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COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

Key Points from the latest Council of Commissioners

The Council of Commissioners met in Montreal from December 8 to 11. They reviewed the activity reports submitted by all the school board's departments. You will find below a highlight of some key decisions made during this meeting.

Qanuilirpitaa

The Council of Commissioners was briefed on the 2017 health survey: Qanuilirpitaa.

The survey will look at the health of adults, youths and communities in Nunavik. The data gathered will be used to identify new and existing health priorities in Nunavik. It will also be used to strengthen community capacities to address local health issues.

The 2017 health survey will be conducted under the leadership of researchers from the Nasivvik Centre. It will include an education, training and mentoring program under which Inuit students and youths will be recruited and trained as interns and research students. The Kativik School Board will be directly involved in the recruitment and selection of the research students and interns. Through their involvement in the Qanuilirpitaa survey, Nunavik youths will gain concrete work experience and learn more about potential careers in the area of environmental and health sciences.

The Council of Commissioners decided to support the training component of the Qanuilirpitaa survey, with the objective to foster the involvement of Inuit youths in Nunavik research activities. The training program will be implemented over a 4-year period, starting this year.

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New job description for the position of Student Ombudsperson / Ombudsperson

The Council of Commissioners approved a new job description for the contractual position of Student Ombudsperson / Ombudsperson. The changes emphasize the role of the Ombudsperson as the protector of students.

The Ombudsperson / Student Ombudsperson will be mandated to address any situation where a student or the parent of a student believe they have been treated in an unfair manner by the Kativik School Board. The Ombudsperson / Student Ombudsperson will also be mandated to review or investigate situations where a complaint has been received alleging that a school board employee does not comply with the KSB Code of Conduct.

The Ombudsperson is neutral and independent from the school board. The individual appointed to this position will report directly to the Council of Commissioners.

At the moment, the school board is developing the procedure that KSB students or their parents should follow to lodge a complaint with the Student Ombudsperson. The procedure will be communicated to students and their parents once the Council of Commissioners appoints an Ombudsperson / Student Ombudsperson. Recruitment for this position is in progress.

School construction and extension

A number of school construction and school extension projects are currently under way. These projects are based on the 10-year plan adopted by the Council of Commissioners in October 2014. They include:

- A new school in Aupaluk (in progress – estimated completion date: August 2016);
- A new Adult Education Centre in Salluit (completed fall 2015, official inauguration April 2016)
- The Kativik School Board continues to work with the Quebec Ministry of Education towards the approval of the construction of a stand-alone school in Inukjuak, for 2016-2017.
- The Kativik School Board will be preparing an application for the construction of a school extension in Akulivik. The extension is scheduled for 2018-2019.
- Extension of Ikusik School in Salluit for 2016-2017: The Kativik School Board continues to work with the Quebec Ministry of Education towards the approval of this project.

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