

CANADA

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

EASTERN SHORES SCHOOL BOARD

The regular 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 Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. The following persons were present:

COMMISSIONERS: W. Gifford Chairperson (Videoconference)
M. E. Beaulieu (Telephone Conference)
K. Eldridge, Vice-Chair (Videoconference)
M. Chesser (Videoconference)
L. Martin (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

OTHERS: L. Mosher; Director of Education Services (Videoconference)
D. Smith; Director of Human Resources (Videoconference)
T. Renouf; Superintendent of Services
A. Guilbeault; Coordinator of Adult and Voc.-Ed Services (Videoconference)

ABSENT: Mr. Gifford extended the regrets from M. Clarke,
G. Hayes

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and social distancing measures still in effect, commissioners and directors were asked to attend the Council of Commissioners meeting by videoconferencing or by telephone whenever possible. Mr. Wood, Ms. Ward, Ms. Cooke and Mr. Renouf were present at the Board Offices but attended the meeting by Videoconference in their individual offices.

W. Gifford, Chair, asked Mr. K. Eldridge, Vice-Chair to preside over the meeting due significant discomfort cause by a shoulder injury. Mr. K. Eldridge accepted and called this regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners to order and welcomed everyone present.

1. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts declared at this time.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

C20-05-558

It was moved by M.E. Beaulieu that the agenda for this regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board be approved.

CARRIED

3. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Reading of the Minutes

3.1.1 April 21, 2020

C20-05-559 It was moved by M. Chesser that, whereas the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on April 21, 2020, were circulated six hours prior to the meeting in accordance with article 170 of the Education Act, the Secretary General be excused from the reading of same. CARRIED

3.1.2 May 8, 2020

C20-05-560 It was moved by K. Mackenzie that, whereas the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on May 8, 2020 were circulated six hours prior to the meeting in accordance with article 170 of the Education Act, the Secretary General be excused from the reading of same. CARRIED

3.2 Approval of the Minutes

3.2.1 April 21, 2020

C20-05-561 It was moved by G. Briand that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on April 21, 2020 be approved. CARRIED

3.2.2 May 8, 2020

C20-05-562 It was moved by K. Dickson that the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of Eastern Shores School Board held on May 8, 2020 be approved. CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No items

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Letter from NSCA

The letter from NSCA was deposited and placed on file.

5.2 Emails from CPL S. Chartrand

Hard copies of the emails were deposited and placed on file.

5.3 CHSSN Request for Nominations to the Board of Directors

A call for nominations was received for one director representing the Education sector. At this time, ESSB has no candidates to nominate.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Gifford gave a verbal report and touched upon the following subjects:

- Teachers reaching out to students
- Meeting of the Chairs and DGs to be held on May 20, 2020
- Government support to the EPCA
- Bill 40 discussions

7. **DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT**

The monthly activity report was received from the Director General and placed on file.

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

8.1 **Information Technology (IT)**

The monthly activity report was received from the Coordinator of IT and placed on file.

8.2 **Educational Services**

The monthly activity report was received from the Director of Education Services and placed on file.

8.3 **Complementary Services**

The monthly activity report was received from the Coordinator of Complementary Services and placed on file.

8.4 **Adult and Vocational Education Services**

The monthly activity report was received from the Coordinator of Adult and Voc-Ed. Services and placed on file.

8.5 **Finance**

The monthly activity report was received from the Director of Financial Services and placed on file.

8.6 **Human Resources**

The monthly activity report was received from the Director of Human Resources and placed on file.

8.7 **Material Resources and Transportation Department**

The monthly activity report was received from the superintendent of Services for his two dossiers; Material Resources and Transportation and placed on file.

8.8 **Secretary General**

8.8.1 **Notice of Motion to amend By-Law 02- Delegation of Powers to the DG; By-Law 8- to set time, date and location of the Executive Committee and Council of Commissioner Meetings.**

Notice of motion was given by Commissioner K. Dickson to adopt amendments to the following By-Laws at the next sitting of the Council of Commissioners on June 16, 2020:

- By-Law 02- Delegation of Powers to the Director General;
- By-Law 08- To Set the Time, Day, and Location of the Executive Committee and Council of the Commissioner Meetings for 2020-2021.

8.8.2 **November 1, 2020 Elections - Distance voting method.**

WHEREAS Bill 185, *An Act to defer the next general school election and allow the Government to provide for the use of a remote voting method* was assented to on June 6, 2018;

WHEREAS Bill 185 deferred school elections to November 1, 2020;

WHEREAS Bill 40, *An Act to amend mainly the Education Act with regard to school organization and governance* was assented to on February 8, 2020 and maintains school elections on November 1, 2020;

WHEREAS the territory of Eastern Shores School creates an unfair voting process for outlying communities, where there are few voters and they have to travel distances to exercise their voting right;

C20-05-563

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner M. Chesser that a request be presented to the Government and to the Chief Electoral Officer, to allow the use of remote voting method for the November 1, 2020 school elections.

CARRIED

9. **QUESTION PERIOD**

No items

10. **DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

Committee Meetings:

June 15, 2020

Transportation 1:00-1:30; Buildings 1:30-2:30; Governance and Ethics 2:30 – 3:30

June 16, 2020

Audit 10:00-11:00; Human Resources 11:00- 12:00; C of the Whole 1:30 - 4:00

Executive Committee:

June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Council of Commissioners:

June 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

11. **VARIA**

No items

12. **ADJOURNMENT at 7:44 P.M.**

C20-05-564

It was moved by R. Mundle that there being no further business the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Secretary General

Chairperson