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# COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 13, 2022 | Meeting in Eastmain, Quebec

**The meeting on Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 was attended by the following Commissioners:**

**Dr. Sarah Pash**  
Chairperson

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

**Robin Pachanos**  
School Commissioner, Chisasibi

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

**Sammy Blackned**  
School Commissioner, Wemindji

**Jasmine Namagoose**  
School Commissioner, Eastmain

**Anthony Moses**  
School Commissioner, Waskaganish

**Noreen Moar**  
School Commissioner, Nemaska

**Minnie Loon Petawabano**  
School Commissioner, Mistissini

**Adam Enosse**  
MoCreebec Eeyoud, Observer

**Council Members Absent on  
September 13th, 2022:**

**Maitée Saganash**  
School Commissioner, Waswanipi

**Adrianna Trapper**  
Observer, Washaw-Sibi

## REQUIRED APPROVALS:

- Special Needs Symposium Budget was approved and includes transportation, accommodations, meals of parents and caregiver of special needs persons, employees, and special guests.
- The registration acts required MEQ were approved for Ecole Willie J. Happyjack Memorial, Ecole Rainbow Elementary School Ecole in Waswanipi and Waapinichikush School, Ecole New Elementary School in Chisasibi for 2022-2023 school year.
- Change order was required for Interior renovations of 6 housing units in Mistissini, which resulted in additional costs due to COVID-19 delays.
- Change order was required to upgrade the Heating System in Oujé-Bougoumou.
- Change order was required for the construction of the second Elementary School in Chisasibi.
- Martin Tremblay Meubles won the contract to supply furniture for a total of 17 housing units in Chisasibi, Wemindji, Eastmain, Nemaska and Oujé-Bougoumou.
- Phase 2 of Window Replacement project at Voyageur Memorial High School in Mistissini, the contract was awarded to Construction Bon-Air Inc.
- Driving School Initiative will be offered for students in the Youth Sector and older than 16 years of age to increase student motivation and to provide student with the opportunity to prepare themselves for post graduation, vocational programs or work opportunities.

## Director General Reporting:

- Post-Secondary Policy for Domicile Requirements is under review and will be brought to the Council of Commissioners for the December 2022 meeting.
- Mikw Chiyam Arts Program is in the process of gathering success factors regarding student attendance and engagement of, and a final report will be presented in October 2022.
- Review of the Strategic Action Plan for 2022-2026 with CSB departments.



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### Council Committee Reporting:

- The Executive Committee has focused on recruitment, working with Human Resources on a new hiring process to prioritize the hiring of qualified Cree beneficiaries. In collaboration with the administration, the Executive Committee has prioritize teacher hiring, teacher retention rates, success planning, and oversight of teleworking agreements.
- The Governance Committee continues to focus on negotiations with Quebec regarding proposed changes to the Education Act. In addition, the committee collaborates in the review of CSB policies.

### Information:

- A Decision Making Tree was presented to clarify the process to determine post-secondary student sponsorship for minors either living in or outside of Eeyou Istchee.
- Employee Engagement Survey presentation was done by Director of Human Resources, Natalie Petawabano to examine and report on employee satisfaction.
- School Age Daycare Program report was presented to establish the needs of each community for this program.
- PSSS Student Engagement Session will be held by Council of Commissioner meeting set to be held on December 6, 2022 in Gatineau, Quebec.

### Governance:

- Newly elected School Commissioner Noreen Moar was inaugurated as a representative for the community of Nemaska from 2022-2025.
- Re-elected by acclamation School Commissioner Daisy Shecapio was inaugurated as a representative for the community of Oujé-Bougoumou from 2022-2025.
- Adam Enosse was re-appointed as the Observer from MoCreebec Eeyoud.
- Director General, Caroline Mark was appointed as the Scrutineer for Council Committee elections..
- Daisy Shecapio was elected as the Vice-Chairperson for 2022-2023.
- Jasmine Namagoose was elected as the Third Executive Member for 2022-2023.



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- Governance Committee members are Minnie Loon Petawabano, Robin Pachanos and Anthony Moses.
- Audit Committee members are Noreen Moar, Robin Pachanos and Jasmine Namagoose.
- Adhoc Committee – Research Protocol and Agenda fulfilled their mandate; this committee is no longer needed.
- School Committee Elections were held in Oujé-Bougoumou, the elected members are Philomen Shecapio, Miranda Coonishish, Simeon Dixon, Albert St. Pierre, Angel Mianscum and Suzanne Bush for 2022-2025 school years.
- Review Panel required wider regional representation; Kathleen J. Wootton was appointed as the Inland representative.

### Community Engagement:

Council of Commissioners table requires an elected representative from each community in Eeyou Istchee, their voice is strengthened through collaboration with Principals, Vice-Principals, CEA’s, Local School Committees, and other stakeholders. Some of the highlighted subjects from the Commissioners are integration of new and returning teachers, importance of security systems, retention of employees, attendance rates, graduation rates, stronger collaboration with local band councils and Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay and more.

For further information on the subjects discussed at this meeting, please contact your local School Commissioner.

The next scheduled council meeting is October 26th, 2022. Please note that all meetings are open to the public, and minutes of past meetings can be accessed through contacting the Office of the Secretary General at [secretarygeneral@cscree.qc.ca](mailto:secretarygeneral@cscree.qc.ca).