

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 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	Absent	Director General, André Turcotte	P
Alice McCrory	P	Assistant Director General and Director of Pedagogical Services, Kandy Mackey	P
Michael Murray, Chairman	P	Director of Human Resources, Jeffrey Pauw	P
Tina Pezzi-Bilodeau	GH	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

Gail Klinck, Teacher, *Appalachian Teachers' Association (ATA)* Representative, and a group of 24 teachers, Cathy St-Jean, President of the Townships Regional Union Support Staff (TRUUS), Matthew McCully, *The Record*, Scott Stevenson, Parent

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 March 24, 2015 as deposited.

Carried unanimously

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

Resolution No. ETSB15-03-83

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

WHEREAS a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of February 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 February 24, 2015, with the following modification:

- Item 13, first paragraph: replace the word "Chair" by the word "Mayor".

Carried unanimously

4. QUESTION PERIOD**G. Klinck:**

Q: Ms. Klinck asked the Council to whom should she present a mock invoice in the amount of \$11,938.432 representing the ATA's calculation of the number of hours that ETSB teachers currently work over and above their 32 hours per week on non-extracurricular activities. She elaborated that the figure was calculated based on a survey completed by 137 ETSB teachers who submitted their extra time over a 2 week period via a survey conducted by the ATA.

A: *The Director of Finance, S. Leduc, accepted the document.*

Q: Will you support teachers' resistance to this proposal?

A: *Mr. Murray acknowledges that teachers are professionals and recognizes the amount of additional work that they do. On a personal note, he feels that the proposal to increase the teachers' number of hours is not in line with their responsibilities.*

R. Williams (from North Hatley)

Q: Why are teaching principals being asked to remain neutral in the negotiations when in many cases, their teaching assignment is greater than that of principals?

A. *Mr. Murray answered that although they have a dual role, they are a principal all the time.*

J. Fougère (from Sunnyside)

Q: What is the commissioners' opinion concerning the proposed changes to the retirement age and the increase in the penalties for early retirement? What do Commissioners think about this?

A: *J. Pauw answered that it is still in a negotiating stage and as a cost saving measure being proposed by the negotiation board.*

S. Stevenson

Q: Mr. Stevenson expressed that he is concerned about the low participation by parents at the consultation meeting regarding the reorganization of AGRHS and the Eastern Townships Learning Centre?

A: *Mr. Murray replied that the low participation rate was a concern and welcomed any suggestions how to better engage parents in the future.*

C. St-Jean

Q: With the budgets process underway, TRUSS is concerned about cuts in support staff. *When will TRUSS and its new members know more about these cuts?*

A. *The Director General answered that the budgetary rules have not been deposited yet. As soon as we will have more information, we will inform our staff members.*

M. Murray said that we do not know how the compressions will affect our operations and that no one group is being targeted.

Rebecca Blinn (from Heroes' Memorial)

Q: *Does ETSB have a plan to support us if the government abolishes the weighting of coded students?*

A. *We will have to adjust to our financial limitations. We know that there is never enough funding for students with special needs but we do the best we can.*

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 athletics teams have had an amazing start to 2015 with an outstanding winter season. We would like to recognize and congratulate the following teams and the players and coaches who have contributed to this success:
 - Bantam Girls Basketball “A” Team won the gold medal in the RSEQ play-offs as well as the Ethics banner – coaches – Tracey Chantler & Danica Montgomery;
 - Bantam Boys Basketball Team won the ETIAC league and play-offs as well as the RSEQ regular season banner – coaches – Tracey Comeau & Jennifer Sylvester;
 - Jr. Girls Basketball Team won the ETIAC league and play-offs, the AAESQ Provincial Championships – coaches – Glen Faucher & Kevin Dezan;
 - Jr. Boys Basketball Team won the ETIAC league and play-offs, the AAESQ Provincial Basketball Championships – coach – Caleb Page;
 - Sr. Girls Basketball Team won the ETIAC play-offs, won the silver medal at the AAESQ Provincial Championships – Jon Goyette & Jennifer Sylvester;
 - Bantam Hockey Team won the ETIAC play off Championships – coaches – Robbie Fisk & Todd Winquist;
 - Sr. Boys Hockey Team won the ETIAC play off Championships as well as the College de Jean Brebeuf Hockey Tournament – coaches – Robbie Fisk, David Beaulieu & Bob Halsall;
 - Curling team won the ETIAC league and play-offs – coach – Jim Lemaitre.
- On March 17th, Massey-Vanier High School (MVHS) held its annual Science Fair, which saw students from MVHS competing, as well as students from Butler, Heroes’ Memorial, and Farnham Elementary Schools. After the judging was complete, the following MVHS students’ projects won for their level:
 - Secondary 2 – 1st prize – Christina Ciurlej, 2nd prize – Jesse Salois, 3rd prize – John Marr;
 - Secondary 3 – 1st prize – Abigail Whitcher & Kaitlin Arnason, 2nd prize – Catherine Laporte & Autumn Thayer;
 - Secondary 4 – 1st prize – Andy Jones & Thomas Martel, 2nd prize – Nikki Bedard, 3rd prize – Wesley Smith;

Secondary 5 – 1st prize – Robert Frederico Rabe, 2nd prize – Anaïs Charbonneau Poitras & Chemar Hasham, 3rd prize – Dave Lagüe Lauzon & Mathieu Lauzière.

The overall Science Fair winners for the secondary level were Andy Jones and Thomas Martel with an overall average of 97%. For the elementary schools the following students’ projects won for their level:

- Cycle 2 – 1st prize – Jamie Lee Allen from Farnham Elementary, 2nd prize – Elisanne Chalifoux & William Leblanc from Farnham Elementary, 3rd prize – Christopher McKelvey & Mika Edington and Raphael Cote & Noemi Duhamel from Farnham Elementary;
- Cycle 3 – 1st prize – Elianne Rochat from Farnham Elementary, 2nd prize – Naomie Mimeault from Farnham Elementary, 3rd prize – Jacob Santerre & Jeremy Duhamel from Farnham Elementary;

- Secondary 1- Elementary, 1st prize- Baylee Ingals & Tristan Ditcham from Butler Elementary, 2nd prize- James Vermeulen from Butler Elementary, 3rd prize – Nevan McWilliams from Butler Elementary.

Congratulations to the winners and all the participants as well as thank you to the staff and volunteers who made this event possible. The preparation for this event starts well in advance of the event and in many cases for our elementary schools involves a local competition to choose those students who will represent the school at MVHS;

- Also at Massey-Vanier High School we would like to congratulate Secondary 5 student Takeshi Fukushima who won second prize in the *Éducaloi* Essay Contest this year. The contest centres on topics of legal interest to teenagers and Takeshi took home a certificate and a cheque for \$350;
- Students at Knowlton Academy recently participated in a public speaking contest organized by the local Optimist Club. Students Allie Forster - Grade 5 Elementary - girls and Aiden Meacher Grade 4 Elementary boys won in their category and will be going onto the next level of competition being held in Victoriaville in spring. Also from Knowlton Academy were Jada Moffat - honorable Mention- Secondary 1 and Benjie Cantelon-third place elementary for boys. Congratulations to all the participants, and to the winners we wish them continued success at the next level. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the Optimist Club on providing this opportunity for our students;
- This year National Volunteer Week will be celebrated from April 12th – 19th. On behalf of the students and staffs we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for all that volunteers do in our schools and centres to enrich the educational experience for our students. Many activities and extra support would not be available if it were not for our valued volunteers;
- Also in April we take the time to signal the work of our office staff. April 22nd is Administrative Professional's Day, and on behalf of the Council, Senior Administrators and students of the ETSB, we would like to say thank you for your hard work and dedication that contributes to the success of our students on a daily basis.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Reorganization of Alexander Galt Regional High School & the Eastern Townships Learning Centre

Resolution No. ETSB15-03-84**Reorganization of Alexander Galt Regional High School & the Eastern Townships Learning Centre**

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) believes in the model of inclusive education;

WHEREAS the ETSB Policy & Procedures Governing the Organization of Educational Services for Students with Special Needs states that *The Eastern Townships School Board believes that the preferred placement for students with special needs is the regular classroom;*

WHEREAS the ETSB endorses the following statement from the Education Act (E.A.,s.235): The right of every student to be integrated into a regular class or group if it has been established on the basis of the evaluation of the student's abilities and needs that such integration would facilitate the student's learning and social integration;

WHEREAS the current model of the Eastern Townships Learning Centre (ETLC) and Alexander Galt Regional High School (AGRHS) does not facilitate an inclusive education;

WHEREAS in the current structure, AGRHS and the ETLC operate separately in the same building;

WHEREAS by reorganizing the ETLC and AGRHS under one administration and one school, the ETSB will have an inclusive high school that will be able to maximize resources, offer programs that can be made available to all students, and share facilities in an equitable manner;

WHEREAS a consultation process was followed with staff members, governing boards, students and parents of both AGRHS and the ETLC, as well as the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC);

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday that Alexander Galt Regional High School and the Eastern Townships Learning Centre become one school, with one administration and with all students attending AGRHS;

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED that the Deed of Establishment and 3-Year-Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovable be sent to the AGRHS & the ETLC governing boards for consultation to have one common building for both the current AGRHS and the ETLC, bringing closure to the reorganization process;

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation and that in the absence of the Director General, the Assistant Director General can also sign.

Carried unanimously

8. DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

The Director General presented a verbal report in which he outlined the next steps in the budget process, which are the deposit of the provincial budget on March 26th to be followed shortly by the budget parameters for schoolboards at which time the extent of the expected compressions

will be known. The budget process has begun and a consultative committee has been formed to address the expected compressions.

9. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

10. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Executive Committee

The Chairman reported that a staffing report had been deposited at the Executive meeting. He also informed the Council that a number of topics that will be addressed at tonight's meeting.

10.2 Governance and Ethics

Commissioner R. Gagnon mentioned that the notes of the February 23, 2015 meeting were included in the Commissioners' kits. The meeting scheduled on March 17 was cancelled because of the weather and the next meeting is scheduled on April 21, 2015.

10.3 Audit Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee, J. Humenuik, informed the Council that the notes of the March 10, 2015 meeting were included in the Commissioner's kits. She also indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on April 9, 2015.

Commissioner J. Humenuik presented the following resolutions:

10.3.1 Change of Banking Services and Signing Officers for Alexander Galt Regional High School

Resolution no. ETSB15-03-85

Change of Banking Services and Signing Officers for Alexander Galt Regional High School

WHEREAS according to the procedure on the use of school and centre bank accounts (P019-1) each school is allowed to have one bank account;

WHEREAS Alexander Galt Regional High School wishes to lower their monthly bank fees;

WHEREAS the National Bank of Canada represents the School Board, and schools with a bank account with the National Bank of Canada are not charged bank fees;

WHEREAS Alexander Galt Regional High School currently has a bank account with the CIBC, on which they are charged bank fees;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik that Alexander Galt Regional High School close their CIBC bank account and open an account with the National Bank of Canada.

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED that the following individuals be appointed as signing officers:

Peggy Mc Court
Christina Rousseau
James Lemaitre
Steve Element

Carried unanimously

10.3.2 Emergency Stairs up to code – Princess Elizabeth Elementary School - Project #14-015-AMT-30

Resolution No. ETSB15-03-86

Emergency Stairs up to code – Princess Elizabeth Elementary School - Project #14-015-AMT-30

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) wants to repair the outside emergency stairs at Princess Elizabeth Elementary school;

WHEREAS the ETSB has mandated the engineering firm *Groupe Projetech* to evaluate the situation;

WHEREAS after receiving the final report from the engineering firm *Groupe Projetech*, it was recommended to replace the existing stairs;

WHEREAS three (3) contractors were invited to bid on the project;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$58,980 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Construction Labrie Merlos inc.*;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor plus the professional fees and taxes is \$70,285;

WHEREAS the amount needed to do the project will be taken from the *Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle (AMT) 2014-2015* and if needed from the *Maintien des actifs et transformation fonctionnelle (AMT) 2015-2016*;

WHEREAS the assigned engineering firm of *Groupe Projetech*, after reviewing the bids, has recommended the company *Construction Labrie Merlos inc.* to do the work;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Brodie that the company *Construction Labrie Merlos* be awarded the contract for the emergency stairs up to code project at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School;

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 Washroom Renovation (Phase II) – Richmond Regional High School – Project #14-024-MDB-22

Resolution No. ETSB15-03-87

Washroom Renovation (Phase II) – Richmond Regional High School – Project #14-024-MDB-22

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* (MELS) approved a budget of \$200,000 (taxes and professional fees included) for a washroom renovation (phase II) project at Richmond Regional High School, under the program « *Maintien des bâtiments 2014-2015 (Mesure 50620)* »;

WHEREAS delays which the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) faces, forces us to present the resolution on a budgetary basis;

WHEREAS the project will be published on the Québec electronic tender web site (SEAO), before or on April 17, 2015;

WHEREAS the contract will be published as soon as the results of the tender will be known before or on May 1, 2015

WHEREAS the contract will be granted respecting the authorization by the MELS 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, the monies 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;

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

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner T. Bilodeau 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

10.3.4 Wireless Equipment Renewal

Resolution No. ETSB15-03-88

Wireless Equipment Renewal

WHEREAS the actual wireless infrastructure has not been renewed since 2008;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) needs to ensure the reliability of its wireless infrastructure and compatibility with all the equipment and software already purchased and to be purchased;

WHEREAS the ETSB is part of a Purchasing Group with the *Commission Scolaire des Sommets (CSS)* and the *Commission Scolaire de la Région-de-Sherbrooke*;

WHEREAS the CSS is responsible for the Purchasing Group joint call for tender and for receiving the bids on March 16, 2015;

WHEREAS the lowest bid for the ETSB's participation in the amount of \$175,845.06 (excluding taxes), was received from the company "Softchoice";

WHEREAS the total cost for the wireless system for the ETSB is \$202,177.86 or (\$187,955.07 net tax);

WHEREAS the complete cost of the above mentioned project will be covered over 3 fiscal years;

WHEREAS all purchases will be done according to the ETSB's Purchasing policy (P013) and government requirements;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner R. Gagnon that the company "Softchoice" be awarded the respective contracts to provide and support for the wireless infrastructure equipment;

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 Definition and Identification by AutoCad Plans of the Architecture of all Buildings of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) # 50623-QAI-01

Resolution No. ETSB15-03-89**Definition and Identification by AutoCad Plans of the Architecture of all Buildings of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) # 50623-QAI-01**

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* (MELS) allocated a special envelope for school boards to purchase tools and / or services of external professionals to support their implementation of an organized building maintenance system and air quality management (*Mesure 50623*);

WHEREAS all engagements need to be signed by March 31, 2015;

WHEREAS delays faced by the ETSB, forces it to present the resolution on a budgetary basis;

WHEREAS the budget allocated for the above mentioned contract is \$25,000 (excluding taxes);

WHEREAS the contract will be granted to the firm whose proposal meets all the demands and requirements of the ETSB, within the allocated budget;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted in respect of the authorization by the MELS for the *Mesure 50623* and the government requirements (laws, policies, rules, etc...);

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

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 Collection of Information and Audit of the Assets, the Interior and Exterior Structure of all Buildings of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) # 50623-QAI-02**Resolution No. ETSB15-03-90****Collection of Information and Audit of the Assets, the Interior and Exterior Structure of all Buildings of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) # 50623-QAI-02**

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* (MELS) allocated a special envelope for school boards to purchase tools and / or services of external professionals to support their implementation of an organized building maintenance system and air quality management (*Mesure 50623*);

WHEREAS all engagements need to be signed by March 31, 2015;

WHEREAS delays faced by the ETSB, forces it to present the resolution on a budgetary basis;

WHEREAS the budget allocated for the above mentioned contract is \$100,000 (excluding taxes);

WHEREAS the contract will be granted to the firm whose proposal meets all the demands and requirements of the ETSB, within the allocated budget;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted to the lowest bidder, following a call for tenders based on an invitation process;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted in respect of the authorization by the MELS for the *Mesure 50623* and the government requirements (laws, policies, rules, etc...);

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner R. Gagnon to proceed with the contract;

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 Collection of Information and Audit of the Mechanical Systems and Equipment in all Buildings of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) # 50623-QAI-03

Resolution No. ETSB15-03-91

Collection of Information and Audit of the Mechanical Systems and Equipment in all Buildings of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) # 50623-QAI-03

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* (MELS) allocated a special envelope for school boards to purchase tools and / or services of external professionals to support their implementation of an organized building maintenance system and air quality management (*Mesure 50623*);

WHEREAS all engagements need to be signed by March 31, 2015;

WHEREAS delays faced by the ETSB, forces it to present the resolution on a budgetary basis;

WHEREAS the budget allocated for the above mentioned contract is \$25,000 (excluding taxes);

WHEREAS the contract will be granted to the firm whose proposal meets all the demands and requirements of the ETSB, within the allocated budget;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted in respect of the authorization by the MELS for the *Mesure 50623* and the government requirements (laws, policies, rules, etc...);

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

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 Classification and Identification of Materials Which May Contain Some Asbestos in all Buildings of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) # 50623-QAI-04

Resolution No. ETSB15-03-92

Classification and Identification of Materials Which May Contain Some Asbestos in all Buildings of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) # 50623-QAI-04

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* (MELS) allocated a special envelope for school boards to purchase tools and / or services of external professionals to support their implementation of an organized building maintenance system and air quality management (*Mesure 50623*);

WHEREAS all engagements need to be signed by March 31, 2015;

WHEREAS delays faced by the ETSB, forces it to present the resolution on a budgetary basis;

WHEREAS the budget allocated for the above mentioned contract is \$100,000 (excluding taxes);

WHEREAS the contract will be granted to the firm whose proposal meets all the demands and requirements of the ETSB, within the allocated budget;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted to the lowest bidder, following a call for tenders based on an invitation process;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted in respect of the authorization by the MELS for the *Mesure 50623* and the government requirements (laws, policies, rules, etc...);

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner M. Kirby to proceed with the contract;

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 Visual Assessment of the Roofs of all Buildings of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) # 50623-QAI-05

Resolution No. ETSB15-03-93

Visual Assessment of the Roofs of all Buildings of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) # 50623-QAI-05

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* (MELS) allocated a special envelope for school boards to purchase tools and / or services of external professionals to support their implementation of an organized building maintenance system and air quality management (*Mesure 50623*);

WHEREAS all engagements need to be signed by March 31, 2015;

WHEREAS delays faced by the ETSB, forces it to present the resolution on a budgetary basis;

WHEREAS the budget allocated for the above mentioned contract is \$25,000 (excluding taxes);

WHEREAS the contract will be granted to the firm whose proposal meets all the demands and requirements of the ETSB, within the allocated budget;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted in respect of the authorization by the MELS for the *Mesure 50623* and the government requirements (laws, policies, rules, etc...);

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner D. Brodie to proceed with the contract;

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

10.4 Communications Advisory Committee

The Chairman of the Communications Advisory Committee, D. Brodie, informed the Council that there was nothing to report as there was no meeting. He also indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on March 31, 2015.

10.5 Human Resources Advisory Committee

Commissioner G. Barnett informed the Council that there was nothing to report as there was no meeting. He also indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on April 7, 2015.

10.6 Transportation Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Transportation Committee, Commissioner G. Holliday, informed the Council that there was nothing to report as there was no meeting. But he has attended the joint committee meeting with *Commission scolaire du Val-des-Cerfs* last week. He also indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on April 7, 2015.

10.7 Special Education Advisory Committee

The Director of Pedagogical Services, K. Mackey, informed the Council that the notes of the February 11, 2015 meeting were included in the Commissioners' kits. She also indicated that the notes of the March 11, 2015 meeting will be included in the next Commissioner's kits. The next meeting is scheduled on April 8, 2015.

10.8 Parents' Committee

Parent Commissioner P. Laberge informed the Council that the highlights of the March 11 meeting were included in the Commissioners' kit. He also indicated that the next meeting will be held on April 1st, 2015.

10.9 Student Advisory Committee

From the Student Advisory Committee (SAC), Commissioner J. Humenuik mentioned that a meeting was held on March 17, at Alexander Galt Regional High School. Several topics were discussed; cafeteria, buses, schools' environment, cell phones, devices for Secondary 4-5 and Dress Code. The next meeting is scheduled on May 28, 2015.

Commissioner J. Humenuik also mentioned that the students will meet with commissioners soon. A Doodle will be sent out in order to set up a date.

11. QUEBEC ENGLISH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Chairman, M. Murray, mentioned that QESBA is still waiting for a meeting to occur with the new Minister of Education. Spring conference will take place on May 21, 2015 in Quebec City.

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

There was nothing to report as there were no meetings since the last Council of Commissioners' meeting.

13. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner C. Beaubien attended the last Parents' Committee in March. She heard parents concern on school fees and supervision.

Commissioner C. Beaubien also mentioned that during her visit at ACES, she met Sgt Boucher from the SQ and she was very pleased with the Lock Down plan in place. Finally, at ACES, she attended one afternoon of their WOW (Week of Workshop) event.

She also attended her first Governing Board at North Hatley Elementary School. She also mentioned that 2 daycares (NHES and ACES) are still going on strong. Also that in Sunnyside, the new playground was in progress. More and more fathers are involved in the Watch D.O.G.S. ("Dad of great Students") program;

Commissioner G. Thomson invited the Council members to attend the Talent Show in Massey-Vanier High School on April 9;

Commissioner K. Waterhouse spoke of the Heroes' Assembly and the three winners of the Lion's Club Peace Poster contest;

Commissioner M. Gilman mentioned that she participated, on March 12, at the ski day. She also said that she has a lot of pictures of the Massey-Vanier High School Science Fair;

Commissioner M. Kirby attended a meeting at the Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre;

Commissioner A. McCrory attended the Governing Board meeting at Waterloo. She also reminded all commissioners that it was not too late to donate to the Commissioners' Scholarship Funds;

Commissioner P. Laberge mentioned that the Music Festival at Massey-Vanier High School will take place on April 20, 2015. He also mentioned the Sherbrooke Elementary School's St. Patrick's parade where more than 500 students were dressed in green. It was impressive;

Commissioner G. Barnett attended the Governing Board at Lennoxville Elementary School. A topic had been brought from a parent from the *École Saint-Antoine* about the transfer of kindergarten's students to Lennoxville Elementary School next year. He also mentioned that Douglas Sullivan is now sitting on the Governing Board of the Eastern Townships Learning Centre.

Commissioner T. Pezzi-Bilodeau said that many activities took place for St. Patrick's Day at Asbestos-Danville-Shipton Elementary School; students doing Irish dances, hat parade, etc. She also mentioned that everyone is pleased with the progress of the renovations at Richmond Regional High School and that the school community will be happy that the Phase II has been approved.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary General indicated that there was no correspondence received.

15. QUESTION PERIOD**C. St-Jean**

Q: Is the E.T.S.B. staff able to work on the jobs presented in points 10.3.5. to 10.3.9 ?

A: The Director of Operations, M. Soucy, answered no. Outside specialized workers will have to do the work.

S. Stevenson

Q. Mr. Stevenson mentioned that the Chair remembers that media are important players for healthy debate in the public form.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Éric Campbell
Secretary General

Michael Murray
Chairman

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2015-03-25