

Highlights

Council of Commissioners' meeting of
Tuesday, April 25th 2023

Recognition of Excellence

This month the Council of Commissioners and Head Office Administrators recognized the students of St-Francis Elementary who held a fundraiser dance, Knowlton Academy's Optimist public speaking winner, the 10th anniversary of the United in Music Festival along with Campus Brome-Missisquoi's Butchery contest winners!

- The Council of Commissioners would like to announce the appointment of Kandy Mackey to the position of Director General effective as of July 1st 2023. Congratulations on this achievement! We would like to wish Mr. Soucy a wonderful retirement from his role as Director General and thank him for his many years of contribution to the ETSB.
- The Council of Commissioners would also like to announce the appointment of Sophie Leduc to the position of Assistant Director General, effective July 1st 2023. Ms.Leduc will retain her current position of Director of Finance. We congratulate her on this accomplishment.
- Warm regards for a happy retirement go out to the President of the Appalachian Teacher's Association, Megan Seline who announced this was her final council meeting. The Council recognizes and thanks Ms.Seline for her significant contribution working with and for the ETSB.

Dates to Remember...

April 26 th	Administrative Professionals Day (Secretaries' Day)
April 28 th & May 19 th	Converted Snow Days (regular school days)
May 22 nd	Victoria Day (holiday)



Resolutions

- Appointment of a returning officer;
- Appointment of an election clerk and of an assistant of the returning officer;
- Waterloo Elementary School – Inside & Outside Door Replacement;
- *Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) Mandate – Pest Control;*
- *Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) Mandate – Administration Furniture;*
- Sunnyside Elementary School – Greenhouse Project;
- Security of Information Policy;
- International Student Program – Agent Fees;
- *Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) Mandate – Computer Stations;*
- 2023-2024 Youth Sector Calendar;

Recognition of Excellence

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

St-Francis
Elementary
Students
Dance to
FUNDRAISE!



Courtesy of Sui-Min Jim



St-Francis Elementary Grade 5 ELA teachers Stephanie Jonker and Sarine Konyalian organized a fundraiser dance with their students to raise awareness and support those affected by recent earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. Students and families gathered as a community for a common cause, and enjoyed a great night of dancing and had the chance to try foods from another culture. Together, they raised a whopping \$2105.50!!!

This community service-learning project in conjunction with the Richmond CLC built on students' learnings in ELA, where they read the novel *Refugee* by Alan Gratz and discussed current issues, different cultures and countries; and science class where they explored natural disasters. It was tied together by an "I Belong: Take Action!" grant from LEARN to encourage positive actions that foster a greater understanding and sense of belonging to their communities. Working with *The Record*, students also reflected on how sharing about their experience through the media can also have a positive impact on their community. What a collaboration and celebration in support of others in need. Fantastic St-Francis!

Thinking in an Optimistic Way!

Public speaking is an art and a craft that can really serve one well in life. It's been a long-standing yearly tradition for the Optimist Club serving the Brome Lake region, namely *Le Club Optimiste de Lac-Brome*, to host the contest "Kids Speak Out!" This year's theme was "Thinking in an Optimistic Way" and was open to students in grades 4 through 6 from Knowlton Academy and Saint-Édouard. Students presented a 2-3 min speech on this topic and were judged on many elements including their preparation, originality, and presentation skills among others.

Knowlton Academy's grade 6 student, Michaela Meacher, stood out and came in 1st for her grade. She then went on to compete locally with students from Saint-Édouard and shone again securing 1st place overall.

Onto the district level competition for "Kids Speak Out" held in Val-des-Sources earlier this month, she came out on top once again earning a cash prize and the distinction of being the Optimist's best public speaker for the Eastern sector of Quebec in her age category. We congratulate Michaela on her presentation skills and hard work and wish her much continued success!



United in Music Festival Celebrates 10th Year!



On April 24th close to 300 students gathered at Massey-Vanier High School (MVHS) to showcase their talents and unite in song. This marked the 10th year of the festival, that brought 10 schools together singing to this year's theme "Music from around the world." School choirs and bands have been practicing for months in preparation, and all joined together for a couple closing songs accompanied by the MVHS band. After a couple years of hiatus, this was a joyous event enjoyed by all.

Seen here is the Sherbrooke Elementary choir rehearsing with music teacher Ms. Rivette, who dreamed up this festival and continues to lead the organizing committee behind the festival. To hear more, CBC's Breakaway and our community radio station CIDI, captured interviews with Ms. Rivette along with Mr. Jarand of MVHS who manages the technical elements and conducts the high school band. Bravo to all the students and staff who make this a magical event!

Have a listen :D

CBC: [CLICK HERE](#)

CIDI: [CLICK HERE](#)

CBM's Butchery Students Capture 1st Place!



Courtesy of Lisa-Anne Payne

History was made on April 12th when the first edition of the provincial competition in butchery was held, at the École hôtelière de la Montérégie (ÉHM) with the support of the Association des détaillants en alimentation du Québec (ADAQ) and BŒUF QUÉBEC.

Seven vocational training centers from as many regions were represented. Campus Brome-Missisquoi students who placed 1st and 2nd in the local competition were the representatives in this team competition: Alexandre Campbell and Joseph Dumont...and they captured first place! The dexterity, the speed of execution, the optimization of the pieces of meat and the originality of their production were among the qualities noticed by the 4 judges, who were recognized experts in the field.

Congratulations to the winners and all who took part, and special thanks to CBM teacher-coaches, Martin Campbell and Jonathan Gince. We salute your accomplishments!