

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018 – 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	GH
Claire Beaubien	P	Paul Laberge	P
Daniel Brodie	Absent	Cindy Véronneau	GH
Richard Gagnon	P	Kenneth Waterhouse	GH
Gary Holliday	P		
Joy Humenuik, <i>Vice-présidente</i>	P	Secretary General, Éric Campbell	P
Mary-Ellen Kirby	P	Director General and Director of Pedagogical Services, Kandy Mackey	P
Frank MacGregor	P	Assistant Director General and Director of Operations, Michel Soucy	P
Alice McCrory	P	Director of Human Resources, Jeffrey Pauw	P
Jonathan Murray	P	Director of Financial Services, Sophie Leduc	P
Michael Murray, <i>Président</i>	P	Director of Continuing Education, Eva Lettner	P
Tina Pezzi-Bilodeau	GH	Director of Complementary Services, Gail Kelso	P

OBSERVERS

Sharon Priest, Communications Consultant

PUBLIC

Megan Seline, President of the Appalachian Teachers' Association (ATA)
Matthew McCully, The Record
Mike Pezzi, Parent
Ashley Jones, Parent

1. CALL THE 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 F. MacGregor to adopt the Agenda of April 24, 2018 as deposited.

Carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2018

Resolution No. ETSB18-04-94

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 27, 2018

WHEREAS a copy of the Minutes of the meetings of March 27, 2018 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 F. Macgregor to excuse the Secretary General from reading the Minutes and to of the meeting held on March 27, 2018, as deposited.

Carried unanimously

4. QUESTION PERIOD

M. Pezzi

Q: Are there any developments concerning the request made at the last Council meeting for picking up my child in front of my house due to the dangerous road conditions?

M. Soucy

A: *A meeting of the Transportation Adivosry Committee will take place on May 8th. Recommandations will be brought to the Council for the May meeting.*

A. Jones

Q: Why is there not a security fence adjacent to the raod around Ayer's Cliff Elemenatry School?

M. Soucy

A: *This request should be brought to the school's Governing Board, and they in turn can make an official request to the school board. The request will be looked at with the others from Ayer's Cliff Elementary school related to Building and Grounds.*

A. Jones

Q: When asking the administration the schol's deficit always comes back as a reason. Will the deficit always be a handicap for this school?

M. Murray

A: Safety is always a priority for the school board and the local deficit is not a deciding factor when it comes to safety. If the Governing Board feels strongly that a fence is a safety matter for the school, then they should bring that request and concern up to the school board for review.

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:

- A small group of students at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School (PEES) are hoping their efforts will have a positive impact on children who are hospitalized in the paediatric department at the *Centre hospitalier universitaire de Shebrooke* (CHUS). Grade five students at PEES; Hailey Harison-Dostie, Kezia Loewen, Zoe St-Martin and Shyann Roy, were planning on holding a slime sale outside one of their homes. When PEES teacher Shannon Greenwood heard about the plan, she encouraged the students to think big and with a little guidance it turned into a, slime, drawings and snacks fundraiser to be held at school. All of the products are hand made by the four students and all of the proceeds will be used to purchase toys, games, etc., for children in the paediatric department at the CHUS in Fleurimont, to make their stay a little easier. So far the students have held two of the four planned sales and have raised \$400! The next step will be to get the monies raised and the toys purchased to the hospital. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students on their entrepreneurial skills and their sense of community in reaching out to others and Ms. Greenwood for her support and guidance;
- Some Alexander Galt Regional High School (GALT) students were recently in Ottawa as part of the Ambassadors of Change Program sponsored by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, Holocaust Education and Commemoration. Organized by GALT teacher Stephanie McCully, students in the secondary 3 Enriched History/English class were given the opportunity to travel to Ottawa last week and visit the Canadian War Museum. While there they met with survivors of the Holocaust, participated in small group discussions and the National Holocaust Memorial Ceremony. Guest speakers included leaders of the NDP and the Conservatives as well as the Minister of Defense and survivors. As expressed by one the teachers accompanying the group Stephanie Brown, “what a great opportunity for our students and kudos to Ms. McCully for organizing this”.
- In show business they say, the show must go on and that is exactly what ETSB students and teachers did last week when the ETSB’s Annual United in Music concert was postponed due to a ‘snow day’. Originally scheduled for April 16th the concert was held on the 18th at Massey-Vanier High School. Though some elements of the show had to be rearranged, the concert was once again a huge success under this year’s theme, “Songs of Change”. In all close to 400 students performed for the finale, which was preceded, with each school performing their own number. Congratulations once again to the organizers and all the students who participated;

- On April 18th the ETSB held its Annual Volunteer Recognition Event in Magog. In attendance were volunteers from elementary and high schools who had been nominated as this year's outstanding volunteer for their school community. As in previous years, the volunteers chosen by the ETSB Central Parents Committee as, Volunteers of the Year were announced. This year the individuals chosen were: Shawn Jersey from Mansonville and Mandy Deners Hinds from St. Francis as the Volunteers of the Year Elementary level and Michelle O'Brien from Massey-Vanier and Shane Kydd from Richmond Regional as the high school Volunteers of the Year. Congratulations to all the nominees and the volunteers of the year. As well we want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the volunteers in all our schools and centres who give so selflessly of their time and expertise.
- On behalf of the Council and senior administrators of the Eastern Townships School Board, we would like to extend our congratulations to Bradley Daignault from Alexander Galt Regional High School and Taylor Dubois from Richmond Regional High School on each receiving the Quebec Lieutenant Governor's Youth Medal. The medal is given to students at the secondary, college and university level, who have been involved in their community and or have made a positive impact within a group or community with their inspiring attitude.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 **Appointment of Returning Officer**

Resolution No. ETSB18-04-95

Appointment of Returning Officer

WHEREAS section 22 of the *Act Respecting School Elections* stipulates that the Director General of the school board is the Returning Officer ex officio;

WHEREAS, because of other existing mandates, the Director General must be replaced as Returning Officer for the November 2018 School Board Elections;

WHEREAS the Management personnel of the Eastern Townships school Board recommends SuzAnne Tremblay;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday to appoint Ms. SuzAnne Tremblay to the position of Returning Officer for the November 4, 2018 School Board Elections.

Carried unanimously

7.2 Appointment of Election Clerk

Resolution No. ETSB18-04-96 **Appointment of Election Clerk**

WHEREAS section 23 of the *Act Respecting School Elections* stipulates that the returning officer shall appoint an election clerk to assist him in the performance of his duties;

WHEREAS the election clerk shall, for that purpose, perform the duties delegated to him by the returning officer;

WHEREAS section 24 of the *Act Respecting School Elections* stipulates that if the returning officer is unable to exercise his duties, the election clerk shall replace him and he must notify the council of commissioners, who may, in that case, appoint another person as the returning officer;

WHEREAS the Management personnel of the Eastern Townships school Board recommend Éric Campbell;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner P. Laberge to appoint Éric Campbell to the position of Election Clerk for the November 4, 2018 School Board Elections.

Carried unanimously

7.3 Renewal of the Consolidated Purchasing of General Insurance Contract

Resolution no. ETSB18-04-97 **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 it was resolved by resolution ETSB17-02-46, on February 22, 2017 to participate in the *Regroupement des commissions scolaires de la Montérégie et de l'Estrie en matière d'assurances*;

WHEREAS the school board's insurance contract with BFL Canada, lowest bidder in conformity, will expire on June 30th 2018;

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 *Guy Turcot de GT&A Gestion des risques Inc* and *les Consultants d'assurance Adelson & Associés Inc* to represent the Eastern Townships School Board in all the necessary phases for the renewal of the general insurance contract for the 2018-2019 school year, by mutual agreement 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 2018-2019 be filed by the Director of Operations by June 1st 2018, in order to ensure that it is submitted on time to the Executive Committee (or Council of Commissioners).

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

7.4 Realization of a Study Aimed at the Regionalization of Business Services of the Four Estrie School Boards

Resolution No. ETSB18-04-98

Realization of a Study Aimed at the Regionalization of Business Services of the Four Estrie School Boards

WHEREAS a major challenge for businesses in the region is the recruitment of skilled labor;

WHEREAS the school boards are able to offer training allowing companies to have access to this qualified workforce, both through vocational training and customized training;

WHEREAS the customized training offered by Estrie School Boards' Business Services often makes it possible to respond more quickly and more appropriately to the needs of businesses;

WHEREAS these customized training courses are offered by the four Estrie School Boards in different spheres of activity and at different locations on the territory of the Eastern Townships;

WHEREAS during an extended consultation with companies, they expressed the need to be able to go to one place for their customized training needs;

WHEREAS in this context, work has been undertaken to evaluate how the four Estrie School Boards, three Francophone and one Anglophone, could offer a regional business training service;

WHEREAS in the context of this study, the regionalization of Business Services where vocational training centres are contributing to the roll-out of programs to address the labor needs of businesses in the region;

WHEREAS by merging, Business Services become a real lever for the maintenance and development of vocational training at the regional level, for the benefit of the Francophone and Anglophone communities;

WHEREAS a regionalization of Business Services allows:

- the creation of regional centres of expertise;
- the consolidation of the offer of services in vocational training;
- more qualified graduating students;
- a better response to the training needs of companies;
- access to a qualified workforce;
- response to the orientations of the MEES based on strong and more effective regional concertation as a lever to support regional development;

IT WAS PROPOSED BY COMMISSIONER J. HUMENUIK AND RESOLVED to authorize the Eastern Townships School Board to participate in the realization of a study aimed at the regionalization of Business Services of the four Estrie School Boards. **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** 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. REPORTS

8.1 Director General's Report

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

- The Lieutenant-Governor's Medal Ceremony
- The play "Beauty and the Beast" presented at Alexander Galt Regional High School
- "United in Music's Songs of Change" concert presented at Massey-Vanier High School
- Volunteerism in our schools and centres
- The Projet PRÉE campaign and encouraging our students to hang in there

8.2 Report from the Chair

There was no report.

9. ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S REPORTS

9.1 Executive Committee

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

- Staffing plan
- Annual support staffing plan

9.2 Governance and Ethics Committee

The Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, Commissioner G. Barnett, presented the topics that were discussed at the March 20, 2018 meeting:

- ETSB Commitment to Success Plan
- 2018-2019 Advisory Committee Reflection
- Organigram
- School Board Elections
- Marguerite Knapp Building – Update
- Resource Allocation Committee
- ABEE Nomination
- School Supplies
- QESBA Strategic Plan Tour
- Commissioners' Norms

The Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee also mentioned that the next Governance and Ethics Committee meeting is scheduled on June 12, 2018.

9.3 Audit Advisory Committee

9.3.1 Finance

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

9.3.1.1 Approval of the Revised Procedure on the Use of School and Centre Bank Accounts (P019-1)

Resolution No. ETSB18-04-99

Approval of the Revised Procedure on the Use of School and Centre Bank Accounts (P019-1)

WHEREAS the School Board developed a Procedure on the Use of School and Centre Bank Account (P019-1), which was adopted on July 1, 2002 by resolution ETSB02-07-76;

WHEREAS a revision of the procedure was necessary to align with current practices for the use of school and centre bank accounts;

WHEREAS the the Revised Procedure on the Use of School and Centre Bank Accounts (P019-1) was presented to the Audit Advisory Committee and was accepted by the committee;

WHEREAS the Director's Committee and Management Committee accepted the Revised Procedure on the Use of School and Centre Bank Accounts (P019-1);

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik that the Revised Procedure on the Use of School and Centre Bank Accounts (P019-1) be approved, and it was further moved that this resolution replace the original resolution ETSB01-07-76, effective April 24, 2018.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2 Buildings and Grounds

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

9.3.2.1 New Horizons Adult Education Centre – Exterior Doors Replacement

Resolution No. ETSB18-04-100

New Horizons Adult Education Centre – Exterior Doors Replacement

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* dedicated a budget of \$84,337 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2017-18 Mesure: 50621*;

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

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

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$69,549 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Construction Longer Inc.*

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Jubenville et Associés Architectes*, has recommended the company *Construction Longer Inc.*, lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor plus the professional fees and taxes is \$95,963.00;

WHEREAS additional funds required to do the project stated above, they will be taken from: *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2017-18* and/or in the *RTA- Réfection et transformation des actifs* program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner F. MacGregor that the Company *Construction Longer Inc.* be awarded the contract for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation and that in the absence of the Director General, the Director of Operations can also sign.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.2 North Hatley Elementary School – Window Replacement

Resolution No. ETSB18-04-101

North Hatley Elementary School – Window Replacement

WHEREAS the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* dedicated a budget of \$75,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2017-18* *Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS three (3) companies retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

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

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$68,968.48 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Norgéreq Ltée*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *D-Koto Architecture*, has recommended the company *Norgéreq Ltée*, lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor plus the professional fees and taxes is \$95,157.01;

WHEREAS all funds required to do the project stated above will be taken from: *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2017-18* *Mesure: 50621* and/or in the *RTA- Réfection et transformation des actifs* program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien that the Company *Norgéreq Ltée* be awarded the contract for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation and that in the absence of the Director General, the Director of Operations can also sign.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2.3 Richmond Regional High School – Partial Roof Replacement

Resolution No. ETSB9-18-102

Richmond Regional High School – Partial Roof Replacement

WHEREAS the ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) dedicated a budget of \$150,000 for the project stated above, under the program MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2016-17 Measure: 50621;

WHEREAS eight (8) companies retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

WHEREAS seven (7) bids were received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date and time specified;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in conformity, in the amount of \$127,390 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Les Couvertures Dixmo Ltée.*

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Cimaise Architectes*, has recommended the company *Les Couvertures Dixmo Ltée.*, lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work;

WHEREAS the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor plus the professional fees and taxes is \$175,467;

WHEREAS additional funds required to do the project stated above, they will be taken from: MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2016-17 and/or in the RTA- Réfection et transformation des actifs program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday that the Company *Les Couvertures Dixmo Ltée.* be awarded the contract for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation and that in the absence of the Director General, the Director of Operations can also sign.

Carried unanimously

The Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee also presented the other topics that were discussed at the April 17, 2018 meeting:

- Estrie Regional Business Services
- International Student Program - Insurance
- Last Council Request from Parents
- Building and Grounds Issues
- School Tax 2018-2019

- Resource Allocation Committee
- Budget 2017-2018 Follow Up
- Professional Development for Commissioners

The Chair of the Audit Advisory Committee also mentioned that the next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled on May 15, 2018.

9.4 Educational Services Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Educational Services Committee, Commissioner R. Gagnon, presented the topics that were discussed at the April 3, 2018 meeting:

- Imagine Stanstead Project
- Adult Ed, Vocational Training Updates
- Commitment-to-Success Plan
- Survey Result Procedures
- Services aux Entreprises (SAE) – Estrie
- Decentralized Funds
- Presentation to FCSQ
- Definition of the French Programs

The Chair of the Educational Services Committee indicated that the next Educational Services Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled on May 1, 2018.

9.5 Communication Advisory Committee

In the absence of the Chair of the Communication Advisory Committee, Commissioner D. Brodie, the Secretary General presented the topics that were discussed at the April 12, 2018 meeting:

- Registration Update
- Access to Information Requests
- 2018-2022 Communication Development Plan – 2017-2018 Priorities
- Volunteer Recognition Update
- 2018-2020 Townshippers Day Partnership
- School Elections
- Communications Update – Events to Come

The Secretary General also mentioned that the next Communication Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled on June 5, 2018.

9.6 Human Resources Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Human Resources Advisory Committee, C. Beaubien, indicated that the next Human Resources Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled on May 8, 2018.

9.7 Transportation Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Commissioner G. Holliday, indicated that the next Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled on May 8, 2018, if needed.

9.8 Special Education Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee, Commissioner C. Véronneau, presented the topics that were discussed at the April 11, 2018 meeting:

- Commitment to Success Plan
- Building and Grounds 2018-2019 Budget

She also mentioned that many guests were present: K. Mackey, P. Bruneau, S. Leduc.

She also indicated that the next SEAC meeting is scheduled on May 9, 2018.

10. Parents' Committee

The Commissioner representing parents, P. Laberge, presented the topics that were discussed at the April 4, 2018 meeting:

- Update on the Concomittance – 24 U Estrie project;
- Renovations in the schools;
- Volunteer Recognition event.

He also mentioned that there were two guests: Kandy Mackey and Michel Soucy.

He also indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on May 2, 2018.

11. Student Advisory Committee

Commissioner J. Humenuik representing the Student Advisory Committee, announced that the April 16, 2018 meeting was cancelled.

She also indicated that the next meeting is scheduled on May 18, 2018 at the Board Office.

12. QUEBEC ENGLISH SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION REPORT (QESBA)

Commissioner M. Murray mentioned the following items:

- QESBA Strategic Plan – A draft was elaborated

- Special grant from MEES (\$75,000) for Strategic Plan
- Work in progress with the *Directeur général des élections du Québec*
- Spring Conference in May

13. **SOFIE REPORT**

Commissioner J. Humenuik mentioned that the next SOFIE meeting will take place this Friday morning.

14. **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

- Commissioner J. Humenuik shared that it would be nice if the *United in Music* event could present their performance during the evening in order to let the community see the show;
- Commissioner C. Beaubien said she would like to congratulate the staff members that were involved in the Volunteer Recognition Event;
- Commissioner F. Macgregor mentioned that he attended the play *Beauty and the Beast* that took place at Alexander Galt Regional High School. It was a very nice show;
- Commissioner M. Kirby mentioned that the CLC activity called *Books to Belly* was offered in two schools: Pope Memorial and Sawyerville Elementary. There was an excellent turnout! She also mentioned that Cookshire Elementary School's students participated in a 'clean up' activity in the town streets;
- Commissioner G. Holliday mentioned that he attended the Volunteer Recognition event and the Lieutenant Gouvernor's Medal Ceremony. He also mentioned the activities that took place at Richmond Regional High School's CLC namely Computer Tutors;
- Commissioner P. Laberge was volunteering for the *United in Music* and met with the winner of the TV show *La voix Junior*, Sydney Lallier, who is a student from Parkview Elementary School;
- Commissioner R. Gagnon mentioned that Knowlton Academy celebrated Earth Day by making Peace Poles, bird houses and holding other nature related activities;
- Commissioner G. Barnett attended Lennoxville Elementary School's Governing Board meeting. The Governing Board shared that there are many outstanding school fees that have not have been paid. It was also discussed that enrolment would be at 296 for next year with three kindergarten classes;

- He also attended the Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre's Governing Board. Services aux entreprises was discussed.;
- He also attended Alexander Galt Regional High School's Governing Board. Enrollment was also discussed, that it is stable for next year. As well they discussed the future of the cafeteria.
- Commissioner M. Murray mentioned that as part of the Association des *Directions Générales de l'Estrie* school boards, he was invited with Commissioner J. Humenuik, K. Mackey and M. Soucy to attend the *Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec's* presentation of their action plan. All commissioners are also invited to the May 3rd meeting and should let A. Vaillancourt know if they will be attending;
- He also mentioned that the Lab-École team will visit Knowlton Academy on May 28th;

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary General mentioned that the following correspondence was received:

- Letter from the *ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport* about the *Bonification des sommes accordées pour la formation de courte durée et les compétences à la carte*.
- Resolution from the *Commission scolaire au Cœur-des-Vallées* about the *Report des élections scolaires du 4 novembre 2018*.

16. QUESTION PERIOD

M. Seline:

Will the *entente* between *la Commission Scolaire du Val-des-Cerfs* and the Eastern Townships School Board be finalized before the end of the school year?

M. Murray:

No.

M. Seline:

The possible partnership with other Estrie schools boards announced earlier in the meeting, will this address the professional needs employers?

M. Murray:

This would act more as a short term raiser of skills for specific industry needs that could eventually lead the employee into seeking a more formal and extensive qualification in vocational training.

M. Seline

With the position of Director of Continuing Education Services still not filled, how will the school board address the needs in the meantime?

M. Murray

We are currently examining the best way to address the needs and how we might restructure so as to do just that.

17. **VARIA**

There was nothing to report.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner R. Gagnon at 8:35 p.m.

Éric Campbell
Secretary General

Michael Murray
Chairman

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2018-04-25