

Highlights

Council of Commissioners' meeting of
Tuesday, March 26th 2024



Recognition of Excellence

This month the Council of Commissioners and Head Office Administrators highlighted the numerous ETSB students who participated in the 58th finale of the *Jeux du Québec* along with all who stood in solidarity against bullying on this year's National Pink Shirt Day.

The Council was also pleased to pass the resolution approving the Youth Sector Calendar for the upcoming two academic years.

Resolutions

- Heroes' Memorial Elementary School – Replacement of Water Distribution Network;
- Ayer's Cliff Elementary School – Parking and Playground Renovation;
- 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Youth Sector Calendars.

Dates to Remember...

March 28 th	School Day - Converted Snow Day
March 29 th & April 1 st	Easter Break (Good Friday & Easter Monday)
April 2 nd	Pedagogical Day / Planning Day
April 21-27 th	Volunteer Week (Quebec)
April 24 th	Administrative Professional Day - "Secretaries"

See attached report from
the Director General,
Ms. Mackey.



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Director General's Report...

Our Four Pillars:

- *Attachment-based developmental approach*
- *Pedagogical Leadership*
- *Professional Learning Community*
- *Student Engagement*

This evening, I am pleased to present a report focusing on the Student Engagement pillar within the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB). Over the past few months, I have had the privilege of hearing directly from our students during my visits to various schools and centres. Through initiatives such as the Central Student Advisory Committee, our students have provided invaluable insight into our Commitment-to-Success Plan orientations, concrete actions for us to consider.

The stories shared by our students underscore the importance of their voices in shaping our educational terrain. From the creation of student lounges to organizing events for students, such as carnivals, our students have demonstrated exceptional leadership within their schools and centres. They have also contributed significantly through activities like celebrating staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, leading school-wide assemblies, and participating in student focus groups to provide input on various matters.

Additionally, our students have shared or will soon be sharing their thoughts through the Our School Survey, providing us with valuable feedback on their experiences. These stories, along with the dedicated support of our caring staff, truly highlight the vibrancy of school and centre life within the ETSB.

I am excited to share that we have upcoming opportunities to enrich our students' learning experiences, such as the upcoming eclipse, where they will have the chance to engage with the curriculum in an authentic manner. Furthermore, our welcoming of international students opens our eyes to a multitude of cultures, enriching both student and family lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage anyone interested in hosting international students to reach out to our International Student Program department. This experience not only enriches student life but also enhances the lives of host families, fostering cultural exchange and understanding.

It is evident that engaged students are more likely to excel academically and remain committed to their education. As we approach the final stretch of the school year, let us continue to prioritize student engagement and value their voices. When seeking insights or understanding a situation, let us turn to our students—their perspectives are invaluable guides.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to create a nurturing and engaging learning environment for all our students.

Your Director General,

Kandy Mackey

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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:

The ETSB Celebrates PINK Shirt Day!



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Every year, the people of the Eastern Townships School Board stand in solidarity and denounce any form of bullying on the annual National Pink Shirt Day. On February 28th 2024, students mobilized and stood up to speak about intimidation and prevention in school-wide assemblies and special events. Staff rallied behind them sporting pink as well; a symbol of love, harmony and compassion. Thank you to all who took part and shared their inspiring photos with us here!

ETSB Students Represent at the 58th Finale of the *Jeux du Québec*!

The provincial multisport competition launched with the opening ceremony on March 1st and wrapped up on March 9th 2024. 2,500 young athletes across Quebec aged 12-17 years gathered in Sherbrooke to compete. Regions of Quebec presented teams to compete in various sports like ringuette, fencing and artistic skating to name but a few. All three of our high schools had students who qualified and took part in the *Jeux du Québec* as members of their various regional teams, plus two students in Secondary 1 from Butler Elementary.

Léona Majeau of Richmond Regional High School participated in the games as part of the women's curling team (Curling Laurier Victoriaville) representing the *Centre du Québec*.



Leona Majeau featured 2nd from left and far right in the 2nd pic

Alexander Galt Regional High School had 6 students take part in the *Jeux du Québec*, namely Charles-David Labrie (Karate), Cayden Costello (Gymnastics) and the following athletes who competed in curling, Alexa Dingman, Emma Mayne, Hunter Sarrasin, and Xavier Francius.



From left to right: Hunter Sarrasin, Emma Mayne, Alexa Dingman and Xavier Francius.



From left to right: Cayden Costello and Charles-David Labrie

Massey-Vanier High School had 6 students participate in the games, all taking part in curling representing the Richelieu-Yamaska region. The women's team was comprised of skip Emma Blinn-Giroux, Adalynn Bugyi, Juliette Lizotte, Emilia Zelis and Florence Chalifoux (who previously attended Farnaham Elementary and now attends *École Jean-Jacques Bertrand*). The men's team included Cole Bugyi, Jayden La Roche, along with Bailey La Roche and the team's skip Alec Bugyi (both in Sec. 1 at Butler Elementary) and teammate Felix Cyr (who attends high school in Saint-Hyacinthe).



Team Richelieu-Yamaska - Students from L to R in top row: Emma Blinn-Giroux, Adalynn Bugyi, Florence Chalifoux, Juliette Lizotte & Emilia Zelis. Bottom row from L to R: Cole Bugyi, Alec Bugyi, Bailey La Roche, Felix Cyr & Jayden La Roche.

Congratulations to all of our athletes who participated in the 58th finale of the *Jeux du Québec* and a special mention goes out to Charles-David Labrie who earned a Gold medal in Karate. You all did us very proud.



Le Bistro L'Entre-Deux Serves Up a Stellar Buffet!

I had lunch on Friday at l'Entre-Deux, the restaurant at the School of Hotellerie at Campus Brome-Missisquoi or CBM. For those of our guests who may not be familiar with that name, it has been adopted by our centre of Vocational Training in Cowansville that we operate jointly with the School Service Centre Val des Cerfs.

The student cooks prepared a visually magnificent buffet under the guidance of chef Mario Boucher. The food was delicious, presented artistically, and the array of choices was overwhelming. The baked whole salmon deserves special mention for beautiful presentation, it s scales replicated with paper-thin slices of cucumber and radish. The roast beef and maple glazed roast pork were done to perfection, served to order with a flourish by one of the student cooks.

The dessert table was a gourmet display of temptation with the highlight being the sucre a creme. Congratulations to the instructors and the students for such outstanding work. l'Entre Deux serves midday meals several times each month to allow cooks, sommeliers and waiters to practice in a real setting. Reservations are essential should you wish to attend. The restaurant, with its wall of windows facing a breathtaking mountain view is worth visiting quite apart from the varied and creative dining experience. Local hotels and restaurants will be fortunate to employ such skilled service personnel and chefs.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Murray