

**EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD**

**COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

**ETSB BOARD ROOM  
340 SAINT-JEAN-BOSCO  
MAGOG, QC. J1X 1K9**

**MINUTES**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT (P):**

<b>Commissioners</b>		<b>Parent Commissioners</b>	
Gordon Barnett	P	Mary Gilman	P
Claire Beaubien	Absent	Paul Laberge, Member	P
Daniel Brodie	P	Cindy Véronneau	Absent
Richard Gagnon	GH	Kenneth Waterhouse	P
Gary Holliday	P		
Joy Humenuik, Vice-Chairman	P	<b>Administrators</b>	
Mary-Ellen Kirby	P	Secretary General, Éric Campbell	P
Frank MacGregor	P	Director General, André Turcotte	P
Alice McCrory	P	Assistant Director General and Director of Pedagogical Services, Kandy Mackey	Absent
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, President, Appalachian's Teachers Association (ATA), Matthew McCully, The Record

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

2. **QUORUM AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AND IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner J. Humenuik to adopt the Agenda of January 26, 2016, with the following addition requested by Commissioner J. Humenuik:

- Item 10.2.3 Enhanced Learning Strategy
  - 10.2.3.1 Enhanced Learning Strategy – Computer Acquisition

Carried unanimously

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 24, 2015**

**Resolution No. ETSB16-01-33**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 24, 2015**

**WHEREAS** a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of November 24, 2015 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 November 24, 2015 with the following correction:

- Item 11: “He attended” instead than “He attends”.

Carried unanimously

4. **QUESTION PERIOD**

M. Seline extended her best wishes for the New Year to all Commissioners.

5. **RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE**

- The *Fédération des Transporteurs par Autobus* is celebrating its 28th edition of School Bus Safety Weeks from February 1st – 12th, 2015. Once again this year’s slogan is “Do you see me?” which is a reminder for drivers to be cautious in and around school zones and look out for students getting on and off busses and crossing the streets. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of our school bus drivers and all the individuals that work in our

transportation department. The ETSB has an excellent safety record putting our students' well-being and safety as a priority;

- Every year in February it is our pleasure to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. This year the week of February 1st – 5th is a time to recognize the significant contribution that teachers make each and every day in the lives of their students. Here at the ETSB we would like to say thank you to all our teachers for their continued hard work and dedication. We would also like to encourage students, parents and administrators to take the time during Teacher Appreciation Week, to show your appreciation and say thank you to the teachers in your school or centre.

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that Director General, A. Turcotte, has resigned from his position. The Chairman also reported that the Council had accepted his decision, albeit with regret. Due to accumulated vacation time, Mr. Turcotte's last day will be April 8, 2016.

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT**

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

- His resignation
- Labour Negotiations, update
- Bill 86

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

### **7.2 CHAIRS' REPORT**

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

- Bill 86
- Director General's Resignation
- Labour Negotiations
- Pedagogical leadership.

**8. BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising.

**9. NEW BUSINESS****9.1 Approval of the Deed of Establishment of Alexander Galt Regional High School**

This topic was deferred so that the Central Parents' Committee would have an opportunity to review the Alexander Galt Regional High School's deed of establishment.

**9.2. Appointment of Legal Custodian for Minor Students Registered in the International Students Program****Resolution No. ETSB16-01-34****Appointment of Legal Custodian for Minor Students Registered in the International Students Program**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner R. Gagnon that the Eastern Townships School Board appoint Linda Brault as legal custodian for all minor international students registered with the

ETSB International Students Program and that Eva Lettner will act as legal custodian in her absence.

Carried unanimously

## 10. REPORT

### 10.1 Executive Committee

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

- Staffing Plan
- Bill 86
- Selection Committee for the position of Director General
- Recruitment Process
- Criteria and priorities for selection of a Director General
- Composition of Selection Committee

### 10.2. Audit Committee

#### 10.2.1 Finance

##### 10.2.1.1 RÉGIME D'EMPRUNTS À LONG TERME

Resolution No. ETSB16-01-35

#### RÉGIME D'EMPRUNTS À LONG TERME

**ATTENDU QUE** conformément à l'article 78 de la Loi sur l'administration financière (RLRQ, chapitre A-6.001), Commission scolaire Eastern Townships (l'« **Emprunteur** ») désire instituer un régime d'emprunts lui permettant d'effectuer, de temps à autre d'ici le 30 septembre 2016, des emprunts à long terme auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement, pour un montant n'excédant pas 15 596 000 \$;

**ATTENDU QUE** conformément à l'article 83 de cette Loi, l'Emprunteur désire prévoir, dans le cadre de ce régime d'emprunts, que le pouvoir d'emprunter et celui d'en approuver les conditions et modalités soient exercés par au moins deux de ses dirigeants;

**ATTENDU QU'**il y a lieu d'autoriser un régime d'emprunts visant les emprunts à long terme à être contractés par l'Emprunteur, d'établir le montant maximum des emprunts qui pourront être effectués en vertu de celui-ci, d'établir les caractéristiques et limites relativement aux emprunts à y être effectués et d'autoriser des dirigeants de l'Emprunteur à conclure tout emprunt en vertu de ce régime, à en établir les montants et les autres caractéristiques et à accepter les modalités et conditions relatives à chacun de ces emprunts;

**ATTENDU QUE** le ministre de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche (le « **Ministre** ») a autorisé l'institution par l'Emprunteur du présent régime d'emprunts, selon les conditions auxquelles réfère sa lettre du 11 décembre 2015;

**SUR PROPOSITION DE LA COMMISSAIRE J. HUMENUIK, IL EST RÉSOLU:**

1. QU'un régime d'emprunts, en vertu duquel l'Emprunteur peut, sous réserve des caractéristiques et limites énoncées ci-après, effectuer de temps à autre, d'ici le 30 septembre 2016, des emprunts à long terme auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement, pour un montant n'excédant pas 15 596 000 \$, soit institué;
2. QUE les emprunts à long terme effectués par l'Emprunteur en vertu du Régime d'emprunts soient sujets aux caractéristiques et limites suivantes :
  - a) malgré les dispositions du paragraphe 1 ci-dessus, l'Emprunteur ne pourra, au cours de chacune des périodes de quinze mois s'étendant du 1er juillet au 30 septembre et comprises dans la période visée au paragraphe 1, effectuer des emprunts qui auraient pour effet que le montant total approuvé pour l'Emprunteur, pour telle période, par le Conseil du trésor au titre de la programmation des emprunts à long terme des commissions scolaires, soit dépassé;
  - b) l'Emprunteur ne pourra effectuer un emprunt à moins de bénéficier d'une subvention du gouvernement du Québec conforme aux normes établies par le Conseil du trésor, au titre de l'octroi ou de la promesse de subventions aux commissions scolaires ainsi qu'aux termes et conditions déterminés par le Ministre et pourvoyant au paiement en capital et intérêt de l'emprunt concerné même si, par ailleurs, le paiement de cette subvention est sujet à ce que les sommes requises à cette fin soient votées annuellement par le Parlement;
  - c) chaque emprunt ne pourra être effectué qu'en monnaie légale du Canada auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement;
  - d) le produit de chaque emprunt ne pourra servir, outre le paiement des frais inhérents à l'emprunt concerné que pour financer les dépenses d'investissements et les dépenses inhérentes aux investissements de l'Emprunteur subventionnées par le Ministre;
3. QU'aux fins de déterminer le montant total auquel réfère le paragraphe 1 ci-dessus, on ne tienne compte que de la valeur nominale des emprunts effectués par l'Emprunteur;
4. QU'en plus des caractéristiques et limites énoncées précédemment, les emprunts comportent les caractéristiques suivantes :

- a) *l'Emprunteur pourra contracter un ou plusieurs emprunts pendant toute la durée du Régime d'emprunts jusqu'à concurrence du montant qui y est prévu, en tenant compte du montant qui pourrait être alloué à un ou des emprunts effectués par l'émission d'Obligations, et ce, aux termes d'une seule et unique convention de prêt à être conclue entre l'Emprunteur et le ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement;*
- b) *chaque emprunt sera constaté par un billet fait à l'ordre du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement; le taux d'intérêt payable sur les emprunts sera établi selon les critères déterminés par le gouvernement en vertu du décret numéro 1267-2001 du 24 octobre 2001 concernant les critères de fixation des taux d'intérêt qui peuvent être exigés sur ces emprunts ainsi que la nature des coûts imputables dans le calcul de ces taux ou dans le calcul du remboursement des emprunts, modifié par le décret numéro 1057-2013 du 23 octobre 2013, adopté en vertu de l'article 24 de la Loi sur le ministère des Finances (RLRQ, chapitre M-24.01), tel que ce décret pourra être modifié ou remplacé de temps à autre; et*
- c) *aux fins d'assurer le paiement à l'échéance du capital de chaque emprunt et des intérêts dus sur celui-ci, la créance que représente pour l'Emprunteur la subvention qui lui sera accordée par le Ministre, au nom du gouvernement du Québec, sera affectée d'une hypothèque mobilière sans dépossession en faveur du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement.*
5. *QUE l'Emprunteur soit autorisé à payer, à même le produit de chaque emprunt contracté auprès du ministre des Finances, à titre de responsable du Fonds de financement aux termes du Régime d'emprunts, les frais d'émission et les frais de gestion qui auront été convenus;*
6. *QUE l'un ou l'autre des dirigeants suivants :*
- Le directeur général*  
*La directrice générale adjointe*  
*La directrice des services financiers*  
*Le président*
- de l'Emprunteur, **pourvu qu'ils soient deux agissant conjointement**, soit autorisé, au nom de l'Emprunteur, à signer la convention de prêt, la convention d'hypothèque mobilière, le billet; à consentir à toutes les clauses et garanties non substantiellement incompatibles avec les dispositions des présentes; à recevoir le produit net des emprunts et à en donner bonne et valable quittance; à livrer le billet; à apporter toutes les modifications à ces documents non substantiellement incompatibles avec les présentes; à poser tous les actes et à signer tous les documents, nécessaires ou utiles, pour donner plein effet aux présentes;*

*QUE, dans la mesure où l'Emprunteur a déjà adopté une résolution instituant un régime d'emprunts, pour les mêmes fins, la présente résolution remplace la résolution antérieure, sans pour autant affecter la validité des emprunts conclus sous son autorité avant la date du présent régime d'emprunts.*

Carried unanimously

#### **10.2.1.2 Signing officers for Schools/Centres**

##### **Resolution No. ETSB16-01-36**

##### **Signing Officers for Schools/Centres**

**WHEREAS** the CIBC Bank requires the names of representatives authorized to sign banking documents on behalf of ETSB schools, including Sutton Elementary School;

**WHEREAS** new principal assignments have changed the names of representatives in these schools;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner J. Humenuik that the following individuals be authorized to sign banking documents on behalf of their respective schools.

Sutton Elementary School

Catherine Canzani (remove)

Carried unanimously

#### **10.2.1.3 Signing Officers for Schools /Centres**

##### **Resolution No. ETSB16-01-37**

##### **Signing Officers for Schools/Centres**

**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 principal assignments have changed the names of representatives at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, Parkview Elementary School and Centre Brome- Missisquoi Adult Education;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner J. Humenuik that the following individual be authorized to sign banking documents on behalf of their respective schools.



Princess Elizabeth Elementary School	Peter Hamilton (add) Gabrielle Newman (remove)
Parkview Elementary School	Joanna Willard (remove)
Centre Brome-Missisquoi – Adult	Philippe Conn (add) Andrew Retchless (remove) Tamara Hadlock (remove)

Carried unanimously

**10.2.2 Buildings and Grounds**

**10.2.2.1 Heroes' Memorial Elementary School – Bathroom Renovation – Phase 1 – Additional Cost**

**Resolution No. ETSB16-01-38**

**Heroes' Memorial Elementary School – Bathroom Renovation – Phase 1 – Additional Cost**

**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 Mesure 50621*;

**WHEREAS** it was moved by resolution #ETSB15-04-106, on April 28, 2015, that the contract for the project stated above be awarded, to *Entrepreneurs en Bâtiment – Comco*, respecting the resolution, in the amount of \$197,871.98 including contract, professional fees and taxes;

**WHEREAS** during the project some modifications and additional work needed to be done for an amount of \$45,354.25, including taxes;

**WHEREAS** the total amount for the contract including all modification orders, additional work, and professional fees (including taxes), adds up to \$243,226.23;

**WHEREAS** an amount of \$45,354.25 in addition to the existing resolution(s) is required to complete the project to respect the modification orders, additional work and professional fees (including taxes);

**WHEREAS** all additional funds required to complete the project, 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 G. Thomson that the modification and/or additional work be awarded in order to complete the work 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

#### **10.2.2.2 Heroes' Memorial Elementary School – Elevators – Additional Cost**

##### **Resolution No. ETSB16-01-39**

##### **Heroes ' Memorial Elementary School – Elevators – Additional Cost**

**WHEREAS** the *ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche (MEESR)* approved a budget of \$120,000 for the project stated above, under the program *RHA - Amélioration de l'accessibilité des immeubles aux personnes handicapées 2014-15 Mesure 30850*;

**WHEREAS** it was moved by resolution #ETSB15-10-24, on October 27, 2015, that the contract for the project stated above be awarded, respecting the resolution, in the amount of \$156,214.72;

**WHEREAS** the amount of the lowest bid in conformity was from *Construction Choinière et Frères inc.* for \$127,438.06, including elevators and taxes;

**WHEREAS** during the project some modifications and additional work needed to be done for a total amount of \$23,335.88, including taxes;

**WHEREAS** the total amount for the contract including all modification orders, additional work, and professional fees (including taxes), adds up to \$170,625.24;

**WHEREAS** it was moved by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) on May 13, 2015, to proceed with the project as it is presented (up to \$180,000);

**WHEREAS** an amount of \$14,410.52 in addition to the existing resolution(s) is required to complete the project to respect the modification orders, additional work and professional fees (including taxes);

**WHEREAS** all additional funds required to complete the project, will be taken from *RHA - Amélioration de l'accessibilité des immeubles aux personnes handicapées 2014-15* program;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner K. Waterhouse that the modification and/or additional work be awarded in order to complete the work 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

**10.2.2.3 Alexander Galt Regional High School – Heating Control System Replacement**

**Resolution No. ETSB16-01-40**

**Alexander Galt Regional High School – Heating Control System Replacement**

**WHEREAS** the *ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche (MEESR)* approved a budget of \$118,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2013-14 Mesure 50621*;

**WHEREAS** it was moved by resolution #ETSB15-06-140, on June 23, 2015, that the contract for the project stated above be awarded, respecting the budgetary basis resolution, in the amount of \$118,000;

**WHEREAS** the amount of the lowest bid in conformity was from *Regulvar inc.* for \$138,602.36, including taxes;

**WHEREAS** during the project some modifications and additional work needed to be done for an amount of \$3,713.69, including taxes;

**WHEREAS** the total amount for the contract including all modification orders, additional work, and professional fees (including taxes), adds up to \$142,316.05;

**WHEREAS** the amount of \$24,316.05 \$ in addition to the existing resolution (stated above) is required to complete the project to respect the modification orders, additional work and professional fees (including taxes);

**WHEREAS** all additional funds required to complete the project, will be taken from *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2013-14* program and/or in the *AMT - Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle* program;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner G. Barnett that the modification and/or additional work be awarded in order to complete the work 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

**10.2.2.4 St. Francis Elementary School – Drainage – Additional Cost**

**Resolution No. ETSB16-01-41**

**St. Francis Elementary School – Drainage – Additional Cost**

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) has dedicated a budget of \$50,000 for the project stated above, under the program *AMT - Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle 2015-16*;

**WHEREAS** it was moved by resolution #ETSB15-08-04, on August 25, 2015, that the contract for the project stated above be awarded, respecting the budgetary basis resolution, in the amount of \$50,000;

**WHEREAS** the amount of the lowest bid in conformity was from *Construction Groupe Prévost inc* for \$59,385, including taxes;

**WHEREAS** during the project some modifications and additional work needed to be done for an amount of \$13,792, including taxes;

**WHEREAS** the total amount for the contract including all modification orders, additional work, and professional fees (including taxes), adds up to \$85,236;

**WHEREAS** an amount of \$35,236.39 in addition to the existing resolution(s) is required to complete the project to respect the modification orders, additional work and professional fees (including taxes);

**WHEREAS** all additional funds required to complete the project, will be taken from *AMT - Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle program*;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner G. Holliday that the modification and/or additional work be awarded in order to complete the work 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

#### **10.2.2.5 St. Francis Elementary School – Playground Project**

##### **Resolution No. ETSB16-01-42**

##### **St. Francis Elementary School – Playground Project**

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) in collaboration with the St. Francis Elementary School have presented for authorization a schoolyard improvement project to the *ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche (MEESR)* under the program « *Embellissement des cours d'école 2016-2017 (Mesure 50530)* »;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB in collaboration with the St. Francis Elementary School presented its demand in January 2016;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB wants to realize the project during the summer break of 2016;

**WHEREAS** the financial contribution from the MEESR will be of 1/3 of the project's cost without exceeding \$25,000;

**WHEREAS** the financial contribution from the ETSB will be of 1/3 of the project's cost without exceeding \$25,000;

**WHEREAS** the St. Francis Elementary School has provided official written confirmation letters of financial contribution assuming the rest of the amount needed;

**WHEREAS** the total cost of the project should not exceed \$ 81,113 (taxes and fees included);

**WHEREAS** the contract will be granted according to the ETSB's Purchase Policy and government requirements (laws, policies, rules, etc...);

**WHEREAS** the ETSB will use the monies from its global envelope of the *Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle (AMT)* program to assume his share of the project;

**WHEREAS** the project will be done in respect of the approved budget following the MEESR approval;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner T. Pezzi-Bilodeau to proceed with 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

#### **10.2.2.6 Butler Elementary School – Playground Project**

##### **Resolution No. ETSB16-01-43**

##### **Butler Elementary School – Playground Project**

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) in collaboration with the Butler Elementary School have presented for authorization a schoolyard improvement project to the *ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche* (MEESR) under the program « *Embellissement des cours d'école 2016-2017 (Mesure 50530)* »;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB in collaboration with the Butler Elementary School presented its demand in January 2016;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB wants to realize the project during the summer break of 2016;

**WHEREAS** the financial contribution from the MEESR will be of 1/3 of the project's cost without exceeding \$25,000;

**WHEREAS** the financial contribution from the ETSB will be of 1/3 of the project's cost without exceeding \$25,000;

**WHEREAS** the Butler Elementary School has provided official written confirmation letters of financial contribution assuming the rest of the amount needed;

**WHEREAS** the total cost of the project should not exceed \$82,355 (taxes and fees included);

**WHEREAS** the contract will be granted according to the ETSB's Purchase Policy and government requirements (laws, policies, rules, etc...);

**WHEREAS** the ETSB will use the monies from its global envelope of the *Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle (AMT)* program to assume its share of the project;

**WHEREAS** the project will be done in respect of the approved budget following the approval of the MEESR;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner M. Gilman to proceed with 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

#### **10.2.2.7 Purchase of Land – St. Francis Elementary School**

##### **Resolution No. ETSB16-01-44**

##### **Purchase of Land – St. Francis Elementary School**

**WHEREAS** St. Francis Elementary School has been renting land from the St. Francis College Corporation for a few decades;

**WHEREAS** the land is located adjacent to St. Francis Elementary School;

**WHEREAS** St. Francis Elementary School students are currently using the land as their playground;

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) made a proposal to purchase the land owned by the St. Francis College Corporation;

**WHEREAS** it was not possible to ascertain the legal existence of the St. Francis College Corporation created by decree in 1854 because this corporation is not registered in conformity with la *Loi sur la publicité légale des entreprises individuelles, des sociétés et des personnes morales*;

**WHEREAS** after a discussion between the School Board and the St. Francis College Corporation, it was agreed that a sum of \$25,000 will be paid by the ETSB for the acquisition of the land;

**WHEREAS** the professional fees will also be covered by the ETSB;

**WHEREAS** letters of intent were exchanged between the ETSB and the St. Francis College Corporation;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner T. Pezzi-Bilodeau to purchase the land from the St. Francis College Corporation for the sum of \$25,000;

**IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General be authorized to sign the deed of sale and all associated documentation and that, in the absence of the Director General, the Secretary General be authorized to sign the deed of sale and all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

### **10.2.3 Enhanced Learning Strategy**

#### **10.2.3.1 Enhanced Learning Strategy – Computer Acquisition**

##### **Resolution No. ETSB16-01-45**

##### **Enhanced Learning Strategy – Computer Acquisition**

**WHEREAS** different pedagogical and technical aspects of the Enhanced Learning Strategy have been reviewed in the 2015-2016 school year;

**WHEREAS** in the pursuit of the Enhanced Learning Strategy, the Eastern Townships School Board needs to renew some of the equipment for the 2016-2017 school year;

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board needs to ensure compatibility with all the equipment and software already purchased through the years;

**WHEREAS** a budget of \$393,000.00 was set aside for that purpose for the school year 2016-2017;

**WHEREAS** all purchases will be done according to the *ETSB Purchase policy* and government requirements;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner J. Humenuik to authorize the Director General to sign any documentation related to the acquisition of equipment and related items (Software, Cases, etc.), up to an amount of \$393,000.00 effective immediately;

**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 Parents' Committee**

The Chair of the Parents' Committee mentioned that the highlights of the December 2, 2015 and January 20, 2016 Parents' Committee meetings were included in the Commissioners' kits. He also informed the Council that the next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016.

### **10.4 Special Education Advisory Committee**

The notes of the December 1<sup>st</sup> and January 21, 2016 meetings were included in the Commissioners' Executive kits. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2016.

### **10.6 Student Advisory Committee**

Commissioner J. Humenuik informed the Council that there was no meeting since the last Council of Commissioner's meeting. A date will be scheduled soon for the next Student Advisory Committee meeting.

### **10.7 QUEBEC ENGLISH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION REPORT (QESBA)**

The Chairman mentioned that the focus of QESBA was on Bill 86. They are particularly concerned about the impact on the Anglophone Community's linguistic rights to govern their own institutions.

### **10.8 S.O.F.I.E. REPORT**

Commissioner J. Humenuik informed the Council that SOFIE had no meeting since the last Council of Commissioners' meeting. She also presented a summary of SOFIE annual report.

## **11. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Commissioner G. Thomson asked about the development of Community Learning Centres (CLCs) especially in the Western sector.

*The Secretary General explained that funding was available for eight (8) new CLCs across the province. Seven (7) of them have been accepted and the Eastern Townships School Board project was part of the seven. The new CLC would be implemented in Butler Elementary School and in Farnham Elementary School. The next steps will be to present the CLC concept to the school staffs and get a recommendation from the Governing Board of each school. The Secretary General also mentioned that he was waiting on resolutions from the Governing*



*Boards at Drummondville Elementary School and Asbestos-Danville-Shipton Elementary School to proceed with the extended model of the Richmond Regional High School's CLC.*

Commissioner G. Barnett informed the Council that he attended the Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre's Governing Board meeting, where they discussed the number of ETPs, their à la carte program, a loss in their French program, the Concomitance program and the 34 International students attending the Centre from India and China.

Commissioner M. Kirby attended her schools' Governing Board meetings. Some concerns regarding renovations at Sawyerville Elementary were brought up. At the Alexander Galt Regional High School's (AGRHS) Governing Board meeting, some concerns regarding the TTFM survey were discussed which resulted in the survey being postponed.

*The Chairman replied that numerous ETSB employees had already addressed the concerns from an AGRHS parent, personnel from the MEESR among others took time addressing these concerns. He also commented that the information gathered from the survey is very useful for the school and school board in addressing student's needs. Parent Commissioner P. Laberge also added that the Central Parents Committee supported the TTFM survey and found the information gathered important.*

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman mentioned that he had received a copy of an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) regarding support for the movement *Je protège mon école publique*. He asked the Council if they would in favour of supporting the movement either by drafting their own resolution or by endorsing the same resolution as the EMSB.

The EMSB resolution is as follows:

"EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD HELD IN THE CITY OF MONTREAL ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF NOVEMBER TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

"SUPPORT FOR THE MOVEMENT 'JE PROTÈGE MON ÉCOLE PUBLIQUE'

CONSIDERING that the mission of the public school system is to educate, socialize and certify all students regardless of their origin, their abilities, the financial resources of their parents or their place of residence in Quebec;

CONSIDERING that the austerity measures that have been imposed on the education system diminish the essential services that school boards can offer to their youth and adult students;

CONSIDERING that school boards ensure that their administrative costs are among

the lowest in the public sector in order to prioritize the availability of quality services to schools;

CONSIDERING that English school boards not only suffer the same austerity measures as all boards in the province, but further suffer from per capita funding reductions due to significant enrolment decreases caused by government imposed restrictions on admission eligibility to English schools;

CONSIDERING that the conclusions of the report 'Savoir et pouvoir' encourage a massive reinvestment in education to ensure an increase in success rates by 2020;

CONSIDERING that the Action Plan 'L'école, j'y tiens! – Tous ensemble pour la réussite scolaire'- which targets measures to promote student success, is now compromised due to financial cuts imposed on the education system;

CONSIDERING the detrimental impact austerity measures have on the potential success of our most vulnerable students and on the working conditions of the teachers and staff who work diligently to meet their educational and social needs;

CONSIDERING the concern and outrage expressed by parents, community stakeholders and elected officials who participate in the movement "Je protège mon école publique";

CONSIDERING that the role of duly elected school Commissioners is to act in the best interest of all of their constituents by ensuring that the education systems has the means to ensure that all students have the education and tools needed to become active and contributing members of Quebec society;

CONSIDERING that more budgetary cuts are expected in 2016-2017 to meet Ministry targets;

IT WAS PROPOSED BY MRS. JOANNE CHARRON AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the EMSB Council of Commissioners:

1. REITERATE publicly its commitment to quality public schooling and denounce the government cuts being imposed on the Quebec education system;

2. BEAR WITNESS to the professionalism, passion, creativity and commitment of EMSB teacher, staff and administrators, and state publicly its appreciation for their dedication in trying as much as possible to diminish the negative impact of these cuts on their students;

3. REQUIRE that the government of Quebec, elected by the people for the people, provide us with the financial, organizational and material resources required to effectively pursue our public school mission without compromise nor impediment.

4. TRANSMIT this resolution to the:

- a. Minister of Education, Higher Education and Research;
- b. Members of the National Assembly from the Montreal area;
- c. Quebec English School Boards Association;

- d. Chairpersons of Quebec school boards;
- e. Governing boards of the EMSB;
- f. Regional and Central Parents' Committee of the EMSB;
- g. Unions and professional associations of the EMSB;
- h. All EMSB employees;
- i. Je protège mon école publique;
- j. Coalition des parents pour l'école publique;
- k. Coalition des parents d'enfants aux besoins particuliers.

VOTE: 10-0-0, Motion Carried.

Resolution # 15-11-25-14"

CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct extract from the Minutes of a meeting of the ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD held on November 25, 2015."

**Resolution No ETSB16-01-46**

**Appui au mouvement «Je protège mon école publique »**

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner M. Kirby to endorse the same resolution and forward it to the Members of the National Assembly on the ETSB territory.

Carried unanimously

**13. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner R. Gagnon at 8:43 p.m.

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Éric Campbell  
Secretary General

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Michael Murray  
Chairman

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