

CANADA

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EASTERN SHORES SCHOOL BOARD

The special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board was held at the Administrative Office of the Board at 40 Mountsorrel, New Carlisle, Quebec on Friday, May 8, 2020 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. The following persons were present:

COMMISSIONERS: W. Gifford Chairperson
M. E. Beaulieu (Videoconference)
K. Eldridge, Vice-Chair (Videoconference)
M. Chesser (Videoconference)
L. Martin (Videoconference)
M. Clarke (Videoconference)
G. Hayes (Videoconference)
G. Briand (Telephone-conference)
D. Bourgouin (Telephone-conference)
R. Mundle (Video Conference)
K. Dickson (Video Conference)

PARENT COMMISSIONER: K. Mackenzie (Videoconference)
J. Davies (Videoconference)
C. Carney (Videoconference)
D. Martin (Telephone-Conference)

DIRECTOR GENERAL: H. Wood
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL: S. Ward; Director of Finance
INTERIM SECRETARY GENERAL: M.A. Cooke (Videoconference)

OTHERS:
L. Mosher; Director of Education Services (Videoconference)
T. Renouf; Superintendent of Services (Videoconference)
G. Guilbeault; Coordinator Adult and Vocational Education (Videoconference)
Joe Dow ; President of Eastern Shores Union of Support Staff (ESUSS)
Gillian O'Rourke; President of Eastern Shores Teachers Association (ESTA)
Beryl Boyle; President of the Administrators Association of English Schools in Quebec (AAESQ)
Tammy Chatterton; Representatvie of Syndicat des professionnel et professionnelles de la Gaspésie et Îles de la Madeleine (SPPGIM)

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), participants attended the meeting by video conferencing or by telephone.

Mr. Gifford, Chairperson, called this special meeting of the Council of Commissioners to order and welcomed everyone present.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

C20-05-555

It was moved by G. Briand that the agenda for this special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board be approved.

CARRIED

Before deliberations began Mr. Gifford, invited Ms. O'Rourke Mr. Dow, Ms. Boyle and Ms. Chatterton to express comments and concerns received from their membership.

Ms. O'Rourke expressed that despite the efforts, schools are not ready and that the anxiety levels are high among her members;

Mr. Dow expressed similar feedback from him members but especially regarding the 2-meter boundaries, as well as the lack of equipment. He expressed positive feedback regarding the respect of the directives.

Ms. Boyle explained that an enormous amount of information is coming to the Principals but that it is difficult to process and sometimes rushed. Because of this the workday, responsibilities and stress are greatly increased.

She feels that many are anxious with the various aspects of reentry and with distance education. Nevertheless, staff is supporting each other and working as a team.

Ms. Chatterton has not received any comments or concerns from her membership

Mr. Gifford thanked everyone for their comments and expressed how impressed and pleased he was with the leadership of the DG and with the team efforts to ensure that procedures are put in place to ensure the health and safety of all of ESSB's community.

Mr. Gifford asked Mr. Wood comment on the dossier. Mr. Wood began by talking about the last package that was sent to schools and centers with the procedures and measures to be taken for the reentry into the buildings, he spoke about the number of students returning and the status of personal protection equipment (PPE).

Members of public were asked to leave the meeting at 10:35. C. Carney and J. Davies left at that time due to previous commitments.

2 CONDITIONS FOR RE-ENTRY TO EASTERN SHORES SCHOOL BOARD SCHOOLS

WHEREAS the Government of Québec has announced a target date of May 11, 2020, for schools outside the Montreal Metropolitan Community to reopen;

WHEREAS Eastern Shores School Board has the responsibility first and foremost to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff;

C20-05-556

IT WAS MOVED by G. Briand that Eastern Shores School Board assess, evaluate and determine, on the recommendation of the senior administration, if schools and centres in its territory can safely reopen according to recognized health and safety standards and the organizational requirements in order to respect various Government of Quebec guidelines; and

THAT the Minister of Education be informed what schools and centres can safely open by the date announced by the Government of Québec; and

THAT the Minister of Education be informed which schools and centres cannot meet the requirements to safely open on the desired date and why.

CARRIED

3 ADJOURNMENT at 10 :46 A.M.

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It was moved by G. Hayes that there being no further business the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Secretary General

Chairperson

