

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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Kativik Ilisarniliriniq will be represented by the President and the Director General on the Inuit Self-Determination Committee. This committee was established by the Makivik Corporation as per discussions held during the All Organizations meeting of September 2019.

The committee will be provided with an Inuit self-determination mandate, broader than the review of the Nunavik constitution.

The following organizations will be represented on the committee: the Kativik Regional Government, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, the Nunavik Landholding Corporations Association, the Avataq Cultural Institute, Kativik Ilisarniliriniq and the Fédération des coopératives du Nouveau-Québec.

The Council of Commissioners was briefed on an Education Research that will examine the school board's curriculums, programs and pathways to enhance Nunavik student success. On December 13, 2019 the Executive Committee mandated two researchers affiliated with the *Chaire-réseau de recherche sur la jeunesse du Québec* to conduct this research.

The research mandate was developed in the context of the Québec Ombudsman's report "For quality educational services in Nunavik that respect Inuit culture".

The research and its findings will:

- Guide the school board in providing quality educational services to all residents of the territory of Quebec north of the 55th parallel (excluding the Cree village of Whapmagoostui);

The Education Research will be undertaken in two phases. Completion of the first phase is expected in June 2021 and will focus on:

- Reviewing the school board's formal curriculums, programs and pathways in comparison to the Québec Education Program;
- Documenting the implementation of its curriculum in a variety of communities and its comparison with Quebec;
- Documenting processes (accreditation, student tracking, certification process, etc.);
- Reviewing of methods for the evaluation of learnings for certification and compare them to existing practices in Quebec.

The research shall be under the scientific direction of Professor Sylvain Bourdon from Université de Sherbrooke, seconded by Professor Frédéric Deschenaux from Université du Québec à Rimouski.

Following lengthy negotiations, the Ministry of Education approved new budget rules for the school board. These include guaranteed recurring funding in a number of areas that will directly result in additional resources to support student success and well-being.

The approved budget rules will apply for four years (2019-2020 to 2022-2023)

New funding includes, but is not limited to: increased internet bandwidth, three multi-disciplinary teams formed of seven professionals and specialists for students with special needs, creation of one permanent substitute teacher position per school, and allocations to support school success, cultural activities and extracurricular activities at the secondary level.

The school board had been functioning without budget rules since June 30, 2014, when its last budget rules expired.

The Commissioners were briefed on the Strategic Plan. They reviewed the reporting procedure that has been introduced, aiming to foster accountability and alignment with the budget planning cycle.

The 2016-2023 Strategic Plan was adopted by the Council of commissioners in March 2017.

It is structured around four strategic directions:

- Strategic Direction 1: Strengthen Inuit values, language and culture
- Strategic Direction 2: Ensure that Kativik Iisarniliriniq evolves as an organization composed of Inuit working with and for Inuit
- Strategic Direction 3: Ensure student success and well-being
- Strategic Direction 4: Work with Inuit communities & other stakeholders to ensure our people, our rights and our communities are strengthened

The Commissioners heard presentations from pedagogical consultants and developers working on first language Inuktitut curriculum. They were able to get a feel for the pedagogical material that is provided to teachers.

Material developed for second and first language curriculum will be made available to teachers (and parents) through a web portal currently under development.

Among resources presented to the commissioners, a set of grammatical rules developed in partnership with a French linguist was showcased. These rules will be used to structure the development of programs for both first and second language Inuktitut learners.

The Council of Commissioners was briefed on current and upcoming construction projects including housing units, school construction and expansion, as well as warehouse and school bus garages.

On-going projects involve:

- Housing units in Kuujjuaq, Kangiqsujaq and Salluit
- School expansion and renovation in Salluit
- Construction of a new school in Inukjuak

Upcoming projects for which a request has been submitted to Quebec Ministry of Education include:

- Warehouse/bus garage in Salluit and Akulivik
- Housing units in Salluit, Quaqaq, Kangiqsujaq, Puvirnituk and Inukjuak
- Construction of temporary classrooms in Kangiqsujaq. These premises will be convertible into a transit house, and will be easy to relocate to any community.
- Expansion of the Inukjuak Adult Education residence