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COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

Highlights from the Council of Commissioners

The Council of Commissioners met in Tasiujaq, from March 18 to 20. You will find below a summary of some of their decisions.

On February 26, 2015, Joseph Annahatak resigned from his position as Commissioner for Kangirsuk. He is now replaced by Sarah A. Grey, who was elected by acclamation. Sarah took her oath of office at the beginning of the meeting, on March 18, 2015.

Relocation of the Kativik School Board (KSB) Montreal office to Nunavik

Marcel Duplessis, the Relocation Coordinator, presented a historical overview of the Council of Commissioners' resolutions pertaining to the relocation of the Montreal office to Nunavik. The presentation revealed that relocation has been on the agenda of the Council of Commissioners since the creation of the School Board. It also provided background as to why and how a number of host Nunavik communities had been selected over the past 35 years. Following a comprehensive discussion, the Council of Commissioners adopted a resolution, which extends the mandate of the Relocation Coordinator, asking him to pursue his work on the basis of the resolutions CC449-97/98-18 and 19. These resolutions identify Kuujuaq and Kuujjuaraapik as host communities for the relocation of the School Board.

iSyllabic keyboard application

Recognizing that Inuit users need to type in Inuktitut syllabics on iPads, iPhones, and iPods, the First Language Curriculum Development team is finalizing an Inuktitut keyboard on iOS 8 and a drawing recognition application for syllabics.

The state-of-the-art App is fully compatible with iOS 8 (released in November 2014) and will be available from Apple's App Store before the end of the school year.

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Some important changes have been made to the administrative directive on the recognition of employees. Amongst them, a first one concerns the definition of extended family members. It allows for the inclusion of additional family members when flowers are sent on behalf of the school board upon the death of an employee's relative.

A second change affects the number of years of service calculation, allowing for the interruption of accumulated years only in cases of leave of absence without salary for personal reasons or other, for 6 months or more.

Cultural Calendars

At the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, a culturally responsive school calendar was introduced in schools of four Nunavik communities: Quaqtaq, Akulivik, Umiujaq and Kangiqsujaq.

This pilot project aims at enhancing cultural instruction for our students while also improving school attendance towards the end of the school year.

With the objectives of strengthening all the planning and pedagogical aspects of the cultural instruction in addition to ensuring a greater community ownership, the Council of Commissioners has approved that the pilot project be continued in the same four communities over the next school year.

Commissioners' meeting locations for 2015-2016: fall meeting in Kuujuaapik, end of the year meeting in Montreal, spring meeting in Kuujuaq, end of the school year meeting in Montreal. The exact dates of the meetings will be confirmed at the June 2015 Council of Commissioners' meeting.

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