

**EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017 – 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):**

Commissioners		Parent Commissioners	
Gordon Barnett	P	Mary Gilman	GH
Claire Beaubien	P	Paul Laberge	Absent
Daniel Brodie	P	Cindy Véronneau	GH
Richard Gagnon	Absent	Kenneth Waterhouse	GH
Gary Holliday	P	DC	
Joy Humenuik, Vice-Chairman	P	Secretary General, Éric Campbell	P
Mary-Ellen Kirby	GH	Director General, Christian Provencher	P
Frank MacGregor	Absent	Assistant Director General and Director of Pedagogical Services, Kandy Mackey	P
Alice McCrory	P	Director of Human Resources, Jeffrey Pauw	P
Jonathan Murray	P	Director of Financial Services, Sophie Leduc	P
Michael Murray, Chairman	P	Director of Operations, Michel Soucy	P
Tina Pezzi-Bilodeau	GH	Director of Complementary Services, Gail Kelso	P
		Director of Continuing Education Services, Eva Lettner	P

**OBSERVERS**

Sharon Priest, Communications Consultant

**PUBLIC**

Matthew McCully, The Record

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

2. **QUORUM**

Quorum was established.

Carried unanimously

3. **COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE FOR CALLING THE SPECIAL MEETING**

The Chairman ascertained with the Secretary General that the procedure for calling the meeting complied with Article 165 of the *Education Act*.

All the Commissioners present have received the convocation within the prescribed delays.

4. **APPOINTMENTS**

4.1 **Appointment of the Director General**

**Resolution No. ETSB17-12-65**

**Appointment of the Director General**

**WHEREAS** the post of Director General of the Eastern Townships School board is vacant following the resignation of Christian Provencher;

**WHEREAS** the Search Committee has met and has recommended to appoint an internal candidate without opening the position;

**WHEREAS** the Search Committee unanimously recommends one candidate;

**WHEREAS** a contract will be negotiated with Ms. Kandy Mackey outlining specific working conditions;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner Joy Humenuik and adopted unanimously to appoint Ms. Kandy Mackey to the post of Director General of the Eastern Townships School Board, effective December 20, 2017.

Carried unanimously

#### 4.2 Appointment of the Assistant Director General

##### Resolution No. ETSB17-12-66

##### Appointment of the Assistant Director General

**WHEREAS** the position of Assistant Director General had been vacated by the promotion and appointment of Ms. Kandy Mackey, effective December 20, 2017;

**WHEREAS** this appointment creates a vacancy in the Assistant Director General position;

**WHEREAS** the Director General recommends that Mr. Michel Soucy, the current Director of Operations, be appointed Assistant Director General, while retaining his mandate in Operations;

**WHEREAS** a contract will be negotiated with Mr. Soucy outlining specific working conditions;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner G. Holliday that the Council of Commissioners appoint Mr. Michel Soucy, Assistant Director General of the Eastern Townships School Board, effective December 20, 2017.

Carried unanimously

#### 5. James Strickland Estate Investment

##### Resolution No. ETSB17-12-67

##### James Strickland Estate Investment

**WHEREAS** Mr. James Strickland decided to bequeath \$160 488.55 to the Eastern Townships School Board to support students who are in need;

**WHEREAS** Mr. Strickland's wishes were that this support be provided specifically for elementary school students that are coming from families who need assistance to provide nutritious meals for said children;

**WHEREAS**, a specific fund has been created at the Eastern Townships School Board, namely the James Strickland Fund, to support school breakfast programs and other similar initiatives;

**WHEREAS**, in order to sustain the support to schools, a capital of \$150 000 will be invested with only the interest being distributed annually to schools;

**WHEREAS**, the current interest rates (return on investment) for secure bank investments are low;

**WHEREAS**, it is possible to get a higher return by investing through a financial investment firm;

**WHEREAS**, these investments are dependent on market performance and therefore carry a certain level of risk, therefore they would be made within a conservative investment profile;

**WHEREAS**, it is felt that the rate of return on these investments would outweigh the risks;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner J. Humenuik to invest with the National Bank Financial within a conservative profile and to authorise the Finance Director to sign all related documents.

Carried unanimously

## **6. SCHOOL FEES UPDATE**

The *Fédération des comités de parents du Québec* (FCPQ) announced that they have deposited their report to the Ministry as requested.

The English Parents' Committee Association (EPCA) has decided to survey their members. Several thousand parents answered the survey.

The representative of Eastern Townships School Board Parents' Committee, Daniel Zigby, who is the representative at the FCPQ was invited to the Council meeting to present the FCPQ report. Mr. Zigby had to decline the invitation. He would like to be accompanied by the spokesperson from FCPQ to do it.

## **7. NEW MANDATE FOR SEX EDUCATION**

A new course about sex education will be implemented starting in the 2018-2019 school year in all schools at all levels.

As of now, two English school Boards are piloting the project.

Time from certain courses (Contemporary World) will be taken in order to implement this new course.

## **8. COMMITMENT TO SUCCESS PLAN – STEERING COMMITTEE**

All school boards have to develop a Commitment to Success Plan by June 1, 2018. A consultation will have to be done across the School Board territory. The Chairman is seeking candidates who would like to participate in a Steering Committee in order to guide the process of realizing the Commitment to Success Plan. The deadline for the adoption of the Commitment to Success Plan for all School Boards is June 1, 2018.

## **9. REPORT ON SPRING CONFERENCE**

The Chairman was informed that a surplus of \$14,000 was left over from the organization of the Spring Conference last May, which was held in Bromont.

The way in which this surplus will be used is still to be defined.

Congratulations to all who worked on this Spring Conference.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner C. Beaubien at 8:01 p.m.

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Éric Campbell  
Secretary General

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Michael Murray  
Chairman

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