

**EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD**

**COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS**

**TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019 – 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	Marc Mercure	P
Claire Beaubien	P	Hélène Turgeon	A
Daniel Brodie	P	Cindy Véronneau	GH
Richard Gagnon	A	Daniel Zigby	P
Gary Holliday	P	DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE (DC)	
Joy Humenuik, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	P	Secretary General, Éric Campbell	P
Mary-Ellen Kirby	P	Director General, Kandy Mackey	A
Frank MacGregor	P	Interim Director General and Director of Continuing Education, Michel Soucy	P
Alice McCrory	P	Interim Assistant Director General and Director of Human Resources, Jeffrey Pauw	P
Jonathan Murray	P	Director of Financial Services, Sophie Leduc	P
Michael Murray, <i>Chairman</i>	P	Director of Instructional Technology and Pedagogical Services, Eva Lettner	A
Tina Pezzi-Bilodeau	GH	Director of Complementary Services, Emmanuelle Gaudet	P
		Director of Material Resources, Éric Plante	P

**GH: Google Hangout**

**OBSERVERS**

Sharon Priest, Communications Consultant

**PUBLIC**

Megan Seline, President of the Appalachian Teachers' Association (ATA)

Matthew McCully, The Record

**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 G. Holliday to adopt the Agenda of May 28, 2019 as deposited.

Carried unanimously

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2019**

**Resolution No. ETSB 19-05-90**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on April 23, 2019**

**WHEREAS** a copy of the Minutes of the meetings of April 23, 2019 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 meetings held on April 23, 2019 as deposited.

Carried unanimously

**4. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions at this time.

**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:

- Each year McGill University students are invited to nominate individuals for the Excellence in Clinical Education Award. Once again this year Ms. Manon Daisomont, Speech and Language Pathologist, was one of 22 nominees for 2018-2019. Manon's extensive clinical experience, her ability to create a safe and secure environment to learn in, and the time she put into her planning and presentation of cases were just some of the glowing comments students made in their nominations forms. We would like to congratulate Ms. Daisomont on being nominated two years in a row by her students;
- On Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Athletics Finals were held at the School Board offices here in Magog. The top three teams, which all hailed from Lennoxville Elementary School (LES), were invited to compete in the finals, which were live streamed! After a grueling three hours of amazing teamwork, the results were tallied and Ms. Desbien's team with Cayden Costello, Katharine Dubois, Haley Giguère, Zachary Haseltine and Justace Wark came out on top! With all three finalists coming from LES, we would like to also recognize

the school team and their focus on and commitment to increasing student outcomes in mathematics. Thank you to all the students and teachers who submitted videos and congratulations to the semi-finalists. Kudos goes out to our team of professionals, who bring this all together...making math more fun than ever!

- On Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Waterloo Elementary hosted the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Grade 3 Math Competition for all Grade 3 students across the ETSB. This event is a fun day where teams of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders come together to solve a variety of math problems that get them thinking outside of the box. This year 13 teams of four students each competed for both the Roxton Award, awarded for the highest point total for the day and the World's Finest Teamwork Award, given to the team who scored the highest on the group work sections. The Roxton Award was awarded to the Farnham Elementary Team. For the second award of the competition, the World's Finest Problem Solvers Teamwork Cup, the Sherbrooke Elementary Mathletes came out on top. We would like to congratulate the Farnham and Sherbrooke teams on their success as well as all the teams that competed. A big thank you goes out to the organizers at Waterloo Elementary, and specifically teachers Ashley Lawrence and Kim Graveline;
- On behalf of the Council and senior administrators of the Eastern Townships School Board, we would like to extend our congratulations to Emma-Lee Bernais from Alexander Galt Regional High School on receiving the Quebec Lieutenant Governor's Youth Medal. In her nomination letter, Emma-Lee is described as a dedicated leader, who takes continual pride in all facets of school and community life. Successful in the classroom, she is also an accomplished actress having performed in 9 school plays. Emma-Lee was a member of the school council for five years, and also volunteered with local theatre groups. She plans on attending the University of Ottawa next year in Drama and Business.
- On May 1<sup>st</sup> the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), Sherbrooke and District hosted their twenty-seventh annual public speaking competition at the Amedee-Beaudoin Community Centre in Sherbrooke. Students from all three ETSB secondary schools competed along with students from two private schools: Bishops College and Stanstead College. Students from the ETSB swept the Junior Division (Secondary 1-3), with Aidan Meacher from Massey-Vanier High School in first place, Cazian Comeau in second and Caresse Comeau-Elman receiving an honourable mention, both from Alexander Galt Regional High School. In the Senior Division (Secondary 4 & 5) Melissa-Jade Roy-Legault from Massey-Vanier High School, received an honourable mention. We would like to congratulate all the students who participated and won as well as their teachers who mentored and coached. Thank you to the members of the CFUW, who without their support this opportunity would not be available for our students.
- The Bedford-Farnham Community Learning Centre (CLC) has proudly teamed up with *Radio Communautaire Missisquoi* (CICI 99.1 FM) for KIDcitiZEN. With the focus on creating stimulating opportunities for students to experience literacy in an active way, the kids of Butler and Farnham Elementary have embarked, for the second year running, on a community radio project. KID+citi+Zen is about kids speaking out, being active citizens with the ZEN representing their collective wellbeing and the sharing of information and resources. The series, which is aired on CIDI radio, will explore different areas of interest such as Reader's Theatre, the performing arts and the joy of cooking to name but a few. The show airs on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and is rebroadcast on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on the following dates; Episode 1: May 28 & 30, Episode 2: June 4 & 6, Episode 3: June 11 & 13 and Episode 4, the finale, on June 18 & 20 which will be a one hour special. We would like to congratulate the students of Butler and Farnham

Elementary Schools on this innovative project and thank *Radio Communautaire Missisquoi* (CICI 99.1 FM) and Holly Bailey, the CLC Coordinator for their initiative. We also extend our thanks to the funding sponsor, *Desjardins Caisse de la Pommeraie*, and teachers Christine Blinn, Victoria Cadorette, Jessica Pinsonneault and Michelle Trenfield.

## 6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising.

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

The Secretary General, E. Campbell, presented the following:

### 7.1 **Resolution No. E19-05-91** **Schedule of the Council of Commissioners' meetings for 2019-2020**

The Secretary General, E. Campbell, presented the 2019-2020 meeting dates. No holidays are in conflict with our regular dates (fourth Tuesday of the month as stipulated by ETSB by-law).

**IT WAS MOVED** by A. McCrory to approve the list of dates as presented. Carried unanimously.

### 7.2 **Requests for an Alcohol Permit:**

#### **Resolution No. E19-05-92** **Request for an Alcohol Permit & Full Responsibility Letter – North Hatley Elementary School**

**WHEREAS** the North Hatley Elementary School is planning a Volunteer Appreciation event to be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at the School where alcohol will be available;

**WHEREAS** the North Hatley Elementary School Governing Board was consulted and approved the request for this appreciation event and are fully aware that alcohol would be available;

**WHEREAS** the Governing Board must conform with the *Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec (RACJ)*;

**WHEREAS** the Governing Board must obtain a resolution from the School Board authorizing them to have alcoholic beverages on the premises and in this case, must supply a photocopy of the permit provided by the *RACJ*;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner C. Beaubien to authorize North Hatley Elementary School to have alcoholic beverages at the June 18, 2019 for the Volunteer Appreciation event organized by the North Hatley Elementary School staff, being held on the school grounds and is in conformity with the *Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec*.

Carried unanimously

**Resolution No. E19-05-93****Request for an Alcohol Permit & Full Responsibility Letter – Ayer’s Cliff Elementary School**

**WHEREAS** the Ayer’s Cliff Elementary School is planning a volunteer appreciation event to be held from 5-7 p.m. on June 19, 2019, at the School where alcohol will be available;

**WHEREAS** the Ayer’s Cliff Elementary School Governing Board was consulted and approved the requites for this appreciation event and are fully aware that alcohol would be available;

**WHEREAS** the Governing Board must conform with the *Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec (RACJ)*;

**WHEREAS** the Governing Board must obtain a resolution from the School Board authorizing them to have alcoholic beverages on the premises and in this case, must supply a photocopy of the permit provided by the *RACJ*;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner C. Beaubien to authorize Ayer’s Cliff Elementary School to have alcoholic beverages at the June 19, 2019 for the volunteer appreciation event organized by the Ayer’s Cliff Elementary School staff being held on the school grounds and is in conformity with the *Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec*.

Carried unanimously

**7.3 Resolution No. E19-05-94****Joyful Literacy Summit Organization**

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board has implemented an Early Intervention Initiative over the last 15 years, in which assessments related to students’ knowledge in phonological awareness, letter recognition, high frequency words, inventive spelling, reading fluency and comprehension and retell/narratives is administered twice a year to all students in K-Cycle Elementary in English and French;

**WHEREAS** a focus group comprised of educational consultants, teachers and administrators, was struck in 2018-2019 to investigate how the data could be collected in a more formative manner to guide teaching interventions and provide opportunities for Tier 2 explicit instruction to vulnerable students;

**WHEREAS** the focus group investigated and recommended the Joyful Literacy research-based model as a means of incorporating strategies that have seen success with vulnerable children, First Nations children and Kindergarten/Cycle 1 students across North America;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB has applied for and received a Heritage Canada Grant to the amount of \$134,100 to host a Joyful Literacy Summit at Bishop’s University in the month of May, 2019;

**WHEREAS** the Summit was open to all English Boards across the province, for a nominal fee of \$100/participant to cover registration;

**WHEREAS** the Summit will feature renowned authors such as Dr. Janet Mort (Joyful Literacy Interventions), Dr. Tim Rasiski (The Megabook of Fluency), Dr. Maria Walthers (The Ramped-

Up Read Aloud), Dr. Ruth Culham (Teaching Writing well), as well as classroom practitioners to offer workshops in both English and French;

**WHEREAS** there is a total of 184 participants registered to attend the Summit from the Eastern Townships School Board and 52 participants from other English School Boards in the Province of Quebec;

**WHEREAS** we anticipate fees of \$195,000 in fees, excluding taxes, related to the speakers (\$92,600), the rental of premises, meals and substitution costs;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner M.E. Kirby that the ETSB may pay the fees described above to cover the costs related to the organization of the Joyful Literacy Summit; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General by Interim be authorized to sign all associated documentation and that in the absence of the Director General by Interim, the Director of Instructional Technology and Educational Services may also sign.

Carried unanimously

#### 7.4 Resolution No. E19-05-95

##### Vocational Training Sector: High-Pressure Welding Program Agreement

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) aims to diversify its Vocational Training services to the English community in the area;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB wishes to add the High-Pressure Welding Program to its programs;

**WHEREAS** according to “Service Québec”, the professional perspective for this type of employment is good;

**WHEREAS** a partnership with New Frontiers School Board (NFSB) will be developed to support this new program;

**WHEREAS** the ETSB must send a request to the *Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* asking to confirm its authorization to proceed with the agreement to offer the High-Pressure Welding program in partnership with NFSB;

**WHEREAS** the ELVEC committee (English Language Vocational Educators Council) and the PROCEDE Table (Provincial Organization of Continuing Education Directors, English) have endorsed this request of High-Pressure Welding program at ETSB;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner J. Murray that the Eastern Townships School Board formally send a request to the MEES asking its authorization to the agreement to offer the High-Pressure Welding Program at the Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre for the 2019-2020 school year.

Carried unanimously

## 8. REPORTS

### 8.1 DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

No Report.

## 8.2 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair, M. Murray reported on the following topics:

- AAESQ/QESBA Spring Conference – workshops covered technology, the internet and being web savvy, media workshops with Barry McLoughlin;
- Presentation by Russell Copeman – good for all commissioners, therefore he will repeat his presentation for ETSB Commissioners on June 6<sup>th</sup> here at the Board Offices;
- School transfers between the EMSB and CSPI school boards;
- Physical activity at MVHS

## 9. ADVISORY COMMITTEES' 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:

- Personnel and Staffing Plan;
- Presentation of Resolutions adopted at tonight's meeting.

### 9.2 Governance and Ethics Committee

The Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, Commissioner G. Barnett, reported the following items that were discussed at the Advisory Committee meeting held on April 30, 2019:

- Farnham Elementary School expansion resolution
- Questions from the Student Advisory Committee
- Advisory Committee meetings 2019-2020 schedule
- Secondary 1 in Elementary Schools
- G&E Committee visits at other boards and venues
- Structural Planning
- K4
- Brome-Missisquoi *Centre Local de Développement* - AGM

#### 9.2.1 Resolution No. E-19-05-96

#### Farnham Elementary School - Request to the *Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* (MEES) for Additional Space

**WHEREAS** this resolution follows the verbal proposal at the Council of Commissioners on April 24, 2019 for additional space at Farnham Elementary School;

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board wants to offer its students the appropriate and adequate space for learning;

**WHEREAS** Farnham Elementary School has faced an important enrollment growth since the 2016-2017 school year;

**WHEREAS** according to the actual student enrolment and the projections for 2019 to 2024, there is a need for additional space at Farnham Elementary School;

**WHEREAS** the student capacity for the Farnham Elementary School building validates the need for additional space, in order to adequately serve the student population of Farnham Elementary School;

**WHEREAS** the need for additional space warrants a major expansion of the existing school in order to serve the student population of Farnham Elementary School;

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board must submit requests for additional space in the *Plan Québécois des infrastructures 2020-2030* program before the end of the current school year;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner J. Humenuik that the Eastern Townships School Board must forward a request to the MEES in the *Plan Québécois des infrastructures 2020-2030* program for the construction of a new school or the expansion of the existing school in Farnham, QC; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documents.

Carried unanimously

The Chair mentioned that the next Committee meeting is scheduled on June 11, 2019.

### **9.3 Audit Advisory Committee**

No Report.

#### **9.3.1 Material Resources**

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

##### **9.3.1.1 Resolution No. E19-05-97**

##### **Waterloo Elementary School – Lighting Fixtures Update**

**WHEREAS** the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* approved a budget of \$124,146 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2016-17* *Mesure: 50621*;

**WHEREAS** it was moved by resolution #ETSB18-05-111, on May 22, 2018, that a company known today as *Le Groupe Ultra*, be awarded a contract in the amount of \$167,756, including professional fees and taxes, for the project stated above;

**WHEREAS** during the project some modifications for additional work needed to be done;

**WHEREAS** the amount of \$20,011 to pay for all modification orders, additional work and professional fees (including taxes), is required to finish the project;

**WHEREAS** the total amount for the contract including all modification orders, additional work, and professional fees (including taxes), adds up to \$187,768;



**WHEREAS** all additional funds required to complete the project, will be taken from *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2016-17 program*;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner A. McCrory 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 Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

### 9.3.1.2 Resolution No. E19-05-98

#### **Massey Vanier High School – Refurbishing Gymnasium Floor**

**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 programs *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2017-18 (Mesure 50621)*;

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) in collaboration with the *Commission scolaire du Val-des-Cerfs (CSVDC)* wants to refurbish the floors of the gymnasium at Massey-Vanier High School;

**WHEREAS** the CSVDC is in charge of the call for tenders for the Massey-Vanier High School Campus;

**WHEREAS** the total cost of the project is shared 50% / 50% between the CSVDC and ETSB;

**WHEREAS** three (3) bids were received by the *Commission scolaire du Val-des-Cerfs (CSVDC)* by the date and time specified;

**WHEREAS** the lowest bid in the total amount of \$146,672 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Plancher de Bois Franc Excalibur inc.*;

**WHEREAS** the amount of the lowest bid from the contractor plus the professional fees and taxes is \$193,931;

**WHEREAS** a resolution has been adopted on April 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the CSVDC Council of Commissioners;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner M. Mercure to proceed, in conformity with the authorization by the MEES and the ETSB's purchase policy and government requirements, for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

**9.3.1.3 Resolution No. E19-05-99****Sutton Elementary School – Replacement of Bus Parking Lot Pavement and Storm Drainage System**

**WHEREAS** the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* approved a budget of \$416,329 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments - Budget additionnel 2018-19 Mesure: 50625*;

**WHEREAS** seven (7) companies retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

**WHEREAS** three (3) bids were received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date and time specified;

**WHEREAS** the lowest bid in the amount of \$370,638 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Excavation Dominic Carey inc.*;

**WHEREAS** after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *St-Georges Structures et Civil*, has recommended the company *Excavation Dominic Carey 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 \$454,299;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner J. Humenuik that the Company *Excavation Dominic Carey inc.* be awarded the contract for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation

Carried unanimously

**9.3.1.4 Resolution No. E19-05-100****North Hatley Elementary School – Renovation of Interior Finishing's and Replace Interior Lighting**

**WHEREAS** the *ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES)* approved a budget of \$208,165 for the project stated above, under the program *RDE - Résorption du déficit d'entretien - Budget additionnel 2018-19 mesure: 50626*;

**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 \$193,515 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Tijaro Ltée*;

**WHEREAS** after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Archi Tech Design*, has recommended the company *Tijaro 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 \$228,703;

**WHEREAS** all additional funds required to complete the project, will be taken from *RDE - Résorption du déficit d'entretien 2018-19 program*;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner C. Beaubien that the Company *Tijaro Ltée* be awarded the contract for the project stated above; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Interim Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

The Chair mentioned that the next Audit Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2019.

#### **9.4 Educational Advisory Committee**

No Report.

#### **9.5 Communications Advisory Committee**

No Report.

#### **9.6 Human Resources Advisory Committee**

The Chair of the Human Resources Committee, Commissioner C. Beaubien, reported the following items that were discussed at the Advisory Committee meeting:

- Excess class sizes with the new GRICS program
- The committee will hold five meetings next year
- Leadership Academy for new principals

M. Murray commented on the teacher postings, which now includes many positions at 100%.

#### **9.7 Transportation Advisory Committee**

The Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Commissioner G. Holliday, mentioned that the Committee met on May 14, 2019. The new policy was discussed. The project for bus delays works very well. There is a need for an adapted bus for Drummondville Elementary School.

#### **9.8 Special Education Advisory Committee**

The Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee, Parent Commissioner Cindy Véronneau, mentioned that recommendations to the Interim Director General will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled on June 12, 2019.

**10. Parents' Committee**

The Commissioner representing parents, D. Zigby, mentioned that the Committee got a great presentation from Material Resources. The Committee also discussed the two policies under consultation. Recommendations will be sent in by June 6, 2019.

The next Parents' Committee meeting is scheduled on June 5, 2019.

**11. Student Advisory Committee**

Commissioner J. Humenuik, representing the Student Advisory Committee, mentioned that a meeting took place on May 7, 2019. Interesting meeting with the students. Always impressive what is coming out from these meetings.

**12. Quebec English School Boards Association Report (QESBA)**

No Report.

**13. S.O.F.I.E. Report**

Commissioner J. Humenuik mentioned that the last meeting took place last week. Ms. Humenuik did not attend.

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

Commissioner Barnett attended the Lennoxville Elementary School Governing Board meeting. Enrollment is going up for the next school year. The Educational Project was also adopted.

Mr. Barnett also attended the New Horizons Governing Board meeting. Cellphones in the classroom were discussed. The situation at Job Links was also discussed, they have experienced a decrease.

Mr. Barnett also attended the spring play at Alexander Galt Regional High School, it was very well done.

Commissioner G. Holliday commented that a recent softball tournament organized by parents was a success and raised funds for sports activities at RRHS and St. Francis.

He also drew the Commissioners' attention to a video project that was done by ADS Elementary. Commissioners may view it on the ADS Facebook page.

Commissioner C. Beaudoin reported the following:

New Horizons Adult Education Centre

- They thank the Commissioners for our generous support with our \$300.00 bursary for their students
- Educational project: One of their orientations is to increase literacy level of students; It was recommended that visual acuity should also be considered when examining literacy

levels. Optical issues can impede learning, so eye exams could be beneficial to improving literacy. They will see if they can arrange for testing.

- Car Tags: Outsiders have been using our parking lot, so a parking sticker was created to identify cars belonging to New Horizons students and staff; parking spots will also be reserved for tutors.
- The Centre Director listed a few renovation projects down the road and expressed that he always has a great response from B&G.
- A teacher of SIS students (Social Integration Service) received from *Matériaux Surplus Liquidation* donation of wood so her students could build tool boxes/planters to sell. Since September, students have raised over \$2700. The funds will cover their end of year trip to Quebec City. All the projects help the students to develop autonomy as well as money management, math, and fine motor skills. The Fripperies was a success. A document linked to the future program "*Participation Sociale*" was created. She is also teaming with the Challenges Program at Galt to ease students' transitions from the youth sector to Adult Ed. And lastly, with a small contribution, she does a cooking class with her students where thereafter, they bring home a full cooked meal.

#### Sunnyside Elementary School

- Pollinator Garden was proposed for Grade 6 students to create a garden in the front of the school that will encourage pollinators and beautify the front. I also shared the Living Schools document with a teacher.
- The in & out signs out in front of the school is in the works and the front drive signage and painting will be happening shortly.

Commissioner F. MacGregor attended the Sherbrooke Elementary School and Alexander Galt Regional High School Governing Board (AGRHS) meetings. Budgets seem to be an issue in schools. AGRHS is now a NANS school. It was mentioned that almost half of the students are part of the concentration programs.

He also commented that the Sherbrooke Elementary School Governing Board went over the budget. Congratulations to the Principal and Governing Board members for understanding the budget!

Commissioner M.E. Kirby will attend the Sawyerville breakfast for volunteers next week. She also mentioned that the addition of a 20 minute recess will have a big impact on the school schedule and supervision.

Commissioner C. Véronneau mentioned that the Junior Rugby team at Richmond Regional High School won the banner.

Commissioner T. Bilodeau also attended the Richmond softball tournament. The awards presentation at Richmond Regional High School was well attended.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE****15.1 Riverside School Board Resolution: Maintaining Elected School Commissioners**

The Secretary General, E. Campbell, mentioned that the resolution was received and the Chairman, M. Murray, read it out aloud.

IT WAS MOVED that a resolution along the same lines be prepared for the next Council meeting. The text of this resolution will be discussed and prepared at the Governance & Ethics meeting on June 6, 2019.

**16. QUESTION PERIOD**

M. Seline: Secondary 1 is offered in three elementary schools within the Massey Vanier High School sector, but Secondary 1 is not offered in Richmond Regional High School and Alexander Galt Regional High School sectors? Are needs being met?

Chairman: When surveyed, all elementary schools had the following options:

1. No secondary 1 in the elementary School
2. Secondary 1 only in the elementary school
3. Secondary 1 and 2 in the elementary school

The elementary schools in the Massey Vanier sector all opted for Secondary 1. The elementary schools in the AGRHS and RRHS sectors opted for no Secondary 1, which was the status quo.

M. Seline: What issues and or problems have been identified as possible impacts of the proposed changes to article 17 (extra 20 minutes recess) of the *Régime pédagogique*, for teachers, students and parents?

Chairman: For teachers, possible increase in supervision and the distribution of tasks. For Students they will have longer days and a later arrival at home. For Parents, there could be increased supervision cost. For Transportation there will be the timing of bus routes which could mean additional costs.

M. Seline: Have you been made aware of sound issues in gymnasiums?

Chairman: Yes, and in some we have already replaced tiles as they were in need of repair. Projects are on the way to correct this issue.

M. Seline: QPAT conducted a survey that showed a rate of 56% of violence in schools; of which 84% is against teachers. Of that percentage 47% is caused by students. A further breakdown shows that of the total violence against teachers, 80% is psychological, and of this 52% is cyber-bullying. Is the School Board aware of this?

Chairman: Yes.

17. **VARIA**

n/a

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner J. Murray at 9:02 p.m.

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Éric Campbell  
Secretary General

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Michael Murray  
Chairman

EC/amc  
29-05-2019