

# Highlights

Council of Commissioners' meeting of  
Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 2022

## Recognition of Excellence

This month the Council of Commissioners and Head Office Administrators recognized this year's Grand prize winner of the Brome Bright Lights story writing contest along with the Kitchen Brigade champions from Richmond Regional & Farnham Elementary's Boy's Club! On top, a congratulations went out to Waterloo Elementary's Kindergarten class for their *Adventures of Fairy Tales* movie première.

The Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) also recognized the incredible perseverance of Campus Brome-Missisquoi's Adult Ed graduates who faced tremendous challenges and overcame them to receive their graduation certificates. All were applauded!

- ◆ Unanimous appointment of Amy Gallant to the position of Principal 60% and Teacher 40% at Sunnyside Elementary. Congratulations to Ms. Gallant on this new position.
- ◆ Unanimous appointment of Nicole Carrière to the position of Assistant-Director of Educational Services at the Board Office. We wish Ms. Carrière continued success in this new role.

### Dates to Remember...

July 25 <sup>th</sup> – Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Summer Shut Down
Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	Planning days
Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	First day of school!!

See attached report from the Chairman,  
Mr. Michael Murray & Director General,  
Mr. Soucy



## Resolutions

- Approval of the Schools/Centres Budgets – 2022-2023;
- Adoption of the Eastern Townships School Board Budget – 2022-2023;
- Interest Rate on overdue Taxes and Other Overdue Receivables;
- Sunnyside Elementary School – Appointment of Principal 60% / 40% Teaching;
- Assistant Director of Educational Services;
- Personnel Management Consultant;
- QESBA Membership Fees for 2022-2023;
- Delegation of Powers to the Director General;
- Confirmation of the Schools and Centres Administrative Structure 2022-2023;
- Knowlton Academy Signing Officers;
- Asbestos-Danville- Shipton (A.D.S.) Elementary School - Replacement of the improvement site – Drop-off area rear sidewalk;
- Sunnyside Elementary School – Elevator;
- St. Francis Elementary School – K4 (Room #2);
- Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales mandate (CAG) – Sports material and equipment;
- Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales mandate (CAG) – Standard and upgradable class furniture;
- Multimedia Equipment for Schools;
- Renewal of Laptops;
- Engagement of Megan Webster for Phase 2 of the Coaching/Mentoring program.

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# Reflections

From Michael Murray, Chairman

Exams are finished and graduation ceremonies completed. Schools have said emotional goodbyes to students, wishing them a wonderful summer and teachers are using this week to tidy up and begin planning for August when they will be back. As we turn the page on another school year, we breathe a sigh of relief that we made it. Students and educators alike look forward to a long summer break that, in only a few weeks, will seem to have been alarmingly brief. Our attention is already refocusing on next year with the adoption of our budget and appointment of new principals and personnel. Schools and departments have their staff assignments and the final few positions left to fill are posted on our website. Meanwhile we can catch our breath and enjoy a brief respite to reflect on our successes and failures, hopefully learning from the latter. All of us are now and forever learners.

The evaluation sub-committee wishes to report a highly positive assessment of our leadership team. Initiatives begun in previous years are producing positive results, on both administrative and pedagogical levels. Fresh ideas are being implemented and will undoubtedly be integrated into the renewal of our strategic plan scheduled for the upcoming academic year. We experienced a strong sense of progress with a positive attitude toward change that fosters innovation. Our senior managers are performing above expectation and merit our wholehearted endorsement and approval.

With that said, I will wish you all time over the summer to forget real or imagined wrongs, heal mentally and physically, and enjoy the beauties of our region.

Happy summer,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Murray".

Michael Murray, Chairman



# Director General's Report... June 28, 2022

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## *Our Four Pillars:*

*Pedagogical  
Leadership*

*Attachment-based  
developmental  
approach*

*Professional  
Learning  
Community*

*Student  
Engagement*

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This past month has been a very busy time in our schools and centres.

Finally, after almost 2 years, our students can hold in person graduations and award ceremonies and celebrate the end of the school year with class trips and events.

We have students who have been with us since kindergarten and only now, in grade 2, they will have their first school outing.

One important thing we have seen over the last 2 years, is that our students, staff, and parents, have demonstrated their resilience when faced with all kinds of situations and challenges.

Although there have been many changes and adjustments that had to be made in how we offer educational services, our staff found ways to adapt, all the while keeping their focus on the best way to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of our students.

These new skills that we have all developed, will most certainly be useful, and something that keeps us one step ahead in the future, as we move forward and deal with the new normal.

There are so many great moments to share that took place each day in our schools and centres, but I wanted to bring a few to your attention:

- 2022 marks the ETSB's first new school building since the 1968-69 school year. A new school was built in Drummondville with a budget of close to 20 million. ETSB's B&G team along with our partners delivered a state-of-the-art school to the Drummondville Elementary School community in 12 months.
- Built originally in 1969, Alexander Galt Regional High School is now a fully accessible school. For the first time its auditorium is now accessible to all.
- The goal of the Eastern Townships Adult General Education, now called ETAGE, is to serve the entire English community where and how they need to be served.

ETAGE is now providing adult learning throughout our territory, including in-person services in Sherbrooke, Cowansville, Stanstead, Richmond and Waterloo, as well as other virtual or distance education opportunities.

- The calendar for the 2022-2023 school year was approved and this year, we have a fall reading week built into the calendar.

These fall pedagogical days will be used as a time for students to catch up and recharge, and for staff to plan and meet for professional development opportunities.

- From the latest stats available, we were able to see our graduation and certification rate increase to 76.6% in 2020-2021. Although, there is still a lot of work ahead of us, we need to be encouraged by the constant improvement since the past 6 years.

By focusing on our 4 pillars, we were able to achieve the main objective of our Commitment to Success Plan, and we are looking forward to work on the ETSB's new success plan, with a renewed Mission and Vision to guide our way.

All of this would have not been possible without the hard work and dedication of our students and staff.

I want to thank our students for persevering through what has been some exceptional years.

They have shown us their resilience and ability to face the challenges in front of them.

To our graduates, congratulations on a job well done and all the best for the future.

To our remarkable ETSB personnel, I want to recognize your hard work and dedication. Thank you for putting students first, for supporting them and fostering their success.

I also want to personally thank my fellow directors for their leadership this past year and our commissioners for their continued support.

Last but not least to our parents, thank you for your cooperation, understanding, support, and above all else the trust you have put in all of us here at the ETSB.

In closing the 2021-2022 school year, it will be remembered for more than just the pandemic. We have a lot to celebrate and be proud of. I wish you all a relaxing summer break and hope you can take the time to reconnect with friends and your loved ones.

Take care & see you in August.



Michel Soucy, Director General

## Recognition of Excellence June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**This month the Council of Commissioners and Senior Administrators of the Eastern Townships School Board would like to signal the following:**

RRHS' Kitchen Brigades served up the perfect bite!



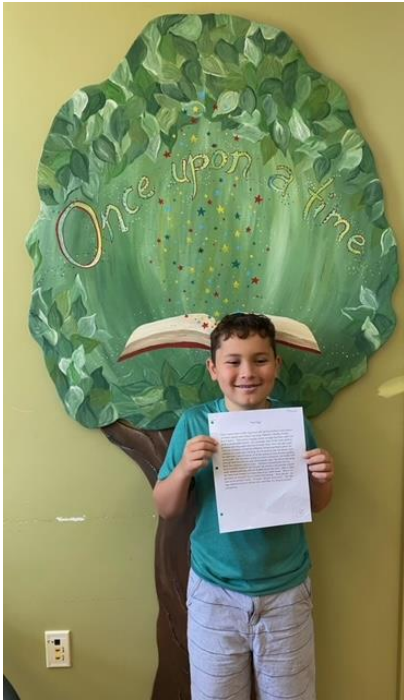
These beaming smiles belong to the Green Team girls of Richmond Regional's Kitchen Brigades squad who brought home the top prize in the cooking competition hosted by the infamous *Ricardo*. The finals were held in Montreal at the *Institut de tourisme et d'hôtellerie de Quebec* where they competed against teams from Montreal, Quebec City, Gatineau, and Winnipeg in an intense one-hour race to whip up something wonderfully tasty to woo the judges. Equipped with mystery ingredients and cutting edge focus, the girls produced a mouth watering dish of pan-roasted duck topped with brie cheese, pecans, and a savoury blueberry sauce! The perfect bite was had and the competition won! These national champions will go on to compete in *Le Choc des Brigades* and have also won the opportunity to learn from the executive chef of the Montreal Canadiens, cook for the players, and attend the Red & White game this fall - WOW!! Congratulations to Savannah Mace, Felicia Fredette, Trinity Raymond, Jane Bissonnette (as seen in photo from Left to Right along with Ricardo) and a huge thank you to LEARN Quebec that has funded this program at Richmond Regional since it launched in 2018.

## Waterloo Elementary's Kindergarten Class lit up the Big Screen!



The kids of Ms. Barr's kindergarten class shone in this year's original movie *Adventures of Fairy Tales* presented at the *Maison de la Culture de Waterloo*! This production was a mix of 5 classic fairy tales woven together into a fabulous story that entertained and educated all at the same time. The children developed confidence, team work, reading and speaking skills to list just some of the hand's on learning that took place. Congratulations to Ms. Barr who handled the filming, costumes, editing and over all production. Staff members pitched in to help with voiceovers, create posters and even older students practiced lines with the kindergarteners. What a beautiful time capusule for all to cherish of Waterloo Elementary School.

## Brome Bright Lights Story Writing Contest



The annual *Brome Bright Lights* story writing contest is always a much awaited competition that draws wonderful stories from around the Eastern Townships to surface from the imaginations of our youth. Hosted by the Brome Lake Books store, students grades 1 through 6 are welcome to submit an original story with two winners selected at each level. From the winning entries a grand prize winning story is selected, and this year the prize went out to Heroes' Memorial student, Shawn Cere. This grade 3 student took home the coveted honour along with \$250 for his tale entitled, "The Egg." Congratulations to Shawn and all the other students whos stories amused and entertained the judges!



Brome Bright Lights

## The Boy's Club at Farnham Elementary



This year Farnham Elementary started up an official *Boy's Club* to engage the students and offer them new experiences. The *Boy's Club* made up of grade 5 and 6 kids met once a week, rolled up their sleeves and jumped into a variety of activities designed to break down gender stereotypes and teach them new skills they may not have a chance to explore otherwise. Activities have included pizza making at a local restaurant, sewing and even how to change a tire.

The group is led by parent volunteer Nicholas Robert and supported by teachers Ms. Piette and Ms. Pinsonneault. *The Boy's Club* offers a special place for gathering, sharing and learning a variety of life skills all the while having loads of fun! The Farnham Elementary club looks forward to more adventures next year. BRAVO to the *Boy's Club*!

Local newspaper *L'Avenir et des Rivières* covered the story and met with the students at the Point S Gorge in Farnham for the lesson on tire changing...read the article [HERE!](#)

## The Faces of Perseverance at the Campus Brome-Missisquoi's Graduation



Campus Brome-Missisquoi (CBM) held its annual graduation ceremony on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, 2022. All gathered in person for the first time in two years to celebrate this fabulous accomplishment. The graduation gala was followed by lunch at the centre with invited guests, namely commissioners, staff, teachers, and family members. Numerous bursaries and awards were handed out along with graduation certificates. It was a wonderful celebration at the CBM adult education centre located in Cowansville. Congratulations to these students who truly persevered, and of whom we are very proud!