

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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	Eliza McKnight	Z
Claire Beaubien	Z	Dan Nagle	Z
Richard Gagnon	Z	Helene Turgeon	Z
Richard Gosselin	Z	Daniel Zigby	A
Gary Holliday	Z	DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE (DC)	
Joy Humenuik, Vice-Chair	Z	Secretary General – Éric Campbell	P
Shawn Jersey	Z	Director General – Kandy Mackey	P
Mary-Ellen Kirby	Z	Assistant Director General & Director of Financial Services – Sophie Leduc	Z
Frank MacGregor	Z	Director of Human Resources – Caroline Dufresne	Z
Jonathan Murray	Z	Director of Instructional Technology and Pedagogical Services – Eva Lettner	Z
Michael Murray, Chair	Z	Director of Complementary Services – Emmanuelle Gaudet	Z
Tina Pezzi-Bilodeau	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 7:01 p.m.

The Chairman explained to all Commissioners the way to protest against the possible increase of fees for students from outside of the province who would like to register in an English University in Quebec. All Commissioners have been asked to wear a jersey with their colours of their institution in support to the English Universities in Quebec.

2. QUORUM AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AND IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner H. Turgeon to adopt the Agenda of October 24, 2023, with the following addition:

6.1 Parent Commissioner Resignation – Daniel Zigby.

Carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Resolution No. ETSB 23-10-14

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on September 26, 2023

WHEREAS a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of September 26, 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 September 26, 2023 as deposited.

Carried unanimously

4. QUESTION PERIOD

Megan Seline

Knowlton resident:

Is a resident allowed to ask questions during a council meeting?

M. Murray

ETSB Chair:

Yes certainly, this is a public meeting.

Adam Brody

Parkview Teacher:

Question about Firewalls and pornographic material at elementary schools. What is the Board's position on firewalls at elementary schools? We don't seem to have any at this time.

M. Murray

ETSB Chair:

You are right, we don't. Many years ago, the decision was made to not have Firewalls as they are not very strong. Our approach is to educate instead of prohibiting. I have not seen any scientific information to tell me that we could successfully prohibit access using Firewalls. We put trust in our teachers to educate the students instead.

Adam Brody

Parkview Teacher:

Is it then the teacher's responsibility to monitor students while on the internet?

M. Murray

ETSB Chair:

Not so much the responsibility, but the need to educate. Make it clear to the students that it's not appropriate. There was a situation a while ago where a computer was used to access pornography outside of school hours, and couldn't say if it was the student or an adult at home, etc. We can't be expected to police students 24h/day, and they are only in school for approximately 5 hours, so we do need to educate them. Thank you for this pertinent question.

5. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Chairman M. Murray invited the following commissioners to present the October 24, 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:

Commissioner T. Pezzi Bilodeau: The fall has been a very busy time with many activities and events to highlight, including numerous employee recognitions. Since the last Council, we celebrated & recognized the National Support Staff Day, The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, World Teachers' Day as well as the ETSB Administrators' Week! We tip our hats to all who lead and teach; to those who create positive experiences for our students and to the ETSB community whom all support us to grow as scholars and individuals. Thank you for investing and believing in us!



The ETSB community rallied together for Terry Fox!

Commissioner J. Murray: Throughout the Eastern Townships, our students, staff and families joined forces in support of the **Terry Fox Foundation**. With high spirits and commitment, many took part walking, running and fundraising to great results. Thank you everyone who participated and helped to make this year another fundraising success in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. We can make great things happen when we move ahead together!



TERRY FOX RUN 2023



Massey-Vanier steps up and out for a week of Wellness!



Commissioner R. Gagnon: On Tuesday, October 10th, the entire student population and staff of Massey-Vanier High School went for a walk to highlight **World Mental Health Day**. The staff wore green ribbons to note the day. External services from the community were also invited to host kiosks during the lunch hour to familiarize students with the services available to them.

The following morning, healthy snacks were served up and at lunch, students got a workout on a “smoothie bike” which transformed fruit into smoothies through their own output of energy. The smoothies were worth the effort! On Thursday of the same week, art activities were held in the plaza and a motivational speaker gave a presentation to the entire student body.

The goal was to give Massey-Vanier students as many strategies and different doors to knock on whenever they need to work through stressful issues or situations. The school also wanted students to understand that wellness needs to be a priority and that there are many ways to stay well. What a healthy example and attitude Massey-Vanier!

6. BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 Parent Commissioner Resignation – Daniel Zigby

The Chairman, M. Murray informed all Commissioners that he received a letter of resignation from Commissioner Daniel Zigby. His resignation is effective as October 31st 2023.

The Secretary General, E. Campbell will be attending the next Central Parents' Committee on November 1st 2023 to elect a new parent commissioner at large.

Mr. Murray presented his profound recognition to Mr. Zigby for his involvement in Governing Boards, as Chair of the Central Parents' Committee and as Commissioner. Thank you very much, Mr. Zigby!

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Auditor's Report

The Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton (RCGT) auditors presented the audited financial statements for the year ending June 30th 2023. The auditors reported that they found four (4) anomalies with regards to the clientele. The Council of Commissioners received the deposited auditors report.

In conformity with Article 287 of the *Education Act*, the following is a summary of the audited Financial Statements for the Eastern Townships School Board for the year ending June 30th 2023:

7.2 Resolution No. ETSB 23-10-16

Financial Statements for the Year Ending June 30, 2023

WHEREAS section 286 of the *Education Act* requires that the financial activities of school boards be audited annually;

WHEREAS the Director General published a public notice in three local newspapers on October 10 and 14 stating that the School Board's annual financial statements will be presented at the Council of Commissioners' meeting on October 24th 2023;

WHEREAS the external auditors have deposited their report to the School Board;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik that the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2023 be received as tabled.

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État de la situation financière
au 30 juin 2023

	A	B	C	D	E	F = A - E
	2023	2022	Variation	Variation	2023	Ajustement
		(redresse)	\$	%	Version OS	d'analyse
ACTIFS FINANCIERS						
01100 Encaisse (Découvert bancaire) (page 20)	4,225,889.26	1,477,940.07	2,747,949.19	186%	4,225,889.26	0.00
01190 Équivalents de trésorerie (page 20)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00
01200 Subvention de fonctionnement à recevoir (page 21)	8,221,769.91	15,694,792.89	-7,473,025.98	-48%	8,221,769.91	0.00
01400 Subvention d'investissement à recevoir (page 22)	166,927,377.40	116,214,350.22	50,713,017.18	44%	166,927,377.40	0.00
01480 Subvention à recevoir - Financement (page 22)	292,500.00	292,500.00	0.00	0%	292,500.00	0.00
01300 Taxe scolaire à recevoir	188,750.87	180,572.31	8,178.56	4%	188,750.87	0.00
01500 Débiteurs (page 23)	4,531,430.59	3,795,944.91	735,485.68	19%	4,531,430.59	0.00
01600 Stocks destinés à la revente	14,481.43	7,187.73	7,293.70	101%	14,481.43	0.00
01700 Placements de portefeuille et prêts (page 24)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00
01990 Autres actifs (page 26)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00
00000 TOTAL DES ACTIFS FINANCIERS	184,402,196.46	137,663,398.13	46,738,798.33	34%	184,402,196.46	0.00
PASSIFS						
03100 Emprunts temporaires à la charge de l'OS (page 30)	0.00	5,151,460.43	-5,151,460.43	-100%	0.00	0.00
03110 Emprunts temporaires faisant l'objet d'une promesse de subvention (page 30)	28,477,441.22	23,873,707.42	4,603,733.80	19%	28,477,441.22	0.00
03500 Crédoiteurs et frais courus à payer (page 31)	22,906,013.19	16,519,340.02	6,386,673.17	39%	22,906,013.19	0.00
03450 Subvention d'investissement reportée (page 32)	116,088,061.15	94,661,113.04	21,426,948.11	23%	116,088,061.15	0.00
03400 Revenus perçus d'avance (page 33)	906,938.34	1,357,095.02	-450,156.68	-33%	906,938.34	0.00
03600 Provision pour avantages sociaux (page 34)	5,903,480.75	5,767,269.61	136,211.14	2%	5,903,480.75	0.00
03700 Dettes à long terme à la charge de l'OS (page 35)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00
03750 Dettes à long terme faisant l'objet d'une promesse de subvention (page 35)	99,638,902.12	89,656,311.91	9,982,590.21	11%	99,638,902.12	0.00
03250 Passif au titre des sites contaminés (page 36)	292,500.00	292,500.00	0.00	0%	292,500.00	0.00
03800 Autres passifs (page 36)	37,930,036.09	37,959,616.45	-29,580.35	0%	37,930,036.09	0.00
00010 TOTAL DES PASSIFS	312,143,372.86	275,238,413.80	36,904,958.96	13%	312,143,372.86	0.00
00020 ACTIFS FINANCIERS NETS (DETTE NETTE)	-127,741,176.40	-137,575,015.77	9,833,839.37	7%	-127,741,176.40	0.00
ACTIFS NON FINANCIERS						
01800 Immobilisations corporelles (page 40)	125,449,076.90	104,949,326.46	20,499,750.44	20%	125,449,076.90	0.00
01970 Stocks de fournitures	616,583.84	534,973.92	81,609.92	15%	616,583.84	0.00
01900 Charges payées d'avance (page 49)	175,249.43	234,014.36	-58,764.93	-25%	175,249.43	0.00
00030 TOTAL DES ACTIFS NON FINANCIERS	126,240,910.17	105,718,314.74	20,522,595.43	19%	126,240,910.17	0.00
03900 EXCÉDENT (DÉFICIT) ACCUMULÉ	-1,500,266.23	-31,856,701.03	30,356,434.80	95%	-1,500,266.23	0.00
L'excédent (déficit) accumulé est composé des éléments suivants:						
03910 Excédent (déficit) accumulé lié aux activités (page 4)	-1,500,266.23	-31,856,701.03	30,356,434.80	95%	-1,500,266.23	0.00
03920 Gains (pertes) de réévaluation cumulés (page 5)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00
03950	-1,500,266.23	-31,856,701.03	30,356,434.80	95%	-1,500,266.23	0.00

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État des résultats

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G = B - F
	Budget	Résultats	Résultats	Variation	Variation	Résultats	Ajustement
	2023	réels	réels	\$	%	réels	d'analyse
		2023	2022			2023	
			(redresse)			Version OS	
REVENUS							
00010 Subvention de fonctionnement du MEQ (page 50)	89 633 918	94 702 748 91	88 706 558 95	5 996 189 96	7%	94 702 748 91	0.00
00020 Subvention d'investissement (page 51)	223 573	21 254 662 51	100 947 14	21 153 715 37	20955%	21 254 662 51	0.00
00030 Autres subventions et contributions (page 52)	439 366	591 460 56	579 169 74	12 290 82	2%	591 460 56	0.00
00040 Taxe scolaire (page 53)	4 947 544	5 005 519 94	4 835 949 38	169 570 56	4%	5 005 519 94	0.00
00050 Droits de scolarité et frais de scolarisation (page 54)	333 961	480 527 59	341 584 49	138 943 10	41%	480 527 59	0.00
960 Ventes de biens et services (page 55)	5 035 294	4 369 068 96	4 250 977 25	118 091 71	3%	4 369 068 96	0.00
00060 Revenus divers (page 56)	3 589 489	3 596 213 84	3 535 697 37	60 516 47	2%	3 596 213 84	0.00
966 Amortissement de la subvention d'investissement reportée (page 32)	6 754 722	17 921 248 41	5 451 239 83	12 470 008 58	229%	17 921 248 41	0.00
00000 Total des revenus	110 957 867	147 921 450 72	107 802 124 15	40 119 326 57	37%	147 921 450 72	0.00
CHARGES							
10000 Activités d'enseignement et de formation (page 81)	45 396 582	52 349 730 57	47 928 001 59	4 421 728 98	9%	52 349 730 57	0.00
20000 Activités de soutien à l'enseignement et à la formation (page 82)	31 120 443	26 036 760 83	23 384 373 20	2 652 387 63	11%	26 036 760 83	0.00
30000 Services d'appoint (page 83)	12 515 182	12 050 503 54	10 924 357 23	1 126 146 31	10%	12 050 503 54	0.00
50000 Activités administratives (page 84)	4 633 431	5 306 323 44	4 711 242 91	595 080 53	13%	5 306 323 44	0.00
60000 Activités relatives aux biens meubles et immeubles (page 85)	13 428 084	15 872 659 76	14 504 485 69	1 368 174 07	9%	15 872 659 76	0.00
70000 Activités connexes (page 86)	4 146 645	5 811 361 16	4 712 781 84	1 098 579 32	23%	5 811 361 16	0.00
80000 Charges liées à la variation de la provision pour avantages sociaux (page 34)	-282 500	136 211 14	153 908 10	-17 696 96	-11%	136 211 14	0.00
964 Perte (gain) sur disposition d'immobilisations corporelles (pages 100 et 101)	0	1 465 48	0.00	1 465 48	100%	1 465 48	0.00
00100 Total des charges	110 957 867	117 565 015 92	106 319 150 56	11 245 865 36	11%	117 565 015 92	0.00
00200 EXCÉDENT (DÉFICIT) DE L'EXERCICE LIÉ AUX ACTIVITÉS	0	30 356 434 80	1 482 973 59	28 873 461 21	1947%	30 356 434 80	0.00

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Carried unanimously

The following resolution was presented by the Secretary General, E. Campbell:

7.3 Resolution No. ETSB 23-10-17

Division du territoire de la Commission scolaire Eastern Townships en circonscriptions électorales

ATTENDU que le Conseil des commissaires, à sa réunion du 23 mai 2023, a adopté le projet de division du territoire de la Commission scolaire en onze (11) circonscriptions électorales (résolution n° ETSB 23-05-81);

ATTENDU qu'un avis public présentant ce projet de division a été publié dans l'édition du 6 juin 2023 du journal *The Record* et dans les éditions numériques du journal *La Tribune* du 6 au 10 juin 2023 et qu'aucune opposition n'a été reçue;

ATTENDU que le Conseil des commissaires juge opportun et nécessaire de procéder à la division du territoire de la Commission scolaire en onze (11) circonscriptions électorales, de manière à rencontrer les exigences de l'article 7.2 de la Loi sur les élections scolaires (L.R.Q., c. E-2.3);

IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR le commissaire G. Holliday **ET RÉSOLU** que la division du territoire de la Commission scolaire Eastern Townships soit la suivante :

AVIS AUX LECTEURS : TOUTES LES LIMITES ADMINISTRATIVES UTILISÉES DANS LE CADRE DE CETTE DESCRIPTION SONT CELLES QUI EXISTAIENT AUX ÉLECTION SCOLAIRES 2020.

Circonscription électorale numéro 1 (1314 électeurs)

Comprend les municipalités suivantes :

Ange-Gardien (M), Bedford (CT), Bedford (V), Farnham (V), Henryville (M), Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge (M), Noyan (M), Pike River (M), Saint-Armand (M), Saint-Césaire (V), Saint-Georges-de-Clarenceville (M), Saint-Ignace-de-Stanbridge (M), Saint-Paul-d'Abbotsford (M), Saint-Sébastien (M), Sainte-Brigide-d'Iberville (M), Sainte-Sabine (M), Stanbridge East (M), Stanbridge Station (M) et Venise-en-Québec (M).

Circonscription électorale numéro 2 (1722 électeurs)

Comprend les municipalités suivantes :

Brigham (M), Bromont (V), Cowansville (V), Dunham (V), East Farnham (M) et Frelighsburg (M).

Circonscription électorale numéro 3 (1714 électeurs)

Comprend les municipalités suivantes :

Abercorn (VL), Brome (VL), Lac-Brome (V) et Sutton (V).

Circonscription électorale numéro 4 (1834 électeurs)Comprend les municipalités suivantes :

Béthanie (M), Bonsecours (M), Eastman (M), Granby (V), Roxton (CT), Roxton Falls (VL), Roxton Pond (M), Saint-Alphonse-de-Granby (M), Saint-Joachim-de-Shefford (M), Sainte-Anne-de-la-Rochelle (M), Sainte-Cécile-de-Milton (M), Shefford (CT), Stukely-Sud (VL), Warden (VL) et Waterloo (V).

Circonscription électorale numéro 5 (1672 électeurs)Comprend les municipalités suivantes :

Austin (M), Bolton-Est (M), Bolton-Ouest (M), Magog (V), Orford (CT), Potton (CT), Saint-Benoît-du-Lac (M), Saint-Étienne-de-Bolton (M) et Stanstead (CT).

Circonscription électorale numéro 6 (1897 électeurs)Comprend les municipalités suivantes :

Ayer's Cliff (VL), Barnston-Ouest (M), Coaticook (V), Dixville (M), Hatley (CT), Hatley (M), Ogden (M), North Hatley (VL), Sainte-Catherine-de-Hatley (M), Stanstead (V) et Stanstead-Est (M).

Circonscription électorale numéro 7 (1688 électeurs)Comprend la municipalité suivante :

Saint-Denis-de-Brompton (M).

Comprend également les arrondissements suivants de la Ville de Sherbrooke :
Brompton, Jacques-Cartier, Le Mont-Bellevue et Rock-Forest – Saint-Élie – Deauville.

Circonscription électorale numéro 8 (1846 électeurs)Comprend les municipalités suivantes :

Ascot Corner (M), Stoke (M) et Waterville (V).

Comprend également les arrondissements suivants de la Ville de Sherbrooke :

Fleurimont et Lennoxville.

Circonscription électorale numéro 9 (1429 électeurs)Comprend les municipalités suivantes :

Val-des-Sources (V), Chesterville (M), Danville (V), Daveluyville (V), Drummondville (V), Ham-Nord (CT), Kingsey Falls (V), Lefebvre (M), Maddington Falls (M), Notre-Dame-de-Ham (M), Notre-Dame-du-Bon-Conseil (P), Notre-Dame-du-Bon-Conseil (VL), Saint-Adrien (M), Saint-Albert (M), Saint-Bonaventure (M), Saint-Camille (CT), Saint-Christophe-d'Arthabaska (P), Saint-Cyrille-de-Wendover (M), Saint-Edmond-de-Grantham (P), Saint-Eugène (M), Saint-Félix-de-Kingsey (M), Saint-Georges-de-Windsor (M), Saint-Germain-de-Grantham (M), Saint-Guillaume (M), Saint-Louis-de-Blandford (M), Saint-Lucien (M), Saint-Majorique-de-Grantham (P), Saint-Nazaire-d'Acton

(P), Saint-Norbert-d'Arthabaska (M), Saint-Pie-de-Guire (P), Saint-Rémi-de-Tingwick (M), Saint-Rosaire (P), Saint-Samuel (M), Saint-Valère (M), Sainte-Brigitte-des-Saults (P), Sainte-Clotilde-de-Horton (M), Sainte-Élisabeth-de-Warwick (M), Sainte-Hélène-de-Chester (M), Sainte-Séraphine (P), Tingwick(M), Warwick (V), Wickham(M) et Wotton (M).

Comprend également la partie de la Ville de Victoriaville située sur le territoire de la commission scolaire.

Circonscription électorale numéro 10 (1397 électeurs)

Comprend les municipalités suivantes :

Acton Vale (V), Cleveland (CT), Durham-Sud (M), Kingsbury (VL), L'Avenir (M), Lawrenceville (VL), Maricourt (M), Melbourne (CT), Racine (M), Richmond (V), Saint-Claude (M), Saint-François-Xavier-de-Brompton (M), Saint-Théodore-d'Acton (M), Sainte-Christine (P), Valcourt (CT), Valcourt (V), Val-Joli (M), Ulverton (M), Upton (M) et Windsor (V).

Circonscription électorale numéro 11 (1477 électeurs)

Comprend les municipalités suivantes :

Audet (M), Bury (M), Chartierville (M), Compton (M), Courcelles (M), Cookshire-Eaton (V), Dudswell (M), East Angus (V), East Hereford (M), Frontenac (M), Hampden (CT), Ham-Sud (M), Lac-Drolet (M), Lac-Mégantic (V), Lambton (M), La Patrie (M), Lingwick (CT), Marston (CT), Martinville (M), Milan (M), Nantes (M), Newport (M), Notre-Dame-des-Bois (M), Piopolis (M), Saint-Augustin-de-Woburn (P), Saint-Herménégilde (M), Saint-Isidore-de-Clifton (M), Saint-Ludger (M), Saint-Malo (M), Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens (P), Saint-Robert-Bellarmin (M), Saint-Romain (M), Saint-Sébastien (M), Saint-Venant-de-Paquette (M), Sainte-Cécile-de-Whitton (M), Sainte-Edwidge-de-Clifton (CT), Scotstown (V), Stornoway (M), Stratford (CT), Val-Racine (M), Weedon (M) et Westbury (CT).

Nombre total d'électeurs : **17990 électeurs**

Moyenne par circonscription : **1635 électeurs**

La présente description entrera en vigueur le 31 mars 2024, année où doit avoir lieu l'élection générale selon les dispositions de l'article 9.13 de la *Loi sur les élections scolaires* (L.R.Q., c. E-2.3).

Carried unanimously

8. REPORTS

8.1 Director General's report

The Director General, K. Mackey reported the following:

As we approach the end of our first term and will soon step into November, I seize this moment to underscore our commitment to wellbeing. This month often unfolds with heightened fatigue among students and staff due to the time change, elevated stress from end-of-term assessments, and the

demands on teachers preparing report cards and engaging in vital conversations with parents. Simultaneously, the labour relations arena adds another layer of pressure as we collectively strive for enhanced outcomes for our staff and students.

In the midst of these challenges, I urge everyone to embrace kindness, mutual support and care. Our wellbeing is a precious asset that should never be taken for granted. Let's keep our focus on our collective purpose – making a positive difference in the lives of our students. November will pass, ushering in the serene winter sunshine on our drives home and, before we know it, the festive season will be upon us. So, let's maintain our smiles and revel in celebrating the small victories.

Amidst this, our ETSB Commitment-to-Success Plan and educational projects in schools and centres are finding resonance. Our student enrollment is on a steady rise, a testament to our community's trust. Our students continue to immerse themselves in a wealth of activities, from the arts to sports to cultural pursuits. Equally noteworthy is the commitment of our staff, not only in engaging students but also in their personal and professional growth, attending and actively participating in various professional development sessions.

We can take pride in our community's achievements, and I extend an invitation to all to nurture kindness and care for one another—simple gestures that can yield a profound impact on one's wellbeing.

Your Director General,

Kandy Mackey

8.2 Chair's report

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

Report to Council
October 24, 2023

The relentless assault on the English institutions and the Anglophone community in Quebec continues unabated. Since its initial election, the present government has adopted a hostile attitude to everything English in Quebec. For them, it is not enough that a very high percentage of our community made the effort to become bilingual. It is not enough that we endorse and promote the importance of protecting the French language. It appears that our very existence is an affront in their eyes. Bills 29 and 96 abolished civil rights to choose what garments or symbols one can wear. They gave unprecedented rights of search and seizure without legal process to officious civil servants in efforts to stamp out any traces of Englishness. They complained that their rules did not apply to federally chartered businesses until a supine and submissive government in Ottawa changed the rules, and even went further to enshrine Bill 101 as modified by Bill 96 in a federal statute. When it was pointed out that Anglophones have become largely bilingual, the discourse became one about the language spoken in homes. Now the sound of English spoken in the street has become a focus of their ire. This government no longer pretends to govern for all Quebecers while the ruling party in Ottawa has abandoned Quebec anglophones to their fate.

The CAQ government declares that Education is a priority, and I have no doubt that they are sincere. After all, it is well established that education broadens minds, stimulates thought and builds physical and metaphysical wealth. Education is how societies progress. I cannot help thinking that their approach to education is intended to prevent just those benefits from spreading through the entire population. Instead, they appear to want to confine learning to the channels they prefer and to stifle independent voices. Among other moves, they wish to rewrite history to eliminate any uncomfortable reminders of the huge contributions made by anglophones and immigrants in creating modern Quebec.

Their first move was to eliminate school boards, a level of local democracy that meant an independent public voice about educational content and delivery. Bill 40 was adopted by closure, stifling discussion and debate that had become too effective in exposing its dangers and disruptions to quality education. All opposition was stifled while interest groups representing stakeholders were appeased with promises of local control and flexibility. As we know now, the opposite was the case. Uniformity and indifference to local issues have been imposed from the top. Erasing all evidence of individuality to the point that signage has been made uniform. Henceforth process and standards will be imposed centrally.

We are fortunate. Bill 40 does not apply to English school boards because we challenged the government in the courts. We spent our own funds to cover legal fees and put our faith in an independent judiciary and the rule of law. We won a sweeping victory in Quebec Superior Court and for now the law does not apply to the English education network. The government has appealed its devastating loss and when it loses again at that level will probably appeal again to the supreme court of Canada. Using our own tax money, they force us to continue spending hoping to exhaust our limited resources. They have no real hope of winning, but appealing saves face and allows them to pretend otherwise. We embarrass the government and its focus on creating a totally uniform Quebec education system, at least in part because our results, in the form of student success are consistently superior on average than for the French system. Instead of celebrating and learning from our success, they seem to prefer to stifle and standardize us until we no longer embarrass them.

English CEGEPS were the next target. Adults are free to choose their post-secondary education path and an embarrassing number of Francophone high school graduates were opting to attend English institutions. Dawson College was expanding and others were flourishing. The St. Lawrence campus of Champlain College located in Quebec City attracted so many applications that it required marks in the 90 percent range to be accepted. However nearly 90% of successful applicants graduated from French high schools because the best students wanted to study at English universities. Other English CEGEPS were expanding and attracting high-performing French students as well, so another law was enacted to limit access, limit growth and cancel expansion plans. Despite the howls of protest from the public, those measures are now in place. Sadly, the CEGEPs were unable to organize to contest these laws in the way English school boards did.

The second phase of the Bill 40 initiative dropped last year with the presentation of Bill 23. It is currently under study by the national assembly, but the government is in a hurry. They want it adopted by December 8th, which is the end of the current session and may invoke closure if debate goes on too long. It gives the minister of education total power over education, the right to choose directors general, to replace any who perform in a way unsatisfactorily to the minister and the right to retroactively reverse

decisions. In turn, that director general appoints all other administrators of each school service centre. It is difficult to imagine that a director general would dare to take independent action or in fact any action contrary to the minister's wishes, but should such a horrifying incident occur, the minister would have the power to replace the individual and reverse the decision. Total control from the top, by an elected official who, like the current minister, may have no professional qualification in education. No autonomy or even influence at the local level.

A fresh assault this month is the outrageous attack on English universities. Is it embarrassing to this government that the best universities in Quebec are English? Is it humiliating that students from across Canada and around the world prefer McGill to any other Quebec university? When a minister mandated to protect the French language in Quebec announces with undisguised pride that this outrageous racist-inspired move is only the first of fifty measures being planned, not to promote French but to eliminate any vestige of English in public life in Quebec, it underlines the pettiness, the narrowness and destructiveness of the whole approach.

The government does not need to adopt laws or issue decrees to pursue its efforts to wipe out English. Working administratively can be effective as well. A recent measure is for the ministry of education to refuse Eligibility Certificates to individuals over the age of 18, regardless of their right to have attended English public schooling. Those students who attended French elementary schools, a decision parents probably made from a desire for their children to stay in and become integrated into Quebec society, now face unexpected penalties in CEGEP by being obliged to successfully take French language exit exams. They also face limitations in attending English CEGEPs. While school boards are willing to be helpful in providing proof of the qualification for eligibility to those students, such as having a parent or sibling who attended English elementary school, the administrative ruling is that it is too late for them. Just too bad!

Meanwhile, our struggle continues. The government tolerates English boards but systematically attempts to impose its rules administratively despite the legal framework. A recent announcement by the minister of education banning cell phones on all school properties is a case in point. The hasty and uninformed announcement was quietly amended after the fact to apply only to student cell phones, and only in class but it demonstrates the risks associated with placing absolute power in the hands of an uninformed and easily influenced individual. This decree does not legally apply to English schools, but functionaries at the education ministry attempted to impose it anyway. Under our legal structure, cell phone possession and use falls under the school code of conduct which is adopted and periodically revised by the Governing Board. That is genuine local authority. In addition, any teacher may prohibit cell phones in their classes should they so desire. The entire question is rendered moot since we give every student a computer anyway. Any distraction that might exist with a cell phone is readily accessible through a Chromebook. Teachers deal with that issue as part of their skill set, knowing that prohibition is ineffective, while teaching preferable habits is part of their mission.

As a Council of Commissioners, we strive to protect our employees from the worst of the stresses created by these political maneuvers. We do our best to ensure that teachers, support staff and professionals are free to perform their mandates with a minimum of interference. We encourage parents and staff on Governing Boards to fulfil their functions without regard to the noise and public controversy.

I sincerely hope that the distractions do not reach into the classroom to the detriment of our students or of the quality of teaching and learning occurring there.

In recent years, the role of school commissioners has become progressively more political but I am under the impression that many in education are unaware of all these battles being waged on their behalf. Commissioners have become accustomed to discussing legal matters, court cases and structural changes. Many among us struggle with the idea that by default, we have become a bulwark resisting assaults on our civil rights and on the freedom of educators to do their jobs. Constant interference in matters as significant as testing and assessment or as trivial as cell phones in class does not permit professionals to function effectively and must be resisted.

As part of our responsibilities, school boards have already taken the initial steps to prepare for school board elections scheduled for November 2024. We need to find the means to engage encourage our communities in the process, to support local democracy by encouraging friends and neighbours to ensure they are on the English electoral list. This is particularly important because even graduates of our schools are not placed on our lists automatically. Many more qualify than are on our roles. Then encourage interested people to stand for election and to vote. We need to have a strong turnout for our elections to justify our continuing efforts to protect minority language rights. The government has made school board elections burdensome, then uses low voter turnout to question the legitimacy of elected commissioners.

I make no apology for the length of this report on matters distinct from education as a daily exercise. It is important that the entire community including those would prefer to be left alone to know what is happening behind the occasional headline or post they may see.

9. ADVISORY COMMITTEES' REPORTS

9.1 Executive Committee

The Chair of the Executive Committee, Commissioner M. Murray mentioned that the topics that were discussed at tonight's Executive meeting are addressed at the current public meeting.

9.2 Governance and Ethics Committee

The Director General, K. Mackey mentioned the following topics were addressed at the last Governance & Ethics meetings:

- The Mandate was reviewed;
- The Internal Rules of Procedures was also reviewed;
- Meeting dates for 2023-2024 were established.

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2024.

9.3 Audit Advisory Committee

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

9.3.1 Finance:

9.3.1.1 Resolution No. ETSB 23-10-18

Statement of School Taxes Remaining Due and Owing 2023-2024

WHEREAS the Director of Financial Services presented the following summary regarding the statement of the school taxes remaining due and owing by owners;

WHEREAS the payment of the 2nd installment does not come due until November and consequently these amounts are included in the total school taxes not yet collected;

<u>Annual Invoices Issued – June</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
Total school taxes invoices issued:	14,058	14,000
Total school taxes to be collected:	\$3,461,252.69	\$3,438,269.48
 <u>Outstanding Invoices – October</u>	 <u>2023-2024</u>	 <u>2022-2023</u>
Total school taxes invoices outstanding:	4,340	4,284
Total school taxes not yet collected:	\$942,315.06	\$984,114.40

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik to approve the statement of the school taxes remaining due and owing by owners.

Carried unanimously

9.3.2 Material Resources:

9.3.2.1 Resolution No. ETSB 23-10-19

Asbestos-Danville-Shipton (ADS) Elementary School – Brick Pointing

WHEREAS the *Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ)* approved a budget of \$400,000 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2022-2023* *Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS brick walls need to be repaired to maintain its structural integrity;

WHEREAS four (4) companies retrieved the project specifications after a public invitation to bid on the project;

WHEREAS one (1) bid was received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date and time specified;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$91,700 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Lussier et Fils inc.*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Un À Un Architectes Inc.* has recommended the company *Lussier et Fils inc.* the lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work for the amount of \$128,100 including taxes and professional fees;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner T. Bilodeau 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

9.3.2.2 Resolution No. ETSB 23-10-20

Parkview Elementary School – Administrative Office, Windows and Windows Sills

WHEREAS the *Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ)* approved a budget of \$1,067,385 for the project stated above, under the program *MDB - Maintien des bâtiments 2022-2023 Mesure: 50621*;

WHEREAS the reorganization of the administration offices will make the entrance safer with direct contact to visitors;

WHEREAS this is phase one (administration offices reorganization) of two phases (windows);

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

WHEREAS four (4) bids were received by the Eastern Townships School Board by the date and time specified;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$326,800 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *Construction Bugère Inc.*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Caroline Denommée Architecte Inc.* has recommended the company *Construction Bugère Inc.* the lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work for the amount of \$460,868 including taxes and professional fees;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner R. Gosselin 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

9.3.2.3 Resolution No. ETSB 23-10-21

Richmond Regional High School – Boiler Room Upgrade

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) approved a budget of \$147,225 for the project stated above, under the program *RTB – Réfection et Transformation des Bâtiments – 2023-2024 Mesure: 50624*;

WHEREAS this will allow to transform our heating system to natural gas;

WHEREAS four (4) companies retrieved the project specifications after an invitation to bid on the project;

WHEREAS two (2) bids were received by the ETSB by the date and time specified;

WHEREAS the lowest bid in the amount of \$101,681 (excluding taxes), was received from the company *GNR Corbus Inc.*;

WHEREAS after reviewing the bids, the assigned professional firm of *Les Services EXP Inc.* has recommended the company *GNR Corbus Inc.* the lowest bidder in conformity, to do the work for the amount of \$147,225 including taxes and professional fees;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Holliday 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

9.3.2.4 Resolution No. ETSB 23-10-22

Marguerite Knapp Building – Bus Electrification

WHEREAS the *Ministère de l'Éducation (MEQ)* is waiting for the estimate for the project stated above, under the program *BUS – Autobus scolaire 2023-2024 Mesure: 50540*;

WHEREAS Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) needs to purchase electric buses from now on;

WHEREAS ETSB hired the electrical engineering firm: *IME Experts-Conseil Inc.*;

WHEREAS we received the estimate to build fourteen (14) charging stations at the Marguerite Knapp building from the firm *IME Experts-Conseil Inc.*;

WHEREAS it has been estimated at \$1,282,849 the cost for the electrical supply, \$740,650 the cost for civil works and \$83,480 for the professional fees including taxes;

WHEREAS after assessing the project, the professional firm *IME Experts-Conseil Inc.* has estimated the overall cost to \$2,106,979 including taxes and professional fees;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner H. Turgeon 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 February 20, 2024.

9.4 Educational Advisory Committee (ESAC)

The Chair of the Educational Advisory Committee, M.E. Kirby mentioned that the first meeting took place on October 3rd 2023. These topics were addressed:

- Land Acknowledgement;
- Ministry's Exam Report;
- The Committee Mandate.

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

9.4.1 Resolution No. ETSB 23-10-23 Purchase of Chromebooks (Renewals)

WHEREAS in the pursuit of the Enhanced Learning Strategy, the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) needs to renew some of the equipment for the 2023-2024 school year;

WHEREAS 1100 Chromebooks within our fleet are no longer supported, have reached their end of life and need to be replaced to comply with the Government Cybersecurity Policy;

WHEREAS the availability of technological equipment in the current context is crucial in view to align with our educational mission;

WHEREAS a provisional account of \$550,000 was set aside for the purpose of replacement staff devices for the 2023-2024 school year, based on *Mesure 50761*;

WHEREAS ETSB is part of a call for tender with the *Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales (CAG)* according to the ministry requirements;

WHEREAS all purchases will be done according to the *ETSB Purchase policy* and government requirements;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner M-E. Kirby to authorize the Director General to sign any documentation related to the acquisition of equipment and related items (licenses, dongles, etc.), up to an amount of \$550,000.00 for 2023-2024 effective immediately;

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

9.4.2 Resolution No. ETSB 23-10-24
Purchase of MacBooks (Renewals)

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board's (ETSB) remaining fleet of outdated MacBook Air (2017), mainly used by teachers, need to be replaced;

WHEREAS ETSB will publish a notice of intent to purchase devices through a contract of mutual agreement ("gré à gré") with Apple Canada via the *Système électronique d'appel d'offres du gouvernement du Québec* (SEAO), according to the ministry requirements and regulations;

WHEREAS the ETSB considers that the public interest is best served by a notice of intent process, given the object of the contract concerned;

WHEREAS the contract will be granted in accordance with the budget and the ETSB's purchase policy and government requirements (laws, policies, rules, etc.);

WHEREAS a provisional account of \$325,000 was set aside for the purpose of replacement staff devices for the 2023-2024 school year, based on *Mesure 50761*;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner J. Humenuik to authorize the Director General or the Director of Instructional Technology and Pedagogical Services to sign any documentation related to the acquisition of equipment and related items (dongles, cables, adapters, etc.), up to an amount of \$325,000 effective immediately;

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 ESAC meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2023.

9.5 Communications Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Communications Advisory Committee, H. Turgeon mentioned the following explained by the Secretary General, E. Campbell:

9.5.1 Resolution No. ETSB 23-10-25

Parkview Elementary School – Request for a Lottery permit

WHEREAS Parkview Elementary School is holding a fundraising lottery “MEGA DRAW 2024 / MEGA TIRAGE 2024”;

WHEREAS the Parkview Elementary School Governing Board was consulted and approved the requites for the above-mentioned event and are fully aware that raffle tickets will be sold;

WHEREAS the event will be held live at Parkview Elementary School on June 6th 2024, after school hours, in the presence of an audience;

WHEREAS Mrs. Karine Lafrenière of Madka Studio Graphique is responsible for the event and the selling of raffle tickets;

WHEREAS the raffle will comprise of 3000 tickets sold for \$20 each with prizes worth a total value of \$15,000;

WHEREAS Karine Lafrenière of Madka Studio Graphique has conformed with the *Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec (RACJ)*;

WHEREAS Karine Lafrenière of Madka Studio Graphique must obtain a resolution from the Council of Commissioners authorizing her to sell raffle tickets on and off the school premises and will supply a photocopy of the permit provided by the RACJ;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner R. Gosselin to authorize Mrs. Karine Lafrenière of Madka Studio Graphique to act as a representative for the fundraising event at Parkview Elementary School, in conformity with the *Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec*, for the above-mentioned fundraiser being held on June 6th 2024.

Carried unanimously

The date of the next Communications Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2023.

9.6 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 January 16, 2024.

9.7 Transportation Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Commissioner G. Holliday mentioned that the date of the next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023.

9.8 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

The Chair of Complementary Educational Services, E. McKnight mentioned that the first SEAC meeting of the 2023-2024 school year was held on October 11, 2023 on ZOOM.

New and returning committee members were welcomed and introduced to ETSB's new Director General, Kandy Mackey.

- The election of SEAC Chair and Vice Chair took place as well as the nomination for Secretary. Director of Complementary Services, Emmanuelle Gaudet, presented the proposed update to SEAC's Rules of Internal Procedure;
- E. Gaudet explained the important role of SEAC to new and returning members and presented to the committee information about professionals in the ETSB schools and the services offered as well as an outline of the support staff allocations for each school;
- Finally, E. Gaudet shared with SEAC members the many professional development opportunities;
- SEAC Parent Commissioner Eliza McKnight reported that the details about these information sessions for parents can be found in the September Connections Newsletter that was emailed to all ETSB parents on September 13.

SEAC Parent Commissioner E. McKnight closed her report by indicating that the next SEAC meeting will be held on ZOOM on December 13, 2023.

10. PARENTS' COMMITTEE

The Commissioner representing parents, H. Turgeon introduced herself as the new Central Parents' Committee Chair. A meeting took place on October 11, 2023. The Director General, K. Mackey, met with the parents that are representing the ETSB schools.

- Elections took place for the nomination of a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

The date of the next Parents' Committee meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2023.

11. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner J. Humenuik, representing the Student Advisory Committee, mentioned that the date of the next Student Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023.

12. QESBA

General Assembly and professional development session

General Assembly took place on October 24, 2023. The Chairman enumerated the topics that were addressed. A professional development session was offered to commissioners that attended. The session was animated by Alain Vachon.

QESBA

An update meeting was made about the negotiations.

13. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner report to Council by Gordon Barnett:

Alexander Galt Regional High School (2023-10-16)

- Regarding decentralized Grants, Galt has a total of \$854K for 14 programs ranging from NANS (\$68K) to *Seuil minimal école* (\$305K);
- Considerable time was spent on the usual housekeeping items: Rules of Internal Procedure, Choice of officers, Conflict of interest, Meeting Schedule, etc.;
- The Bill 56 (Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence) report is divided into Physical, Verbal, Written and Cyber categories for Intimidation and Violence. Data showed 21% of the students as being victims of bullying, which is close to the Canadian average. Students feeling safe at school was 54% compared to the Canadian average of 64%;
- The Performing Arts group will be presenting 'An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas' to the public in the evenings of Thursday December 14th, Friday December 15th and Saturday December 16th at 7:30pm.

Lennoxville Elementary School (2023-10-16)

- This being the first regular meeting, housekeeping items such as the Declaration of Conflict of Interest, Rules of Internal Procedure and other such points were addressed;
- The new kitchen is up and running;
- The newly renovated Library is much appreciated by the students.

14. UPCOMING EVENTS

None.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

A recipient of the Commissioners' bursary fund from Alexander Galt Regional High School (AGRHS) thanked the commissioners.

16. QUESTION PERIOD

Megan Seline

Knowlton Resident:

What has the Council of Commissioners done or intends to do to express its displeasure towards the Ministry's directive (regarding tuition increase at English Universities)?

M. Murray

ETSB Chair:

Showing support by wearing the colours of English Universities tonight and encouraging employees to do the same. It shows the support to the English Universities. Ongoing discussions with QESBA, limited options.

Megan Seline

Knowlton Resident:

What is the oldest schoolhouse in Ascot County?

M. Murray

ETSB Chair:

Does anyone on the Council know? Please explain why the question.

Megan Seline

Knowlton Resident:

There's a contest in The Record that is asking historical questions, that is one of them pertaining to schools in the Townships.

G. Barnett

Commissioner:

I live here in the old Township of Ascot – Milby school dates to about 1825 I think. Type of school that existed out in the country years ago, not functional since approximately 1948.

Megan Seline

Knowlton Resident:

Thank you, my research states the same. If I win, I'll share my prize with you.

R. Gosselin

Commissioner:

This year would be Parkview Elementary's 175th anniversary, it changed names many times.

17. GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNICATION

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner R. Gagnon at 8:28 p.m.

Eric Campbell
Secretary General

Michael Murray
Chairman

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10.24.2023