

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, March 29, 2017 at 4:35 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman
Ms. Sylvia Lo Bianco, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Mordechai Antal
Mr. Mario Bentrovato, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Agostino Cannavino
Mrs. Joanne Charron, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Julien Feldman
Mr. Norm Gharibian, Parent Commissioner
Mr. James Kromida
Me Patricia Lattanzio (Present by telephone for In Camera)
Me Joe Ortona
Mr. Rosario Ortona (Present by telephone)
Mr. Bernie Praw
Mr. Jason Trudeau, Parent Commissioner

Commissioner Absent:

Mr. Joseph Lalla

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. Pitacciato, Assistant Director of Financial Services
Mr. M. J. Cohen, Communications and Marketing Specialist
Ms. C. Colasessano, Administrative Technician, Secretariat

Approximately 10 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

- 2.1A Discussion on St. John Bosco
- 2.2A L'Or du Roi Midas
- 2.2B Ad Hoc Committee – School Signs

	<p>2.2C Gardenview BASE Daycare 6.3 Selection Committee 6.4 Ad Hoc Committee – School Signs 9.4 Information on Public Transportation to High Schools in Specialized Programs</p> <p>VOTE: 14-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Feldman not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-03-29-1</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. M. ANTAL AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Council move in camera at 4:40 p.m.</p> <p>VOTE: 14-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Feldman not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-03-29-2.1</u></p>
<p>The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Adoption of Resolution(s) from In Camera</u></p> <p>2.1A <u>Real Estate Issues – St. John Bosco</u></p> <p>WHEREAS by virtue of resolution #16-08-31-2.3.1, the Board accepted the Offer to Purchase made by Église Adventiste du Septième Jour – Fédération du Québec (Seventh-day Adventist Church – Quebec Conference) for a purchase price in the amount of \$2,500,000 (two million five hundred thousand dollars);</p> <p>WHEREAS the Offer to Purchase is, among other things, conditional upon receipt of authorization from the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports (MEES);</p> <p>WHEREAS as a result of the general strike by Quebec government lawyers and notaries, the Board is still waiting the official authorization from the MEES to sell by mutual agreement the St. John Bosco facility;</p> <p>WHEREAS due to the delay to obtain the MEES’ authorization, the purchaser wants to amend the Offer to Purchase in order to be entitled to cancel said offer should the authorization not be provided by June 30th, 2017;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Administration recommends the Board to amend the Offer to Purchase in order to allow both parties to cancel said offer should the authorization from the MEES not be provided within 90 days of the signature of the amendment.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. P. LATTANZIO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Director General or Deputy Director General – Administration Division be authorized to sign an amendment to the Offer to Purchase regarding the St. John Bosco facility allowing both parties to cancel said offer should the authorization from the MEES not be provided by June 30th, 2017.</p> <p>VOTE: 14-0-0. Adopted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-03-29-2.1A</u></p>

2.2 Offer to Purchase – Coco’s Place Foundation

WHEREAS *Coco’s Place Foundation* (Foundation) has been occupying the premises located at 263 Percival in Montreal West QC, H4X 1T8 since June 2008 and has operated a daycare out of that location known as The Little Red Playhouse;

WHEREAS by Court homologated agreement dated March 23, 2016, the Foundation must vacate the premises by June 30, 2017;

WHEREAS pursuant to the said Court homologated agreement, the Foundation has until March 15, 2017 to make an offer to purchase by mutual agreement the property and an additional part of land adjacent to it;

WHEREAS the Foundation has made a conditional offer to purchase on February 28, 2017 that includes the said property and a small strip of land on the side of the premises;

WHEREAS the Administration is seeking a mandate from the Council of Commissioners to negotiate the terms and conditions presented by the Foundation to purchase the property and the additional part of land.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. P. LATTANZIO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Administration, the Director General and/or Deputy Director General - Administrative Division be authorized to negotiate the terms and conditions presented by the Foundation in the offer to purchase dated February 28, 2017, the whole within the scope of the terms and conditions discussed In Camera and conditional to the final approval of the Council of Commissioners

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Elizabeth Ballantyne School Governing Board be consulted on the possible sale of a small piece of land currently part of the school yard included in the offer to purchase.

VOTE: 14-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #17-03-29-2.2

2.2A L’or du roi Midas

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. S. LO BIANCO THAT the organization ‘L’Or du Roi Midas’ be paid an amount of \$2,5000 for choir work done with students and this amount can be paid to them after June 30, 2017.

VOTE: 14-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #17-03-29-2.2A

2.3 Request to Minister of Education to Increase Number of Electoral Wards

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 6 of the Act Respecting School Elections (R.S.Q., c. E-2.3), the number of electoral divisions for the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) was established at ten (10) in 2014, since there were approximately 88,960 electors;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7 of the Act Respecting School Elections (R.S.Q., c. E-2.3), the Minister has the discretion to authorize a school board to increase the number of electoral divisions;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board request the Ministry of Education, Recreation and Sports to issue an order to increase the number of electoral divisions from ten (10) to fifteen (15), considering the large territory of some of the wards and allow natural communities to come together, effective for the next School Board Elections.

VOTE: 14-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #17-03-29-2.3

4. First Question Period

No questions were asked.

5. Adoption of Minutes of February 22, 2017 Meeting

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the February 22, 2017 meeting be approved with the following corrections:

➤ #18A. Business Arising Out of Minutes - Referral of a Matter to the Ethics Commissioner

The vote on the main motion should read that Ms. A. Mancini *abstained*:

“VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: 2-8-3. DEFEATED.

Voted in Favour:	Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. J. Feldman
Voted Against:	Mr. M. Antal, Mrs. J. Charron, Mr. N. Gharibian, Ms. P. Lattanzio, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Mr. J. Ortona, Mr. R. Ortona, Mr. B. Praw.
Abstained:	Mr. J. Lalla, <i>Ms. A. Mancini</i> , Mr. J. Trudeau
Absent:	Mr. M. Bentrovato, Mr. J. Kromida

➤ #14. Guidelines for the Governance Selection Committee

The 6th vote should read that the motion was *defeated*:

“VOTE: 3-10-1 *DEFEATED.*”

VOTE: 14-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #17-03-29-5

6. Business Arising Out of Minutes6.1 Bancroft Centennial

Mr. A. Cannavino thanked all those who were involved in the organization of the Bancroft School Centennial celebrations and those who attended the important event. Mr. Cannavino highlighted that it was a very successful evening.

6.2 Climate Within the School Board

Ms. A. Mancini replied to questions posed by Mr. A. Cannavino regarding the work climate of employees and the concerns of the parents following recent administrative changes at the EMSB.

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. FELDMAN THAT the EMSB declare a moratorium on the hiring of direct family members of Commissioners.

MS. S. LO BIANCO CALLED FOR THE VOTE on Mr. J. Feldman’s motion:

VOTE: 2-11-1. DEFEATED.

Voted in Favour:	Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. J. Feldman
Voted Against:	Mr. M. Antal, Mrs. J. Charron, Mr. N. Gharibian, Mr. J. Kromida, Ms. P. Lattanzio, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Mrs. A. Mancini, Mr. J. Ortona, Mr. R. Ortona, Mr. B. Praw, Mr. J. Trudeau
Abstained:	Mr. M. Bentrovato
Absent:	Mr. J. Lalla

6.3 Selection Committee

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. S. LO BIANCO THAT applications and postings go to the Director of HR except for the position of the Director General and Deputy Director General.

Discussion ensued and MS. S. LO BIANCO CALLED THE VOTE on the motion presented:

VOTE: 11-2-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. J. Feldman voted against)

The main motion was then voted on.

VOTE: 8-3-2. ADOPTED.

Voted in Favour:	Mr. M. Antal, Mrs. J. Charron, Mr. N. Gharibian, Mr. J. Kromida, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Mrs. A. Mancini, Mr. B. Praw, Mr. J. Trudeau
Voted Against:	Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. J. Feldman, Mr. J. Ortona
Abstained:	Mr. M. Bentrovato, Ms. P. Lattanzio
Absent:	Mr. J. Lalla
Not Present for the Vote:	Mr. R. Ortona

Resolution #17-03-29-6.3

6.4 Ad Hoc Committee – Signs

WHEREAS in June 2016, the Council of Commissioners approved a budget in the capital investment budget (CIB) three-year plan to replace the current school/centre signs;

WHEREAS an external consulting firm was hired to create a new design concept for signs to be place in front of all EMSB facilities;

WHEREAS an Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the various proposals presented by the consulting firm and retained two designs;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. B. PRAW AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners approve the design Model 09A and begin the approach to the respective municipalities and boroughs for permit requirements.

VOTE: 10-0-3. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. J. Feldman, Mr. J. Kromida abstained)

Resolution #17-03-29-6.4

7. Monthly Reports

7.1 ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)

Mrs. J. Charron stated that the Committee had discussed the role of the Behaviour Management Specialist in the schools, the format for a new web page for the special needs community, changes in formatting of the I.E.P.'s, the upcoming Parent Conference and the meeting with Minister Proulx.

7.2 CPC (Central Parents' Committee)

Mr. N. Gharibian stated that the joint meeting with Council was very fruitful. They discussed the upcoming Parent Conference, the impact of Bill 105, administrative changes in the schools and the registration page on the EMSB website. The Chairman and Director General answered questions posed.

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

Ms. P. Lattanzio stated that the Comité had not met in March.

7.4 EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)

Mr. B. Praw stated that their last meeting was held at John F. Kennedy and discussion involved the Nutritional Policy, the planning that goes into cafeteria meals and marketing in the schools.

	<p>7.5 <u>QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association)</u></p> <p>Ms. S. Lo Bianco stated that QESBA had not met in March.</p>
<p>Mr. A. Cannavino left the meeting.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Items from the Finance Committee Meeting of March 15, 2016 (Cancelled)</u></p> <p>8.1 <u>Budget Increase – Elections</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 Financial Services is to submit such department requests on a month-to-month basis as deemed warranted;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. M. ANTAL AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approval be given to the Secretary General to increase School Board Elections budget by \$17,500, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting; b) authorization be given to Financial Services to take the appropriate action necessary to reflect the additional expenditures and the budget increases. <p>VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Ms. S. Lo Bianco not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-03-29-8.1</u></p>
	<p>8.2 <u>Budget Increase - Employee Assistance Program</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 Financial Services is to submit such department requests on a month-to-month basis as deemed warranted;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approval be given to the Director of Human Resources to increase Employee Assistance Program budget by \$17,000, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting; b) authorization be given to Financial Services to take the appropriate action necessary to reflect the additional expenditures and the budget increases. <p>VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Ms. S. Lo Bianco not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-03-29-8.2</u></p>

8.3 Budget Increase – Safety and Repairs

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;

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;

WHEREAS Financial Services is to submit such department requests on a month-to-month basis as deemed warranted;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT

- a) approval be given to the Director of Material Resources to increase Central Alarm and Safety budget by \$100,000, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting;
- b) authorization be given to Financial Services to take the appropriate action necessary to reflect the additional expenditures and the budget increases.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Ms. S. Lo Bianco not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-03-29-8.3

8.4 Budget Increase - Maintenance and Repairs

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;

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;

WHEREAS Financial Services is to submit such department requests on a month-to-month basis as deemed warranted;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. TRUDEAU AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT

- a) approval be given to the Director of Material Resources to increase Maintenance and Repairs Contracts budget by \$200,000, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting;
- b) authorization be given to Financial Services to take the appropriate action necessary to reflect the additional expenditures and the budget increases.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Ms. S. Lo Bianco not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-03-29-8.4

8.5 Budget Transfer - Maintenance and Repairs

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;

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;

WHEREAS Financial Services is to submit such department requests on a month-to-month basis as deemed warranted;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT

- a) approval be given to the Director of Material Resources to transfer \$145,000 from the Material Resources Fuel Oil (Heating) budget to the Maintenance and Repairs Contracts budget as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting;
- b) authorization be given to Financial Services to take the appropriate action necessary to reflect the additional expenditures and the budget transfers

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Ms. S. Lo Bianco not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-03-29-8.5

8.6 Auditorium Renovation Three Year Plan

WHEREAS funds have been allocated from the Capital Investment Budget (CIB) for the renovation of auditorium plan;

WHEREAS the Material Resources Department had assessed the state of auditoriums in the majority of the EMSB facilities, and has prepared a three-year plan for rehabilitation or renovation for each facility;

WHEREAS the Management Table has endorsed the three-year plan;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Auditorium Renovation three-year plan be approved as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Director General or a Deputy Director General be authorized to sign the pertinent documents on behalf of the Board.

VOTE: 13-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-03-29-8.6

8.7 Request to Tender - PS17 - 0600 – Welding Equipment - des Grandes Prairies Voc. Centre

WHEREAS the *Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies* requires school boards to proceed by means of a public call for tender for the procurement of goods or services in excess of \$100,000;

WHEREAS the acquisition of goods or services between \$100,000 and \$500,000 requires Executive Committee approval;

WHEREAS Administration has assessed operational needs and recommends to proceed with the procurement of various goods or services in excess of \$100,000;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. P. LATTANZIO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT authorization be given to Procurement Services to proceed to place a public call for tender on the SEAO (*Système Électronique d'Appels d'Offres*) for the following goods or services:

- i) PS17-0600 – Welding Equipment at the New Vocational Centre

VOTE: 13-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-03-29-8.7

8.8 Request to Tender - PS17 - 0900 – Auto Mech. Equipment - des Grandes Prairies Voc. Centre

WHEREAS the *Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies* requires school boards to proceed by means of a public call for tender for the procurement of goods or services in excess of \$100,000;

WHEREAS the acquisition of goods or services between \$100,000 and \$500,000 requires Executive Committee approval;

WHEREAS Administration has assessed operational needs and recommends to proceed with the procurement of various goods or services in excess of \$100,000;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. N. GHARIBIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT authorization be given to Procurement Services to proceed to place a public call for tender on the SEAO (*Système Électronique d'Appels d'Offres*) for the following goods or services:

- i) PS17-0900 – Auto Mechanic Equipment at the New Vocational Centre

VOTE: 13-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-03-29-8.8

9.

Recommendations

➤ Governance and Ethics Committee

9.1 Student Ombudsman Mandate

WHEREAS there is an agreement between the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board (SWLSB) to share the services of the Student Ombudsman;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the EMSB engaged Me Chantal Perreault as Student Ombudsman for a term of three (3) years, from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017, as per resolution # 14-03-26-3A-2.5;

WHEREAS the above mentioned agreement stipulates that at the end of the term, SWLSB and EMSB, independently or jointly, may, at their sole discretion, extend the contract for a period not exceeding one year, under the same conditions;

WHEREAS the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends to extend the Student Ombudsman's contract until March 31, 2018;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Governance and Ethics Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the EMSB extend Me Chantal Perreault's contract as Student Ombudsman from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018, under the same conditions provided in the agreement between the English Montreal School Board and the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chairman of the Board and Director General be authorized to sign all pertinent documents concerning the extension of contract of the Student Ombudsman.

VOTE: 13-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-03-29-9.1

9.2 Electoral List

WHEREAS, according to the provincial *Act respecting School Elections*, any elector who does not have a child to whom section 1 of the Education Act applies, that choses to vote at the School board election of the commissioners of the English language school board having jurisdiction over the territory in which he is domiciled, must send a Notice to the Anglophone School Board in order to be added on their electoral List;

WHEREAS to simplify the process, the English Montreal School Board believes that a check-off box on provincial Income Tax Forms should be included in order for the above-mentioned electors to be added to a permanent Anglophone school board electoral list;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board write to the Minister of Education in order to allow any elector who does not have a child to whom section 1 of the Education Act applies, to register their choice on their provincial income tax returns via a check-off box, in order to be added to a permanent Anglophone school board electoral list.

VOTE: 13-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-03-29-9.2

➤ Transportation Committee

9.3 Public Transportation Allocation to High School Students

WHEREAS the Board’s Transportation Procedure provides that a public transportation allocation be given annually to secondary students receiving social aid who reside in excess of 3.2 kilometers from their school and who live within EMSB territory;

WHEREAS since the 2003-2004 school year, the Board has granted a public transportation allocation to secondary students residing in excess of 2.4 kilometers from their school;

WHEREAS during the 2016-2017 school year, approximately 5,300 high school student living with the Board’s territory reside more than 2.4 kilometers from their school;

WHEREAS the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends that a public transportation allocation of \$225 is given to students residing in excess of 2.4 kilometers;

WHEREAS it is to the discretion of the High School Principals to withhold the payment of Transportation Allocation for any student who has outstanding debt to the school;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. P. LATTANZIO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Transportation Advisory Committee, there be granted a public transportation allocation in the amount of \$225 to approximately 5,300 EMSB students residing in excess of 2.4 kilometers from their school and living inside EMSB territory.

VOTE: 13-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-03-29-9.3

9.4 Information on Public Transportation to High Schools in Specialized Programs

Ms. P. Lattanzio gave an update on the Transportation Committee’s Action Plan. She stated that the Transportation Committee is working with the *Société de transport de Montréal* (STM) representatives to provide public transportation to high school students in specialized programs. Ms. Lattanzio thanked Mr. A. Marino for his continued input and work with the STM representatives.

10.

D’Arcy McGee – EMSB Response to Fusion of Outremont and TMR Ridings

WHEREAS on March 17, 2015, the *Commission de la représentation électorale* (“The Commission”) tabled its preliminary report regarding the boundaries of the electoral divisions of the National Assembly;

WHEREAS municipal leaders publicly opposed changes to the electoral ridings of D’Arcy McGee, Mont Royal and Outremont;

WHEREAS this ridings fall within the territory of the English Montreal School Board;

WHEREAS on February 7, 2017, the Commission submitted its second report in which it proposed the revised delineation of the electoral divisions of Québec accepting the positions of the intervening municipalities that the electoral map maintain the current divisions of Mount-Royal, Outremont and D'Arcy McGee;

WHEREAS on March 2nd the Commission published its final electoral map in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* ("the Quebec Gazette") in which it reversed its decision of February 7th by merging the ridings of Mount-Royal and Outremont in to one electoral division and substantially changing the boundaries of D'Arcy McGee;

WHEREAS such a reversal, without any warning, explanation or substantiation, seriously undermines public confidence in the objectivity and independence of the Commission;

WHEREAS the Commission had set the average number of voters per electoral division in its February 7th report at 48,387 with a possible deviation of plus or minus 25% per electoral division, a large deviation which raises questions of the equality of votes from one electoral division to another;

WHEREAS despite only having a margin of maneuver of plus or minus 25% and despite no provision existing in the *Election Act* to proceed in the following manner, the Commission allowed the electoral divisions of Abitibi-Est, Abitibi-Ouest, Bonaventure, Gaspé, René Lévesque and Ungava to deviate even further from the minimum allowed by law so that these divisions have between 26.8 and 44.0% below the average number of voters proposed per division;

WHEREAS the Commission's reversal of its February 7th decision results in the divisions of Mount-Royal, Outremont and D'Arcy McGee having approximately 57,000 voters each thus being amongst the most anomalously large;

WHEREAS the deviation from plus *or minus* 25% used by the Commission creates a severe inequality in the weight of a vote where some divisions may have 70% fewer voters than others;

IT IS PROPOSED BY MRS. J. CHARRON AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board ("EMSB") hereby expresses disappointment concerning the sudden, unexplained and unsubstantiated reversal of the Commission's February 7th decision maintaining the electoral divisions of Mount Royal, Outremont and D'Arcy McGee;

THAT in addition to the arguments referred to above, the deviation of plus or minus 25% used by the Commission de la représentation électorale du Québec creates a severe inequality in the weight of a vote where some divisions may have 70% fewer voters than others;

THAT the EMSB calls for no reduction in the number of electoral divisions on the island of Montreal and invites the National Assembly to express its disapproval with the proposal to merge the electoral divisions of Mount-Royal and Outremont and significantly alter the boundaries of D'Arcy McGee;

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Quebec, the leader of the Official Opposition, the leaders of the other parties at the National Assembly, the Members of the National Assembly within the affected three ridings as well as to the Council of Commissioners of the *Commission scolaire Marguerite-Bourgeois*;

THAT a copy of this resolution also be tabled at the next Quebec English School Boards Meeting;

It was proposed by Ms. A. Mancini and unanimously resolved to add to the conclusions that a copy of this resolution be sent to the EMSB Governing Boards and Central Parents' Committee.

Vote: 13-0-0 (Mr. A. Cannavino not present for the vote.)

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: 13-0-0, ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-03-29-10

Ms. P. Lattanzio left the meeting.

<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Budget Building Process 2017-2018 – Response to Consultation</u></p> <p>WHEREAS in conformity with Section 275 of the Education Act, a document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2017-2018’ has been created;</p> <p>WHEREAS said document, in Appendix A thereof, describes the Objectives, Guiding Principles, Criteria, and related Orientations proposed for 2017-2018;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners, at its meeting of December 21, 2016, resolved by virtue of resolution #16-12-21-8.2 that the document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2017-2018’ be approved for forwarding to the school and centre governing boards, Central Parents’ Committee (CPC) and the Regional Parents’ Committees – West and East, for purposes of consultation;</p> <p>WHEREAS it was further resolved that the document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2017-2018’ be forwarded to ACSES, EMSAC, and CMAC for feedback;</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Chairpersons of CPC, RPC –West and RPC – East, submitted recommendations in letters dated February 3, February 14 and March 1, 2017, which have been distributed to the Council of Commissioners;</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Chairpersons of ACSES and EMSAC submitted recommendations on the Budget Building Process for 2017-2018 in letters dated January 24 and March 21, 2017, which have been distributed to the Council of Commissioners;</p> <p>WHEREAS the school governing boards have provided suggestions for budget priorities and feedback on the Guiding Principles, Criteria, and Related Orientations, which will be distributed to the Finance Committee at the next meeting;</p> <p>WHEREAS the document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2017-2018’ has taken into consideration recommendations formulated as per above;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Board Administrators have reviewed and endorsed this document;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Central Management Advisory Committee reviewed and endorsed this document;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. N. GHARIBIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2017-2018’ be approved, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.</p> <p>VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-03-29-11</u></p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>BASE Daycare Services – Gardenvue School</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Gardenvue School Governing Board has requested the establishment of a MEES operated school daycare program (BASE);</p> <p>WHEREAS the said Governing Board adopted a resolution on January 31, 2017 that the EMSB offer a school daycare program at Gardenvue School as of the 2017-2018 school session;</p> <p>WHEREAS section 256 of the <i>Education Act</i> states “at the request of the governing board of a school, a school board must provide childcare for preschool and elementary school students, in the manner agreed with the governing board, on the school premises or, if the school does not have suitable premises, on other premises.”</p> <p>WHEREAS the Board Administrators have endorsed the proposal;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. KROMIDA AND RESOLVED THAT a MEES operated school daycare program (BASE) be established at Gardenvue School as of the 2017-2018 school session in accordance with the policies of the Board, the <i>Education Act</i> and the budgetary rules of the Ministry of Education.</p>

	<p>VOTE: 10-0-2. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Feldman, Mr. B. Praw abstained; Mr. A. Cannavino, Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-03-29-12</u></p>
<p>13.</p>	<p><u>Appointment of Selection Committee – Engineering Firms</u></p> <p>WHEREAS Procurement Services will proceed with a public call for tenders (qualification only) for external engineering firms;</p> <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. J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the following members be nominated to the Selection Committee to complete the evaluation process for the qualification of external engineering services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Diana Nguyen, Assistant Director, Material Resources ➤ Costa Spyridakos, Assistant Director, Material Resources ➤ André Tremblay, External Member ➤ Bernard Trudeau, External Member ➤ George Demos, Selection Committee Secretary <p>VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-03-29-13</u></p>
<p>14.</p>	<p><u>Awarding of Contracts</u></p> <p>14.1T- 3901A - Lester B. Pearson School, Pre-Purchase of Custom Made Ventilation Units</p> <p>WHEREAS the EMSB has approved the Pre-Purchase of Custom Made Ventilation Units Project for Lester B. Pearson;</p> <p>WHEREAS Procurement Services has placed a public call for tenders on the SEAO on February 2nd, 2017;</p> <p>WHEREAS Procurement Services has received one sealed bid on the closing date of February 16, 2017;</p> <p>WHEREAS the sole bidder submitted an initial bid of \$700,000.00 (all taxes included);</p> <p>WHEREAS the firm that submitted the sole bid, proposed a cost saving of \$75,000.00 (taxes included);</p> <p>WHEREAS the engineering firm assigned to the project recommended and accepted the cost saving;</p> <p>WHEREAS article 33.1 of the ‘<i>Regulation respecting supply contract of public bodies</i>’ require the authorization of the chief executive officer of the public body before entering into a contract involving an expenditure equal or above the public threshold if only one supplier submitted a compliant bid;</p> <p>WHEREAS the authorization be granted to the Material Resource Department to validate the proposal and ensure that the price is in agreement with the current market value before forwarding the documents to be analyzed by the engineer/architect for recommendation then to the Board to be awarded;</p> <p>WHEREAS Procurement Services requests the authorization to open the one sealed compliant bid received;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. B. PRAW AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, the contract at Lester B. Pearson School, for the Pre-purchase of Custom Made Ventilation Units Project; be awarded to Le groupe Master Inc. lowest and sole bidder who conformed to the tender documents in the amount of \$ 625,000.00 (all taxes included);</p>

IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Director General or a Deputy Director General be authorized to sign the pertinent documents on behalf of the Board.

VOTE: 11-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Mrs. J. Charron, Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-03-29-14.1

14.2 T- 3901 - Lester B. Pearson School, Installation of Custom Made Ventilation Units

WHEREAS the EMSB has approved the Installation of the Pre-Purchase of Custom Made Ventilation Units Project for Lester B. Pearson;

WHEREAS the bids received were opened at the appointed time;

WHEREAS the timeline to complete the job is no later than August 25, 2017;

WHEREAS an architect effected the bid analysis and recommended that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder who conformed with the tender documents;

WHEREAS the Director of Material Resource Department supports the recommendation;

WHEREAS pursuant to Article 8 of By-Law No. 2, the awarding of a construction/renovation contract in excess of \$25,000 is subject to the approval of the Executive Committee;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. N. GHARIBIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, the contract at Lester B. Pearson for the Installation of the Pre-Purchase of Custom Made Ventilation Units Project be awarded to Le Groupe Centco, the lowest bidder who conformed to the tender documents in the amount of \$1,147,220.55 all taxes included);

IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Director General or a Deputy Director General be authorized to sign the pertinent documents on behalf of the Board.

VOTE: 11-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Mrs. J. Charron, Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote.)

Resolution #17-03-29-14.2

14.3 PS17 – 0500 - Awarding of Contract and Appointment of External Auditors

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 284 of the Education Act, School Boards are required to appoint their external auditors on an annual basis;

WHEREAS the EMSB proceeded with a public call for tender in February 2017 for Professional External Auditing Services, for a three (3) year period plus two (2) optional years;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee met on March 1, 2017 and completed a qualitative analysis of the two (2) firms that submitted bids;

WHEREAS the Selection recommended that the contract be awarded to the bidder who conformed to the tender documents and had the lowest adjusted price;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J.KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Audit Committee

- a) the contract for external auditing services for the five (5) year fiscal periods of 2016-2017 through 2020-2021, as per our Request for Public Tender #PS17-0500, be awarded to Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton in the amount of \$320,500, plus applicable taxes;

	<p>b) the firm of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton be appointed auditors for the three (3) fiscal years 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.</p> <p>VOTE: 11-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Mrs. J. Charron, Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #17-03-29-14.3</u></p>
15.	<p><u>Report of Executive Committee Meeting Held on January 16 and 25, 2017</u></p> <p>Submitted for information purposes.</p>
16.	<p><u>Second Question Period</u></p> <p>No questions were asked.</p>
17.	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>The Director General highlighted that this evening was Mr. A. Marino's last attendance at a Board meeting and on behalf of the Administrators and Council, Mrs. Matheson thanked Mr. Marino for his guidance and she wished him well on his new endeavors in life. Mr. A. Marino received a standing ovation from everyone in attendance.</p>
18.	<p><u>Motion To Adjourn</u></p> <p>It was moved by Mr. N. Gharibian and unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:50 p.m.</p>
<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p>	
<p>_____</p>	
Mrs. Angela Mancini, Chairman	Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General