

Highlights

Council of Commissioners' meeting of
Tuesday, April 23rd 2024



Recognition of Excellence

This month the Council of Commissioners and Head Office Administrators highlighted the appointment of Parkview's new principal, namely Julie Edwards, as well as the new Director of the General Secretariat, Communications & Transportation, Shawn Champigny, who will take office as of May 13th 2024.

A sincere thank you and best wishes for a happy retirement were extended to Éric Campbell who will officially retire on June 12th 2024; and gratitude was expressed to Parkview's current principal Barbra Plouffe for her leadership and great work.

The Returning Officer for the upcoming school elections was also appointed, with Marie-Andrée Lafrance taking the position. All are wished the very best in their future roles and endeavors.

Dates to Remember...

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| April 29 th | Pedagogical Day / Planning Day |
| May 17 th | Pedagogical Day / Planning Day |
| May 20 th | Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday |

Resolutions

- Appointment of Returning Office - School Elections – November 3rd 2024;
- 2024-2025 Confirmation of the Head Office Administrative Structure;
- Confirmation of the 2024-2025 Schools and Centres Administrative Structure;
- Head Office – Appointment of Secretary General, Director of the General Secretariat, Communications & School Transportation Services;
- *Services Québec* Agreement with the Eastern Townships School Board;
- Parkview Elementary School – Appointment of Principal;
- Heroes' Memorial Elementary School – Replacement of Water Distribution Network – AMENDED;
- Alexander Galt Regional High School – Handicap Ramp Access;
- St-Francis Elementary School – Drop Off Buses and Parking Lot Renovation.

See attached report from Chairperson,
Mr. Michael Murray.

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Reflections

From Michael Murray, Chairman

Quebec Superior Court issued a judgement in April on the motion brought by the English Montreal School Board for a stay of certain provisions of Bill 96 pending hearing the challenge to the Bill on merits. Seven other English school boards supported the motion in the status of intervenors.

The judgement, although not an unequivocal victory, confirmed that communications both written and oral between English School Boards, their personnel and their officials may continue our practices that existed prior to the adoption of Bill 96. We are pleased that our right to communicate orally and in writing solely in English, solely in French or both has been confirmed. This applies both to internal communications, communications with other institutions and with individuals such as parents and interested members of our community.

The Eastern Townships School Board has long established a practice of communicating in the official language preferred by our interlocutors. We will continue to defend our right to do so with recourse to the courts as required.



Michael Murray, Chairman

Recognition of Excellence April 23rd 2024

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

What a Spectacle!



March 28th 2024 was a serious spectacle so to speak, one of the best kind, a regional final celebrating the arts! Secondary students hailing from the *Estrie* region headed to the *Salésien* to participate in a competition involving multiple art forms, including performance, stage technology, journalism, poetry, song and musical creations and interpretations. Basically an opportunity for students to perfect and showcase their talents and passion for the performing arts.

Student teams from *Mitchell-Montcalm* High School, the *Polyvalente Montignac*, the *Salésien*, the *Séminaire de Sherbrooke* and our very own Richmond Regional High School participated, presenting their entries in French to the delight of audience members.

Not only did Richmond Regional students take part, but they also shone bringing home two prestigious awards with most competing in their second language; what an accomplishment and testament to our bilingualism here at the ETSB!

Musical competitors hit the stage with their interpretation of Alex Nevsky's "*Les Coloriés*" and earned 2nd place for their song. Band members included Félicia Fredette, Tristan Boisvert, Jérémy Brisson-Grenier, Lorenzo Corpuz, Lhea Forest Savannah Mace, Trinity Raymond and Lindsay Maurice-Morin (picture #1).

In Action contestants, Benjamin Barrie, Rosalie Evans and Zoïk Huard wowed the judges and won 1st place for their performance (picture #2). This year was the first time that Richmond Regional students competed in this category. RRHS teams having secured the first and second place positions, and both will go on to compete in the provincial finals!

We congratulate all RRHS students and fellow participants, wishing them the best of luck in the province wide competition *Rendez-vous panquébécois* to be held in Thetford Mines this May!

The ETSB Community Celebrates the ECLIPSE!



Throughout the ETSB community, students, staff and school families convened to celebrate the once-in-a-life-time phenomenon, the total solar eclipse of April 8th 2024! The open blue skies provided the perfect backdrop for this awe-inspiring occurrence that had people erupt in cheers, applause and total excitement. The lead up to the eclipse was incredible with science lessons, student presentations, physical modules and much exploration to help explain and prepare students for what they would witness.

Families gathered at schools to share in the experience and the mood was on high, with some making a day of the eclipse with special activities, festive snacks, games and even bouncy castles. Everyone found a way to safely observe with glasses and/or take in the celestial event via live stream for those who preferred to stay inside.

We thank everyone who shared in this experience and will never forget the awesomeness of such a rare happening! CBC captured the day's event at Lennoxville Elementary School; [have a listen](#) to our children's comments, they say it best!

Campus Brome-Missisquoi's Vocational Training Centre Benefits from a 5.1 Million Dollar Investment



(L to R – ETSB Chair Mr. Murray addressing the group, CBM's Voc. Ed Director Liette Bécharde in the welding workshop, PERFORM's DG Carl Boily)

A press conference was held on April 15th 2024 at the Campus Brome-Missisquoi's (CBM) Vocational Training Centre to announce an investment of over 5.1 Million dollars in support of programs feeding the metal fabrication industry, namely Welding, Machining and the Operation of Production Equipment (OEP).

These monies from the *Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale* and the Ministry of Education in large part will allow enterprises in *Estrie* to pay students during their work stages. This initiative is the collaborative result of the Campus Brome-Missisquoi Vocational Training Centre of the Eastern Townships School Board and the *Centre de services scolaire Val-des-Cerfs*, PERFORM as well as the numerous enterprises here in the *Estrie* Region.

We congratulate all involved in this promising collaboration and thank everyone who attended this event including a few students currently in the Welding and Machining programs.

The future looks PROMISING!