Commission scolaire Eastern Townships School Board

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EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026 – 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	Pam Gougeon	Z
Claire Beaubien	A	Sarah Langlois	Z
Sandra Finlay	Z	Eliza McKnight	Z
Richard Gagnon	Z	Jody Murray	Z
Richard Gosselin	A	DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE (DC)	
Gary Holliday	Z	Secretary General – Shawn Champigny	P
Joy Humenuik, Vice-chair	Z	Director General – Kandy Mackey	P
Shawn Jersey	Z	Assistant Director General & Director of Financial Services – Sophie Leduc	Z
Mary-Ellen Kirby	Z	Director of Human Resources – Caroline Dufresne	Z
Jonathan Murray	Z	Director of Instructional Technology and Pedagogical Services – Emmanuelle Gaudet	Z
Michael Murray, Chair	Z	Director of Complementary Services – Catherine Canzani	Z
Helene Turgeon	Z	Director of Material Resources – Éric Plante	Z

ZOOM (Z) – MEMBERS PRESENT (P) – MEMBERS ABSENT (A)

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. QUORUM AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED AND IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner P. Gougeon to adopt the Agenda of August 25, 2026 as deposited, with the following additions:

- 6.2 Alexander Galt Regional High School (AGRHS) – Signing officers
- 6.3 Asbestos-Danville-Shipton (ADS) Elementary School – Signing Officers
- 6.4 Drummondville Elementary School – Signing officers
- 9.9 Committee of the Whole

Carried unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2026

Resolution No. ETSB 26-08-01
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Commissioners held on June 23, 2026

WHEREAS a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2026 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 June 23, 2026 as deposited.

Carried unanimously

4. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions for the Council.

5. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Chairman M. Murray invited the following Commissioners to present the August 25, 2026 Recognition of Excellence:

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

MANSONVILLE HOSTS THRILLING MUD RUN

S. Jersey : On June 16, Mansonville Elementary School brought the community together for a much-anticipated mud run! Bringing together students from different schools across the ETSB, the event was filled with mud, smiles and unforgettable memories.

Students from multiple grades tackled the muddy course with boundless energy, cheered on by enthusiastic peers, staff and dedicated parent volunteers. The joy and excitement were contagious, making it a standout highlight of the end of the school year.

A huge thank you goes out to the Mansonville Elementary School for hosting such a fantastic day, as well as all the parent volunteers whose support made the event possible.

- Mansonville Elementary School;
- Knowlton Academy;
- Butler Elementary School;
- Waterloo Elementary School;
- Sutton Elementary School.



END OF YEAR AWARDS & GRADUATION CEREMONIES

S. Langlois : As the last academic year ended, schools across the Eastern Townships School Board hosted various graduation and awards ceremonies. Proud families, dedicated staff, and cheering peers all came together within each local school community to honour the extraordinary perseverance, personal growth, and achievements of the graduating class.

The ceremonies highlighted student excellence across academic subjects, athletics, leadership, and community involvement. The entire ETSB community congratulates its students and wishes them every success in the new year starting soon!



SUNNYSEED GARDEN: HANDS-ON LEARNING AT SUNNYSIDE

Jody Murray: Students at Sunnyside Elementary School are getting their hands dirty with the school's outdoor garden project, *SunnySeed*. The hands-on project gives young learners the opportunity to maintain and harvest their own crops—promoting healthy habits, strengthening their connection to the school, and fostering community pride.

The project even caught the eye of local MP Marianne Dandurand, who stopped by Sunnyside in July to check out how teachers are using fresh ideas to support young people across the English-speaking community.

- Sunnyside Elementary School



6. BUSINESS ARISING

The Secretary General, S. Champigny presented the following resolutions:

6.1 Resolution No. ETSB 26-08-02
2026-2027 QESBA Membership Fees

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) is a member of the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA);

WHEREAS the QESBA provides essential advocacy, legal support, and a unified voice for English-language public education, representing the interests of English school boards across Quebec to the Ministry of Education and other government bodies;

WHEREAS the ETSB continues to benefit from the professional development resources, collective expertise, and collaborative networking opportunities provided by membership in the QESBA;

WHEREAS the annual membership dues for the 2026-2027 school year are $100 948.65, including taxes and accounted for within the board's operational budget;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner Jonathan Murray that the Council of Commissioners approves the QESBA membership fee for the 2026-2027 school year which began on July 1st 2026.

Carried unanimously

6.2 Resolution No. ETSB 26-08-03
Alexander Galt Regional High School (AGRHS) – Signing Officers

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board ("ETSB") appointed the National Bank to provide banking services;

WHEREAS the accepted bid received from the National Bank also includes banking services for ETSB schools and centres;

WHEREAS the National Bank requires the names of representatives authorized to sign banking documents on behalf of ETSB schools and centres;

WHEREAS new personnel assignments have changed the names of the representatives at AGRHS;

WHEREAS only those individuals listed below are authorized to sign for AGRHS;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner G. Barnett that the following individuals be authorized to sign banking documents on behalf of the school:

AGRHS: Peggy McCourt
Tia Rousseau

Marie-Ève Lambert-Desbiens

Carried unanimously

6.3 Resolution No. ETSB 26-08-04
Asbestos-Danville-Shipton (ADS) – Signing Officers

WHEREAS the Eastern Townships School Board ("ETSB") appointed the National Bank to provide banking services;

WHEREAS the accepted bid received from the National Bank also includes banking services for ETSB schools and centres;

WHEREAS the National Bank requires the names of representatives authorized to sign banking documents on behalf of ETSB schools and centres;

WHEREAS new personnel assignments have changed the names of the representatives at ADS Elementary School;

WHEREAS only those individuals listed below are authorized to sign for ADS Elementary School;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner Jody Murray that the following individuals be authorized to sign banking documents on behalf of the school :

ADS Elementary School: Sara Iatauro
Jeannik Bachand

Carried unanimously

6.4 Resolution No. ETSB 26-08-05
Drummondville Elementary School – Signing Officers

WHEREAS the *Caisse Desjardins de Drummondville* requires the names of representatives authorized to sign banking documents on behalf of the ETSB Drummondville Elementary School;

WHEREAS new personnel assignments have changed the representatives authorized to sign in this school;

WHEREAS only those individuals listed below are authorized to sign;

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner S. Finlay that the following individuals be authorized to sign banking documents on behalf of the school;

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED that any previous authorizations are rendered null and void by this resolution:

Drummondville Elementary School:	Kathleen Harvey
	Chloe-Lyn Martel
	Bruna Jorge

Carried unanimously

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Director General's report

The Director General, K. Mackey shared her report with the Council.

8.2 Chair's report

The Chair of the Council of Commissioners, M. Murray shared his report with the Council.

9. ADVISORY COMMITTEES' REPORTS

9.1 Executive Committee

The Chair of the Executive Committee, Commissioner M. Murray mentioned that the topics discussed at the Executive meeting will also be addressed at tonight's Council of Commissioners, including an update on staffing and recruiting and capital projects.

9.2 Governance and Ethics Committee

The Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee, Commissioner G. Barnett mentioned the following:

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2026.

9.3 Audit Advisory Committee

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

9.3.1 Finance:

9.3.1.1 Resolution No. ETSB 26-08-06
2026-2027 Eastern Townships School Board Budget

***ATTENDU QUE**, conformément à la Loi sur l'instruction publique (chapitre I-13.3), la Commission scolaire Eastern Townships doit adopter et transmettre au ministre de l'Éducation son budget de fonctionnement, d'investissement et du service de la dette pour l'année scolaire 2026-2027;*

***ATTENDU QUE,** le budget a été établi avec les paramètres de consultation;*

***ATTENDU QUE** la distribution des allocations de fonctionnements accordées a priori est discutée au comité d'allocation des ressources puis présentée au comité consultatif de gestion ainsi qu'au comité d'audit avant d'être adopté par le conseil des Commissaires;*

***ATTENDU QUE** ce budget prévoit l'équilibre budgétaire;*

***ATTENDU QUE** le produit de la taxe scolaire, au montant de 6 061 164 $, a été établi en considérant :*

- *une évaluation uniformisée ajustée des immeubles imposables de 25 000 $ et moins, s'élevant à 12 388 086 $;*
- *un nombre de 16 710 immeubles imposables de plus de 25 000 $;*
- *un taux fixé à 0,07899 $ pour 100 $ d'évaluation par le ministre, applicable à la taxe scolaire 2026-2027;*

***IL EST PROPOSÉ PAR** la Commissaire J. Humenuik que le budget de fonctionnement, d'investissement et du service de la dette, prévoyant des revenus de 140,406,031$ et des dépenses de 140,406,031$, soit adopté et transmis au ministre de l'Éducation (MEQ).*

Carried unanimously

9.3.2 Material Resources:

None.

The date of the next Audit Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 19, 2026.

9.4 Educational Advisory Committee (ESAC)

The Chair of the Educational Advisory Committee, Commissioner M.E. Kirby mentioned the following:

The date of the next ESAC meeting is scheduled for September 1st 2026.

9.5 Communications Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Communications Advisory Committee, Commissioner Jody Murray mentioned the following:

The date of the next CAC meeting is scheduled for September 1st 2026.

9.6 Human Resources Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Human Resources Advisory Committee, Commissioner C. Beaubien mentioned the following:

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for September 1st 2026.

9.7 Transportation Advisory Committee

The Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, Commissioner H. Turgeon mentioned the following:

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2026.

9.8 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

The SEAC Chair and Parent Commissioner, E. McKnight mentioned the following:

The date of the next SEAC meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2026.

9.9 Committee of the Whole

The Chair of the Committee of the Whole, J. Humenuik mentioned the following:

A meeting was held on August 18th where there was a report from the ad hoc committee on enrollment and eligibility. The mandate and priorities for this year were also discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15 in person.

10. PARENTS' COMMITTEE

The Vice-Chair of the Central Parents' Advisory Committee, Commissioner S. Langlois mentioned the following:

New Governing Boards are going to be voted in during September and CPC elections held in November.

11. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

- For this year, they are continuing with the same format. They are looking forward to working with our students once again this year.

12. QESBA

No subjects for the meeting.

13. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Commissioner Jody Murray questioned if the new administrator at ADS Elementary School was looking at moving into the community. It was reported that she was in the near future.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

15. QUESTION PERIOD

TC (ATA) : Are Commissioners aware of the modification for absences, where absences are now either a half-day or full-day in all instances and why this came about?

The chair mentioned that it was a collective agreement issue and referred the question to the Director of HR, C. Dufresne who stated that they will follow up with ATA.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner G. Holliday at 7:50 p.m.

Shawn Champigny
Secretary General

Michael Murray
Chairman

SC/gm
08.25.2026