

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015 – 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, Member	P
Daniel Brodie	P	Cindy Véronneau	Absent
Richard Gagnon	P	Kenneth Waterhouse	P
Gary Holliday	P		
Joy Humenuik, Vice-Chairman	P	Administrators	
Mary-Ellen Kirby	P	Secretary General, Éric Campbell	P
Frank MacGregor	P	Director General, André Turcotte	Absent
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	Director of Financial Services, Sophie Leduc	P
Gregg Thomson	P	Director of Operations, Michel Soucy	P

GH = Google Hangout

OBSERVERS

Sharon Priest, Communications Consultant

GUESTS

Megan Seline, Appalachians' Teachers Association (ATA) President, Matthew McCully, The Record, Gail Klinck, Teacher, ATA Representative, France Gagné, Teacher, ATA Representative, Barbra Plouffe, Teacher at Knowlton Academy.

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 April 28, 2015 with the addition of the following item:

- Item 6.1 - Bursaries.

Carried unanimously

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 24, 2015

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-94

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 24, 2015

WHEREAS a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2015 has 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 24, 2015.

Carried unanimously

4. QUESTION PERIOD

M. Seline

Q: Concerning the request by teachers from the Brome-Missisquoi Campus teachers for a meeting with Commissioners, will the meeting be taking place and if so, when?

A: *M. Murray replied that the process had been started but due to the absence of the Director General, who is on sick leave, there will be a delay.*

F. Gagné, teacher

Q: Ms. Gagné asked clarifications as to whether teachers are salaried or remunerated by hour in view of the government proposal to add three hours to their workload?

R: *Mr. Murray replied that teachers are recognized as professionals and that the changes in number of hours are to their presence time in school and not in addition to their overall workload.*

Q: In order to better understand teachers' concerns, I extend an invitation for any Commissioners to join me and teach my class for half a day.

R.: Mr. Murray thanked her for her invitation but remind her that the Council is comprised of a number of retired teachers and administrators who are well aware of their reality.

G. Klinck, teacher

Q: In reference to the proposed changes in the granting of special leaves for teachers which could make it more difficult to request a special leave for example for the funeral of an ex-spouse or family member, does the School Board support this proposed modification?

R: Mr. Murray replied that the Council of Commissioners cannot enter into the minutia of the negotiations that many articles for now are being brought up as negotiating tactics and may not come to fruition.

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:

- The St. Francis Naturalist Society is a local group that has been sponsoring environmental education in ETSB schools both through local initiatives and the Earth Values Institute. With the Institute they have been sponsoring the Naturalist Tour for over 25 years and have spent over \$150,000 for ETSB schools. The workshops offered by the Earth Values Institute are excellent and great hands-on learning experiences for students. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their generous support and recognize their invaluable contribution to our students;
- Each year student's from Heroes' Memorial Elementary School participate in the local Cowansville Lion's Club's Remembrance Day Peace Poster Contest. This year three students from the school were recognized for their submissions. First prize was awarded to Anne Warner, second to Natasha Peddle and third to Isaac Gonnin. Congratulations to winners and all the students who participated. As well we would like to extend our appreciation to the Lion's Club for their support;
- We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Kathy Napier, a teacher at Drummondville Elementary School on having been chosen by the Association of Teachers of English of Quebec (ATEQ) as this year's recipient of the John Gaw award. Ms. Napier was chosen from candidates that were nominated from English language schools across the Province. John Gaw was the first English Language Arts Coordinator of Curriculum at the then Department of Education in Quebec. The John Gaw Award honours his vision and leadership within the ELA community and is presented to an outstanding English Language Arts Educator in Quebec who exhibits the following leadership qualities:
 - A leadership which has shown collaboration and collegiality;
 - A leadership which has required planning, organization and perseverance;
 - A leadership which has shown openness, perception, flexibility and honesty.

- Each year schools and centres from the ETSB submit applications for the local Entrepreneurial Contest. Those school projects chosen as local winners are then submitted at the regional level for consideration. This year the ETSB will be submitting in the Montérégie region; “Basket Care” by Cycle 2 students at Waterloo Elementary and “Fairy Potter” by Cycle 3 students also at Waterloo Elementary and for the Estrie region we will be submitting; “Babies & Kids Bazaar” by cycle 3 students at Saint-Francis Elementary and “A Battle for Marc-André Skelling” by the Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre. Congratulations to the local winners and we wish them good luck for the next round;
- On March 23rd, Caroline and Jonathan Bowering, students in the Professional Cooking Program at the Brome-Missisquoi Campus Vocational Training Centre took first place at the *Produits Alimentaires Berthelet’s Défi culinaire Nappe Blanche 2015*. Participants in the contest area asked to create their own sauce, starting with the Nappe Blanche demi-glace from Berthelet and accompany it with meat of their choosing. Jonathan and Caroline each received a \$500 scholarship for their winning creations. We would like to extend our congratulations to them and wish them continued success;
- On April 20th the 5th Annual ETSB United in Music Festival was held at Massey-Vanier High School. In all over 300 students and music teachers came together to celebrate the joy of music. This year’s theme was ‘A Jamboree’, with the songs of country music filling the auditorium. We would like to thank the staff members and volunteers involved for their time and dedication putting this event together, as well as the students from the following schools who participated: Drummondville, Waterloo, Knowlton, Heroes’ Memorial, Parkview, Butler, Sawyerville, Saint Francis and Sherbrooke Elementary Schools and Massey-Vanier High School, Alexander Galt Regional High School and Richmond Regional High School;
- On April 26th the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, the Honorable Pierre Duchesne, awarded four ETSB students from the Estrie region with the Lieutenant Governor’s Bronze Medal for Youth. We would like to congratulate the following students are receiving this prestigious award which recognizes their hard work and dedication; Abigail McLean (AGRHS), Matthew Robb (AGRHS), Chelsea Morin (RRHS) and Benjamin Schmalenberg (RRHS).

6. BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 Bursaries

Commissioner A. McGrory invited the Council members to continue their donations to the Council Scholarship and Bursary Fund, that the need was even greater considering that the number of commissioners has been reduced and therefore could affect the amount collected and returned to the schools.

7. NEW BUSINESS**7.1 Youth Sector 2015-2016 School Year Calendar**

The Director of Human Resources presented the 2015-2016 Youth Sector Calendar.

**Resolution No. ETSB15-04-95
2015-2016 School Year Calendar**

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner R. Gagnon to approve the 2015-2016 school year calendar, as deposited.

Carried unanimously

7.2 Daycare Services at Ayer's Cliff Elementary School**Resolution No. ETSB15-04-96
Daycare Services at Ayer's Cliff Elementary School**

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec has mandated school boards to provide daycare services for school age children within the framework of the regulations established by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research (*MEESR*);

WHEREAS the Governing Board of Ayer's Cliff Elementary School has requested daycare services at Ayer's Cliff Elementary School;

WHEREAS the daycare service to be established at Ayer's Cliff Elementary School will conform to all regulations governing daycare services in schools;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien to approve the Ayer's Cliff Elementary School Governing Board's request to establish daycare services for school age children at the Ayer's Cliff Elementary School, beginning in August 2015.

Carried unanimously

7.3 Daycare Services at North Hatley Elementary School**Resolution No. ETSB15-04-97
Daycare Services at North Hatley Elementary School**

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec has mandated school boards to provide daycare services for school age children within the framework of the regulations established by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research (*MEESR*);

WHEREAS the Governing Board of North Hatley Elementary School has requested daycare services at North Hatley Elementary School;

WHEREAS the daycare service to be established at North Hatley Elementary School will conform to all regulations governing daycare services in schools;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien to approve the North Hatley Elementary School Governing Board's request to establish daycare services for school age children at the North Hatley Elementary School, beginning in August 2015.

Carried unanimously

7.4 Daycare Services at Pope Memorial Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-98

Daycare Services at Pope Memorial Elementary School

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec has mandated school boards to provide daycare services for school age children within the framework of the regulations established by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research (*MEESR*);

WHEREAS the Governing Board of Pope Memorial Elementary School has requested daycare services at Pope Memorial Elementary School;

WHEREAS the daycare service to be established at Pope Memorial Elementary School will conform to all regulations governing daycare services in schools;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner M. Kirby to approve the Pope Memorial Elementary School Governing Board's request to establish daycare services for school age children at the Pope Memorial Elementary School, beginning in August 2015.

Carried unanimously

7.5 Appointment of Principal 50% - Ayer's Cliff Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-99

Appointment of Principal 50% - Ayer's Cliff Elementary School

WHEREAS the position of Principal 50% of Ayer's Cliff Elementary School will become available with the resignation of Ms. Del Springate as Principal to return to teaching full-time, as of July 1st, 2015;

WHEREAS the Senior Administrative team unanimously recommends this person to the Council of Commissioners to fill the position of Principal 50%, Ayer's Cliff Elementary School;

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

WHEREAS ETAA was consulted on this change;

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

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien that the Council of Commissioners appoint Ms. Catherine Zahra, Principal 50% of Ayer's Cliff Elementary School, effective July 1st, 2015.

Carried unanimously

7.6 Appointment of Principal 100% - Heroes' Memorial Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-100

Appointment of Principal 100% - Heroes' Memorial Elementary School

WHEREAS the position of Principal (100%) – Heroes' Memorial Elementary School will be vacated with the announcement of retirement of the current principal, Mr. Terry Bell, effective July 18, 2015;

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

WHEREAS the Selection Committee has 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 one-year probationary period and performance appraisal process;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner A. McCrory that the Council of Commissioners appoint Ms. Anne Stairs to the position of Principal (100%) of Heroes' Memorial Elementary School (class 6) effective July 1, 2015.

Carried unanimously

8. DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

There was no Director General's report.

9. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair, M. Murray, commented on Premier Couillard's comments that English School Boards should negotiate an alternative to School Board elections with the government. Mr. Murray countered that our position is to turn our energy towards increasing voter turnout.

10. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Executive Committee

The Chairman reported that they discussed the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar and the staffing plan at the Executive meeting.

10.2 Governance and Ethics

Commissioner R. Gagnon mentioned that the notes of the April 21, 2015 meeting were included in the Commissioners' kits. He also mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled on May 19, 2015.

10.3 Audit Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee, J. Humenuik, informed the Council that the notes of the April 9, 2015 meeting were included in the Commissioner's kits. She also indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on May 12, 2015.

Commissioner J. Humenuik also presented the following resolutions:

10.3.1 Signing Officers for National Bank

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-101 **Signing Officers for National Bank**

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) appointed the National Bank to provide banking services;

WHEREAS the accepted bid received from the National Bank also includes banking services for ETSB schools and centres;

WHEREAS the National Bank requires the names of representatives authorized to sign banking documents on behalf of ETSB schools and centres;

WHEREAS new assignments have changed the names of representatives at Richmond Regional High School;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik that the following individual be authorized to sign banking documents on behalf of her school:

Richmond Regional High School

Lori Hill (add)

Carried unanimously

10.3.2 Windows Replacement Project (Phase 2) at Alexander Galt Regional High School

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-102

Windows Replacement Project (Phase 2) at Alexander Galt Regional High School

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (MEESR)* approved a budget of \$185,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des Bâtiments 2014-15* Measure: 50621;

WHEREAS five (5) 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 \$174,000 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Grondin Marois inc.*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Jubinville & Associés Architectes*, 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 (professional fees and taxes included) is \$215,529.41;

WHEREAS if additional funds are required to complete the project, monies will be taken from the surplus of the global envelopes of *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2014-15* program and/or in the *AMT - Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle* 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 Director of Operations can also sign.

Carried unanimously

10.3.3 Fire Alarm System & Outside Doors up to code at Alexander Galt Regional High School

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-103

Fire Alarm System & Outside Doors up to code at Alexander Galt Regional High School

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) has dedicated a budget of \$200,000 for the project stated above, under the program *AMT - Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle 2015-16*;

WHEREAS delays which the ETSB faces, forces us to present the resolution on a budgetary basis;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted as soon as the results of the call for tenders will be known;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted in respect of budget dedicated by ETSB for this project (contract, professional fees & taxes included) and the ETSB's purchase policy and government requirements (laws, policies, rules, etc...);

WHEREAS if additional funds are required to complete the project, monies will be taken from the global envelopes of *AMT - Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle program*;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted according to the recommendations of the professional firm;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik to proceed, in conformity with the authorized budget and the ETSB's purchase policy and government requirements (laws, policies, rules, etc.), 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

10.3.4 Bathroom Renovation at Ayer's Cliff Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-104

Bathroom Renovation at Ayer's Cliff Elementary School

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (MEESR)* approved a budget of \$150,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2014-15 Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS six (6) 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 \$150,615 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Comco – Entrepreneurs en Bâtiment*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned Professional firm of *François Parenteau Architecte*, has recommended the company *Comco – Entrepreneurs en Bâtiment*, lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor (professional fees and taxes included) is \$196,280;

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

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik that the Company *Comco – Entrepreneurs en bâtiment* 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

10.3.5 Emergency Stairs up to code (Phase 1) at Butler Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-105

Emergency Stairs up to code (Phase 1) at Butler Elementary School

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) has dedicated a budget of \$75,000 for the project stated above, under the program *AMT - Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle 2015-16*;

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 and time specified;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$18,410.38 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *SDX Mécanique*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned Professional firm of *David Leslie Architecte*, has recommended the company *SDX Mécanique*, lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor (professional fees and taxes included) is \$31,841.63;

WHEREAS if additional funds are required to complete the project, monies will be taken from the surplus of the global envelopes of *AMT - Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle* program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner R. Gagnon that the Company *SDX Mécanique* 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

10.3.6 Bathroom Renovation – Phase 1 at Heroes’ Memorial Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-106

Bathroom Renovation – Phase 1 at Heroes’ Memorial Elementary School

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (MEESR)* approved a budget of \$200,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des Bâtiments 2014-15* Measure: 50621;

WHEREAS six (6) companies retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

WHEREAS two (2) bids were received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date and time specified;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$150,200 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Entrepreneurs en Bâtiment - Comco*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Vincent Leclerc Architecte*, has recommended the company *Entrepreneurs en Bâtiment - Comco*, lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor (professional fees and taxes included) is \$197,871.98;

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

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Thomson that the Company *Entrepreneurs en Bâtiment - Comco* 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

10.3.7 Bathroom Renovation (Phase 2) at Lennoxville Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-107

Bathroom Renovation (Phase 2) at Lennoxville Elementary School

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (MEESR)* approved a budget of \$200,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des Bâtiments 2014-15* Measure: 50621;

WHEREAS delays which the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) faces, forces us to present the resolution on a budgetary basis for the amount of \$275,000;

WHEREAS the professional firm *Espace Vitale Architecture* estimated the overall project at \$275,000 all inclusive;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted as soon as the results of the call for tenders will be known;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted in respect of authorization by the *MEESR* for this project (contract, professional fees & taxes included) and the ETSB's purchase policy and government requirements (laws, policies, rules, etc...);

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

WHEREAS the contract will be granted according to the recommendations of the professional firm;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Barnett to proceed, in conformity with the authorization by the *MEESR* and the ETSB's purchase policy and government requirements, 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

10.3.8 Steam Heating System Replacement – Massey-Vanier High School

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-108

Steam Heating System Replacement – Massey-Vanier High School

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (MEESR)* approved a budget of \$125,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2014-2015* Mesure : 50621;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board in collaboration with the *Commission scolaire du Val-des-Cerfs* wants to replace the steam heating system at Massey-Vanier High School;

WHEREAS the *CSVDC* is in charge of the call for tenders for the Massey-Vanier High School Campus;

WHEREAS the total cost of the project is shared 50%/50% between the *Commission scolaire du Val-des-Cerfs* and the Eastern Townships School Board;

WHEREAS five (5) bids were received by the *Commission scolaire du Val-des-Cerfs* by the date and time specified;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$186,000 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *GroupTech inc.*;

WHEREAS the assigned professional firm *Cima+*, after reviewing the bids, has recommended the company *GroupTech inc.* to do the work;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor plus the professional fees and taxes is \$253,434;

WHEREAS the amount of the Eastern Townships School Board's share is \$126,717 (including fees and taxes);

WHEREAS all additional funds needed to complete the project will be taken from the surplus of the global envelopes of the *Maintien des bâtiments (MDB) 2014-2015* program and/or the *Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle (AMT) 2014-2015* program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik to proceed with the project;

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

10.3.9 Request to the *ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche (MEESR)* for additional space at Drummondville Elementary School

Resolution No. ETSB15-04-109

Request to the *ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche (MEESR)* for additional space at Drummondville Elementary School

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board has the obligation to offer its students the appropriate and adequate space for learning;

WHEREAS the regions served by Drummondville Elementary School face an important economic and demographic growth;

WHEREAS it has been necessary to rent temporary space in order to accommodate the current student population of Drummondville Elementary School;

WHEREAS according to *MEESR* criteria and student enrolment projections for 2015 to 2020, there is a need for additional space at Drummondville Elementary School;

WHEREAS the student capacity analysis for the Drummondville Elementary School building validates the need for additional space, in order to adequately serve the student population of Drummondville Elementary School;

WHEREAS the need for additional space warrants the construction of a new school or major expansion of the existing school in order to adequately serve the student population of Drummondville Elementary School;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board must submit requests for additional space in the program *Plan quinquennal des infrastructures 2016-2026* before the end of the current school year;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner T. Pezzi-Bilodeau that the Eastern Townships School Board must forward a request to *MEESR* in the program *Plan quinquennal des infrastructures 2016-2026* for the construction of a new school or the expansion of the existing school in Drummondville;

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documents and that in the absence of the Director General, the Director of Financial Services and the Director of Operations can also sign.

Carried unanimously

10.4 Communications Advisory Committee

The Chairman of the Communications Advisory Committee, D. Brodie, informed the Council that the notes of the March 31, 2015 meeting were included in the Commissioners' kits. He also indicated that the next meeting scheduled on May 5 is postponed to June 11, 2015.

10.5 Human Resources Advisory Committee

Commissioner G. Barnett informed the Council that the notes of the April 7, 2015 meeting were included in the Commissioners' kits. He also indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on May 14 and another on June 2, 2015.

10.6 Transportation Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Transportation Committee, Commissioner G. Holliday, informed the Council that the notes of the April 7, 2015 meeting were included in the Commissioners' kits. He also indicated that there are no other meetings scheduled this year.

10.7 Special Education Advisory Committee

The Director of Pedagogical Services, K. Mackey, informed the Council that the meeting of April 8, 2015 was cancelled. She also mentioned that the notes of the March 11, 2015 meeting will be included in the next Commissioners' kits. The next meeting is scheduled on May 13, 2015.

10.8 Parents' Committee

Parent Commissioner P. Laberge informed the Council that the highlights of the April 1st 2015 meeting are included in the Commissioners' kits. He also indicated that the next meeting will be held on May 6, 2015.

10.9 Student Advisory Committee

From the Student Advisory Committee (SAC), Commissioner J. Humenuik mentioned that there was a meeting this afternoon at Massey-Vanier High School. She also indicated that the next meeting will take place on May 7 at 6:00 p.m.

11. QUEBEC ENGLISH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Commissioner F. MacGregor mentioned that the April 10, 2015 QESBA Board of Directors Report and the President's Report to the Board of Directors were included in the Commissioners' kits.

12. S.O.F.I.E. REPORT

Commissioner J. Humenuik informed the Council that the next SOFIE meeting will take place on May 1st 2015.

13. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner J. Humenuik expressed that having the Student Advisory Committee meet in a different high school has been a good opportunity for these students to see another school of the Eastern Townships School Board;

Commissioner F. MacGregor congratulated the Sherbrooke Elementary School Governing Board and staff who worked hard to reduce consumable fees for parents. Very productive.

Commissioner Beaubien mentioned that the students of Sunnyside School presented a fabulous 90-minute circus performance on April 10th. It featured a mix of skills all intertwined and staged to present a modern, fun and energetic circus show. The 25 separate acts gave a chance for every student to be a part of the show. Circus is a perfect example of the new kind of physical education classes where all students can find something that shows their talents, so they want to come to gym and be physically active. It was also the theme for learning throughout the school.

Commissioner G. Thomson mentioned that the Talent Show at Massey-Vanier High School, "Freak Show", was great.

Commissioner A. McCrory mentioned that the Massey-Vanier High School Awards Night will take place on June 3, at 6:15 p.m.

Commissioner T. Pezzi-Bilodeau mentioned that the Fun Run will take place at Richmond Regional High School on May 7. She also mentioned that Asbestos-Danville-Shipton Elementary School and Saint-Francis Elementary School will attend the event as well.

Commissioner T. Pezzi-Bilodeau indicated that the French teachers at Asbestos-Danville-Shipton will participate in the Leucan campaign.

Commissioner M. Kirby is pleased to say that the Eaton Valley CLC is doing very well with a lot of activities.

Commissioner D. Brodie enumerated some activities that took place at the Memphremagog CLC. He mentioned that a Mathematics competition will take place on May 8, 2015 at Waterloo Elementary School.

He also mentioned that Cookshire Elementary School will celebrate its 130 years this Saturday, May 2nd at 12:30 p.m.

Commissioner P. Laberge mentioned that they are piloting a program at Sherbrooke Elementary School for students 7 to 12 years old to expose them to computer programming.

Commissioner G. Barnett mentioned that Lennoxville Elementary School's Governing Board worked on consumable fees. It was an interesting discussion. He also mentioned that the A.G.R.H.S. play was last week and that it was an excellent musical play!

The Alexander Galt Regional High School's (Galt) Governing Board and the Eastern Townships Learning Centre (ETLC) met this week in order to prepare the integration of the ETLC into Galt next year. There were interesting discussions.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary General indicated that a letter from the Drummondville Elementary School was received indicating their desire to remain part of the Eastern Townships School Board.

15. QUESTION PERIOD

M. Seline

Q: Is there someone at the School Board level looking after the concerns of the adult and vocational sectors, and if so, is there a Vocational Training Advisory Committee where issues can be addressed?

R: Mr. Murray replied that the Governance and Ethics Committee covers all matters of pedagogy and they are including the adult and vocational sectors.

Q: In the local agreement, the list of teaching vacancies is due May 16. Will that date be respected this year?

R: The Director of Human Resources, J. Pauw, replied that they are currently identifying the needs of all schools and hope therefore to be on schedule this year.

Q: Is the Council concerned that as with other legislation, a bill to abolish school board elections could be decreed?

R: Mr. Murray replied that yes, we are concerned and taking action through our various associations.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner R. Gagnon at 9:27 p.m.

Éric Campbell
Secretary General

Michael Murray
Chairman

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