

Highlights

Council of Commissioners' meeting of
Tuesday, May 28th 2024



Recognition of Excellence

This month the Council of Commissioners and Head Office Administrators highlighted the numerous appointments to the Eastern Townships School Board.

Those congratulated were Mr. Marc Ghilarducci who will replace Mr. Drew Pollock as Vice-Principal (VP) at Alexander Galt, Ms. Melissa Dingman who will take up the VP position upon Ms. Tania Journeau's retirement from Massey-Vanier, Mr. Craig Evans who will replace Ms. Adriana Lyons upon her leave of absence as VP for Richmond Regional and Mr. Peter McKelvie who will be replacing Mr. Fred Noirfalise as Principal of Knowlton Academy at the beginning of the new school year. We wish everyone much success in their new roles and for the contribution of those who are starting out on a new path.

Dates to Remember...

June 7 th	Pedagogical Day / Planning Day
June 21 st	LAST DAY of school for youth sector
June 24 th	Holiday – Saint-Jean-Baptiste
June 25, 26 & 27 th	Pedagogical Day / Planning Day

Resolutions

- Appointment of an Election Clerk;
- Appointment of a Complaints Officer;
- *Services Québec* Agreement with the Eastern Townships School Board;
- Objectives and Principles Governing the Allocation of Resources pursuant to Section 275 Education Act (EA) and allocation of surpluses Section 193.4 (EA) – Budget Year 2024-2025;
- Heroes' Memorial Elementary School – Kitchen Renovation;
- Knowlton Academy – Renovation of the Secretariat and Staff Room;
- Princess Elizabeth Elementary School – Repairs to Site Drainage and Foundation Repair;
- Sawyerville Elementary School – Office Renovation;
- Richmond Bus Garage – Garage Construction and Charging Stations;
- Alexander Galt Regional High School – Auditorium Renovation;
- Drummondville Elementary School – Sale of land Parcel;
- Windsor – Sale of Land Parcel;
- Alexander Galt Regional High School – Underground Drainage, Parking and Drop-Off Renovation;
- Cloud hosting contract with GRICS (*Société de gestion du réseau informatique des commissions scolaires*).

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



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Director General's Report...

Our ETSB Pillars:

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

We would like to take this opportunity on Quebec's *Journée de valorisation du personnel scolaire* to personally thank everyone for their incredible contribution to the Eastern Townships School Board. We have so much to offer our students, whether it be in academics, student life, athletics, extracurricular activities, and more. We pride ourselves on providing a personalized approach to education within an inclusive and bilingual environment.

We strive for our students to be active learners and conscientious citizens who contribute to society, and the positive results of everyone's efforts are evident. Throughout the year, we acknowledge the varying roles our educators play through our Employee Recognition initiatives, such as Support Staff Day, Administrators, Professionals and Teacher Appreciation Weeks, to name a few.

Please accept our heartfelt appreciation and thank you for being part of the ETSB village that helps raise our children (both young and not so young).

This message was sent out today to our ETSB staff, accompanied by a letter from the Ministry of Education, and I just wanted to share it with you this evening.

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:

Capturing the Heritage of Cookshire-Eaton



2nd édition

Traveling photography exhibition

Capture Your Heritage

April 20th to May 1st, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Suzanne-Genest Gallery
(Ground floor of the Cookshire-Eaton Art Gallery)
1125 Main Street West, Cookshire-Eaton

June 24th to Sept. 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tourist Office of Cookshire-Eaton
(at the Maison de la culture John-Henry-Pope)
25 West Main Street, Cookshire-Eaton

The Haut-Saint-François MRC is presenting the 2nd edition of the photography exhibition, this year showcasing works from Cookshire Elementary School students.

Through their eyes,
come and share their attachment
to life in the Haut.

MRC
HSF

ACTION PATRIMONIE
1996-
Jack Kingsley
(Hautsaint 2024)
Pour l'ensemble de sa participation
au concours Capture ton patrimoine.

The grade five and six students of Cookshire Elementary School proudly shared their heritage in the 2nd edition of the photography contest organized by the MRC of Haut-Saint François entitled "Capture your Heritage". Led by their teacher Ms. Coates, students were invited to take photos representing their take on local heritage and for the first time ever, display their pieces at the Cookshire-Eaton Art Gallery. The students' capturings were thoughtful and truly showcased local heritage through the eyes of children. Out of the 888 entries, Jake Kingsley's photograph placed in the top 30 and he was honoured with a certificate. The display will move to the tourist bureau of Cookshire-Eaton namely *Maison de la culture John-Henry-Pope* on June 24th and can be enjoyed by all until September 2nd 2024. Head to Cookshire Elementary's Facebook page to see all the children's entries or take a drive and visit them in person. Congratulations to all the participants, what a beautiful tribute to our collective heritage.

KALEIDOSCOPE



This year Massey-Vanier High School presented the 26th annual dance show called Kaleidoscope. The dance show is a production of dance routines based on a theme that is worked on throughout the year. This year's theme was Power, Spirit, Energy; the pillars of the dance program.

The production had two sold out shows in front of 1600 audience members and another one presented to the entire school. The show had two-hundred-and-fifty-three dancers split into nine dance groups and five lunch hour groups. Dances were created and practiced throughout the school year to be presented at the beginning of May.

Massey-Vanier's dance program is entirely free to all dancers. Proceeds from the tickets sold are used for all expenses related to the show, including the purchase of costumes. The show would not be where it is without the community of participants, audience members, alumni and volunteers that spread across generations of involvement in Kaleidoscope and the MV Dance Program. Hats off to dance teacher Ms. Burcombe, all the organizers and enthusiastic performers who wowed audiences again this year with their POWER, SPIRIT & ENERGY!

ETSB Schools Honoured by the Terry Fox Foundation



Three ETSB schools have been honored by the Terry Fox Foundation, earning spots among the "Top 50 Fundraisers of Quebec." Butler Elementary School secured the 19th position, raising an impressive \$9,036 for cancer research. Massey-Vanier High School followed closely, claiming 24th place with a

commendable \$8,232 contribution. Not far behind, Heroes' Memorial Elementary School achieved 36th place, raising \$5,923. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to these three schools, as well as to all others who participated in the Marathon of Hope, for their unwavering support of this noble cause.

SPRING CONFERENCE



This month the Eastern Townships School Board had the privilege of hosting the AAESQ & QESBA Spring Conference which was held in Bromont from May 8-10th 2024. The conference brought together all 9 English school boards of Quebec, along with their commissioners and administrators for 3 days of workshops, strategizing, planning and the celebration of our collective accomplishments.

To help welcome the visiting educators and teams, and to set the tone of the conference, 9 ETSB student ambassadors were selected to form a student panel facilitated by the Keynote speaker. Ranging from kindergarten to adult ed., students were chosen as a cross-representation of our varied programs, schools, centres, levels and regions, as well as for their ability to speak openly and publicly. Lexie Perreault (A.D.S.), Samuel Veilleux (Farnham Elementary), Nathaniel Ebana (Waterloo Elementary), Mateo Jarquin (Alexander Galt), Elder Hernandez (Massey-Vanier), Leona Majeau (Richmond Regional), Darren Coleman (Lennoxville Vocational Training Centre), Marie Tousignant (New Horizons – ETAGE) and Noah Veillette (Campus Brome-Missisquoi) all took part in the energetic presentation. In addition, GALT students Haley Giguère and Emma Beaudoin opened with a guitar accompanied song aptly entitled "I Can do Things." Our ETSB students brought insight, honesty, talent and enthusiasm to the event along with their joy for learning. They did us all proud and shone our ETSB colors with flare. A heartfelt thank you goes out to them all for their contribution to the spring conference!

Lieutenant Governor Medal Recipients



On May 12th, students hailing from our three ETSB high schools proudly accepted their well earned Lieutenant Governor Medals at the ceremony held in Sherbrooke! The honorable Manon Jeannotte, Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, presented each student with their medal while ETSB administrators applauded their achievements.

Alexander Galt Regional High School honored Bryan Laprise for his involvement and outstanding commitment to school life and community. He is the Student Council President, sits on the Central Student Advisory Committee and is the founder of GALT's Piper Post. Bryan is recognized for his numerous initiatives, his passion and dedication.

Richmond Regional High School recognized Olivia Blais for her contribution to the school's community, often taking part in theatre productions, athletics and student government. Olivia is the current Student Council President and is passionate about learning which makes her a true role model amongst her peers. She manages to maintain an honor roll standing while regularly volunteering with events such as the Open House and Knight of the Arts.

Massey-Vanier High School selected Josephine Dudley as this year's recipient of the prestigious medal. Josephine's academic success and positive influence is impressive while she manages to balance other interests like student council, swim team and volunteering in the community. Her perseverance and engagement shines through daily at school.

We congratulate these outstanding and passionate individuals who surely have a dynamic and bright future ahead of them. Congratulations on these amazing achievements!

North Hatley's Environmental Art Exhibit

North Hatley Elementary School (NHES) students from grade 4 and cycle 3 proudly displayed their works of art at the local library in North Hatley, with pieces showcased until the end of May. To launch the exhibit, a proper vernissage was held on May 8th with a full house in tow. Taking inspiration from the environment and looking to comment on pressing issues through their creations, students

produced multimedia projects using pastels, collage, paint, tape, watercolors, ink and more. Led by the Ethics and Religious Culture teacher, Hannah Vanasse, students explored not only environmental topics but methods to express them with the help of Montreal based collage artist Melanie Garcia through the "Culture in School" grant. Subjects explored were pollution, forest fires, wild horses, climate change and so much more. The art work was super well executed and appreciated by all who have visited the library to date!

In addition, students from the "Cricut Club" took advantage of the exposure and were on hand to sell their homemade candles. With the help of their teacher Delany Benson, students designed candles in two lovely scents with proceeds going towards their end of year trip.

What an artistic and entrepreneurial collaboration, BRAVO to all!

