



Cree School Board
Commission scolaire crie

COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 15–16, 2021 | Meeting via TEAMs

The minutes from April 21, 2021 & May 31, 2021 were adopted.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED:

1. REQUIRED APPROVALS AGENDA :

- CEAs Salary Classification
- Revisions to the Policy on Financial Assistance for Students under the In-Community Adult Education Programs
- Approval of the Revised Funding Allocations 2021-2022 / Operational Budget 2021-2022
- Personnel Plan 2021-2022
- 2021-2022 Matrix for Salary Increase of Management Staff Based on Performance
- Amendment to By-Law No. 8 COVID-19 Delegation of Powers
- Policy on School Committees' Remuneration
- Approval of Service Agreement with *Le Projet N'We* Jinan doing business as InPath Project for the Mikw ChiyâmArts Concentration Program
- Approval of the 2021-2022 Supplementary Allocation Projects and the Engagement of the Architect and Engineering Firms
- Awarding of Contract of Project EQ-02-1904 Lot B Major Heating System Upgrade Part 2 at Badabin Eeyou School in Whapmagoostui – 2019-2020 Supplementary Allocation Projects
- Awarding of Contracts to *Construction L.R. & P.Y.* of Project EQ-02-2010 Lot A Roof Rehabilitation at VMS Elementary 759600 in Mistissini; *Construction Bon-Air* of EQ-02-2011 Lot B Heating System Upgrade at Waapihtiwewan 759800 in Ouje-Bougoumou; *Toiture Gilles Veilleux* of EQ-02-2012 Lot A roof rehabilitation at WJHMS, and *Construction Bon-Air* of EQ-02-2012 Lot C Roof rehabilitation at Rainbow School in Waswanipi – 2020-2021 Supplementary Allocation Projects
- Award of Contract to *Construction Bon-Air* of project EQ-02-1926 Multisensorial room and Multimedia in Agora at Rainbow School in Waswanipi - 2021-2022 Supplementary Allocation Projects
- Award of Contract to *Construction Pro BL* for EQ-02-1808A Reinforcement of structure of one duplex 759229, three triplexes 759225, 759226 759228 and one 4-plex 759227 in Waskaganish – 2018-2019 Supplementary Allocation Projects



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- In-house Bus Transportation Project / Approval for the two (2) year extension of School Transportation contract with *Gingras Shecapio Inc.* for the school years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023
- Approval of a One-Year Extension of the Lease with *Société en commandite Montcalm* for Office Space in Gatineau
- Approval of Amendments to 2020-2021 Licensing Agreement with *OutSystems* and Two-Year Renewal
- Comprehensive Funding Agreement with *Indian and Northern Affairs Canada* through “New Paths for Education” for the Years 2016-2021 and Budget “New Paths for Education” for the Year 2021-2022
- Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with *John Abbott College* for the Iyeskuwiiu Springboard Program for the 2021-2022 School Year
- Further Review of One Applicant – Review Panel Recommendation
- Increase in Living Allowance for Students Sponsored Pursuant to the Post-Secondary Student Services Programs, in the amount of 2%

2. The DIRECTOR GENERAL presented an update of the organization’s activities and accomplishments for:

- CEGEP File / Advancement of Higher Education in the Cree Communities of Eeyou Istchee
- Amendments to the Contract Policy, and update on the Contracting Procedures
- Report on COVID-19 Expenses
- PSSS information sharing with *Apatisiwin Skills Development*

3. INFORMATION included: :

- Report on Internet Service Access for Low Income Students Households



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The meeting on Tuesday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 16, 2021, was attended by the following commissioners:

Council members present from June 15, 2021:

Dr. Sarah Pash
Chairperson

Stella Lameboy
Vice-Chairperson, Wemindji

Rebecca Masty-Kawapit
School Commissioner, Whapmagoostui

Robin Pachanos
School Commissioner, Chisasibi

Jasmine Namagoose
School Commissioner, Eastmain

Brenda Hester
School Commissioner, Waskaganish

Gertie Jolly
School Commissioner, Nemaska

Minnie Loon Petawabano
School Commissioner, Mistissini

Daisy Shecapio
School Commissioner, Oujé-Bougoumou

Maitée Saganash
School Commissioner, Waswanipi

Andriana Trapper
Washaw-Sibi Observer

Adam Enosse
MoCreebec Observer

Council members present from June 16, 2021:

Dr. Sarah Pash
Chairperson

Stella Lameboy
Vice-Chairperson, Wemindji

Rebecca Masty-Kawapit
School Commissioner, Whapmagoostui

Robin Pachanos
School Commissioner, Chisasibi

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School Commissioner, Waswanipi

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Adam Enosse
MoCreebec Observer

Absent:

Jasmine Namagoose
School Commissioner, Eastmain

Gertie Jolly
School Commissioner, Nemaska



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Message from the Chairperson:

This week, our Council was proud to approve measures that have proven to be beneficial to our students, such as the continuation of the MikwChiyâm Arts Concentration Program, school renovation and enhancement projects, and support for special needs as well as culture and language learning. In order to meet the needs of our students, there will be a needed increase in Post-Secondary Allowances, a preparation for the post-secondary program, and an increase in positions in our schools. Finally, we are very excited to have a concrete path forward in our Cree CEGEP file, with a directive to establish the necessary position and structure within the CSB to ensure that we can move forward to provide college and university level programs in our own communities. The needs of our communities must be met so that those who wish to do so can remain in their own communities and obtain the post-secondary education they desire. We are excited about what is to come!

We have reached the end of an extraordinary and very challenging school year. On behalf of the Council of Commissioners, I would like to express our pride and gratitude to our students and employees in whatever capacity they work to support our students and our schools.

This year has been difficult in many ways – school closures, the transition between online learning and in-person learning, accommodations for isolation and other COVID-19 measures, and changes in student scheduling and teacher tasks. Throughout, our teachers and school team members have prioritized the needs of our students. Despite great difficulty and adaptations, our students have continued to attend school and work toward their goals. This year, our young people demonstrated their ability to persevere, focus on the future, strength, and determination. Congratulations to everyone for all you have accomplished this year!

A very hearty congratulations to those who have completed the requirements for Secondary Five graduation! We look forward to celebrating with you and to your continued success as you move into your future, whether you are moving into the job market, on to college and university, or into vocational and technical training. What you have accomplished is truly remarkable, and we wish you all the very best in whatever comes next for you!



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As we move forward from this year, there is much to take stock of. This year, we have learned and grown by recognizing the importance of digital platforms, distribution of technology and laptops to our students, the importance of human connection and relationship in the classroom, and the need for collaboration on all fronts to meet the needs of our students and keeping our communities safe. We have much work to do in our recovery process, including attention to mental health needs, ensuring support for any academic catch-up needed, prioritizing special needs and anti-bullying measures, and focusing on empowerment and personal strength development for each student. The way forward is to commit to these together, with each of us taking our part in supporting our young people.

With this in mind, we wish everyone a safe and happy summer as we all look forward to the start of the next school year!

Dr. Sarah Pash,
Chairperson

The next scheduled special meeting is June 29, 2021. Please note that all meetings are open to the public, and the minutes of past meetings can be accessed by contacting the Secretary General's Office at secretarygeneral@cscree.qc.ca.