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COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

December 6-7, 2022 | Meeting in Gatineau, QC

The meeting on Tuesday, December 6th, 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

Robin Pachanos
School Commissioner, Chisasibi

Anthony Moses
School Commissioner, Waskaganish

Maitée Saganash
School Commissioner, Waswanipi

Minnie Loon Petawabano
School Commissioner, Mistissini

Adrianna Trapper
Observer, Washaw-Sibi

**Council Members Absent on
December 6th, 2022:**

Sammy Blackned
School Commissioner, Wemindji

Jasmine Namagoose
School Commissioner, Eastmain

Adam Enosse
Observer, MoCreebec Eeyoud

REQUIRED APPROVALS:

- Domicile Policy outlines whether a Cree Beneficiary is eligible for PSSS funding.
- New Paths for Education 2022-2023 approved to fund the Public Launch of Eagle Crest Levelled Readers program, Student Engagement Activities with Youth Fusion and Secondary 5 Orientation Trips.
- Community User Fees 2022-2023 formally approved for all nine communities.
- Operational budget required approval for additional funding for Post-Secondary Student Symposium, SAP Projects, Automobile Mechanics course, and others.
- Modification of 2022-2023 Personnel Plan to reflect the needs of schools and departments such as re-naming iiyiyuiyihitiwin Research and Development (IR&D) and move 12 positions from Education Services to IR&D, and more.
- Iyeskuwiiu Springboard Program transferred responsibility from Sabtuan Adult Education to Higher Learning Department.
- Le Project N'We Jinan delivery of Mikw Chiyâm Arts Program increased their funding to offer additional services to 10 schools in 2022-2023 school year. Fédération des Coopératives du Nouveau-Québec supply heating fuel therefore CSB purchased the required heating fuel for buildings and housing in Whapmagoostui.
- Material Resources Services presented a 5-year Capital Plan outlining the need of school infrastructure assessments, local Sabtuan learning centers, maintenance facilities and housing units.
- Martel Express provides moving and storage services for employees, teachers and PSSS students.
- 5-year Capital Project outlined the budget to build 10 housing units.
- VCC Entrepreneurs General Inc. awarded contract to build duplex unit in Oujé-Bougoumou and Waswanipi Eenuch Construction awarded contract to build quadruplex unit in Waswanipi.
- Vieux Poste Construction awarded the contract to upgrade security system at Luke Mettaweskum School and SAES in Nemaska and Waswanipi SIBI Construction.
- VCC joint venture awarded contract to upgrade public toilets at Willie J. Happyjack Memorial School in Waswanipi.
- Construction de l'Avenir awarded contract to replace windows at Wiinibekuu Eeyou School in Waskaganish.



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The meeting on Wednesday, December 7th, 2022 was attended by the following Commissioners:

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Chairperson

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

Rebecca Masty-Kawapit
School Commissioner, Whapmagoostui

Robin Pachanos
School Commissioner, Chisasibi

Maitée Saganash
School Commissioner, Waswanipi

Noreen Moar
School Commissioner, Nemaska

Minnie Loon Petawabano
School Commissioner, Mistissini

Adrianna Trapper
Observer, Washaw-Sibi

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School Commissioner, Eastmain

Anthony Moses
School Commissioner, Waskaganish

- SNC Lavalin/Stavibel provides surveillance services for the construction of the second elementary school and secondary school in Chisasibi to ensure timeline of projects is on track.
- Telenet awarded contract to install networking components are required for the newly built secondary school in Chisasibi.
- Telenet awarded contract to provide electronic access door locks and surveillance security cameras in the CSB buildings in Waskaganish.
- Telenet awarded contract to provide electronic access door locks and surveillance security cameras in the CSB buildings in Waswanipi.
- iPads were purchased to ensure all students in elementary and secondary schools are equip with a device, a total of 980 devices were purchased.
- Laptops were purchased to ensure all students in elementary and secondary schools are equip with a device, a total of 765 laptops were purchased.

Director General Reporting:

- Driving Training Program is offered in Chisasibi, Wemindji, Eastmain, Nemaska, Waskaganish, Waswanipi, Oujé-Bougoumou and Mistissini.
- Post-Secondary Policy was reviewed in regard to Domicile Requirements regarding those working for Cree entities in the south.
- Special Needs Symposium was held on November 29th- December 1st for parents and caregivers, in collaboration with CBHSSJB and CNG.
- Offering Breakfast and Lunch Program to students in all schools is in discussion to ensure feasibility.
- It is important to have high standards of Cree Culture and Language in our schools and elevate our culture and language by providing more class material and resources in Cree.
- The Teacher Training Program will have a new cohort in Fall 2023 for three different programs.
- The Department of Higher Education is continuously working with other departments to develop program initiatives to be offered in Eeyou Istchee.
- Youth Sector Recovery Plan was developed to understand students' needs to ensure academic success after impact from the pandemic.



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Council Committee Reporting:

- Commissioners’ Attendance is an important to review as it is important to hear each community’s concerns regarding education.
- Governance Committee met and reviewed Domicile Policy, Terms of Reference, Code of Ethics and Policy of Disclosure of Wrongdoings.
- Executive Committee approved Truck Driving Class 3 program and hirings of Nemaska CEA, Director of PSSS, Administrative Officers of Higher Learning and other managerial positions.

Information:

- Annual Report 2021-2022 design concept was reviewed.
- Mozaik Portal is an application tool to help teachers and parents communicate quickly and effectively and there was an update on the program to Council on percentages of parents utilizing Mozaik.

Governance:

- Cree Nation of Washaw Sibi extended the appointment of Andrianna Trapper as an observer for an additional year ending in 2023.
- Cree Nation of Wemindji appointed Rocky Georgekish as the Band Representative to sit on the Wemindji School Committee.
- Review Panel was assembled to help determine PSSS sponsorship concerning the domicile requirements.

Community Engagement:

The Council of Commissioners discussed ways to support and improve the school environment through knowledge exchange from staff, teachers, students, and community members. The discussions focused on Christmas concerts, open house, absenteeism, land-based teaching, increasing staff in the schools, the importance of collaboration with CNG and CHB on social issues in our communities and more.

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

The next scheduled council meeting is March 7-8, 2023. 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.