle of the equivalent or superior contributions inherent in the management of the funds allocated in the context of the Entente Canada-Québec;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB will record the financial resources it invests in this project;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB will record and document the financial value of other investments (Human resources, etc) that will allow for the calculation of a contribution of at least \$130,000 for this CLC (The ETSB must return 2 signed copies of the Entente accompanied by an invoice for \$130,000);

**WHEREAS** the ETSB will ensure the operation and support this CLC outside of regular school hours;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB will guarantee the engagement of a coordinator for this CLC;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB will ensure the production of shared success plans with its partners (school and community);

**IT IS PROPOSED BY** Commissioner P. Keenan-Adank that the Council of Commissioners of the ETSB accept the above written procedures and obligations and approve the CLC project at Richmond Regional High School, 375 Armstrong Street, Richmond, QC J0B 2H0.

**IT IS FURTHER PROPOSED** that the Director General be authorized to sign the Entente and all other documentation pertaining to this project.

Carried unanimously

## **8. DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT**

The Director General presented her report in which the following items were highlighted:

- Two very important questions:
  - What do we stand for?
  - Where are we going?
- Direction of the school board;
- Update since last report.

## **9. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

The chairman, M. Murray, gave a verbal report in which the following points were highlighted:

- A small informal group meeting was held with the Education Minister. The concerns expressed from school boards was increasing autonomy and flexibility of school boards;
- A PDG meeting was held with *du Val-des-Cerfs* on February 16, 2011, regarding the joint Vocational and Adult Education Centre in Cowansville;

- Release of research on ETSB laptop project;
- A PDG meeting will be held with three French boards in Estrie to discuss common issues;
- A Professional Development Session by QESBA will be held by video-conferencing on March 19, 2011.

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **10.1 Executive Committee**

The chairman, M. Murray, indicated that the Personnel/Staffing Report had been approved.

### **10.2 Adult and Vocational Education Advisory Committee**

Commissioner G. Barnett, chairman of the Adult and Vocational Advisory Committee, reviewed the Notes of the meeting that was held on February 10, 2011, in which the following items were discussed:

- Presentation CBM – The Centre Director gave a presentation on “Analysis – Orientation and Vision”;
- *LAAMS - Laboratoire d'apprentissage assisté par mannequins simulateurs*;
- ESL at New Horizons;
- AEP in Daycare.

### **10.3 Audit Advisory Committee**

Commissioner J. Humenuik-Campbell, chairman of the Audit Advisory Committee, stated that the next meeting would be held on March 8, 2011.

### **10.4 Communications Advisory Committee**

Commissioner D. Sullivan, chairman of the Communications Advisory Committee, gave a verbal report of the meeting that was held on February 17, 2011 in which the following items were discussed:

- Community Engagement Plan (QESBA & ETSB);
- Process of revision of communications;
- Websites;
- Show Your Talent;
- Press conference at Lennoxville Elementary School (Karsenti study on laptops);
- Teacher appreciation week.

### **10.5 Educational Services Advisory Committee**

Commissioner R. Gagnon, chairman of the Educational Services Advisory Committee, reviewed the Notes of the meeting that was held on February 1, 2011, in which the following items were discussed:

- Round table of Elementary Principals – Topic: Language Initiative;
- Summary of these discussions – Teacher Training/Expertise;
- Developed recommendations.

#### **10.6 Human Resources Advisory Committee**

In the absence of the chairman, Frank MacGregor, Commissioner Larry Smith reviewed the Notes of the meeting of the Human Resources Advisory Committee that was held on February 3, 2011, in which the following items were discussed:

- Complaints received;
- Human Resources Strategic Team – update and members;
- Administrators local agreement – highlights of the changes;
- CSST/Salary Insurance.

#### **10.7 Planning and Development Advisory Committee**

Commissioner Mr. Murray, chairman of the Planning and Development Advisory Committee, reviewed the Notes of the meeting that was held on February 15, 2011, in which the following items were discussed:

- Head office relocation – looking at renewal issues;
- Student expulsion from Richmond Regional High School;
- Quebec English School Boards Association Spring Planning and Development session on March 19, 2011;
- Hooked on School Days;
- Global Learning Institute (GLI) Report;
- Update of activity was submitted by the international division (international student program).

#### **10.8 Transportation Committee**

There was no report from the Transportation Committee.

#### **10.9 Parents' Committee**

Parent Commissioner Tina Bilodeau stated that the last Parents' Committee meeting was cancelled due to the snow day.

#### **10.10 Special Education Advisory Committee**

The Director of Complementary Educational Services stated that the Minutes were not yet available.

### **11. QUEBEC ENGLISH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Commissioner D. Sullivan indicated that only seven (7) spaces were available to participate in the QESBA Planning and Development session.

He stated that many other school boards are discussing how many people they will be sending to the Spring Conference. If anyone is considering attending, it would be advisable to look into booking a hotel as soon as possible.

It was reported that the internet task force is still active and that a meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2011. Students will be participating via video-conferencing.

## **12. SOFIE Report**

Commissioner J. Humenuik-Campbell stated that a meeting of SOFIE would be held on February 25, 2011.

## **13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Commissioner P. Keenan-Adank asked about the dates of the Planning and Development meetings. This information is available in the EduGroupe calendar.

Commissioner L. Smith asked if there was a list of all the commissioners and what committee/s they sit on. This information is available on the ETSB website.

Commissioner G. Barnett stated that the next Adult and Vocational Education Advisory Committee meeting would be held at New Horizons.

## **14. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman indicated that the following items of correspondence had been received:

- The Director General had received a letter from Pope Memorial staff and Governing Board Members which expressed their gratitude for the actions taken following their request regarding principalship at their school.

The Director General sent a letter of acknowledgement in response.

- The Director General sent a letter of appreciation to Mr. Caron in recognition of his act of kindness shown to the students of North Hatley Elementary School by preparing soup for them every Monday.
- The Director General wrote a letter to all teachers, ICT technicians and schools/centre administrators thanking them for their efforts and support of the ELS initiative and congratulating them on their success.
- The Chairman received correspondence from the Canadian School Boards Association and AGM of Ontario Public School Boards' Association regarding the national conference that will be held from July 7th-9th, 2011 in Ottawa.

**15. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner R. Gagnon at 8:37 p.m.

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Secretary General

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Chairman

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