

## EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

### COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

ETSB BOARD ROOM

340, SAINT-JEAN-BOSCO

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### MINUTES

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*Enhanced Literacy and Numeracy – Dropout Prevention – Physical and Mental Health*

| COMMISSIONERS                   |   | PARENT COMMISSIONERS  |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Gordon Barnett                  | Z | Richard Gosselin  | Z |
| Claire Beaubien                 | Z | Helene Turgeon  | Z |
| Shawn Jersey                    | Z | Daniel Zigby  | Z |
| Richard Gagnon                  | Z | Eliza McKnight  | Z |
| Gary Holliday                   | Z | <b>DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE (DC)</b>  |   |
| Joy Humenuik, <b>Vice-Chair</b> | Z | Secretary General – Éric Campbell   | P |
| Mary-Ellen Kirby                | Z | Assistant Director General – Kandy Mackey                                   | Z |
| Frank MacGregor                 | Z | Director General – Michel Soucy   | P |
| Alice McCrory                   | A | Director of Human Resources – Caroline Dufresne                             | Z |
| Jonathan Murray                 | Z | Director of Financial Services – Sophie Leduc                               | Z |
| Michael Murray, <b>Chair</b>    | Z | Director of Instructional Technology and Pedagogical Services – Eva Lettner | Z |
| Tina Pezzi-Bilodeau             | Z | Director of Complementary Services – Emmanuelle Gaudet                      | Z |
|                                 |   | Director of Material Resources – Éric Plante                                | Z |

**ZOOM (Z) – MEMBERS PRESENT (P) – MEMBERS ABSENT (A)**

**OBSERVERS**

Geneviève Mallette, the Secretary General's executive secretary, took the notes for this meeting.

**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 March 28, 2023 as deposited, with the following addition:

8.1 Commissioner A. McCrory's resignation announcement letter.

Carried unanimously

**3. APPROVAL OF THE **AMENDED** MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2022 AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

**Resolution No. ETSB 23-03-57**

**Approval of the **amended** Minutes of the Council of Commissioners meeting held on November 22, 2022 and approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on February 21, 2023**

**WHEREAS** a copy of the **amended** Minutes of the meeting of November 22, 2022 and the Minutes of the meeting of February 21, 2023 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 **amended** Minutes and to approve the **amended** Minutes of the meeting held on November 22, 2022. In regards to the February 21, 2023 Minutes – their approval has been postponed to the April 25, 2023 Council meeting due to corrections that need to be applied.

Carried unanimously

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2023**

**Resolution No. ETSB 23-03-58**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on March 14, 2023**

**WHEREAS** a copy of the Minutes of the special meeting of March 14, 2023 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 special meeting held on March 14, 2023 as deposited.

Carried unanimously

## 5. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were asked at this time.

## 6. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Chairman M. Murray invited the following Commissioners to present the March 28, 2023 Recognition of Excellence:

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

### Richmond Students Savour the Flavour of Italy



**Commissioner G. Holliday:** This year marked the 17<sup>th</sup> voyage organized for Richmond Regional High School (RRHS) students by teacher Lori Cloutier. RRHS's travel club took 36 grade 9, 10 and 11 students to Italy, to tour, savour and explore the country's rich history. Students fundraised, saved up their wages to cover the costs and made every penny count.

This voyage entitled "Bel Italia" ran from February 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup> offering students the opportunity to explore 3 Venetian islands, along with the cities of Rome, Pisa, Florence, Assisi and Pompeii. The Travel Club took in the works of renowned artists such as Da Vinci and Michelangelo, landmarks like the Ponte Vecchio and the Sistine Chapel and students enjoyed a glassblowing demonstration, even a gondola ride!

With guided tours, plenty of pasta and gelato, the trip was surely a memorable highlight of their high school experience. Talk about real-world learning!

## Making a Strong Point with his Writing and Illustrative Talent

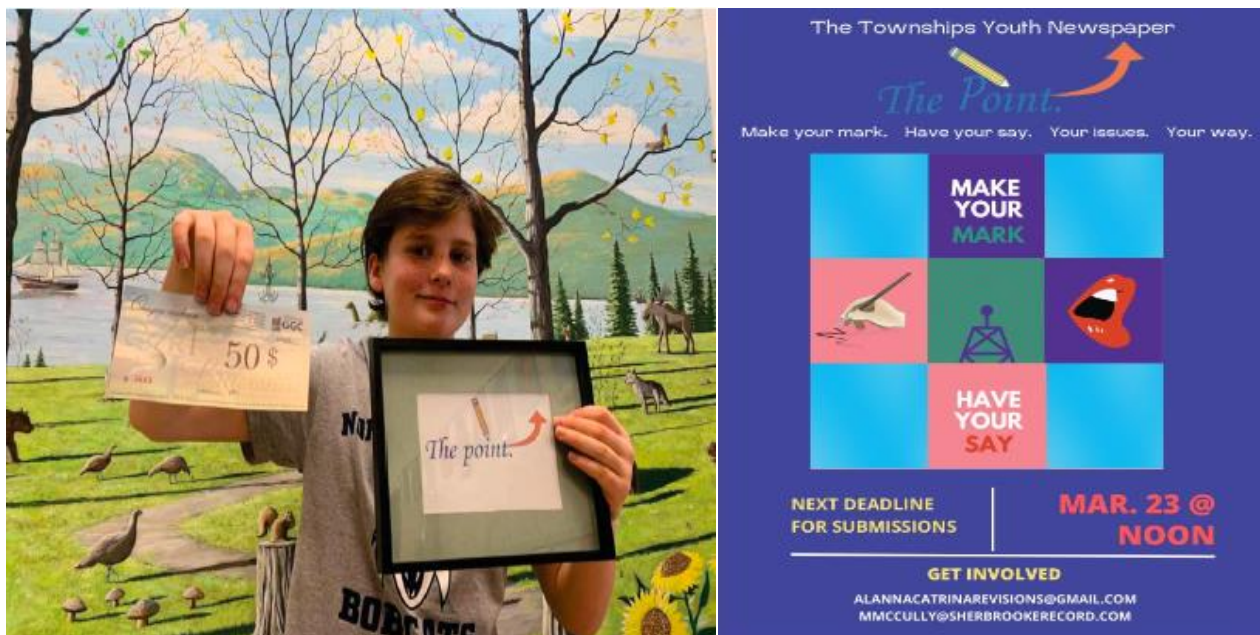


Photo courtesy of The Sherbrooke Record



**Commissioner F. MacGregor:** As you may well know, The Sherbrooke Record launched an online youth edition of the newspaper, which is created by young people and written for young people titled “The Point”. Any English-speaking youth 25 years and younger are invited to send in their submissions, ranging from poems, short stories to historical narratives and current events.

The Point created a contest to solicit entries for an official logo. We are pleased to share the news that North Hatley Elementary student Alistair Stafford claimed the prize and is honored by having his logo seen above on all future editions as the main header! On top, he earned a \$50 gift certificate to the *Biblairie GGC*. Alistair is a regular contributor to The Point and you are invited to read his most recent article “Steamboats on Lake Massawippi” found on page 7 via this link:

<https://www.sherbrookerecord.com/the-point-february-28-2023/>



## GALT Student to be Published through National Writing Contest

**Commissioner C. Beaubien** Secondary 5 student Ruohan Wallis, seen here with her English teacher Ms. Mazarakiotis from Alexander Galt Regional High School will soon be a published author. Her short story titled "Running with the Stars" was selected in the first round of judging for the National student-writing contest through Polar Expressions Publishing. The short story features a young Indigenous girl who is taken away to a residential school and escapes on her horse reaching the refuge of a starry sky. Ruohan's story will be published in a student collection and entered into the grand prize round to be considered for 1 of 3 prizes awarded for her grade.

This is Ruohan's first year at Galt having moved here from China. According to her proud teacher, she is a very creative and dedicated student who strives to excel in her writing. Upon graduation, she will study Arts, Communication and Literature at John Abbott College in the fall. We send our congratulations and wish her the best of luck with future endeavours!

## Estrie Region Well Represented by Alexander Galt Students and Alumni



**Commissioner G. Barnett:** The 56<sup>th</sup> edition of the Quebec Winter Games, « Jeux du Québec » that bring the best 12-to-17-year-old athletes together for an intense, high-level competition, took place in Rivière du Loup from March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2023. The Estrie region was superbly represented by Alexander Galt Regional High School (GALT) students and alumni who competed in gymnastics and curling events. Cayden Costello, a secondary 4 student brought home two 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes in floor exercises, seen here with his team on the left and in the middle.

In the curling arena, Alexa Dingman, a secondary 3 student along with teammate Chanelle Comeau-Eryou, a 2022 GALT graduate, competed in curling. Coached by 2014 GALT alumni Chelsea Côté, the team played tremendously well and secured a fifth-place finish (Picture at right - The Estrie Curling Team: Alexa Dingman positioned in the middle, on the outside right is Chelsea Côté, and just beside her is the team skip Chanelle Comeau-Eryou). We salute you all and recognize your excellence!

## Campus Brome-Missisquoi Brings Home the Gold Medal



**Commissioner R. Gagnon:** Congratulations goes out to the Campus Brome-Missisquoi for hosting a fantastic event to highlight the trades on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 – namely the *Olympiades des métiers et des technologies*. To cap off the success, CBM's own Josué Snyder secured the Gold Medal and will go on to represent the Estrie region at the provincial competition for Welding and Fitting in May. Felicitations to all!

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1 Commissioner A. McCrory's resignation announcement letter

We received a resignation letter from Commissioner A. McCrory, Ward 4. The Secretary General, E. Campbell delivered the news and detailed some of the circumstances and described the steps to be taken. Ms. McCrory's last day will be April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. A by-election will have to take place in the next four months.

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner H. Turgeon to approve Commissioner A. McCrory's resignation.

## 9. REPORTS

### 9.1 Director General's report

The Director General, M. Soucy had nothing new to report.

### 9.2 Chair's report

The Chair of the Council of Commissioners, M. Murray, reported the following:

It is challenging to write about a commissioner leaving the Council without making it sound like an obituary. This is anything but. Alice has resigned for personal reasons that require her to relocate outside the board territory. Consequently, she no longer qualifies to serve as a commissioner. I am certain that had she found a way to remain in Waterloo, she would still be serving the ETSB and local communities with her customary vigour and commitment. When I visited her recently, she had already made several new friends, was organizing activities and games for fellow residents and was planning to buy extras to enhance the quality of their living.

Alice was elected as commissioner from the Waterloo area in the 2003 school board elections and completed close to 20 years of service. Elections in her ward were usually contested and she often told of her campaigning door to door in both the city of Waterloo and throughout the rural parts of her ward. In the reorganization prior to the 2007 elections, the territory of her ward was more than doubled to include Granby and its surrounding territory. She has represented both cities since then, attending both Governing Board meetings most months in addition to her committee assignments.

Itemizing of her many contributions to ETSB cannot do justice to her commitment and engagement. She assumed full responsibility for the commissioner bursary fund, soliciting contributions from individual commissioners and allocating the funds to the schools and centres. She was scrupulous in reporting each year on how funds were allocated and did her best to encourage generosity by commissioners. She was the initiator of the “Bookbag Project” personally soliciting donations from area merchants and businesses to purchase school supplies for needy students attending Waterloo Elementary, Knowlton Academy and Parkview schools. She coordinated with a parallel project piloted by the Sherbrooke Record to share resources across a wider territory, ensuring no student who merited help was overlooked. She was also very involved in the wider community having served on the Board of Directors of the Townshippers Association for over a dozen years and attended every Townshippers Day.

Alice loved learning and took every opportunity to broaden her understanding of education. She attended commissioner professional development programs whenever resources permitted, becoming a regular at the QESBA Spring Conference. In addition, she joined the trip to the KIPP charter schools in New York City where we explored their methods that achieved very high graduation rates and exceptional university attendance by students from underprivileged and distressed communities.

I feel certain many of us retain fond memories of Alice and I know we share amusing anecdotes about her adventures. In New York on the KIPP Schools trip, she became separated from our group before we had established a rallying point. I was dispatched to look for her and found her in earnest conversation with a pair of bemused mounted police officers from whom she was requesting help in finding the “lost” group of her associates. On that same trip, she accompanied me on a brisk walk from the Battery at the lower tip of Manhattan to Central Park, a distance of at least two miles, and still had enough energy to seek out the site where John Lennon was shot.

Alice struggled with technology to the point that it became a source of friendly ribbing by her colleagues. In her earlier career with the Steinberg’s organization, she was a pioneer user of computing in business, when computers occupied entire buildings and users connected remotely with terminals. She managed the integration of computing into the retail chain and taught others how to use computers effectively. The more recent iterations including laptops, remote meetings and instantaneous communications she found challenging. She was renowned for never replying to an email without hitting “reply to all”.

Alice, we will miss you, your determinedly positive outlook, your ability to believe the best of everyone and your kindness. Thanks for brightening our lives.

## 10. **ADVISORY COMMITTEES’ REPORTS**

### 10.1 **Executive Committee**

The Chair of the Executive Committee, Commissioner M. Murray mentioned that the topics that were discussed at tonight’s Executive meeting will be discussed at tonight’s Council meeting.



## **10.2 Governance and Ethics Committee**

The Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, Commissioner D. Zigby presented the following resolution:

### **10.2.1 Resolution No. ETSB 23-03-59**

#### **Demande d'autorisation en vertu de l'article 7 de la Loi sur les élections scolaires**

**ATTENDU** que selon la liste électorale transmise par le directeur général des élections (DGEQ), le nombre d'électeurs attribués à la Commission scolaire Eastern Townships (CSET) se situe entre 10 000 électeurs ou plus, mais moins de 30 000;

**ATTENDU** que la *Loi sur les élections scolaires* alloue huit (8) circonscriptions électorales à la CSET considérant ce nombre d'électeurs;

**ATTENDU** que le ministre peut, sur demande, autoriser une commission scolaire à établir une à cinq circonscriptions de plus que ce qui est prévu à l'article 6 lorsqu'il estime cela justifié en raison notamment de la dimension particulièrement étendue du territoire de la commission scolaire, du nombre de municipalités locales dont le territoire est compris dans celui de la commission scolaire ou en raison de l'isolement du territoire d'une municipalité locale dans celui de la commission scolaire;

**ATTENDU** que le territoire de la CSET est très étendu puisqu'il mesure environ 18 000 km<sup>2</sup>;

**ATTENDU** que les territoires d'environ 193 municipalités sont compris dans le territoire de la CSET;

**ATTENDU** qu'environ 97 municipalités sont isolées dans le territoire de la CSET;

**ATTENDU** que le territoire de la CSET remplit conséquemment les trois critères mentionnés à l'article 7 de la *Loi sur les élections scolaires*;

**ATTENDU** que la CSET compte présentement onze (11) circonscriptions électorales puisque trois (3) circonscriptions supplémentaires lui avaient été accordées par le ministre depuis les élections tenues en 2014;

**IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR** le commissaire D. Zigby de demander au ministre d'autoriser la CSET à ajouter trois (3) circonscriptions additionnelles à ce qui est prévu à l'article 6 de la *Loi sur les élections scolaires*, portant ainsi le nombre de circonscriptions électorales à onze (11) pour l'élection du 3 novembre 2024.

Carried unanimously

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2023.

## **10.3 Audit Advisory Committee**

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

**10.3.1 Finance:**

None.

**10.3.2 Material Resources:****10.3.2.1 Resolution No. ETSB 23-03-60****Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales mandate – Defibrillators**

**WHEREAS** the *Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales* (CAG) has been created on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020;

**WHEREAS** the CAG has for mission to acquire quality goods and services, at the right time, at the right price to the benefit of public organizations;

**WHEREAS** public organizations will have to acquire from the CAG exclusively unless an exception is accepted from them;

**WHEREAS** the CAG has started a new call for tender for the acquisition and maintenance of defibrillators;

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board finds it advantageous to benefit from this mandate;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner J. Humenuik to proceed in joining the CAG for the mandate 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 Material Resources can also sign.

Carried unanimously

**10.3.2.2 Resolution No. ETSB 23-03-61****Authorization of a construction permit request**

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) must adopt a resolution allowing Mr. André Benoit, Mr. Gilles Dubé, Mr. Pierre Bruneau, Ms. Patricia Algier and/or Mr. Walter Coriandoli, ETSB's superintendents and external consultants, the right to request a construction permit;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner G. Holliday that Mr. André Benoit, Mr. Gilles Dubé, Mr. Pierre Bruneau, Ms. Patricia Algier and/or Mr. Walter Coriandoli be awarded the right to request a construction permit in any town and for any ETSB investment 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 Material Resources can also sign.

Carried unanimously

**10.3.2.3 Resolution No. ETSB 23-03-62**  
**Sherbrooke – Empty land fence**

**WHEREAS** Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) has a total land area of 63 acres local close to Alexander Galt Regional High School;

**WHEREAS** the neighbor's surveyor has notified us on a fence placed quite some time ago on neighbor's land;

**WHEREAS** there is a portion of land neighboring that is 1.5 meters by 120 meters on the other side of the fence;

**WHEREAS** the neighbor has ownership of this portion of land that ends at the lot line that divides the two;

**WHEREAS** the surveyor requests us to acknowledge the misplacement of the fence;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner H. Turgeon to approve the land limit to be the one being surveyed by Mr. Guillaume Meunier, surveyor 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 Material Resources can also sign.

Carried unanimously

**10.3.2.4 Resolution No. ETSB 23-03-63**  
**Waterloo Elementary School – Renovation of main entrance and secretarial sector** (correction)

**WHEREAS** a small financial structure changed from the previous resolution ETSB 23-02-54;

**WHEREAS** the actual resolution will replace resolution ETSB 23-02-54;

**WHEREAS** the *Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ)* approved a budget of \$232,413 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2020-2021 Mesure: 50621*;

**WHEREAS** the *Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ)* approved a budget of \$376,044 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2021-2022 Mesure: 50621*;

**WHEREAS** a direct access to anyone accessing the school will be possible without camera;

**WHEREAS** ventilation, vestibule and bathroom will also be created;

**WHEREAS** four (4) 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 \$611,733 (excluding taxes) was received from the company *Groupe Ultra Inc.*;

**WHEREAS** after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *ADSP* has recommended the company *Groupe Ultra Inc.* the lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work for the amount of \$783,256, including taxes and professional fees;

**WHEREAS** \$121,575.85 will be taken from *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2012-13 Mesure; 50621* program;

**WHEREAS** \$53,205.15 will be taken from *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2020-21 Mesure; 50621* program;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner M. Murray to proceed with the work 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 Material Resources can also sign.

Carried unanimously

The date of the next Audit Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 16, 2023.

#### **10.4 Educational Advisory Committee (ESAC)**

The Chair of the Educational Advisory Committee, M.E. Kirby mentioned that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2023.

#### **10.5 Communications Advisory Committee**

The Chair of the Communications Advisory Committee, H. Turgeon mentioned the topics discussed at the March 15, 2023 meeting:

- Resignations;
- Registrations – difficulties vs. success;
- ETSB truck with recruiting advertisements;
- New communications tool.

The date of the next Communications Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2023.

#### **10.6 Human Resources Advisory Committee**

The Chair of the Human Resources Advisory Committee, C. Beaubien mentioned that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2023.

## **10.7 Transportation Advisory Committee**

The Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Commissioner G. Holliday mentioned the topics discussed at the March 15, 2023 meeting:

- Bus Safety Week – Feedback: parents were happy with the presentation and the students were very receptive;
- Charging stations – the Transportation Department was informed by the Ministry to submit our needs to them by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. Roughly \$100K per charging station and we need 20 charging stations. This amount will be taken from the Transportation envelope.
- We are working with Buildings & Grounds to renovate the parking lots that will have charging stations.

The Commissioner Member H. Turgeon of the Transportation Advisory Committee presented the following resolution:

### **10.7.1 Résolution No. ETSB 23-03-64 2022-2023 School Bus Bids – Phase 2**

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) owns and operates a fleet of school buses;

**WHEREAS** to maintain a dependable fleet and keep repair costs down, it is necessary to replace buses on a regular basis;

**WHEREAS** the *Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ)* has established parameters for the exchange of buses and has monies set aside for this purpose;

**WHEREAS** on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, the *MEQ* authorized the ETSB to proceed with a call of tenders for the purchase of new vehicles in accordance with the terms of the management measure "School bus";

**WHEREAS** the ETSB requested bids for the purchase of school buses for the 2022-2023 school year;

**WHEREAS** bids were received from two (2) suppliers and opened on March 24, 2023;

**WHEREAS** the bids conformed to the requirements set out in the call for tenders;

**WHEREAS** the amount of the lowest bid from *La Compagnie Lion Électrique* was \$3,880,231.48 including taxes;

**WHEREAS** the amount does not include the grant from the MTQ financial aid program for the electrification of school transportation by the province of Quebec;

**WHEREAS** the *MEQ* must conduct an analysis of the bids received and will confirm their authorization of the allocated amount based on the methods of management of the additional and specific allowances and other activities for 2022-2023;

**IT WAS MOVED BY** Commissioner H. Turgeon that the Eastern Townships School Board accepts the bid received from *La Compagnie Lion Electrique* for nine (9) 72-passenger school buses conditional to the authorization from the MEQ; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General or the Director of Transportation be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

Commissioner G. Holliday summarized the topics of the recent Transportation Advisory Committee meeting: bus safety week, driver recruitment, and follow-up regarding installation of charging stations. Commissioners inquired as to the state of funding from the Ministry for the bus electrification plan, regarding which more information should be forthcoming.

The date of the next Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is **to be determined**.

### **10.8 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)**

The SEAC Commissioner, E. McKnight mentioned that the March 15, 2023 meeting mainly focused on communication and she expressed her gratitude for its being well attended as well as involvement from Complementary Services.

The date of the next SEAC hybrid meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2023.

## **11. PARENTS' COMMITTEE**

The Commissioner representing parents, D. Zigby mentioned the topics discussed at the March 8, 2023 meeting:

- The Director of Complementary Services, E. Gaudet gave feedback on a potential version of next year's school calendar;
- The Director of Human Resources – C. Dufresne discussed the 2023-2024 school calendar.

The date of the next Parents' Committee meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2023.

## **12. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Commissioner J. Humenuik, representing the Student Advisory Committee mentioned the topics discussed at the March 9, 2023 meeting:

- Alumni were asked questions to give feedback on what to expect after High School;
- Our School Survey highlights – presented by E. Lettner;
- Recruitment of new students as several CSAC members are in Secondary 5 and will be graduating – presented by J. Humenuik.

The date of the next Student Advisory Committee meeting is **to be determined**.

### 13. QESBA

The Chair, M. Murray, explained that recent QESBA meetings have been centered around legal issues related to the impact of Bills 40, 96, and C-13. The impact of these bills on the English school boards is still unclear.

The new regional student ombudsman will be appointed on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and has no requirement to be able to hear complaints in English, which is a concern for QESBA.

The Spring Conference for commissioners will take place May 17 & 18, 2023.

### 14. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner G. Barnett:

#### Alexander Galt Regional High School (AGRHS) – Governing Board

- There was a presentation of the Academic and Career Guidance Content Plan and the Governing Board has to approve. This is a life plan that begins at Cycle 3 and concerns building a portfolio about career choice. There are currently 845 registered students.
- GALT and Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre (LVTC) is to be declared a school zone that will impact parking and vehicle speed on campus and on the highway.
- Although the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) Strategic Plan is not available yet and consequently, the ETSB Commitment to Success Plan is not available either. Nevertheless, a lot of work on developing the school Educational Project is underway. The group was divided into three parts each to identify their GALT shared values, one being: sense of security and mutual respect.

#### Lennoxville Elementary School (LES) – Governing Board

- The School Committee working on the Educational Project has revised their Mission Statement, has added the value fostering inclusivity to their list and has examined school practices in various categories: Stop, Minimize, Amplify, Create and Protect.
- The Library Committee wants to renovate the library, digitize sign outs, rename the library and visit a renovated library in the western sector. The visit by the Board librarian resulted in some good suggestions.
- Demolition of the kitchen occurred during March Break and renovation is underway.
- The school is pleased that the gym will be renovated starting in the fall.
- The City of Sherbrooke has approached LES about gym rental for their Day Camp activities.

- Replacing the principal will require someone to continue the extensive contact with Bishops, the daycare, the cafeteria, the school culture and pedagogy, knowledge and close contact with the community.
- March 6, 2023 was a pedagogical day and 23 daycare students enjoyed a magic show.

Commissioner M. E. Kirby:

**Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre (CLC)**

- Pope Memorial and Sawyerville Elementary schools benefited from the Harvest to Table project by getting a glimpse of the agricultural world and increased their knowledge on the possibility of growing vegetables in the winter. Over 25 community members joined us during the cooking workshops and farm visits.
- Welcome Back BBQ in Bury – students could bring their school supplies in class allowing for a smoother transition.
- Library Visits in Bury – Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2, students are exposed to literacy outside the school through story time read by a volunteer at the library on a monthly basis.
- Summer reading Challenge – 8 Cycle 1 students received a small bag containing 6 books and a challenge to continue practicing their reading and writing during the summer period.
- Health Link: Fall Social – Health Link participants were invited to a small meet and greet to catch up with other community members.
- Harvest Workshop – Students from Pre-K to Grade 6 participated in a cooking workshop with produce that grew in the school garden over the summer. Extra produce was supplied by a local farmer for missing ingredients.
- *Lire et Faire Lire* in Bury – A volunteer from *Le Centre D'Action Bénévole (CAB)* read with Grade 2 students to improve literacy skills and to help instill a love of reading. This is a 6-week program.
- Arts & Scraps: Special Edition – Literacy in Action program workshops are designed for the English-speaking population with special attention to low-literacy learners and their families.
- Cooking PED Day – Students worked on developing an essential life skill and spent the day preparing a three-course meal for the whole student body, staff and seniors which will be served in December.
- Health Link: Dementia Workshop – Seniors were invited to attend a workshop to receive tips and tricks on how to care for a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia.



- Orientation Day in Sawyerville and in Bury – Incoming students Kindergarten (aged 4 & 5) were invited for orientation day to support their transition to school and bring their school supplies. They also received the transition book written by the students in Grade 2.
- School Garden – Students in Kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2 learned important life skills while seeding, taking care of their plants and working the garden beds. The Bury Summer Camp took care of the garden over the summer and all students will be involved in the transformation process of the crops harvested.
- Cooking Workshops – Students followed a recipe to make extra desserts from leftover produce from the garden and do alterations to a soup that would suit their tastebuds. The activity promoted healthy eating by developing an essential life skill, cooking.
- From Harvest to Table in Bury – Students in Cycle 2 & 3 learned about the different growing stages of vegetables grown over the winter by a local producer. They also tasted some of the veggies, harvested some produce and had a cooking workshop. Students from Pre-K to Cycle 1 were invited during noon hour for a quick cooking workshop to prepare a healthy snack.
- Health Link: Christmas Special – Health Link participants were invited to join and watch the Christmas Extravaganza rehearsal put on by the students at Pope Memorial. They were then treated to a meal that was prepared by students during the cooking PED Day.
- Holiday Cheer at Sawyerville & Pope Memorial (CHSLDs) – Social-Emotional activity by incorporating art and writing skills. Students practiced fine motor skills by creating letters and artwork which is also a positive coping strategy to manage stress. Some groups worked with partners thus creating a connection with some of our most vulnerable population, seniors. These will be distributed as part of the Health Link packages.
- Mama Moose – A take-off from the Mother Goose program where parents/daycare providers and preschoolers meet to practice literacy skills through songs and rhymes. It's a support transition from home to school ages 0-5.
- Migration Festival: Arts & Scraps – A festival showcased the art made by the students and community members during the Arts & Scraps workshops.

## 15. UPCOMING EVENTS

The retirement Gala is to take place on June 2, 2023.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**17. QUESTION PERIOD**

The second question period was open and closed without participation.

**18. GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNICATION**

None.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner C. Beaubien at 8:03 p.m.

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Éric Campbell  
Secretary General

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Michael Murray  
Chairman

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03.28.2023