

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

**TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
ETSB BOARD ROOM
340 SAINT-JEAN-BOSCO
MAGOG, QC. J1X 1K9**

MINUTES

Enhanced Literacy and Numeracy – Dropout Prevention – Physical and Mental Health

MEMBERS PRESENT (P):

Commissioners		Parent Commissioners	
Gordon Barnett	P	Mary Gilman	P
Claire Beaubien	P	Paul Laberge	P
Daniel Brodie	P	Cindy Véronneau	Absent
Richard Gagnon	P	Kenneth Waterhouse	Absent
Gary Holliday	P		
Joy Humenuik, <i>Vice-présidente</i>	P	Secretary General, Éric Campbell	P
Mary-Ellen Kirby	P	Director General and Director of Pedagogical Services, Kandy Mackey	P
Frank MacGregor	P	Assistant Director General and Director of Operations, Michel Soucy	P
Alice McCrory	P	Director of Human Resources, Jeffrey Pauw	P
Jonathan Murray	P	Director of Financial Services, Sophie Leduc	P
Michael Murray, <i>Président</i>	P	Director of Continuing Education, Eva Lettner	P
Tina Pezzi-Bilodeau	GH	Director of Complementary Services, Gail Kelso	P

OBSERVERS

Sharon Priest, Communications Consultant

PUBLIC

Megan Seline, President, *Appalachian Teachers' Association (ATA)*
Matthew McCully, The Record
Mike Pezzi, Parent

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, would like to send his best wishes for a quick recovery to former Commissioner Gregg Thomson.

2. QUORUM AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AND IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik to adopt the Agenda of May 22, 2018 with the following modifications:

9.3.2.6 Knowlton – Exterior and Interior Door Replacement - Deferred

9.3.2.7 Knowlton – Electrical System Repair, Hallway Renovation and Bathroom Renovation - Deferred

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2018 AND OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 15, 2018

Resolution no. ETSB18-05-104

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 24, 2018 and of the Special Meeting of May 15, 2018

WHEREAS a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2018 and of the Special meeting of May 15, 2018 have been given to each Commissioner at least 6 hours before the opening of the meeting, the Secretary General is excused from reading the Minutes.

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Barnett to excuse the Secretary General from reading the Minutes and to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 24, 2018 and of the Special meeting held on May 15, 2018, as deposited.

Carried unanimously

4. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

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:

- On May 10th at the annual ADIGECS 2018 conference held in Bromont this year, Meagan Murphy from Alexander Galt Regional High School was awarded a scholarship recognizing her positive contribution to the school, her leadership as Student Council President and her overall perseverance and academic success. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Meagan on receiving this award and wish her continued success in her future studies;

- We would also like to congratulate Charles-Éric Quirion, a student in the welding and fitting program at the Campus Brome-Missisquoi Vocational Training Centre, who recently took home 2 gold medals at the *Olympiades provinciales*. Representing the Montérégie at the competition he captured gold at both the regional and provincial levels. We would also like to congratulate the team of teachers who have worked with and guided him through his studies;
- Each year McGill University students are invited to nominate individuals for the Excellence in Clinical Education Award. This year Ms. Manon Daisomont, Speech and Language Pathologist, was one of 20 nominees and on May 13th was presented with the award for the 2017-2018 school year. Going above and beyond, providing a safe and comfortable learning environment, and allowing students to gain both assessment and intervention experience, were just some of the glowing comments students made in their nominations forms. We would like to congratulate Ms Daisomont on this well deserved recognition;
- On Monday April 30th the 4th Annual Mathletics Finals were held at the School Board offices here in Magog. The top 3 teams were invited to compete in the finals, which were live streamed! After a grueling 3 hours of amazing teamwork, the results were tallied and the Parkview Elementary Grade 6 team came out on top! Thank you to all the students and teachers who submitted videos and congratulations to the semi-finalists and the winning team from Parkview Elementary: Benjamin Maheu, Charles Landry, Thomas Languay, and Emile Harel – teachers Tina Gagné and Marc-Olivier Toussignant. Kudos goes out to our team of professionals, who bring this all together...making math more fun than ever!

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 **Schedule of the Council of Commissioners' Meetings 2018-2019**

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday to approve the following Council of Commissioners' schedule of meetings for the 2018-2019 school year:

August 28, 2018
September 25, 2018
October 23, 2018
November 27, 2018
January 22, 2019
February 26, 2019
March 26, 2019
April 23, 2019
May 28, 2019
June 25, 2019

Carried unanimously

7.2 Request for an Alcohol Permit – North Hatley Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB18-05-105

Request for an Alcohol Permit – North Hatley Elementary School

WHEREAS the North Hatley Antique Show Director has requested the rental of the gymnasium of North Hatley Elementary School on July 13, 14 and 15, 2018 in order to showcase the North Hatley Antique Show;

WHEREAS the North Hatley Governing Board was consulted and already approved the rental of the gymnasium;

WHEREAS on July 13, 2018, the show begins with a Gala Opening;

WHEREAS the North Hatley Antique Show wants to serve alcoholic beverages on July 13, 2018;

WHEREAS the North Hatley Antique Show must conform with the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec;

WHEREAS the North Hatley Antique Show must obtain a resolution from the Board authorizing them to serve alcoholic beverages on the premises and in this case must supply a photocopy of the permit provided by the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien to authorize the North Hatley Antique Show to serve alcoholic beverages on July 13, 2018 on the North Hatley Elementary School grounds in conformity with the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec.

Carried unanimously

7.3 Appointment of Principal 100% - Sherbrooke Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB18-05-106

Appointment of Principal 100% of Sherbrooke Elementary School

WHEREAS the position of Principal of Sherbrooke Elementary School has been vacated by the retirement of Ms. Anastasia Christodouloupoulos;

WHEREAS the candidate selected retains the qualifications and experience that respond to the criteria designated by the General Directorate;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner F. MacGregor that the Council of Commissioners appoint Nicole Carrière Principal 100% of Sherbrooke Elementary School effective July 1, 2018.

Carried unanimously

7.4 Appointment of Principal 100% - Princess Elizabeth Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB18-05-107

Appointment of Principal 100% - Princess Elizabeth Elementary School

WHEREAS the position of Principal of Princess Elizabeth Elementary School has been vacated by the departure of Ms. Marie-Pier Cabana;

WHEREAS the candidate selected retains the qualifications and experience that respond to the criteria designated by the General Directorate;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Brodie that the Council of Commissioners appoint Catherine Zahra Principal 100% of Princess Elizabeth Elementary School effective July 1, 2018.

Carried unanimously

8. REPORTS

8.1 Director General's Report

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

- Dropout rates comparison between Québec and other provinces; different provinces and different realities.

8.2 Report from the Chair

The Chair presented a verbal report in which the following items were highlighted:

- Class action suit process continues.
- New measures and grant monies are still coming in, even at this time of the year; we are in May! In spite of the time constraints, I want to signal the tremendous job being done by the Eastern Townships School Board Management team to use these monies as effectively as possible.

9. ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S REPORTS

9.1 Executive Committee

The Chair of the Executive Committee, Commissioner M. Murray, presented the topics that were discussed at tonight's Executive meeting:

- Staffing plan
- Resolutions that will be presented at the public meeting.

9.2 Governance and Ethics Committee

The Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, Commissioner G. Barnett, mentioned that the next Governance and Ethics Committee meeting is scheduled on June 12, 2018.

9.3 Audit Advisory Committee

9.3.1 Finances

The Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee presented the following resolutions:

9.3.1.1 Adoption of the 2018-2019 School Tax Rates

Resolution No. ETSB18-05-108

Adoption of the 2018-2019 School Tax Rates

WHEREAS Section 305 of the *Education Act* (EA) requires that for each school year, a regional school tax is levied on every taxable immovable of a school tax region;

WHEREAS Section 302 of the EA states that “school tax region” means a territory identified in Schedule I, described according to the geographical boundaries of the French language school boards and applying to the English language and French language school boards situated in whole or in part of them, subject to section 313.5 (EA), and, for tax purposes, to any immovable situated in such territories;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) territory covers completely or partially four regions: Estrie, Chaudière-Appalaches, Montérégie and Centre-du-Québec;

WHEREAS the ESTB as per Schedule I section 87, paragraph 6 (EA) determines that the school tax rate for the ETSB’s four regions for the 2018-2019 school year will be:

Estrie	\$0.18434
Chaudière-Appalaches	\$0.22586
Montérégie	\$0.17832
Centre-du-Québec	\$0.296408

IT WAS MOVED BY J. Humenuik that the tax rate for the 2018-2019 school year be set as per Schedule I section 87 paragraph 6 (EA).

Carried unanimously

9.3.1.2 Objectives and Principles Governing the Allocation of Resources Pursuant to Section 275 Education Act (EA) and Allocation of Surpluses Section 193.4 (A) – Budget Year 2018-2019

Resolution No. ETSB18-05-109

Objectives and Principles Governing the Allocation of Resources Pursuant to Section 275 Education Act (EA) and Allocation of Surpluses Section 193.4 (A) – Budget Year 2018-2019

WHEREAS Section 275 of the EA states that after consulting with the governing boards and the parents' committee, and taking into account the recommendations of the resource allocation committee under the fourth paragraph of section 193.3, the school board shall establish objectives and principles governing the allocation of subsidies, school tax proceeds and its other revenues;

WHEREAS under Section 193.4. (EA) the resource allocation committee must annually make a recommendation to the Council of Commissioners regarding the allocation of the surpluses of the School Board's educational institutions in accordance with section 96.24 (EA);

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 193.3. (EA), the resource allocation committee has set up a consultation process with a view to establishing objectives and principles governing the annual allocation of revenues in accordance with section 275, determining how those revenues are to be allocated in accordance with section 275.1, including setting out the criteria to be used to determine the amounts allocated, and determining how student services are to be distributed in accordance with section 261;

WHEREAS under section 193(9) (EA) the Central Parents' Committee was consulted on the objectives and principles governing the allocation of subsidies, school tax proceeds and other revenues among educational institutions as well as the criteria pertaining thereto, and the objectives, principles and criteria used to determine the amount to be withheld by the school board for its needs and those of its committees;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday that the Council of Commissioners approve the Objectives and Principles Governing the Allocation of Subsidies, School Tax proceeds and other Revenues, as well as the objectives, principles and criteria used to determine the amount reserved for its own needs and the needs of its committees, as it pertains to the School Board's budget for the 2018-2019 school year;

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED to accept the status quo as per the allocation of surplus for the school year 2018-2019.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2 Buildings and Grounds

The Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee presented the following resolutions:

9.3.2.1 Richmond Regional High School – Gym Renovation**Resolution No. ETSB18-05-110****Richmond Regional High School – Gym Renovation**

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* dedicated a budget of \$363,793 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2016-17 Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS four (4) companies retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

WHEREAS three (3) bids were received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date specified, May 15, 2018;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$273 435 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Grondin-Marois Inc*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Un à un architecte*, has recommended the company *Grondin-Marois Inc*, lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor plus the professional fees and taxes is \$349 560;

WHEREAS if additional funds are required to do the project stated above, they will be taken from: *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2016-17* and/or in the *RTA- Réfection et transformation des actifs* program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik that the Company *Grondin-Marois Inc* be awarded the contract for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation and that in the absence of the Director General, the Assistant Director General can also sign.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.2 Waterloo Elementary School – Light Fixtures Update**Resolution No. ETSB18-05-111****Waterloo Elementary School – Light Fixtures Update**

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* dedicated a budget of \$124,146 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2016-17 Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS four (4) companies retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

WHEREAS one (1) bid was received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date specified, May 17, 2018;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$114 907 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Le Groupe Ultra*.

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Espace Vital Architecture*, has recommended the company *Le Groupe Ultra*, lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor plus the professional fees and taxes is \$167 756;

WHEREAS additional funds are required to do the project stated above, they will be taken from: *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2016-17* and/or in the *RTA- Réfection et transformation des actifs* program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner A. McCrory that the Company *Le Groupe Ultra* be awarded the contract for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation and that in the absence of the Director General, the Assistant Director General can also sign.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.3 Princess Elizabeth Elementary School – Foundation Repair

Resolution No. ETSB18-05-112

Princess Elizabeth Elementary School – Foundation Repair

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* dedicated a budget of \$125,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2016-17* *Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS one (1) company retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

WHEREAS one (1) bid was received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date specified, May 17, 2018;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$115 970 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Construction et Rénovation Jérémie Houle*

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *ADSP Architecture et Design*, has recommended the company *Construction et Rénovation Jérémie Houle*, lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor plus the professional fees and taxes is \$146 328;

WHEREAS additional funds are required to do the project stated above, they will be taken from: *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2016-17* and/or in the *RTA- Réfection et transformation des actifs* program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Brodie that the Company *Construction et Rénovation Jérémie Houle* be awarded the contract for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation and that in the absence of the Director General, the Assistant Director General can also sign.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.4 Mansonville Elementary School – Gym Rejuvenation

Resolution No. ETSB18-05-113

Mansonville Elementary School – Gym Rejuvenation

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* dedicated a budget of \$150,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2017-18* *Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS four (4) companies retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

WHEREAS three (3) bids were received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date specified, May 18, 2018;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$135 400 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Grondin Marois Entrepreneur Général*

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *ADSP Architecture et Design*, has recommended the company *Grondin Marois Entrepreneur Général*, lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor plus the professional fees and taxes is \$179 820;

WHEREAS additional funds are required to do the project stated above, they will be taken from: *MDB – Maintien des bâtiments 2017-18* and/or in the *RTA- Réfection et transformation des actifs* program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Brodie that the Company *Grondin Marois Entrepreneur* be awarded the contract for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation and that in the absence of the Director General, the Assistant Director General can also sign.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.5 Pope Memorial Elementary School – Bathroom Renovation

Resolution No. ETSB18-05-114

Pope Memorial Elementary School – Bathroom Renovation

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* dedicated a budget of \$150,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2017-18 Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS one (1) company retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

WHEREAS one (1) bid was received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date specified, May 18, 2018;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$148 300.00 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Construction et Rénovation Jérémie Houle inc.*

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *D-Koto Architecture*, has recommended the company *Construction et Rénovation Jérémie Houle inc.*, lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor plus the professional fees and taxes is \$201 723.64;

WHEREAS additional funds are required to do the project stated above, they will be taken from: *MDB- Maintien des bâtiments 2017-18* and/or in the *RTA- Réfection et transformation des actifs* program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner M. Kirby that the Company *Construction et Rénovation Jérémie Houle inc* be awarded the contract for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation and that in the absence of the Director General, the Assistant Director General can also sign.

Carried unanimously

The Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee also presented the topics that were discussed at the May 15, 2018 meeting:

- Budgetary Resolutions
- Transportation Surplus
- School Tax Rate Adoption – Resolution
- Availabilities of the school tax bill – Letter from the MEES
- Insert with the school tax bill

- Resource Allocation Committee Recommendations
- Budget 2018-2019 novelties
- Surplus from the Spring Conference 2017

The Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee also mentioned that the next Audit Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled on June 19, 2018.

9.4 Educational Services Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Educational Services Committee, Commissioner R. Gagnon, presented the following resolution:

9.4.1 Appointment of Legal Custodian for Minor Students Registered in the International Student Program

Resolution no. ETSB18-05-115

Appointment of Legal Custodian for Minor Students Registered in the International Student Program

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) currently has a vibrant and growing International Student Program (ISP) that welcomes students from across the globe;

WHEREAS the ISP's clientele is comprised of both adult and minor students;

WHEREAS to study in Quebec and Canada as a temporary resident, the students require a *Certificat d'acceptation du Québec* (CAQ) and Canadian Study Permit;

WHEREAS to acquire both of these documents, minor students require a legal custodian (Canadian resident) appointed to them during their stay in Canada until they reach the age of majority;

WHEREAS the individual appointed as custodian must ensure the well-being of students and take full legal responsibility for these students;

WHEREAS under these circumstances, the ETSB chooses to appoint an employee to assume the responsibilities of legal custodian;

WHEREAS the employee appointed will be party to the liability insurance of the School Board to fulfill the additional responsibilities of legal custodian;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner R. Gagnon that the Eastern Townships School Board appoint Eva Lettner or Marie-Andrée Cloutier as legal custodians for all minor international students registered with the ETSB International Students Program and that Marie-Michèle Dorais will act as legal custodian in their absence.

Carried unanimously

The Chair of the Educational Services Committee also presented the topics that were discussed at the May 1, 2018 meeting:

- Presentation of the Draft of the Commitment to Success Plan
- Pedagogical Services' Priorities – End of Year Report

The Chair of the Educational Services Committee indicated that the next Educational Services Advisory Committee meeting is to be determined.

9.5 Communication Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Communication Advisory Committee, Commissioner D. Brodie, mentioned that the next Communication Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled on June 5, 2018.

9.6 Human Resources Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Human Resources Advisory Committee, C. Beaubien, presented the topics that were discussed at the May 8, 2018 meeting:

- Human Resources priorities
- Training for High School TOS for excess class calculation
- Performance Appraisal for Support Staff
- Data on short term salary insurance
- Grievances updates
- Policy of Employment practices
- Data Collection
- Posting period for teaching positions

The Chair of the Human Resources Advisory Committee also indicated that the next Human Resources Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled in October 2018.

9.7 Transportation Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Commissioner G. Holliday, presented the following recommendation:

9.7.1 Proposed Recommendation from the Transportation Advisory Committee for the Designation of a Danger Zone

WHEREAS at the March 27, 2018 Council of Commissioners' meeting a verbal request was submitted to the Council to designate an area located on "Rue Principale, in St-François-Xavier-de-Brompton, Quebec, as a danger zone;

WHEREAS the request to the Council of Commissioners was deemed receivable according to the Transportation Policy, Article 4.1.2; “Council of Commissioners approves the designation of danger zones”;

WHEREAS the Transportation Advisory Committee, according to Article 4.4.2 of the Transportation Policy, determines the criteria for the study and analysis of dangerous zones and makes their recommendations to the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS according to Article 5.4.1 of the Transportation Policy, upon written request to the Transportation Services, the School Board may recognize as a danger zone the route a student takes to and from school;

WHEREAS according to Article 1.1.1 of the “Procedures Regarding Parents’ Request – 1.6 Km Guideline” parents must write to the managers of the transportation service outlining their particular situation and concerns;

WHEREAS according to Article 1.1.4 of the “Procedures Regarding Parents’ Request – 1.6 Km Guideline” on May 7, 2018 a committee comprised of the Transportation Manager, a Commissioner, a Principal of the school and the Director responsible for transportation, will visit the site, review the merits of the request, and make a recommendation to the Transportation Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS following the analysis and the subsequent recommendations of the Committee who visited the location, the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends to the Council of Commissioners that the zone is not to be considered as a danger zone, based on the following:

- The motor traffic speed limit of the area is 50Km / hour;
- There is one (1) cycle lane, on each side of the road, with a sidewalk beside the road;
- The conditions of the sidewalk are considered normal;
- During winter snow clearing should occur;
- Confirmation from the *Commission Scolaire des Sommets*, that the designated area is not considered as a danger zone;
- Article 4.6.2 of ETSB Transportation Policy; the Parents accept the legal responsibility for their children walking to and from school or to and from a school bus stop.

WHEREAS the Transportation Advisory Committee also recommends to the Council of Commissioners;

- To send a recommendation to the Municipality of Saint-François-Xavier-de-Brompton to improve signalisation, set up cross walk paths with pedestrian priority and clear the sidewalk during wintertime.

The Chairman of the Transportation Advisory Committee read the following resolution that will be sent to the Municipality of Saint-François-Xavier-de-Brompton.

9.7.2 *Recommandation à la municipalité de Saint-François-Xavier-de-Brompton - Mesures correctives afin d'améliorer la sécurité des piétons*

Resolution No. ETSB18-05-116

Recommandation à la municipalité de Saint-François-Xavier-de-Brompton - Mesures correctives afin d'améliorer la sécurité des piétons

ATTENDU QUE lors de la séance régulière du conseil des commissaires du 27 mars 2018, une demande a été déposée par un parent, citoyen de Saint-François-Xavier-de-Brompton, afin de considérer une portion de la rue Principale (entre les rues de l'Église et Leblond) de Saint-François-Xavier-de-Brompton comme étant une zone dangereuse;

ATTENDU QUE suivant l'analyse et les recommandations du comité aviseur ayant visité l'endroit, le comité consultatif du Transport recommande au conseil des commissaires de ne pas considérer la portion visée de la rue Principale comme étant une zone dangereuse puisqu'elle ne répond pas aux critères établis à cet effet;

ATTENDU QUE le comité consultatif du Transport recommande également au conseil des commissaires, dans le but d'améliorer la sécurité des piétons et plus spécifiquement celle des élèves qui circulent vers leur arrêt d'autobus, de recommander au conseil municipal de Saint-François-Xavier-de-Brompton de rendre la signalisation plus visible indiquant la présence d'élèves et de piétons, d'instaurer un passage piétonnier (à la hauteur de la rue Leblond) et de déneiger le trottoir longeant la rue Principale (particulièrement entre les rues Morin et Leblond) en période hivernale;

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE suivant les recommandations du comité consultatif du Transport, la commission scolaire Eastern Townships achemine à la municipalité de Saint-François-Xavier-de-Brompton une recommandation afin que des mesures correctives soient mises en place afin d'améliorer la sécurité des piétons, et plus spécifiquement celle des élèves, lors de leurs déplacements vers l'arrêt d'autobus.

Carried unanimously

The Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee also presented the topics that were discussed at the May 8, 2018 meeting:

- Transportation service policy renewal update
- Transportation service optimization project
- Training of bus drivers
- Parent, MP request at Council
- GB request for invitation at TAC do discuss North Hatley Elementary School basin issues
- Transportation Services issues
- Possible strike

The Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee also indicated that the next Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled in November 2018.

9.8 Special Education Advisory Committee

The Director of Complementary Services, Gail Kelso, mentioned that the May 9 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled and she indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on June 13, 2018.

10. Parents' Committee

The Commissioner representing parents, P. Laberge, presented the topics that were discussed at the May 2, 2018 meeting:

- Visit of Ms. Emmanuelle Gaudet and Ms. Kandy Mackey
- Parent survey

He also indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on June 6, 2018.

11. Student Advisory Committee

Commissioner J. Humenuik representing the Student Advisory Committee, presented the topics that were discussed on the May 18, 2018 meeting at the Board Office.

- Commitment to Success Plan
- A video will promote the Student Advisory Committee
- Dates for next school year

She also indicated that the next meeting is scheduled for next school year.

12. QUEBEC ENGLISH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION REPORT (QESBA)

Commissioner M. Murray mentioned the following items:

- Spring conference will take place in Quebec City this week
- QESBA Strategic Plan will be presented at the Spring Conference
- Delay of School Board elections to 2020 and include e-voting
- Bill deposited at the National Assembly regarding parents complaint process. Parents will be able to go directly to the Student Ombudsman.

13. SOFIE REPORT

Commissioner J. Humenuik mentioned that the meeting took place on April 22, 2018. It was an opportunity to meet with the new SOFIE Director General, Sylvie Veillette, in replacement of Sylvie Beauregard.

The next meeting is scheduled June 1st, 2018.

14. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

- Commissioner G. Barnett attended Lennoxville Elementary School's Governing Board. Consumable fees lists were presented and adopted. Some parent and teacher survey data was shared with the Governing Board members.
- Commissioner M. Kirby presented some CLC activities that took place during the last month at the Eaton Valley's CLC. She also mentioned that a delegate from Dawson College will come to Cookshire Elementary School (CES) on June 7, 2018. CES will be the first public elementary school in Canada to join this organization of living school campuses. CES has put in place activities to promote recycling such as conducting a garbage audit, reducing paper usage with electronic newsletters etc., and invited members of the Haut St. Francois MRC to talk with students about reducing waste.
- Commissioner M. Gilman presented the CLC activities that took place during the last month at Butler and Farnham CLC.
- Commissioner T. Bilodeau presented the CLC activities that took place during the last month at the Richmond Regional High School, St. Francis Elementary School, Asbestos-Danville-Shipton and Drummondville Elementary School CLCs.
- She also mentioned the Richmond Regional High School Awards night that took place last week.
- Commissioner A. McCrory mentioned that Parkview Elementary School presented their budget for next year at the last Governing Board meeting.
- She also mentioned that she had attended the film premiere put on by the Waterloo Elementary Kindergarten class.
- Commissioner J. Murray mentioned that Massey-Vanier Regional High School's graduation will be held on June 8th, 2018.
- Commissioner F. MacGregor attended the Sherbrooke Elementary School Governing Board meeting where the main topic was the school budget. At Alexander Galt Regional High School, the cafeteria was addressed.

- Commisionner C. Beaubien attended a press conference on May 1st, with the group *Vision Attractivité*. They have met with many local and regional partners to have an overview of their reality and various projects going on. She had the chance to talk with Marie-Claude Houle (Vice President of MI Integration) and Luc Fortin (*Ministre de la Famille*) concerning the importance to have an educational representative, as part of the attraction for families who would like to settle in our region. At the same time Mrs. Houle mentioned the need for professional workers and C. Beaubien informed them both of 24U program with our School Board and 3 other French School Boards in our region. Their colloque will be held June 19, and hopefully, Éric, Kandy or Michel will be attending.
- She also mentioned that she had the pleasure to speak with Janelle McIntyre, a Cycle 3 student at North Hatley Elementary School, who cut her hair to give to *La Société du Cancer*) to be used for a wig. She was very glad to have had the chance to meet her.
- Commisionner J. Humenuik attended two out of three consultations for the Commitment to Success plan.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary General mentioned that the following correspondence was received:

- The *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* informed the Eastern Townships School Board today about new grants that have to be spent by the end of the school year.

16. QUESTION PERIOD

M. Pezzi

Q: The sidewalks are not in conformity. There is no cycle path. Based on the bus incident that took place last week in the area, is there a lack of training for bus drivers?

M. Soucy

A: *Training is taking place and more training is always welcome.*

Q: Some bus drivers are systematically refusing to speak English to our English speaking children. Will the ETSB step up and do something in order to correct the situation as it is Board wide?

M. Murray

A: *There is no systemic or wide spread problem, that has been brought to our attention, with bus drivers speaking either English or French. They address students in the language they are comfortable with. If you have specifics on an incident, then I suggest you bring it to the attention of the School Board.*

Megan Seline

Q: The \$10,000 mentioned earlier, has it been designated towards something?

M. Murray

A: Yes.

Q: With the schedule of the Council of Commissioner meetings being the 4th Tuesday of every month, is there a meeting scheduled for December 2018?

M. Murray

A: No.

Q: Will there be a Governing Board Workshop this year and if so what is the schedule of the meetings? Also will there be a distinction between the responsibilities of a School Council member and a Governing Board member?

M. Murray

A: Yes there will be workshops, most probably held as last year with one in each region. As for the content and whether there is any distinction, that will be something to come from Mr. Campbell.

Q: With the issues at the Campus Brome-Missisquoi Adult Centre, will the entente be concluded by the end of June?

M. Murray

A: Currently we are working on various ententes with the Commission scolaire du Val-des-Cerfs (CSVDC), such as Campus Brome-Missisquoi (CBM) Formation générale aux adultes (FGA), CBM, Formation professionnelle, Massey-Vanier High School shared space, CSVDC and Ville de Cowansville for the pool and arena, Sutton Elementary School, Ville de Sutton Library, etc. Meetings are scheduled and we are also facing a change of administrators with the CBM FGA due to a retirement. We are therefore working towards finalizing all these ententes as soon as is possible.

Q: Will a Director of Continuing Education be appointed before the next school year?

M. Murray

A: Yes.

17. VARIA

There was no varia.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner R. Gagnon at 8:32 p.m.

Éric Campbell
Secretary General

Michael Murray
Chairman

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