

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 – 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	Absent
Daniel Brodie	P	Cindy Véronneau	Absent
Richard Gagnon	P	Kenneth Waterhouse	P
Gary Holliday	Absent		
Joy Humenuik, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	P	DC	
Mary-Ellen Kirby	GH	Secretary General, Éric Campbell	P
Frank MacGregor	GH	Director General, Christian Provencher	P
Alice McCrory	Absent	Assistant Director General and Director of Pedagogical Services, Kandy Mackey	P
Michael Murray, <i>Chairman</i>	P	Director of Human Resources, Jeffrey Pauw	P
Tina Pezzi-Bilodeau	GH	Director of Financial Services, Sophie Leduc	P
Gregg Thomson	Absent	Director of Operations, Michel Soucy	P

OBSERVERS

Sharon Priest, Communications Consultant

PUBLIC

Megan Seline, President of the *Appalachian Teachers' Association (ATA)*, Matthew McCully, *The Record*, Julie Dubois, President of TRUSS

1. CALL THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. QUORUM AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AND IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner R. Gagnon to adopt the Agenda of February 21, 2017 as deposited.

Carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2016

Resolution No. ETSB17-02-38

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 22, 2016

WHEREAS a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of November 22, 2016 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 November 22, 2016 as presented.

Carried unanimously

4. QUESTION PERIOD**M. Seline**

M. Seline wished the Council members a Happy New Year, Happy Valentine's Day and a Happy Easter.

Q: What is the Board doing to promote Vocational Education programs in our high schools?

R: The Director of Pedagogical Services, K. Mackey, explained that visits are organized, as well as career days and fairs and that in some cases vocational training personnel are present at the high school parent teacher nights.

Q: Are we aware that the *Centre 24 juin* is promoting their programs in our high schools?

R: In some cases there are programs that are offered in other centres that are not available at the local Eastern Townships School Board Vocational Training Centre. It is the responsibility of the high school guidance counselor to make information available for our students on all the different possibilities and where these programs are offered.

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 Alexander Galt Regional High School (GALT) basketball teams recently received \$15,000 to purchase new uniforms. The Tillotson Foundation graciously donated \$7,500 and the Piper Classic donated the remaining \$7,500. The Tillotson Foundation is a private foundation based in New Hampshire that also extends its funding to organizations in Canada. The Piper Classic is an annual golf tournament held in honour and memory of John Haller, long time teacher and coach at GALT. The tournament raises funds for GALT athletics programs;

On Monday February 13th, the Desjardins Foundation awarded \$3,000 to Massey-Vanier High School to help with their Learning Readiness Daily Physical Activity Program (LRDPAP). The program has secondary one students taking part in 45 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day. It is the goal of the program that by improving their overall physical fitness this will translate into a positive impact on their behaviour and an overall increase on student achievement. We would like to thank the Desjardins Foundation and specifically the *Caisse Populaire de Brome-Missisquoi* for their generosity;

The eighth edition of the Hooked on School Days took place from February 13th – 17th across the province. Once again this year the theme was around the Superheroes of School Perseverance. In all 20 Eastern Townships School Board schools and centres organized over 30 specific events and activities to promote and highlight staying in school. We would like to congratulate all the personnel involved in all the activities that took place as well as thank the many volunteers that gave of their time and expertise to make this week such a success. You are all Superheros!

On Thursday January 26th, Massey-Vanier High School held their science fair. Students from Butler and Farnham Elementary School (grade 3 and up) joined the Massey-Vanier students where over 60 exhibits were presented. Once the judging was all over the results were as follows:

Over all Elementary winners: Julia Vermeulen & Madison Ingalls; Overall Secondary winners: Joshua Desrosiers & Sina Ludwig; Secondary 5 Science Fair Scholarship Prize Abigail Whitcher

The level winners are as follows:

Elementary:

Cycle 2 (grade 3/4)

3rd place Laurence Dupuis-Barabe & Melody Sauvageau

2nd place Megan Sherrer & Marie-Jane Rauzon

1st place TIE Heidi Rachat & Madison Parise / Florence Chalifax & Penelope Leblanc

Cycle 3 (grade 5/6)
3rd place Daphne Montembault & Noemi Duhamel
2nd place Gabrielle Ayote & Hailie Corey
1st place Julia Vermeulen & Madison Ingalls

Secondary (Sec 1)
3rd place Ethan Meunier
2nd place Destany Picken & Zephania Raymond
1st place Justin Des Ruisseaux

(Sec 2)
3rd place Kayley Devlin & Alexis Couture
2nd place Tyler Clark and Nicolas leSage
1st place Solomon Jung

(Sec 3)
1st place Joshua Morency & Rex Wong

(Sec 4)
3rd place John Marr
2nd place Christina Ciurlej
1st place Joshua Desrosiers & Sina Ludwig

(Sec 5)
2nd place Kaitlyn Venneman
1st place Abbigail Whitcher

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

6.1 **Oath of Office for Parent Commissioners (M. Gilman)**

The Secretary General distributed the Oath of Office to the Parent Commissioner who was temporarily absent at the last meeting (M. Gilman) as the Code of Ethics, By-law 3, requires renewal of this documentation for the 2016-2017 school year. The document was signed and will be kept in the Commissioners files.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Resolution No. ETSB17-02-39

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 J. Humenuik that, as of August 2017, the Eastern Townships School Board appoint Eva Lettner as legal custodian for all minor international students registered with the ETSB International Students Program and that Marie-Andrée Cloutier or Marie-Michèle Dorais will act as legal custodian in her absence.

Carried unanimously

7.2 Eastern Townships School Board - International Student Program - Agent Fees

Resolution No. ETSB17-02-40

Eastern Townships School Board - International Student Program - Agent Fees

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board's (ETSB) International Student Program's (ISP) mission is to promote opportunities to expand our understanding of multicultural realities, thus promoting the development of global citizens;

WHEREAS a part of the mandate of the International Student Program is to increase student population within ETSB schools and centres;

WHEREAS in order to limit its financial risk and assure the success of its ISP, the ETSB is working with agents and agencies that offer support to both parties in the recruitment of students and the bridging of cultural and linguistic barriers;

WHEREAS the ETSB works within the regulatory frameworks established by Immigration Canada, le *ministère de l'Immigration, Diversité et Inclusion (Québec)*, and by the guidelines of the *Canadian Association of Public Schools International*, a non-profit organization comprised of 127 publicly-funded districts and *Éducation Internationale*, a non-profit cooperative funded by the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* (MEES);

WHEREAS the ETSB cannot, on a yearly basis, project an exact number of international students recruited in its ISP, nor can it project which agency they will be recruited by;

WHEREAS a contractual agreement stipulates a percentage of the tuition fees to be paid to agents, on the basis of results;

WHEREAS agent or agency fees for recruitment of international students are paid upon presentation of invoices following official student counts and which follows the usual commercial practice;

WHEREAS the ETSB was invoiced by CIS Expert for students recruited from August 1st 2015 to November 30th 2016 for an amount of \$77,026;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner R. Gagnon that the ETSB may pay the amount of \$77,026 to the agency CIS Expert; **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 may also sign.

Carried unanimously

7.3 Eastern Townships School Board - International Student Program Agent Fees

Resolution No. ETSB17-02-41

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WHEREAS in order to limit its financial risk and assure the success of its ISP, the ETSB is working with agents and agencies that offer support to both parties in the recruitment of students and the bridging of cultural and linguistic barriers;

WHEREAS the ETSB works within the regulatory frameworks established by Immigration Canada, le *ministère de l'Immigration, Diversité et Inclusion (Québec)*, and by the guidelines of the *Canadian Association of Public Schools International*, a non-profit organization comprised of 127 publicly-funded districts and *Éducation Internationale*, a non-profit cooperative funded by the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)*;

WHEREAS the ETSB cannot, on a yearly basis, project an exact number of international students recruited in its ISP, nor can it project which agency they will be recruited by;

WHEREAS a contractual agreement stipulates a percentage of the tuition fees to be paid to agents, on the basis of results;

WHEREAS agent or agency fees for recruitment of international students are paid upon presentation of invoices following official student counts and which follows the usual commercial practice;

WHEREAS the ETSB was invoiced by Merpoint International Inc. for students recruited from August 1st 2014 to June 30th 2016 for an amount of \$97,500;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Brodie that the ETSB may pay the amount of \$ 97,500 to the agency Merpoint International Inc; **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 may also sign.

Carried unanimously

7.4 Eastern Townships School Board – International Student Program – Lease Agreement

Resolution No. ETSB17-02-42

Eastern Townships School Board – International Student Program – Lease Agreement

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) prides itself in providing a multicultural environment for its students which can be enriched with the addition of more international students;

WHEREAS the ETSB is faced with an increasing demand for accommodations for its International Student Program (ISP) for the 2016-2017 school year;

WHEREAS the ETSB is looking for boarding facilities to accommodate its increasing number of international students for the 2016-2017 school year;

WHEREAS the ETSB has approached *Collège du Mont St-Anne* in Sherbrooke to rent their boarding facilities for its international student clientele;

WHEREAS space is currently available at the college and the ETSB is in the process of negotiating a lease to accommodate the clientele of the ISP;

WHEREAS the ETSB and *Collège du Mont St-Anne* in Sherbrooke has agreed to accommodate international students at a fixed cost of nine hundred dollars (\$900) per student, per month over an eleven (11) month period, for room, board and the provision of extra-curricular activities;

WHEREAS the ETSB has agreed to a flat fixed charge of \$ 60,000 for supervision seven (7) days a week twenty-four (24) hours a day for all ETSB international students that reside at *Collège du Mont St-Anne* in Sherbrooke;

WHEREAS the total fees payable by the ETSB for the period from August 1st, 2016 to June 30th 2017, will exceed \$ 100,000 (approximately \$ 150,000);

WHEREAS the ETSB may proceed before June 30th, 2017, with the renewal of the agreement for the period starting from August 1st, 2016 to June 30th, 2017, with the same conditions;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Barnett that the ETSB may conclude a leasing agreement for its ISP; **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

7.5 Retention Schedule

Resolution No. ETSB17-02-43

Retention Schedule

WHEREAS according to section 7 of the *Archives Act* (L.R.Q., chap. A-21.1), every public body shall establish and keep up to date a retention schedule determining the periods of use and medium of retention of its active and semi-active documents and indicating which inactive documents are to be preserved permanently, and which are to be disposed of;

WHEREAS according to the 3rd paragraph of section 8, every public body referred to in paragraphs 4 to 7 of the schedule shall, in accordance with the regulations, submit to *Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ)*, for approval, its retention schedule and any modification respecting the addition of new documents or documents scheduled for permanent preservation.

WHEREAS according to Schedule 6 of this Act, School boards, the *Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal*, general and vocational colleges, universities, institutions whose instructional program is the subject of an international agreement within the meaning of the Act respecting the *ministère des Relations internationales* ([chapter M-25.1.1](#)), institutions accredited for purposes of subsidies under the Act respecting private education ([chapter E-9.1](#)) and any other educational institution not less than one-half of whose operating costs are paid out of appropriations appearing in the estimates tabled in the National Assembly;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board does not have any regulation concerning delegation of powers, or this regulation does not provide the subject of this resolution;

IT IS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Brodie that the Secretary General be authorized to sign the retention schedule and any modification respecting the addition of new documents or documents scheduled for permanent preservation, and submit to *BanQ*, for approval, its retention schedule and any modification respecting the addition of new documents or documents scheduled for permanent preservation for and on behalf of the Eastern Townships School Board.

Carried unanimously

7.6 Membership to the RSEQ Montérégie

Resolution No. ETSB17-02-44

Membership to the RSEQ Montérégie

WHEREAS some of our schools, via their healthy school approach, would like to work with a representative of the *RSEQ Montérégie*;

WHEREAS only high schools or school boards can be members of the *RSEQ Montérégie*;

WHEREAS to become a member, a school board must present a resolution from its Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS the annual membership fees for the 2016-2017 school year are a base amount of \$350.00 and an additional \$0,22 per elementary student and \$0,23 per secondary student, based on the student population on September 30th of the current school year, which represents an amount of \$718.55;

WHEREAS this amount will be paid for by the Pedagogical Services department;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board will delegate Mr. Nate Forster to the *RSEQ Montérégie*. The mandate of this delegate will be in relation to the 2016-2017 program activities as submitted by the *RSEQ Montérégie*. To this effect, the delegate will be mandated to participate in the decision process of the said association and to follow up on the decisions taken, in accordance with the established procedures in our school board;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner R. Gagnon that the Eastern Townships School Board pay its membership to the *RSEQ Montérégie* for the year 2016-2017 in order to allow our schools to benefit from their services and to delegate representatives from the school board.

Carried unanimously

8. REPORTS

8.1 DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

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

- New Student Registration Period
- School visits
- Townshippers' Association Collaboration
- Storm Watch

A copy of the Director General's Report is attached to and forms a part of the official copy of the Minutes.

8.2 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman presented his report in which the following items were highlighted:

- Right to vote for Commissioners representing parents
- Importance of getting a diploma or a qualification
- Stay in school

A copy of the Chair's Report is attached to and forms a part of the official copy of the Minutes.

9. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Executive Committee

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

- Internal issues

9.2 Governance and Ethics

The Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, Commissioner G. Barnett, presented the topics that were discussed at the December 20, 2016 meeting:

- Bill 105
- Tell them from Me
- Agreements with Commission scolaire du Val-des-Cerfs
- SOFIE
- Committee report document
- Percentage of Principal time in school
- BYOD
- Director General Action Plan (Follow-up model)
- Nutrition Policy
- Symposium 2016 – Survey
- Class Action Suit
- Schedule tutorial for Commissioners

He also mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled on February 14, 2017.

The Chair of the Governance and Ethics Advisory Committee presented the following resolution:

9.2.1 Demande d'autorisation en vertu de l'article 7 de la Loi sur les élections scolaires

Resolution No. ETSB17-02-45

Demande d'autorisation en vertu de l'article 7 de la Loi sur les élections scolaires

ATTENDU QUE, selon la liste électorale transmise par le directeur général des élections (DGEQ), le nombre d'électeurs de la CSET est de 17 217;

ATTENDU QUE l'article 6 de la Loi sur les élections scolaires alloue huit (8) circonscriptions électorales à la CSET considérant ce nombre d'électeurs;

ATTENDU QUE le territoire de la CSET est très étendu puisqu'il mesure environ 18 000 km²;

ATTENDU QUE les territoires d'environ 193 municipalités sont compris dans le territoire de la CSET;

ATTENDU QU'environ 97 municipalités sont isolées dans le territoire de la CSET;

ATTENDU QUE le territoire de la CSET remplit conséquemment les trois critères mentionnés à l'article 7 de la Loi sur les élections scolaires;

ATTENDU QUE la Commission scolaire Eastern Townships (CSET) compte présentement onze (11) circonscriptions électorales puisque trois (3) circonscriptions supplémentaires lui avaient été accordées par le ministre lors des élections de 2014;

IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR le Commissaire G. Barnett de demander au ministre d'autoriser la CSET à ajouter trois (3) circonscriptions additionnelles à qui est prévu à l'article de la Loi sur les élections scolaires, portant ainsi le nombre de circonscriptions électorales à onze (11).

Carried unanimously

9.3 Audit Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee, J. Humenuik, presented the topics that were discussed at the January 17, 2017 meeting:

- 2016-2017 Investment Project Launch
- Confirmation of Professionals
- Insurance Resolution for Renewal

The next meeting is scheduled on March 21, 2017.

The Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee, J. Humenuik, also presented the following resolutions:

9.3.1 Finance

There were no resolutions.

9.3.2 Building and Grounds

9.3.2.1 Renewal of the Consolidated Purchasing of General Insurance Contract

Resolution No. ETSB17-02-46

Renewal of the Consolidated Purchasing of General Insurance Contract

WHEREAS each school board can contract an insurance, in accordance with articles 178 and 270 of the *Loi sur l'instruction publique*;

WHEREAS for several years, the Council of Commissioners authorizes the participation of the Eastern Townships School Board in the *Regroupement des commissions scolaires de la Montérégie et de l'Estrie en matière d'assurances*;

WHEREAS the consolidated purchasing experience has been beneficial for the Eastern Townships School Board;

WHEREAS the school board's insurance contract will expire on June 30th 2017;

WHEREAS the expertise and experience of the *Groupe Turcot inc.*, mandated for the purpose of negotiations for the insurance underwriting;

WHEREAS the provisions of the acquisition policy of the School Board, which favour the process of consolidated purchasing;

WHEREAS it is in the interest of the School Board to continue its participation in the consolidated insurance for the Montérégie and Eastern Townships region;

IT WAS PROPOSED BY COMMISSIONER J. HUMENUIK AND RESOLVED

- to maintain the authorization granted to the Eastern Townships School Board to participate in the *Regroupement des commissions scolaires de la Montérégie et de l'Estrie en matière d'assurances*;
- to mandate *Groupe Turcot inc.* to represent the Eastern Townships School Board in all the necessary phases for the renewal of the general insurance contract for the 2017-2018 school year, contract by contract or by a call for tenders, in accordance with the method to be used;
- in the event that a consolidated call for tenders was the chosen option, to mandate the *Commission scolaire de la Région de Sherbrooke* to conduct a public call for tenders in accordance with the procedures and policies in effect at that school board;
- in the event that a consolidated call for tenders was made concerning insurance, that the Eastern Townships School Board act in solidarity with the other school boards participating in such a process;
- to request that a recommendation for the purchase of insurance for 2017- 2018 be filed by the Director of Operations by June 1st 2017, in order to ensure that it is submitted on time to the Executive Committee (or Council of Commissioners).

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.1 Request from the Town of Sutton in Order to Obtain a Right of Way

Resolution No. ETSB17-02-47

Request from the Town of Sutton in Order to Obtain a Right of Way

WHEREAS the town of Sutton made a request to the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) to obtain a right of way in favour of the town, by resolution on 2017-01-30;

WHEREAS a group of citizens presented an interesting project on land belonging to the city, known as the Godue Park;

WHEREAS as part of this project, several improvements will be made to allow this park to become a place where citizens may go to enjoy an environment conducive to relaxation, reflection and activities such as reading;

WHEREAS a natural amphitheater would be available to organize outdoor concerts;

WHEREAS in order to complete this project it would be necessary for the Town of Sutton to obtain a right of way on land belonging to the Eastern Townships School Board on the north side of the Sutton River;

WHEREAS this project promotes a positive relationship between the community and the school;

WHEREAS it is in the interest of the ETSB to grant a right of way on lot number 4 848 590 in favour of one or more lots belonging to the Town, to be determined, in order to enable the public to pass through and have access to the neighbouring lot belonging to the Town;

WHEREAS the project will be carried out by the Town of Sutton at no cost to the Eastern Townships School Board;

WHEREAS the Sutton Elementary School Governing Board must confirm it is in agreement with the project by resolution;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner R. Gagnon that the ETSB grants a right of way on lot number 4 848 590 to the Town of Sutton; **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 may also sign.

Carried unanimously

9.3.3 Transportation

9.3.3.1 School Bus Bids 2016-2017 A

Resolution No. ETSB17-02-48

School Bus Bids 2016-2017 A

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 exchange of buses and has monies set aside for this purpose;

WHEREAS on January 17, 2017, the MEES authorized the Eastern Townships School Board to proceed with a call of tenders for the purchase of new vehicles in accordance with the terms of the management measure "School bus".

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board requested bids for the purchase of school buses for the 2016-2017 school year;

WHEREAS bids were received from three (3) suppliers and opened on February 14, 2017;

WHEREAS the bids from all suppliers conformed to the requirements set out in the call for tenders;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from Autobus Leeds Transit is \$924,628.95;

WHEREAS the MEES must conduct an analysis of the bids received and will confirm their authorization of the allocated amount based on the methods of management of the additional and specific allowances and other activities for 2016-2017;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Brodie that the Eastern Townships School Board accepts the bid received from Autobus Leeds Transit in the amount of \$804,204.00 (before taxes) for eight (8) 72 passenger school buses conditional to the authorization from the MEES.

Carried unanimously

10. Educational Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Educational Advisory Committee, Commissioner R. Gagnon, presented the topics that were discussed at the December 13, 2016 meeting:

- Restraint Guidelines
- June 2016 Data – Pedagogical Services' Role
- Michael Fullan's Presentation – Highlights
- Complementary & Pedagogical Services Action Plan Updates

The Chair also mentioned that the meeting scheduled on February 7, 2017 was cancelled due to weather conditions and that the next meeting is scheduled on April 4, 2017.

11. Communications Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Communications Advisory Committee, D. Brodie, presented the topics that were discussed at the November 29, 2016 meeting:

- ETSB visibility – Update
- Communication Development Working Plan 2016-2017
- Open Houses
- Clientele up-to-date/September 30, 2016
- Data for eligibility requests 2016-2017 school year
- Volunteer Recognition
- New ETSB *Calendrier de conservation* – Authorization
- Alcohol permit request

The Chair also indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on March 7, 2017.

12. Human Resources Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Human Resources Advisory Committee, F. MacGregor, presented the topics that were discussed at the January 10, 2017 meeting:

- Human Resources Priorities
- Grievances Update
- Administrators Compensation Agreement Proposal
- Human Resources Policies Review
- March 16 - 25 year Recognition
- June 2 – Retirement Gala

The Chair also indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on March 14, 2017.

13. Transportation Advisory Committee

In the absence of the Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Commissioner G. Holliday, Commissioner D. Brodie indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on March 14, 2017.

14. Special Education Advisory Committee

In the absence of Parent Commissioner C. Véronneau, the Director of Pedagogical Services, K. Mackey indicated that the December, January and February meetings were cancelled and that the next meeting is scheduled on March 15, 2017.

15. Parents' Committee

In the absence of Parent Commissioner P. Laberge, Commissioner M. Gilman representing parents informed the Council that the January meeting was cancelled.

She also mentioned that the next Parents' Committee meeting is scheduled on March 8, 2017.

16. Student Advisory Committee

From the Student Advisory Committee (SAC), Commissioner J. Humenuik mentioned that two meetings took place; January 18, 2017 at Richmond Regional High School and another one, with the commissioners, on February 7, 2017 at the Board Office in Magog where the following topics were discussed:

- Team's norms
- Devices
- School tour of Richmond Regional High School
- International Student Program
- Creating an event where the three high schools would interact.

17. QUEBEC ENGLISH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Commissioners M. Murray and F. MacGregor attended the last board meeting.

Five Commissioners and the Chairman will attend the Spring Conference.

18. S.O.F.I.E. REPORT

Commissioner J. Humenuik reported that they had not met since the last Council meeting.

She also indicated that a certificate confirming the Eastern Townships School Board's membership was received.

19. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner G. Barnett attended the Alexander Galt Regional High School Governing Board meeting, where they discussed student success, dropouts, and a grant proposal among other items. He attended the GALT play in December called "A Christmas Chaos".

He also attended the New Horizons Governing Board meeting, where they discussed the new social integration program being launched, and reported that Joblinks was on target.

Commissioner C. Beaubien explained that she was invited to attend a presentation by Maryse Richard, the SET at NHES, at Mrs. Ann Mitchell's house. Mrs. Mitchell would like to contribute to the school to help finance school trips for all students, but especially the ones who need more financial help. Maryse Richard will organize a spaghetti supper on April 12 with a silent auction. Mrs. Mitchell has agreed to match the funds raised at this event over the next 4 years. The funds come from donations received in lieu of flowers following her husband. Mr. Bradley Mitchell's funeral.

She also attended the Alexander Galt Regional High School's (AGRHS) Governing Board where the principal presented changes in the Basic School Regulation for Cycle 1 in Arts.

The AGRHS Graduation date has been changed to June 22 instead of June 24. The Delta Hotel has a clause in their contract stating that if they have a venue that will be more financially beneficial to them, they can cancel the contract. They offered June 25 (Sunday) or 26 (Monday) as alternatives but the organisers chose June 22.

Commissioner M. Kirby explained some of different activities that are going on at Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre.

Commissioner T. Pezzi-Bilodeau also spoke about activities that are going on at the Asbestos-Danville-Shipton Elementary School and the Drummondville Elementary School Community Learning Centre.

Chairman M. Murray attended an event in his hometown last night which outlined the government's plan to offer Fiber optic internet access in rural areas at an affordable cost for citizens.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary General indicated that no correspondence was received.

20. QUESTION PERIOD

Megan Seline:

Q: Other than Parent Commissioners having a vote, what impact will Bill 105 have on the Eastern Townships School Board?

R: The Chairman mentioned that the application of subsidiarity, having decision made as close to the point of impact as possible, was the biggest overall change. For the Eastern Townships School Board this would still be nominal in that we already operate a decentralized approach, but we will further align with the spirits of subsidiarity.

As well Commissioners representing parents will now have access to chairing internal committees.

Another change is the implementation of a Resource allocation committee comprised in majority of principals. At the Eastern Townships School Board we are not anticipating any problem with it as we already have a similar mechanism in place.

Q: Do you see an impact on the school's Education Project?

R: The Chairman replied that the essence of these plans are still there but is more a cosmetic change of name.

Q: Where are management and administrators with the PLC process?

R: The Chairman replied that the application of the PLC philosophy varies from the school level to the Council of Commissioners' level. In the same way as each establishment of the school board is progressing at their own pace, so is the Council, as part of the ETSB on a whole.

21. VARIA

There were no subjects.

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner R. Gagnon at 8:55 p.m.

Éric Campbell
Secretary General

Michael Murray
Chairman

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