

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

ETSB BOARD ROOM

340, SAINT-JEAN-BOSCO

MAGOG, QC. J1X 1K9

MINUTES

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	DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE (DC)	
Joy Humenuik, Vice-Chair	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 McGrory – VACANT	A	Director of Human Resources – Caroline Dufresne	Z
Jonathan Murray	Z	Director of Financial Services – Sophie Leduc	Z
Michael Murray, Chair	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

Holly Bailey, Communications Consultant

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 D. Zigby to adopt the Agenda of April 25, 2023 as deposited, with the following additions:

- 8.1 Appointment of the Director General;
- 8.2 Appointment of the Assistant Director General.

Carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF THE **AMENDED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

Resolution No. ETSB 23-04-65

Approval of the **amended Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on February 21, 2023**

WHEREAS a copy of the **amended** 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 Minutes and to approve the **amended** Minutes of the meeting held on February 21, 2023 as deposited.

Carried unanimously

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2023

Resolution No. ETSB 23-04-66

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on March 28, 2023

WHEREAS a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of March 28, 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 meeting held on March 28, 2023 as deposited.

Carried unanimously

5. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were asked at this point.

6. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Chairman M. Murray invited the following Commissioners to read the April 25, 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:

St-Francis Elementary Students Dance to FUNDRAISE!

Commissioner G. Holliday: 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, 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!





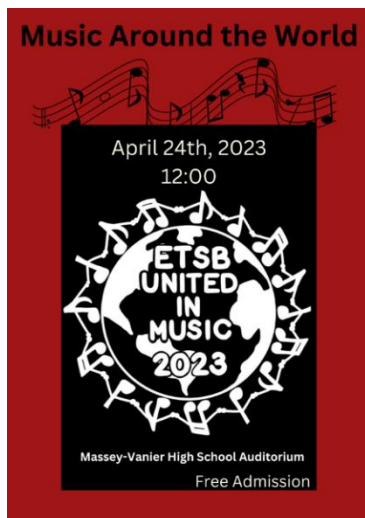
Thinking in an Optimistic Way!

Commissioner R. Gagnon: 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 minute 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!



Commissioner J. Murray: 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!



Commissioner J. Humenuik: 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 centres 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 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!

7. **BUSINESS ARISING**

7.1 **Resolution No. ETSB 23-04-67**

Appointment of a returning officer

WHEREAS school by-elections will be held on June 4th 2023;

WHEREAS school elections will be held on November 3rd 2024;

WHEREAS section 22 of the *Act Respecting School Elections* stipulates that the Director General of the School Board is the Returning Officer Ex Officio, power delegated by the Director General of the Quebec elections;

WHEREAS because of other existing mandates, the Director General must be replaced as the Returning Officer for the June 4th 2023 school by-elections and for the November 3rd 2024 school elections;

WHEREAS the General Directorate of the Eastern Townships School Board recommends Ms. SuzAnne Tremblay;

WHEREAS this decision is retroactive to March 29th 2023 due to extraordinary circumstances;

WHEREAS the Director General ratifies all decisions already made by Ms. SuzAnne Tremblay as the Returning Officer retroactively to March 29th 2023;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien to appoint Ms. SuzAnne Tremblay to the position of Returning Officer for the June 4th 2023 school by-elections and for the November 3rd 2024 school elections retroactively to March 29th 2023

Carried unanimously

7.2 Resolution No. ETSB 23-04-68**Appointment of an election clerk and an assistant of the returning officer**

WHEREAS school by-elections will be held on June 4th 2023;

WHEREAS school elections will be held on November 3rd 2024;

WHEREAS section 23 of the *Act Respecting School Elections* stipulates that the returning officer shall appoint an election clerk to assist her in the performance of her duties;

WHEREAS the election clerk and of the assistant of the returning officer shall, for that purpose, perform the duties delegated to him by the returning officer;

WHEREAS the General Directorate of the Eastern Townships School Board recommends Mr. Éric Campbell;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner H. Turgeon to appoint Mr. Éric Campbell to the position of Election Clerk and to the position of Assistant of the Returning Officer for the June 4th 2023 school by-elections and for the November 3rd 2024 school elections.

Carried unanimously

8. NEW BUSINESS

The Chair of the Human Resources Advisory Committee, C. Beaubien presented the following resolution:

8.1 Resolution No ETSB 23-04-69**Appointment of the Director General**

WHEREAS the post of Director General of the Eastern Townships School Board will become vacant with the departure of Mr. Michel Soucy on June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS Ms. Kandy Mackey, the current Assistant Director General, will resume the position of Director General that, at her request, she had been relieved from for personal reasons on August 12, 2020;

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

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien that the Council of Commissioners reappoint Ms. Kandy Mackey as Director General of the Eastern Townships School Board, effective July 1st 2023.

Carried unanimously

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

8.2 Resolution No ETSB 23-04-70
Appointment of the Assistant Director General

WHEREAS the post of Assistant Director General has been vacated by the appointment of Ms. Kandy Mackey to the Director General position, as of July 1st 2023;

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

WHEREAS the Director General recommends that Ms. Sophie Leduc, the current Director of Financial Services, be appointed Assistant Director General while retaining her mandate as Director, Financial & Taxation Services;

WHEREAS a contract will be negotiated with Ms. Sophie Leduc outlining specific working conditions;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik that the Council of Commissioners appoint Ms. Sophie Leduc as Assistant Director General of the Eastern Townships School Board, effective July 1st 2023.

Carried unanimously

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 had nothing new to report.

10. ADVISORY COMMITTEES' REPORTS

10.1 Executive Committee

The Chair of the Executive Committee, Commissioner M. Murray presented the topics that were discussed at tonight's Executive meeting, which were centered on the appointments in section 8.

10.2 Governance and Ethics Committee

The Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, Commissioner D. Zigby mentioned that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 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 23-04-71****Waterloo Elementary School – Inside & Outside Doors Replacement**

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 2019-20 Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS a company known today as *Construction Encore Inc.* was awarded a contract in the amount of \$126,761 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 \$17,914 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 \$144,675;

WHEREAS all additional funds required to complete the project will be taken from *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2019-20* program;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner M. Murray 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 Director General and/or the Director of Material Resources be authorized to sign all associated documentation.

Carried unanimously

10.3.2.2 Resolution No. ETSB 23-04-72**Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) Mandate – Pest Control**

WHEREAS the *Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG)* has been created on September 1st 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 of Pest Control;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) 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

10.3.2.3 Resolution No. ETSB 23-04-73

Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) Mandate – Administration Furniture

WHEREAS the *Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG)* has been created on September 1st 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 of Administration Furniture;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) 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

10.3.2.4 Resolution No. ETSB 23-04-74

Sunnyside Elementary School – Greenhouse project

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) has applied for a grant (\$100,000) through the Town of Stanstead to build a greenhouse and an outside classroom;

WHEREAS the said greenhouse could be in a shape of a dome;

WHEREAS the ETSB will request a derogation in order to install any infrastructure in a shape of a dome on its territory;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien to proceed with 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 presented the topics addressed at the last ESAC meeting:

- Educational projects;
- LVTC/CBM update;
- International Student Program (ISP).

The Director of Instructional Technology and Pedagogical Services, E. Lettner presented the following resolutions:

10.4.1 Resolution No. ETSB 23-04-75 Policy on the Security of Information

WHEREAS the School Board has developed a *Policy for the Security of Information*;

WHEREAS the *Policy for the Security of Information* was sent for consultation to the Parents' Committee, the Special Education Committee, the Eastern Townships Association of Administrators, the Appalachian Teachers' Association, the Syndicat des Professionnelles et Professionnels de l'Éducation de l'Estrie and the Townships Regional Union of Support Staff;

WHEREAS all received comments have been taken into consideration;

WHEREAS the Director's Committee and the Management Committee accepted the final version of the *Policy for the Security of Information*;

WHEREAS the final version of the *Policy for the Security of Information* was presented to the Governance and Ethics Committee;

WHEREAS the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends its adoption to the Council of Commissioners;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner M. E. Kirby that the *Policy for the Security of Information* be adopted.

Carried unanimously

10.4.2 Resolution No. ETSB 23-04-76
International Student Program (ISP) – Agent Fees

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board's (ETSB) International Student Program's (ISP) mission is to promote opportunities to expand our understanding of multicultural realities, thus promoting a sensitization to diversity in the development of global citizens;

WHEREAS a part of the mandate of the International Student Program is to increase student population within ETSB schools and centres;

WHEREAS in order to limit its financial risk and assure the success of its ISP, the ETSB is working with agents and agencies that offer support to both parties in the recruitment of students and the bridging of cultural and linguistic barriers;

WHEREAS the ETSB works within the regulatory frameworks established by Immigration Canada, le *ministère de l'Immigration, Francisation et Intégration (Québec)*, and by the guidelines of the *Canadian Association of Public Schools International*, a non-profit organization comprised of 108 publicly-funded districts and *Éducation Internationale*, a non-profit cooperative funded by the *ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ)*;

WHEREAS the ETSB cannot, on a yearly basis, project an exact number of international students recruited in its ISP, nor can it project which agency they will be recruited by;

WHEREAS a contractual agreement stipulates a percentage of the tuition fees to be paid to agents, on the basis of results;

WHEREAS the percentage for youth sector programs and for the adult programs is dictated by the global market for International Student Programs;

WHEREAS agent or agency fees for recruitment of international students are paid upon presentation of invoices following official student counts and which follows the usual commercial practice;

WHEREAS in 2021-2022, the ETSB has been invoiced to the amount of \$60,998.00;

WHEREAS in 2022-2023, we predict agency fees totaling an amount of \$73,254.50;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner M. E. Kirby that the ETSB may pay the fees described above to the agencies; **IT WAS FURTHER MOVED** that the Director General be authorized to sign all associated documentation and in the absence of the Director General, the Director of Instructional Technology and Pedagogical Services can also sign.

Carried unanimously

10.4.3 Resolution No. ETSB 23-04-77
Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG) Mandate – Computer stations

WHEREAS the *Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales* (CAG) has been created on September 1st 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 of computer stations such as Chromebooks and PC Laptops;

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) finds it advantageous to benefit from this mandate;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday 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 Instructional Technology and Pedagogical Services can also sign.

Carried unanimously

The Chair also mentioned that the date of the next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2023.

10.5 Communications Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Communications Advisory Committee, H. Turgeon mentioned that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2023.

10.6 Human Resources Advisory Committee

The Director of Human Resources, C. Dufresne presented the following resolution:

10.6.1 Résolution No. ETSB 23-04-78
2023-2024 Youth Sector Calendar

WHEREAS in conformity with section 8-5.02 of the Local Agreement, the Eastern Townships School Board has consulted with the Appalachian Teachers' Association in the development of the 2023-2024 school calendar for the youth sector;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 193 (7) of the Education Act, the Parents' Committee has been consulted on March 8, 2023 on the proposed 2023-2024 youth sector calendar;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner C. Beaubien that the Eastern Townships School Board approve the proposed 2023-2024 school calendar for the youth sector.

Two commissioners requested a vote on this resolution. By a show of hands, the results were:

11 in favour

2 opposed

Carried on division

Commissioner C. Beaubien explained that the new Human Resources Director, C. Dufresne, had been introduced at the most recent HR advisory meeting. C. Dufresne used this opportunity to acknowledge the retirement of M. Seline, President of the Appalachian Teachers' Association (ATA) and thanked her for collaboration and knowledge over the years.

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

10.7 Transportation Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Commissioner G. Holliday mentioned the following:

The shortage of bus drivers is still a pressing issue and hiring attempts are ongoing. The Chair also noted discussions occurred around the timing of the electrification plan and concerns related to the delivery of the buses as well as installation of the charging stations. The buses are now supposed to be available in October. Costs, and the Ministry's support with funding, were also discussed.

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 the following:

The SEAC met on April 12, 2023 and has two more meetings remaining this year, the next being May 10, 2023 and the last is scheduled for June 14, 2023. These meetings will focus on working on recommendations for the end-of-year report to the Director General.

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2023.

11. PARENTS' COMMITTEE

The Commissioner representing parents, D. Zigby mentioned the following:

The Parents' Committee discussed several topics including allocation of resources and the adult education sector. Specifically, there are concerns related to the Quebec Culture and Citizenship course program.

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2023.

12. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner J. Humenuik, representing the Student Advisory Committee mentioned the following:

The CSAC recently did a tour of Massey-Vanier High School (MVHS) and Campus Brome-Missisquoi (CBM) and had an opportunity to explore and discuss alternate pathways. CSAC has also been active in providing feedback and inspiration for the 2023-2028 Commitment-to-Success Plan.

The date of the next Student Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023.

13. QESBA

This month, there was a major announcement that the Executive Director of the Quebec English School Boars Association, Russell Copeman, is resigning at the end of the year. The search committee has been formed to find a replacement.

Bill 40 – there is still no news supporting the contesting of Bill 40 and Bill 96. They are in the early process of steps to the hearing. The Spring Conference is coming up next month; training for commissioners and administrators. It was decided that next year, the conference will be hosted by the ETSB. Commissioners will be invited to join planning committees.

14. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner F. MacGregor:

Massey-Vanier High School (MVHS)

- Thanks go to Jonathan for his report on the Music Festival at MVHS. I attended it and it was a very successful event. Also, many of you knew Mr. Hugh Auger, ex-Director General of the ETSB; I attended his funeral in Thetford Mines.

Commissioner M. E. Kirby:

Cookshire (CES) & Sawyerville (SAW) Elementary

- Cookshire and Sawyerville Elementary sent choirs to the United in Music Festival; they had a great time. Kudos to teachers and for all who made the trip.
- Cookshire Elementary celebrated Earth Day and did a major clean up of streets and school grounds. At Sawyerville Elementary, the entire school spent the afternoon on a big walk for Earth Day

Pope Memorial Elementary School (PMES)

- Pope Memorial had a sugaring off event. Maple syrup was donated by the community and they are gearing up in May to get the school garden going again to favour native pollinators.

Commissioner G. Barnett:

Lennoxville Elementary (LES) Governing Board

- The library Committee has obtained a Tillotson grant and will be able to achieve at least some of their renovation plans. The School had a ceremony reported in **The Record** to feature the name change to the 'Pam Bertram Library' in honor of this long-time librarian at LES.
- The kitchen renovation is progressing well.
- Plans for the gym renovation are also well underway.
- Although Summer Camp will take place at Bishops in collaboration with Sherbrooke, because of a one-week conflict at the University, the LES facilities will be rented.
- École Saint-Antoine rents four classrooms at LES and is exploring with all concerned the possibility of switching the K-group for another module.
- Current Daycare registrations are 46 full-time and 16 sporadic for a total of 62 students. Generally, there are about 100 students. Financing activity costs for students presents a challenge.

Commissioner C. Beaubien:

Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre (LVTC) Governing Board

- IHCA (Institutional and Home Care Assistance) have new projects in partnership with senior homes, which is going well. Five students signed up for caregivers program. Other possible partnerships are being contemplated.
- Women of Steel project: promoted by Melanie Thompson. Eight online students registered (5 francophone and 3 anglophone). This project is FREE for ladies (need 8 participants to run the program).
- The accounting and secretarial program are merging.
- The 2-4-U students are relocating for better ease and flow from classrooms.
- The speed limit in front of Alexander Galt Regional High School (AGRHS) is down to 50KM.

Commissioner T. Pezzi-Bilodeau:

Women of Steel program: got information at work and was pleased to receive it.

Commissioner M. Murray:

Nice to see innovative efforts that create an impact. I was proud that the presentation came from ETSB's Eleanor O'Neil presented on Technology, lots of compliments for her presentation...mentioned ChatGPT...she suggested ways it could be useful (AI etc).

Commissioner S. Jersey:

Massey-Vanier High School (MVHS)

- Dance show Kaleidoscope: this event will take place next Thursday and Friday at MVHS – it's always an excellent dance show.

15. UPCOMING EVENTS

None.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

17. QUESTION PERIOD

M. Seline

ATA president:

Is the Council of Commissioners aware that there was a committee for the calendar? Feedback from teachers was presented at meetings, but ETSB exercised their management right to impose the 4 days of pedagogical workshops in November.

M. Murray

ETSB Chair:

We are all aware there were pro and con points to the calendar as well as the controversy surrounding this and all calendar proposals. It's unfortunate that the committee's decision was seen as an imposition. In any case, you can be sure we are aware of the input that came from all the partners. We are moving ahead with the calendar we adopted this evening because we feel it is the best compromise we can make in the present context, given the objectives of the strategic plan.

M. Seline

ATA Chair:

Does the Council Commissioners have an expense account that would allow a commissioner to pay for a lunch meeting with an individual during which they discuss pedagogical issues?

M. Murray

ETSB Chair:

There is no specified account when it's within the functions and duties of being a commissioner. In certain situations ie. a lunch discussion can be expensed; there are rules related to the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the course of performing a commissioner's duties.

With a degree of wistfulness, we see you riding off into the sunset. Thanks for all that you've done for us, and wish you a great retirement.

18. GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNICATION

None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner R. Gagnon at 8:26 p.m.

Éric Campbell
Secretary General

Michael Murray
Chairman

EC/gm
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