

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A meeting of the English Montreal School Board was held in the Laurence Patterson Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue, on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 4:35 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman
Ms. Sylvia Lo Bianco, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Mordechai Antal
Mr. Mario Bentreovato, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Agostino Cannavino
Mrs. Joanne Charron, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Julien Feldman
Mr. Norm Gharibian, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Joseph Lalla
Me Patricia Lattanzio
Me Joe Ortona
Mr. Bernie Praw
Mr. Jason Trudeau, Parent Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Mr. James Kromida
Mr. Rosario Ortona

Administrators Present:

Ms. A. M. Matheson, Director General
Mr. A. Marino, Deputy Director General, Administration Division
Me N. Lauzière, Secretary General
Mrs. E. Alfonsi, Regional Director, East
Ms. P. Nickoletopoulos, Regional Director, West
Mr. C. Della Rocca, Director of Adult Education and Vocational Services
Mrs. C. Denommée, Director of Human Resources
Me B. Duhême, Director of Legal Services
Mrs. S. Furfaro, Director of Educational and Technology Services
Mr. D. Hogue, Director of Material Resources
Mr. L. Lewis, Director of Student Services
Ms. L. Nassivera, Director of Financial Services
Mr. L. Di Filippo, Assistant Director of Educational and Technology Services
Ms. D. Nguyen, Assistant Director of Material Resources
Mr. A. Pitacchiato, Assistant Director of Financial Services
Mr. M. J. Cohen, Communications and Marketing Specialist
Ms. C. Colasessano, Administrative Technician, Secretariat

Approximately 30 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Approval of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved with the following additions:

	<p>16.1 Student Security 16.2 Commissioner Behaviour 16.3 Access to Information</p> <p>VOTE: 12-0-0, Adopted. (Mr. J. Feldman, Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-01-25-1</u></p>
2.	<p><u>In Camera Session</u></p> <p>2.1 <u>Motion to Move In Camera</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Council move in camera at 4:40 p.m.</p> <p>VOTE: 11-0-0. Adopted. (Mr. J. Feldman, Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-01-25-2.1</u></p>
	<p>The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.</p>
	<p>The Chairman announced that following the coming into force of Bill 105, Parent Commissioners would be voting at tonight's meeting for the first time. The Parent Commissioners were congratulated by everyone present.</p>
3.	<p>3.1 <u>Choir from Honoré Mercier School</u></p> <p>Mrs. E. Alfonsi, Regional Director, East, introduced Mr. George Anthopoulos, music teacher and Mr. Matthew Balanca-Rodrigues, the art teacher at Honoré Mercier and some of the students from the Choir group that won the Canada-wide competition "Elementary School with Vocal".</p> <p>3.2 <u>Dynamic Funds Teacher of Inspiration 2016 Award</u></p> <p>Mr. M. Cohen introduced Mr. Peter Tsatoumas, the recipient of the "Dynamic Funds Teacher of Inspiration 2016 Award" who spoke of the work done at the Montreal Children's Hospital.</p> <p>The teachers and students were congratulated by Council and everyone present.</p>
4	<p><u>Adoption of Resolution(s) from In Camera</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
5.	<p><u>First Question Period</u></p> <p>No questions were asked.</p>
6.	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes of December 21, 2016 Meeting</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the December 21, 2016 meeting be approved with the following changes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“ #5.2 <u>Adoption of Minutes of November 23, 2016 Minutes</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">7.4 <u>STEAM Program at Pierre Elliot Trudeau School</u></p> <p>Mr. A. Cannavino expressed his disappointment that the STEAM Press Conference venue had changed from Pierre Elliot Trudeau School to General Vanier School.”</p>

VOTE: 13-0-0. Adopted.

Resolution #17-01-25-6

7.

Business Arising out of Minutes

7.1 New Secondary III and IV History Program

WHEREAS, the Council of Commissioners of the English Montreal School Board adopted a unanimous resolution on September 28, 2016 requesting of the Minister of Education, Sebastien Proulx that the new Secondary III-IV History Course include the historical contributions made by the First Nations communities, as well as those made by the anglophone and allophone communities.

WHEREAS, subsequent to the above motion the Council asked the Director General to initiate a consultation, via a questionnaire, to ask our the History teachers to specify the content they felt was missing in the new program from the beginning of the program until 1840;

WHEREAS, sixty-eight percent (68%) of the History teachers who completed the above questionnaire indicated that “there should be more indigenous content”;

WHEREAS, as per Article 207.1 of the Education Act, the EMSB has a legal responsibility “to promote and enhance the status of public education within its boundaries, to see to the quality of educational services and the success of students so that the population may attain a higher level of formal education and qualification, and to contribute to the extent provided”;

WHEREAS, the EMSB is legally bound to implement the Quebec Education Program;

WHEREAS, the EMSB has the ultimate responsibility to implement curriculum within all of its varied schools, for all of its diverse clientele, and respecting as much as possible the many cultural foundations, the Council of Commissioners has a duty and moral obligation to its electorate to question pedagogical and/or curriculum orientations that appear to be at odds with the overall goals of the EMSB.

IT IS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- (1) THAT, the EMSB ask the Minister of Education to delay the implementation of the secondary III and secondary IV History program by one year;
- (2) THAT, the EMSB ask the Minister of Education to provide its English students with the similar/identical instructional and learning materials that are available to French students for the secondary III and secondary IV History program;
- (3) THAT, the EMSB ask the Minister of Education to include additional content on the historical contributions made by the First Nations communities in the secondary III History program;
- (4) THAT, the EMSB ask the Minister of Education to ensure that a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the secondary IV History program honour the diverse the linguistic and cultural history of Quebec and include the historical contributions made by the First Nations communities, as well as those made by the anglophone and allophone communities.
- (5) AND THAT, the EMSB forward this resolution to its sister English school boards to encourage them to present similar motions to the Minister of Education such that a province-wide effort may be engaged to offer a more culturally and linguistically appropriate secondary history course of study to students enrolled in Quebec’s English school boards.

VOTE: 13-0-0. Adopted.

Resolution #17-01-25-7

7.2 Sole-Sourcing Contracts

Mr. A. Cannavino asked if the list of sole-sourcing contracts was available. The Chairman replied that it would be sent to him by email.

7.3 Location of STEAM Press Conference

Mr. A. Cannavino stated that the school community of Pierre Elliott Trudeau School felt that the decision to change the location of the STEAM Press Conference from their school to General Vanier School was motivated by a political decision. The Chairman clarified that since the Press Conference was to be begin early, it was moved to General Vanier to facilitate her attendance at the event.

8. In Memoriam

WHEREAS the Board values the contribution made by its employees;

WHEREAS the Board wishes to take official cognizance of the passing of any member of its large family of employees;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BERNIE PRAW AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board note with regret the passing of Seymour David, Special Ed. Technician, Focus High School, on January 12, 2017, and that an expression of sympathy be sent to the bereaved family.

Resolution #17-01-25-8

9. Monthly Reports

9.1 ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)

Mrs. J. Charron stated that the Committee had dealt with various issues; - the Budget Building document and their priorities, the CPC website, Parent Conference issues and the retirement of Mrs. L. Arnot.

9.2 CPC (Central Parents' Committee)

Mr. N. Gharibian stated that they had discussed the EMSB Annual Report, membership with EPCA, internal rules, social media, membership structure, CPC Strategic Plan for 2016-2017 and the up-coming Parent Conference at their last meeting.

9.3 CGTSIM (Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal)

Ms. P. Lattanzio stated that the *Comité* had not met in January. Mr. A. Cannavino asked if the *Comité* could give consideration to small schools that don't meet the minimum number of students required for school trips. The Director General stated that the Board is aware of these concerns and that at the beginning of the school year the Board will try to coordinate schools together in order to help them with the minimum requirement.

Mrs. P. Lattanzio stated that since the *Comité* had recently renewed their contract for certified travel agencies, this need will be noted for future discussions on contracts.

9.4 EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)

Mr. B. Praw stated that the Budget Building process, priorities and guiding principles were discussed.

9.5 QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association)

Ms. S. Lo Bianco stated that the members spoke extensively on the impact of Bill 105. The Spring Conference

	will be held on May 25, 26 and 27, 2017.
10.	<p><u>Recommendation from the Education Committee</u></p> <p>10.1 <u>Renewal of Status 240</u></p> <p>10.1.1 <u>Request to Central Parents' Committee and Educational Policies Committee for CONSULTATION of Renewal of Specific Project Status (Section 240 of the Education Act) –ROYAL WEST ACADEMY</u></p> <p>WHEREAS Section 240 of the Education Act indicates that, by way of exception, at the request of a group of parents and after consulting with the parents' committee, a school board may, with the approval of the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES), establish a school for the purpose of a Specific Project, subject to the conditions and for the period determined by the Minister;</p> <p>WHEREAS Section 240 also indicates that the school board may determine the criteria for the enrollment of the students in schools with a Specific Project;</p> <p>WHEREAS the MEES requires that schools wishing to maintain their 240 Status, renew their request for authorization;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Governing Board and Staff Council of Vincent Massey Collegiate have affirmed their interest in maintaining their Specific Project Status;</p> <p>WHEREAS pertinent documentation has been prepared by the school and reviewed and endorsed by Board Administrators and the Education Committee;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Education Committee, the request for the renewal of the Specific Project Status for Royal West Academy be forwarded to the Central Parents' Committee and the Educational Policies Committee for the purpose of consultation in conformity with Section 193 (6.1) of the Education Act, in order to continue its specific educational project as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.</p> <p>VOTE: 12-0-0 Adopted. (Mr. J. Trudeau not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-01-25-10.1.1</u></p>
	<p>10.1.2 <u>Request to Central Parents' Committee and Educational Policies Committee for CONSULTATION of Renewal of Specific Project Status (Section 240 of the Education Act) – VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE</u></p> <p>WHEREAS Section 240 of the Education Act indicates that, by way of exception, at the request of a group of parents and after consulting with the parents' committee, a school board may, with the approval of the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES), establish a school for the purpose of a Specific Project, subject to the conditions and for the period determined by the Minister;</p> <p>WHEREAS Section 240 also indicates that the school board may determine the criteria for the enrollment of the students in schools with a Specific Project;</p> <p>WHEREAS the MEES requires that schools wishing to maintain their 240 Status, renew their request for authorization;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Governing Board and Staff Council of Vincent Massey Collegiate have affirmed their interest in maintaining their Specific Project Status;</p> <p>WHEREAS pertinent documentation has been prepared by the school and reviewed and endorsed by Board Administrators and the Education Committee;</p>

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. PATRICIA LATTANZIO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Education Committee, the request for the renewal of the Specific Project Status for Vincent Massey Collegiate be forwarded to the Central Parents' Committee and the Educational Policies Committee for the purpose of consultation in conformity with Section 193 (6.1) of the Education Act, in order to continue its specific educational project as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.

VOTE: 12-0-0. Adopted. (Mr. J. Lalla not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-01-25-10.1.2

10.2 Proposal for the July 2017 Summer School Sessions

WHEREAS the Educational and Technology Services Department has submitted a report on the 2016 Summer School Sessions;

WHEREAS the Educational and Technology Services Department has presented information and recommendations for the 2017 Summer Sessions;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT as recommended by the Education Committee, the recommendations of ETS for the 2017 Summer School Sessions be approved as presented.

VOTE: 10-0-0. Adopted. (Mrs. J. Charron, Mr. J. Lalla, Mr. B. Praw not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-01-25-10.2

11. Appointment of Selection Committee Members

11.1 External Auditing Services

WHEREAS Procurement Services will proceed with a public call for tenders (qualification and price) for external auditing services;

WHEREAS in accordance with the "Directive concernant la gestion des contrats d'approvisionnement, de service et de travaux de construction des organisme publique", the EMSB must establish a Selection Committee to evaluate the bids received for the qualification section of the public call for tenders;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. PATRICIA LATTANZIO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the following members be nominated to the Selection Committee to complete the evaluation process for the qualification of external auditing services:

- Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services
- Markela Zyglakis, Manager, Internal Audit
- France D'Aoust, External Member
- George Demos, Selection Committee Secretary

VOTE: 12-0-0 Adopted. (Mr. J. Lalla not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-01-25-11.1

11.2 Records Management Consulting Services

WHEREAS Procurement Services will proceed with a public call for tenders (qualification and price) for Professional Services for Digitalization of Records (current and archives);

	<p>WHEREAS in accordance with the “Directive concernant la gestion des contrats d’approvisionnement, de service et de travaux de construction des organisme publique”, the EMSB must establish a Selection Committee to evaluate the bids received for the qualification section of the public call for tenders;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MORDECHAI ANTAL AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the following members be nominated to the Selection Committee to complete the evaluation process for the qualification of Professional Services for Digitalization of Records:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Christine Denommée, Director, Human Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Luigi Di Filippo, Assistant Director, Education and Technology Services <input type="checkbox"/> Joanna Wrench, Analyst <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Greschner, External Member <input type="checkbox"/> George Demos, Selection Committee Secretary</p> <p>VOTE: 12-0-0 Adopted. (Mr. J. Lalla not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-01-25-11.2</u></p>
12.	<p><u>Recommendation from the Audit Committee</u></p> <p>WHEREAS per resolution #16-12-21-8.3 authorization was given to Procurement Services to proceed to place a public call for tender on the SEAO (Système électronique d’Appels d’Offres) for Professional External Auditing Services;</p> <p>WHEREAS the criteria for evaluation of these services has been reviewed and revised;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. PATRICIA LATTANZIO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Audit Committee, authorization be given to Procurement Services to integrate the criteria for evaluation in the tender documentation, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.</p> <p>VOTE: 12-0-0 Adopted. (Mr. J. Lalla not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-01-25-12</u></p>
13.	<p><u>Expenditure Over and Above Approved Operating Budget; Revenues less than Approved Budget; Budget Transfers; Creation of full-time or part-time positions – Director General</u></p> <p>WHEREAS in conformity with Operating Budget procedure, all requests to incur additional expenditures over and above the approved original Operating Budget, to reduce projected revenues from previous forecasts, and to transfer budgets in excess of \$20,000 must be approved by the Board;</p> <p>WHEREAS there has been established a protocol whereby departments are to submit (via the Budget Control Committee) the appropriate form indicating such requests with supporting rationale, to the Finance Committee;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Budget Control Committee also reviews all requests to create any full-time or part-time positions, whether permanent or temporary in nature;</p> <p>WHEREAS by virtue of resolution #15-01-28-6.4 all requests to create non-teaching positions (regular or special project) that would increase the original budget as adopted yearly by the Council of Commissioners be approved by the Budget Control Committee;</p> <p>WHEREAS Financial Services is to submit such department requests on a month- to-month basis as deemed warranted;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SYLVIA LO BIANCO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT-</p>

- approval be given to the Director General to increase the 2016-2017 budget by \$19,416, and that this be a recurring budget of \$25,000 for subsequent years, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting;
- authorization be given to Financial Services to take the appropriate action necessary to reflect the additional expenditures and the budget increases.

VOTE: 12-0-1 Adopted. (Mr. A. Cannavino abstained.)

Resolution #17-01-25-12

14. Report of Executive Committee Meeting Held on December 21, 2016

Submitted for information purposes.

15. Second Question Period

No questions were asked.

16. Other Business

16.1 Student Security

The Chairman and Director General replied to questions posed on injuries caused by the weather conditions.

16.2 Commissioner Behaviour

Commissioner Julien Feldman presented a Notice of Motion for the February 22nd Board meeting which should read 'Referral of a Matter to the Ethics Commissioner'. A Draft resolution was presented to the Secretary General.

Resolution #17-01-25-16.2

16.3 Access to Information

The Chairman and Director of Human Resources replied to questions posed on an access to information request that Mr. J. Feldman had made.

17. Motion To Adjourn

It was moved by Mr. Joseph Lalla and unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Signed in Montreal,

Mrs. Angela Mancini, Chairman

Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General