



Cree School Board  
Commission scolaire crie

# COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 20, 2022 | Meeting via Teams

The meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 was attended by the following Commissioners:

**Dr. Sarah Pash**  
Chairperson

**Daisy Shecapio**  
Vice-Chairperson, School  
Commissioner, Oujé-Bougoumou

**Rebecca Masty-Kawapit**  
School Commissioner, Whapmagoostui

**Jasmine Namagoose**  
School Commissioner, Eastmain

**Anthony Moses**  
School Commissioner, Waskaganish

**Gertie Jolly**  
School Commissioner, Nemaska

**Adam Enosse**  
MoCreebec Eeyoud, Observer

**Council Members Absent on April 20, 2022:**

**Robin Pachanos**  
School Commissioner, Chisasibi

**Minnie Loon Petawabano**  
School Commissioner, Mistissini

**Sammy Blackned**  
School Commissioner, Wemindji

**Adrianna Trapper**  
Washaw-Sibi – Observer

For further information on the subjects discussed at this meeting, please contact your local Schools Commissioner. The next scheduled council meeting is June 21-22, 2022.

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## REQUIRED APPROVALS:

- Review and approval of the School Calendar for the school year 2022-2023.
- In addition to the 520 regular teaching position at CSB, 29 full-time substitutes teaching positions are approved for the school 2022-2023.
- School Operations developed a Youth Sector Short-Term Learning Recovery Plan due to COVID-19;
  - Frontier College will be providing Cree and English summer literacy programming to help improvement student learning.
  - Elephant Thoughts provide support programs for student through summer camps, academic support and digital media internships.
- Cree School Board, Cree Nation Government and Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay will host the Special Needs Education Symposium on November 29 -December 1, 2022;
  - Special Needs Education Symposium will be held after consultations with parents and caregivers of children and adults with special needs.
  - This event will be held at Hilton Lac Leamy as the hotel meets the requirements of all invited guests and Encore Global for Audio-Visual Needs.
- The Auditors for financial year 2021-2022 were awarded to Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton.
- There was an overview of Salary Matrix that overlooks salary increases for managers based on their performance.
- Major Renovation of Housing Unit in Oujé-Bougoumou to transform a 3-plex to 5-plex to meet the increased housing demands.
- Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Program (AYEP) continues to be taught at the Voyageur Memorial High School in Mistissini and will now be available at Willie J. Happyjack Memorial School in Waswanipi.
- Memorandum of Understanding between McGill University and the Cree School Board was established for the delivery of Bachelor of Education – First Nation and Inuit Studies, Bachelor of Education for Certified Teachers, Certificate in Education for First Nation and Inuit and Certificate Inclusive Education.



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## Director General Reporting:

- Driving School Update includes further developing confirmation for one driving school to verify costs.
- Training program addressing bullying is an on-going project that is a collaborative effort amongst Cree School Board employees, and set to begin in school year 2022-2023.
- Challenges of Hiring Substitutes has led to Regular Substitute positions to be available in schools to avoid learning gaps for students.
- Short term recovery plan was developed to help Youth Sector students receive the necessary support to successfully complete their school year.

## Information:

Develop and research the needs of Speech and Language Pathologist in Eeyou Istchee and integrating a position within Cree School Board to support more students effectively.

## Governance:

The Council of Commissioner Meetings for school year 2022-2023 are set to take place on September 13-14, 2022; October 26, 2022; December 6-7, 2022; March 7-8, 2023; June 13-14, 2023.

## Community Engagement:

Roundtable discussions were held between the Chairperson and Commissioners about the needs of their schools in terms of hiring of teachers, short-handed schools, student motivation, inviting Elders to speak, creation of Cree History content, and camping trip to increase student engagement.