

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016 – 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 | |
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| Gordon Barnett | P | Mary Gilman | Absent |
| Claire Beaubien | P | Paul Laberge, Member | P |
| Daniel Brodie | Absent | Cindy Véronneau | GH |
| Richard Gagnon | Absent | Kenneth Waterhouse | Absent |
| Gary Holliday | P | | |
| Joy Humenuik, Vice-Chairman | P | Administrators | |
| Mary-Ellen Kirby | Absent | Secretary General, Éric Campbell | P |
| Frank MacGregor | P | Director General, Christian Provencher | P |
| Alice McCrory | P | Assistant Director General and Director of Pedagogical Services, Kandy Mackey | P |
| Michael Murray, Chairman | P | Director of Human Resources, Jeffrey Pauw | P |
| Tina Pezzi-Bilodeau | GH (arr. 7:25 p.m.) | Director of Financial Services, Sophie Leduc | P |
| Gregg Thomson | Absent | Director of Operations, Michel Soucy | P |

GH = Google Hangout

OBSERVERS

Sharon Priest, Communications Consultant

GUESTS

Megan Seline, President of the Appalachian Teachers' Association (ATA), Julie Dubois, President of the Townships Regional Union Support Staff (TRUSS), Cathy St-Jean, TRUSS Representative and Matthew McCully, The Record.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. QUORUM AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AND IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday to adopt the Agenda of March 29, 2016 as deposited.

Carried unanimously

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 26, 2016

Resolution No. ETSB16-04-57

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 26, 2016

WHEREAS a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2016 and of the Special Meeting of March 29, 2016 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 March 22, 2016 and of the Special Meeting held on March 29, 2016 with the following modification:

- Replace the digits 10.2; 10.2.1.1; 10.2.1.1; and 11.2.2.2 by 11.2; 11.2.1; 11.2.1.1; and 11.2.1.2.

Carried unanimously

4. QUESTION PERIOD

Julie Dubois

Why was the pay schedule for bus drivers changed without any reason or warning being given?
The Director of Human Resources replied that the pay schedule was changed to account for the snow day and the subsequent planning day that replaced it. A notice should have gone out to the drivers and we apologize for the oversight.

Was the Staffing Plan for support staff for 2016-2017 adopted and if so were there any changes from the last version presented to TRUSS?

The Director of Human Resources, J. Pauw, replied that yes it was adopted tonight with no changes.

Is there any truth to the rumour that the position at Massey-Vanier High School of offset printer will be abolished and replaced by using students?

The Director of Human Resources, J. Pauw, replied that the current volume of copies needed at Massey-Vanier does not warrant a full time position, therefore with the retirement of the individual currently in this position it will be closed. The final decision as to how to best meet the needs of the school have yet to be decided.

With Bill 86 still in process, should the School Board wait before adopting new or modifying old policies?

The Chairman, M. Murray, replied that as it stands now Bill 86 may not be finalized for some time, due to the arrival yet of another new minister. In the meantime the Council and the School Board must continue with business as usual and work in the best interest of the students.

Megan Seline

What is the status between the Eastern Townships School Board and *Commission scolaire du Val-des-Cerfs* (CSVDC) for the *Centre Brome-Missisquoi* Campus?

The Chairman, M. Murray, replied that they will be meeting with our counterparts at CSVDC this week.

C. St-Jean

Am I correct to understand that the printing jobs at Massey-Vanier will not be done by another employee or the WOTP students?

The Director of Human Resources, J. Pauw, replied that as he said this decision has not been finalized to his knowledge.

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:

- As mentioned at the last Council of Commissioners' meeting we would like to officially congratulate the teams from Sherbrooke Elementary School. The SES Sparks boys and girls teams won both Gold medals at the Regional Finals of *Les Jeux du Québec* at *Le Triolet* on March 20th. The girls' team was so strong that they played a mixed (boys & girls) team and won 79-2 in a participation game. The sportsmanship and incredible teamwork was impressive to watch. Congratulations to all the team members and to the coaches Mr. Ghilarducci, Mr. Villeneuve, Mr. Marsh and Mr. Raban, who led these teams to a smashing victory;
- The Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre, in collaboration with Alexander Galt Regional High School held its second blood donor clinic on April 6th. Once again this year the honorary president was Marc-André Skelling. New this year, students in the Health, Assistance and Nursing Care program were on hand to help out and work with the individuals from *Héma-Québec*. Although the goal of 200 donors was not reached the event

was a success in raising awareness and donations. We would like to extend our thank you to everyone involved in organizing this very important event;

- Once again this year the Alexander Galt Regional High School (GALT) Visual Arts Concentration students teamed up with the Bishop's Champlain Refugee-Student Sponsorship Project and held their sanctuary art exhibit and auction on April 8th. The project allows the GALT students an opportunity to create their works of art from the perspective of refugee children with the proceeds from the auction going to help the same. We would like to applaud the students and their teacher Sigal Hirshfeld, for this wonderful example of humanitarianism;
- The week of April 11th marked National Volunteer Week across Canada. We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the individuals and groups who volunteer in our schools and centres. Their contribution enriches the educational experience for our students. We would also like to congratulate the volunteers of the year, as chosen by the Central Parents Committee, Kathleen Boisvert from Drummondville Elementary, Claudelle Foisy from Parkview Elementary and Tyler Murphy from Massey-Vanier High School;
- On April 18th the 6th Annual ETSB United in Music Festival was held at Massey-Vanier High School. In all close to 300 students and their music teachers came together to celebrate the joy of music. This year's theme was 'Broadway Bound' with the songs from various musicals filling the auditorium. We would like to thank the staff members and volunteers involved for their time and dedication in putting this event together, as well as the students from the following schools who participated: Drummondville, Waterloo, Knowlton Academy, Heroes' Memorial, Parkview, Butler, Sawyerville, St. Francis and Sherbrooke Elementary Schools and Massey-Vanier High School.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Director General's Report

The Director General, C. Provencher, presented verbally his report in which the following items were highlighted:

- School visits off to a good start;
- The Sound of Music (ETSB's 6th annual United in Music Festival);
- Recognizing our volunteers;
- Thank you for the warm and inviting welcome.

6.2 Chair's Report

The Chair did not present any report but noted that the new Director General was off to a very positive start.

7. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

8. NEW BUSINESS**8.1 Confirmation of the Schools and Centres Administrative Structure 2016-2017**

Resolution No. ETSB16-04-58

Confirmation of the Schools and Centres Administrative Structure 2016-2017

WHEREAS section 134 of the Regulation respecting *Certain Conditions of Employment of Senior Staff of School Boards and of the Comité de Gestion de la Taxe Scolaire de l'Île de Montréal* states that the School Board must confirm the Schools and Centres Administrative Structure as it is amended;

WHEREAS the Commissioners have reviewed the proposed Administrative Structure for the Schools and Centres, including the appropriate modifications and adjustments for the 2016-2017 school year, during the April 12, 2016 Governance and Ethics Committee meeting;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships Association of Administrators (ETAA) has been duly consulted on the structure;

WHEREAS this administrative structure is to take effect on July 1st, 2016, unless otherwise specified;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik that the Council of Commissioners approve the Schools and Centres Administrative Structure for the 2016-2017 school year, effective July 1st, 2016.

Carried unanimously

8.2 Confirmation of the Head Office Administrative Structure 2016-2017

Resolution No. ETSB16-04-59

Confirmation of the Head Office Administrative Structure 2016-2017

WHEREAS section 134 of the Regulation respecting *Certain Conditions of Employment of Senior Staff of School Boards and of the Comité de Gestion de la Taxe Scolaire de l'Île de Montréal* states that the School Board must confirm the Head Office Administrative Structure as it is amended;

WHEREAS the Commissioners have reviewed the proposed Administrative Structure for the Head Office, including the appropriate modifications and adjustments for the 2016-2017 school year, during the April 12, 2016 Governance and Ethics Committee meeting;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships Association of Administrators (ETAA) has been duly consulted on the structure;

WHEREAS this administrative structure is to take effect on July 1, 2016, unless otherwise specified;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner F. MacGregor that the Council of Commissioners approve the Head Office Administrative Structure for the 2016-2017 school year, effective July 1, 2016.

Carried unanimously

8.3 Appointment of Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services

Resolution No. ETSB16-04-60

Appointment of Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services

WHEREAS the position has been advertised throughout the ETSB territory through the internal posting procedures for ETAA and Management members;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee have interviewed potential candidates for this position;

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

WHEREAS the Selection Committee unanimously recommends this person to the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the approved candidate will be subject to a two-year probationary period and performance appraisal process;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik that the Council of Commissioners appoint Ms. Emmanuelle Gaudet as Assistant Director of Pedagogical Services (class 7), effective July 1, 2016.

Carried unanimously

8.4 Appointment of Principal 30% - North Hatley Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB16-04-61

Appointment of Principal 30% - North Hatley Elementary School

WHEREAS the position of Principal 30% of North Hatley Elementary School will become available with the retirement of Ms. Nicole Grégoire as of July 1st, 2016;

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

WHEREAS the Selection Committee unanimously recommends this person to the Council of Commissioners;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien that the Council of Commissioners appoint Ms. Catherine Zahra, Principal 30% of North Hatley Elementary School, effective July 1, 2016.

Carried unanimously

8.5 Appointment of Principal 100% - Princess Elizabeth Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB16-04-62

Appointment of Principal 100% - Princess Elizabeth Elementary School

WHEREAS the position of Principal 100% of Princess Elizabeth Elementary School will become available with the retirement of Ms. Elaine Baylis Creary beginning of 2016-2017;

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

WHEREAS the Selection Committee unanimously recommends this person to the Council of Commissioners;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner F. MacGregor that the Council of Commissioners appoint Ms. Marie-Pier Cabana, Principal 100% of Princess Elizabeth Elementary School effective July 1, 2016.

Carried unanimously

9. COMMITTEE'S REPORTS

9.1 Executive Committee

The Chair of the Executive Committee mentioned that the following items were discussed at the Executive Committee:

- The Communications Consultant gave a brief presentation of the new website for the Centre Brome-Missisquoi. The new website is scheduled to be available May 2, 2016.

9.2. Audit Advisory Committee

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

9.2.1 FINANCE**9.2.1.1 Banking Services****Resolution No ETSB16-04-63****Banking Services**

WHEREAS the National Bank of Canada's mandate with the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) terminates on June 30, 2016;

WHEREAS only two financial institutions provide banking services to public institutions;

WHEREAS after studying the banking conditions of other school boards, the Director of Finance determined that our banking conditions were favorable;

WHEREAS the Audit Committee agreed to proceed with a *gré-à-gré négociation* with our current financial institution;

WHEREAS the National Bank of Canada has offered a one-year contract extension with an automatic renewal of one year, providing the two entities are in agreement;

WHEREAS the Audit Advisory Committee has analyzed the above offer;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik as recommended by the Audit Advisory Committee, to appoint the National Bank of Canada as the ETSB's banking institution from July 1st 2016 to June 30th 2017 with a possible one-year extension.

Carried unanimously

9.2.2 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**9.2.2.1 Electric School Bus Bids****Resolution No. ETSB16-04-64****Electric School Bus Bids 2015-2016**

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board owns and operates a fleet of school buses;

WHEREAS to maintain a dependable fleet and keep repair costs down, it is necessary to replace buses on a regular basis;

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* (MEES) has established parameters for the purchase of an electric school bus and has monies set aside for this purpose;

WHEREAS on March 11, 2016, the MEES authorized the Eastern Townships School Board to proceed with the purchase of an electric school bus;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board published on the *Système électronique d'appel d'offres du Gouvernement du Québec* (SEAO) its intention to purchase an electric school bus from the sole supplier identified in the *Programme de soutien au déploiement des autobus scolaires électrique du Québec*, namely, *Autobus Lion inc.*;

WHEREAS the ETSB will proceed with the purchase of one electric school bus from Autobus Lion inc., on a private contract basis;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted with respect to the authorization by the MEES and the government requirements (laws, policies, rules, etc....);

WHEREAS the MEES must conduct an analysis of the quote received for the purchase of the electric school bus and will confirm their authorization for 2015-2016;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday to proceed with the purchase of one (1) electric school bus from *Autobus Lion inc.*, conditional on the final authorization from the MEES.

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 Director of Operations can also sign.

Carried unanimously

9.2.2.2 Princess Elizabeth Elementary School – Windows Replacement

Resolution No. ETSB16-04-65

Princess Elizabeth Elementary School – Windows Replacement - Project #14-015-MDB-08

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* approved a budget of \$249,925 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2014-15* *Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS five (5) companies retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

WHEREAS five (5) bids were received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date and time specified;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$167,500 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Les Constructions Maurice Duclos inc.*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Espace Vitale Architectes inc.*, has recommended the company *Les Constructions Maurice Duclos 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 \$202,219;

WHEREAS if additional funds are required to complete the project, monies will be taken from: *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2014-15* program and/or in the *AMT - Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle* program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner A. McCrory that the Company *Les Constructions Maurice Duclos 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 Director of Operations can also sign.

Carried unanimously

9.2.2.3 **Parkview Elementary School - Bathroom Renovation & Electrical System Replacement**

Resolution No. ETSB16-04-66

Parkview Elementary School - Bathroom Renovation & Electrical System Replacement Project #15-013-MDB-16 & 15-013-MDB-11

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* approved a budget of \$275,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2015-16* Measure: 50621;

WHEREAS three (3) 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 and time specified;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$253,675 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Comco Entrepreneur en Bâtiment inc.*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Vincent Leclerc Architecte & Groupe SM*, have recommended the company *Comco Entrepreneur en Bâtiment 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 \$330,099;

WHEREAS as additional funds are required to complete the project, monies will be taken from: *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2015-16* and/or in the *AMT - Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle* program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner A. McCrory that the Company *Comco Entrepreneur en Bâtiment 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 Director of Operations can also sign.

Carried unanimously

9.2.2.4 North Hatley Elementary School – Electrical Distribution Panel

Resolution No. ETSB16-04-67

North Hatley Elementary School – Electrical Distribution Panel – Project # 13-012-MDB-11

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* approved a budget of \$200,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2013-14* Measure: 50621;

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

WHEREAS four (4) bids were received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date and time specified;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$39,550 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Bernard Bélanger Entrepreneur Électricien inc.*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Les Services EXP inc.*, has recommended the Company *Bernard Bélanger Entrepreneur Électricien 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 \$57,545;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien that the Company *Bernard Bélanger Entrepreneur Électricien 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 Director of Operations can also sign.

Carried unanimously

9.2.2.5 Insurance 2016-2017 Renewal – Group Purchasing

Resolution No. ETSB16-04-68

Insurance 2016-2017 Renewal – Group Purchasing

WHEREAS sections 178 and 270 of the *Education Act* state, that a school board may take a liability insurance for the benefit of its employees and that it may insure its properties;

WHEREAS the *Table des secrétaires généraux de la Montérégie-Estrie* is proposing a group purchasing joint call for tender for the renewal of the insurance policies for school boards in the Montérégie-Estrie region.

WHEREAS it is in the interest of the Eastern Townships School Board to participate in this group purchasing joint call for tender.

WHEREAS Mr. Guy Turcot, consultant for *GT&A Gestion de risque Inc.*, was mandated to prepare the joint call for tender for the “*Regroupement des commissions scolaires de l’Est du Québec*” in 2012 & 2015 ;

WHEREAS the *Commission scolaire de la Région-de-Sherbrooke* would be responsible for the group purchasing joint call for tender and receive the bids for all the school boards that are part of the group;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik to authorize the Eastern Townships School Board to participate with school boards from the *Montérégie-Estrie* in a group purchasing joint call for tender for insurance policies;

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED to mandate the firm *Groupe Turcot inc.* (former *GT&A Gestion de risque inc.*) to prepare the joint call for tender for the school boards participating in this group;

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED to mandate the *Commission scolaire de la Région-de-Sherbrooke* to carry out the call for tender for the group and to receive the bids for all the participating school boards.

Carried unanimously

9.3 Parents’ Committee

The Chair of the Parents’ Committee informed the Commissioners that the highlights of the April 6, 2016 Parents’ Committee meeting were included in the Commissioners’ kits. He also informed the Council that the next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2016.

9.4 Student Advisory Committee

Commissioner J. Humenuik reported that a Student Advisory Committee meeting took place on April 6, 2016 and that the following topics were discussed:

- School Tour of Alexander Galt Regional High School was done where the library was a highlight;
- Leadership Camp at Alexander Galt Regional High School was presented;
- Integration of International Students into the high school;
- Questions about School nurses.

She also mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled on May 11, 2016.

9.5 QUEBEC ENGLISH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION REPORT (QESBA)

The Chairman brought up the following points:

- Confirmation that the Eastern Townships School Board will organize the 2016-2017 Spring Conference;
- Initiating a new Strategic Plan Cycle;
- LGBTQ concerns to be explored in the context of bullying/violence in student life and intolerance;
- Feedback on new History Program.
- Commissioner MacGregor invited the members to provide ideas on what could be offered to Commissioners as PD for the 2017 Spring Conference. QESBA is usually the body taking care of the Commissioners' PD.

9.6 S.O.F.I.E. REPORT

The Chairman presented the following resolution:

9.6.1 Representative on the *Société de Formation Industrielle de l'Estrie (SOFIE)* Board of Directors

Resolution No. ETSB16-04-69

Representative on the *Société de Formation Industrielle de l'Estrie (SOFIE)* Board of Directors

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board has two seats on the Board of Directors of *SOFIE*;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board needs to name two directors for the period of November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2016;

WHEREAS in the past, a commissioner and an administrator were appointed to the *SOFIE* Board of Directors;

WHEREAS the administrator appointed, Mr. André Turcotte, has resigned;

WHEREAS Commissioner Joy Humenuik was already appointed and will continue her mandate;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday to maintain that a Commissioner and an Administrator be appointed to the *SOFIE* Board of Directors from April 26, 2016 to October 31, 2016;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board Director's Committee recommends that Mr. Christian Provencher be appointed one of the two seats from April 26, 2016 to October 31, 2016;

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday to support the appointment of Mr. Christian Provencher for the administrator's seat.

6 in favor
J. Humenuik abstained

10. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner P. Laberge congratulated Alexander Galt Regional High School for the visibility that they are offering to grade 6 students especially with holding the badminton tournament, visit to the Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre, etc. The students participating viewed Alexander Galt Regional High School in a positive way.

Commissioner A. McCrory mentioned that Massey-Vanier High School is also inviting grade 6 students to visit the school.

She also asked if old computers parts would be available so as to allow students to work in fixing computers. This is through a program being overseen by Michael Herman.

Commissioner G. Holliday shared activities that are going on at Richmond Regional High School's CLC:

- Robotics Club competition;
- Mother Goose Program, etc.

He also mentioned the new grant that the CLC received from the Townshippers' Association in order to revamp the art room at Richmond Regional High School.

Commissioner C. Beaubien attended the second blood donor clinic at Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre organized in collaboration with Alexander Galt Regional High School. She mentioned that it is bad that, in the news, Alexander Galt Regional High School was always mentioned instead of Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre.

Tomorrow the Mathletics Competition will take place. You can get all details of this competition on the Eastern Townships School Board website.

Ayers' Cliff Elementary School Spring Concert and fundraising spaghetti supper was held on April 21.

Volunteer Recognition Award: very good speeches from Principals and a variety of activities and level of involvement were highlighted by the diversity of volunteers (grandparents, mothers, retirees, father after night shift, etc.). All good ideas.

May 2nd will be the first Planning Committee meeting for the Spring Conference 2017 with F. MacGregor, G. Holliday and a number of Principals. She asked Commissioners to send some suggestions for conference workshops.

Commissioner G. Barnett attended Lennoxville Elementary School Governing Board meeting where they discussed the Tell them from me (TTFM), cost of meals at the cafeteria, consumable fees, etc.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

J. Dubois

Even if the electrical bus route is not defined yet, would it not be easier to recharge the battery keeping it in town?

The Chairman, M. Murray, replied that the route will be determined on a number of factors, but as this is a project that will provide information to the MEES, any and all types of routes will be considered.

Because we do not know when Bill 86 will be put into place, don't you think that we better wait to modify policies within our board?

The Chairman, M. Murray, repeated to Ms. Dubois the same answer that he gave her earlier in the meeting. In the meantime, the Council and the School Board must continue with business as usual and work in the best interest of the students.

M. Seline

At which level are decisions are made regarding teaching Principals?

The Chairman, M. Murray, replied that these decisions are made at the Governance and Ethics committee based on recommendations from Senior Management.

May I congratulate Sharon Priest for the work done on the new Centre Brome-Missisquoi website.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner C. Beaubien at 9:00 p.m.

Éric Campbell
Secretary General

Michael Murray
Chairman

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