



Cree School Board
Commission scolaire crie

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 12 and 13, 2024 | Waskaganish

The meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 was attended by the following commissioners:

Dr. Sarah Pashagumskum
Chairperson

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

Robin Pachanos
School Commissioner, Chisasibi

Jasmine Namagoose
School Commissioner, Eastmain (virtual)

Noreen Moar
School Commissioner, Nemaska

Emily G. Mianscum
School Commissioner, Waswanipi

Rebecca Masty-Kawapit
School Commissioner, Whapmagoostui

Abraham Jolly
School Commissioner, Mistissini

Adam Enosse
MoCreebec Eeyoud, Observer (virtual)

Betty Trapper
Washaw-Sibi, Observer

Council Members Absent on March 12, and 13, 2024:

Sammy Blackned
School Commissioner, Wemindji

Anthony Moses
School Commissioner, Waskaganish

REQUIRED APPROVALS:

- Amendments to the personnel plan for the 2023-2024 school year
- Teacher allocation for the 2024-2025 school year is 563
- Approval of budget to host the Quebec Aboriginal Science Fair 2025 in Whapmagoostui and Kuujjuarapik
- Approval to fund the iiyiyiu Maatiwauwin / iinuu Metawewin event to be held in Mistissini in March, 2025
- Budget change orders approved for the construction of a secondary school in Chisasibi as well as reorganization and renovation of Waapihtiwewan School in Ouje-Bougoumou
- Surplus funds will be used to help fund construction of the Mistissini Sabtuan Learning Centre and the installation of temporary classrooms for the Chisasibi Sabtuan Learning Centre
- Budget approval for reorganization and extension of Maquatua Eeyou School in Wemindji
- Approval to hold the 5th Regional General Assembly in November in Chisasibi
- Approval to move the Chisasibi spring cultural break for 2024



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DIRECTOR GENERAL REPORTING:

- Director of Data Management & Analytics provided an update to Council on the attendance measure taking in the schools and all the legalities of attendance reporting to youth protection, as it relates to student engagement and tracking.
- Director of Data Management & Analytics provided brief update related to the extension for term 2 for all schools related to the strike.
- Director of Complementary Services provided a brief update on the collaborative work being done with Cree Board of Health on the Speech Language Pathology
- Natasha Erickson, interim Director of School Operations (Coastal) and Kimberly Quinn, Director of Data Management & Analytics provided an update on the Power Walk through application

GOVERNANCE:

- Resolution was passed to express support for the Strategic Enhancement of the Eeyou Eenuu
 - Economy in 2024, consistent with the Board's Strategic Action Plan 2021-2026, its Budgetary Rules 2024-25 to 2028-29, and its priorities, policies and key initiatives
- Appointment of auditors for the 2023-2024 fiscal year
- Acknowledgment of the charter for the Pedagogical Management Team
- Request was made for quarterly report of legal fees from Human Resources be provided in a summary form
- Chairperson of the School Committee shall call elections between August 1st and September 30th to elect school committee members for Nemaska, Waskaganish, and Eastmain
- Emilyanne Fleming was confirmed as a member on the Whapmagoostui School Committee with term ending June 30, 2026
- Appointments of Patricia Wapachee, Melissa Gull-Rodgers, and Dorothy Dixon (elder) on the Waswanipi School Committee, with term ending June 30, 2025



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

The roundtable discussion included updates from various Commissioners, and included discussion of challenges such as:

- High absenteeism, vandalism, and behavioral problems in the school and community
- Staff training needs and concerns
- Teachers leaving mid-year
- The need for special educators in schools

Additionally, there were discussions on sports and music programs, student participation in science fairs at regional and provincial levels, incidents at schools, and the need for lock down training for teachers and students.

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Message from the Chairperson:

We are so grateful to the community of Waskaganish, the local training centre, and the school teams for hosting our Council of Commissioners' meeting. It was a pleasure to be in Waskaganish during our meeting, to visit the schools, and to be able to spend time with local staff and students. One of our greatest priorities is to ensure close connection and contact with the communities, local schools, and local adult education facilities that we serve and support. This is an exercise in hearing community voice and supporting community vision for our Eeyou education system.

During this past meeting, we were able to approve important budget items such as the funds to host the next Provincial Indigenous Science Fair in Whapmagoostui and to ensure that our Regional General Assembly will take place next year. We also had important reports relating to student success. One major issue continues for our Cree School Board and that is: attendance. Attendance is key to student success and it has become abundantly clear that this is our next challenge as parents, communities and a nation to overcome in terms of supporting student success and increasing graduation rates. Let's all work together to support our students in every way we can, to ensure that we promote the importance of attendance, to encourage our students to strive to meet their goals in life. Together we can be the difference. It is true, after all, that it takes a community to raise a child.

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