

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, May 23, 2018 at 4:45 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman
Ms. Sylvia Lo Bianco, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Mario Bentreovato, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Agostino Cannavino
Mrs. Joanne Charron, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Norm Gharibian, Parent Commissioner
Mr. James Kromida
Mr. Joseph Lalla
Me Joe Ortona
Mr. Rosario Ortona
Mr. Bernie Praw
Mr. Jason Trudeau, Parent Commissioner

Absent:

Mr. Mordechai Antal
Mr. Julien Feldman
Me Patricia Lattanzio

Present:

Ms. A. M. Matheson, Director General
Me B. Duhême, Deputy Director General, Administration Division
Mrs. E. Alfonsi, Regional Director, East
Me N. Lauzière, Secretary General
Ms. P. Nickoletopoulos, Regional Director, West
Mr. J. Pevec, Regional Director, East
Mr. C. Della Rocca, Director of Adult Education and Vocational Services
Mrs. C. Denommée, Director of Human Resources
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
Me L. Roy, Interim Director of Legal Services
Mr. L. Di Filippo, Assistant Director of Educational and Technology Services
Ms. J. René de Cotret, Assistant Director of Student Services
Mr. M. J. Cohen, Communications and Marketing Specialist
Ms. C. Colasessano, Administrative Technician, Secretary General

1. Approval of Agenda

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved with the following changes:

Add: 2.6 Release of Confidential Information
1.7 Resolution Pertaining to Documentation for Council Members
1.8 Resolution Pertaining to Sharing of Information with the Chairman by Management
17. Marketing Committee

Remove: 10.6 CIB 3-Year Plan

VOTE: 10-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. N. Gharibian not present for the vote.)

Resolution #18-05-23-1

2. In Camera Session

2.1 Motion to Recess and Move In Camera

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Council move in camera at 4: 45 p.m.

VOTE: 10-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. N. Gharibian not present for the vote.)

Resolution #18-05-23-2.1

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

3. Adoption of Resolution(s) from In Camera

2.2 Administrative Appointments 2018-2019

WHEREAS there is a need for the Board to appoint administrators in schools and in centres in light of leaves of absences;

WHEREAS the procedures highlighted in Articles 12.003 and 12.004 as well as in Articles 12.011 and 12.012 of the Local Management Policy for the Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA) pertaining to school administrative appointments were followed;

WHEREAS the Director General is proposing a slate of administrative appointments for schools and centres for the 2018-2019 school year, effective July 1st, 2018;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. A. CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the list of proposed administrative appointments for school and centre administrators for the 2018-2019 be approved, effective July 1st, 2018, as per the documentation submitted to the Council.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-2.2

2.3.1 Confirmation of Positions - Coordinator – Education and Technology Services

WHEREAS the procedures agreed to between the Board and AEMBA require all new administrative appointments to complete a probationary period before confirmation in the assignment;

WHEREAS the year of probation for the administrator listed below ends on Oct. 26th, 2018;

WHEREAS a written performance appraisal of this administrator was completed and has been evaluated as being satisfactory;

WHEREAS the Director General has recommended that this administrator be confirmed in his assignment;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY AND RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Director General, the following administrator be confirmed in his assignment effective as stated below:

NAME	PLACE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
ABISDRIS, Gil	Education and Technology Services	Coordinator	July 1, 2018

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-2.3.1

2.3.2 Coordinator – Health & Safety – Human Resources

WHEREAS the procedures agreed to between the Board and AEMBA require all new administrative appointments to complete a probationary period before confirmation in the assignment;

WHEREAS the year of probation for the administrator listed below ends on June 30th, 2018;

WHEREAS a written performance appraisal of this administrator was completed and has been evaluated as being satisfactory;

WHEREAS the Director General has recommended that this administrator be confirmed in her assignment;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. TRUDEAU AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Director General, the following administrator be confirmed in her assignment effective as stated below:

NAME	PLACE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
VIZARRO, Carmen	Human Resources	Coordinator	July 1, 2018

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-2.3.2

2.3.3 Coordinator – Student Services

WHEREAS the procedures agreed to between the Board and AEMBA require all new administrative appointments to complete a probationary period before confirmation in the assignment;

WHEREAS the year of probation for the administrator listed below ends on June 30th, 2018;

WHEREAS a written performance appraisal of this administrator was completed and has been evaluated as being satisfactory;

WHEREAS the Director General has recommended that this administrator be confirmed in her assignment;

IT WAS MOVED BY MRS. J. CHARRON AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Director General, the following administrator be confirmed in her assignment effective as stated below:

NAME	PLACE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
SANSONE, PATRIZIA	Student Services	Coordinator	July 1, 2018

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-2.3.3

2.3.4 Confirmation of Positions – Vice-Principals

WHEREAS all newly appointed administrators are subject to a one-year probationary period with the status to be confirmed by the Council of Commissioners based on receipt of a satisfactory performance appraisal;

WHEREAS the administrators listed below have been in an “acting” position as of July 1st, 2017;

WHEREAS the performance of the aforementioned school/centre administrators have been evaluated as being satisfactory;

WHEREAS the Director General has recommended that these administrators be confirmed in their assignments;

WHEREAS the procedures agreed to between the Board and Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA) regarding administrative assignments have been taken into account;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT as recommended by the Director General, the following school and centre administrators be confirmed in their assignments as of July 1st, 2018, with the “acting” status removed, effective as stated below.

NAME	PLACE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
KUSIEWICZ, Holly	Marymount High School	Vice-Principal	2018-07-01
RAMLAKHAN, Marilyn	James Lyng High School	Vice-Principal	2018-07-01
VALLELUNGA, Amanda	Westmount High School	Vice-Principal	2018-07-01

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-2.3.4

2.6 Release of Confidential Information

Item removed.

2.7 Resolution Pertaining to Documentation for Council Members

Ms. S. Lo Bianco read the proposed resolution:

Whereas the members of the council of commissioners are duly elected by the population within their respective wards;

Whereas the members of the council of commissioners must make decisions based on the information provided by the administration;

Whereas according to the Education Act, article 176.1, The members of the council of commissioners shall exercise their functions and powers, with due regard for everyone's role and responsibilities, with a view to improving the educational services provided for by this Act and by the basic school regulations made by the Government. To that end, the role of the members of the council of commissioners includes

(1) informing the council of the needs and expectations of the population of their electoral division or their sector, as part of their contribution to defining the school board's directions and priorities;

(1.1) ensuring that the schools and centers receive adequate support;

(2) seeing to the relevance and quality of the educational services offered by the school board;

(3) making sure that the school board's human, material and financial resources are managed effectively and efficiently;

(4) carrying out any mandate entrusted to them by the council of commissioners, on a proposal by the chair, for the purpose of providing information to the other council members on any specific matter.

Whereas section 6.1 of policy SG-10 Operation and Rules of Internal Management of the Council of Commissioners states: All items, questions, subjects, and articles noted on the agenda should be accompanied by documentation. Under exceptional circumstances, the Director General may submit supplements at any time prior to the commencement of the meeting. The schedule of meeting dates circulated by the Secretariat (Section 4.2) indicates the deadlines for submission of documentation.

Whereas section 6.2 of policy SG-10 Operation and Rules of Internal Management of the Council of Commissioners states: The draft agenda, along with all documents, must be sent electronically to members of the Council at least (five) 5 calendar days prior to the meeting.

It was moved and resolved by _____ that all documentation pertaining to any item the agenda that must be discussed and/or approved by the Council at a regular or special board meeting, as agreed to by the Chairman, must be provided at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

Be it further resolved that any item of an urgent nature that must be discussed and/or approved at a regular or special board meeting, as agreed to by the Chairman, must be provided at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. S. LO BIANCO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the motion '*Resolution Pertaining to Documentation for Council Members*' be brought to the next Governance and Ethics Committee and brought back to Council before the end of the school year.

VOTE: 11-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Kromida not present for the vote.)

Resolution #18-05-23-2.7

2.8 Resolution Pertaining to Sharing of Information with the Chairman by Management

Ms. S. Lo Bianco read the proposed resolution:

Whereas the Education Act article 155 stipulates that: the chair shall see to the proper operation of the school board and shall in particular, with due regard for everyone's role and responsibilities, ensure that all applicable legislative and regulatory provisions and all decisions of the council of commissioners are carried out faithfully and impartially. The chair shall convey all relevant information to the council and shall submit to the council any matter brought to the chair's attention with regard to the improvement of educational services;

Whereas the Chairman is the official spokesperson of the Board;

Whereas the Chairman receives her information from the Director General;

Whereas it is imperative that the Chairman must receive information in a timely fashion;

Whereas policy SG-10 Operation and Rules of Internal Management of the Council of Commissioners section 5.1.3 states: Prior to the preparation of the agenda, the Director General provides to the Chairman the information required regarding the issues under the responsibility of the Council of Commissioners.

It was moved by and resolved that all requests for documentation by the Chairman be responded to within 48 hours, unless otherwise agreed to by the Chairman after discussion with the Director General.

Be it further resolved that Director General provide the Chairman all information required for any issue which will be brought to the commissioners, prior to the preparation of the agenda; and that any issue that could affect the reputation and/or image of the Board be immediately communicated by the Director General, once he/she is informed, to the Chairman;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. S. LO BIANCO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the '*Resolution Pertaining to Sharing of Information with the Chairman by Management*' be brought to the next Governance and Ethics Committee and brought back to Council before the end of the school year.

VOTE: 10-1-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Ortona voted against.)

Resolution #18-05-23-2.8

4	<p><u>First Question Period</u></p> <p>None.</p>
5	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes of Meetings Held April 25, 2018</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. B. PRAW AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the April 25, 2018 meeting be approved with the following correction to item #7: Business Arising Out of Minutes - Mediation Services of Me Michel Nadeau - “The Chairman reported that Me Nadeau had requested an extension to submit the final written report”.</p> <p>VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #18-05-23-4</u></p>
6	<p><u>Business Arising Out of April 25, 2018 Minutes</u></p> <p>6.1 <u>Protection of Students’ Personal Information</u></p> <p>In reply to a question posed by Mr. J. Trudeau on whether the Board had taken the necessary steps to address concerns regarding the protection of students’ personal information, the Director General stated that the Board is taking the first step by appointing the <i>Responsable de la sécurité de l’information</i> and the <i>Coordonnateurs Sectoriel de la Gestion des incidents</i> at this meeting.</p> <p>6.2 <u>Mediation Services of Me M. Nadeau</u></p> <p>In reply to a question posed by Mr. J. Lalla on whether the report of Me Nadeau had been received, the Chairman informed Council that the report had not been received.</p> <p>6.3 <u>Correspondence and Planning Meetings</u></p> <p>Mr. J. Ortona stated that at the April 25th meeting, following in camera discussions on the items above, he agreed to remove them from the agenda as reading them in public would be detrimental to the reputation of the Board.</p> <p>He expressed his disappointment that at tonight’s meeting, items #2.7: Resolution Pertaining to Documentation for Council Members and #2.8: Resolution Pertaining to Sharing of Information with the Chairman by Management, were read in public.</p> <p>The Chairman replied that the mover had agreed that it go through the proper process.</p>
7.	<p><u>Monthly Reports</u></p> <p>7.1 <u>ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)</u></p> <p>Mrs. J. Charron celebrated the Défi sportif, where 7,000 athletes, from over 15 countries and ranging from all deficiencies, were joined by EMSB students. Of the participating 39 EMSB students, 27 came home with medals!</p> <p>7.2 <u>CGTSIM (Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l’île de Montréal)</u></p> <p>Ms. S. Lo Bianco reported that the school tax rate for 2018-2019 should not exceed \$0.17832, but is set at \$0.18066 per \$100 evaluation. The difference in rates will be covered by a subsidy to the CGTSIM.</p> <p>7.3 <u>EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)</u></p> <p>Mr. B. Praw spoke to the highlights of the last meeting; - the Leadership Challenge and the four activities on the value of ‘Staying in School’.</p> <p>7.4 <u>EMSAPC (EMSB Parents’ Committee)</u></p> <p>Mr. N. Gharibian spoke to the EMSAPC Summary, included in the documentation.</p>

In the discussion that followed, Council was informed that the EMSB Parents' Committee had moved a motion that Council lobby and petition the Quebec Government not to postpone the school board elections to 2020 and hold them as planned, on November 2, 2018.

7.4.1 Resolution on School Board Elections

It was moved and unanimously agreed that the motion below be voted on this evening. A Notice of Motion could not be given this evening as the Quebec Government, if it has any intention of passing legislation to postpone the elections, has to vote on it by June 15, 2018 and delaying this motion to the June 13th Board meeting would be too late.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-7.4.1.A

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONNER J. ORTONA AND RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners of the English Montreal School Board do not agree with postponing the School Board Elections to year 2020, and that the Elections should be held in accordance with the *Act Respecting School Elections* on November 2, 2018;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board forward this resolution to the Premier of the Province of Quebec, to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports, to all MNAs on the Board's territory and to the leaders of other parties represented at the National Assembly.

VOTE: 8-3-0. ADOPTED. (Mrs. J. Charron, Mrs. A. Mancini and Ms. S. Lo Bianco voted against.)

Resolution #18-03-23-7.4.1

7.5 QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association)

Ms. S. Lo Bianco stated that the next meeting is in Quebec City on Thursday, May 24th.

In reply to a question asking which chairpersons had been consulted by the Minister on the possible postponement of the school elections, the Vice-Chair replied that it was probably at a meeting which took place with the FEDE and the Chair of QESBA a few months earlier. The Chairman replied that the Minister probably consulted the QESBA and/or FEDE and that she will bring this item up at the May 24th meeting in Quebec City.

8. Recommendations from AEVS Committee

8.1 Entente Between English Montreal School Board and Lester B. Pearson School Board

WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) currently holds a permanent authorization to offer the Vocational Training Program of Computer Graphics (5844);

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board (LBPSB) has requested from the EMSB to enter into an entente in order to offer the Vocational Training Program of Computer Graphics (5844) on its territory for one (1) cohort for both the 2018-2019 and the 2019-2020 school years;

WHEREAS both PROCEDE and ELVEC have given their approval to this proposed entente at their respective April meetings;

WHEREAS the AEVS Advisory Committee has also given its unanimous approval to this proposed entente at its April 18th meeting;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. R. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the AEVS Committee, the EMSB enter into an entente with the LBPSB to use the EMSB Permanent authorization for the Vocational Training Program of Computer Graphics (5844) in order to offer one (1) cohort of this program on its territory for both the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years, as designated in the 'Entente';

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director General and the Regional Director of AEVS be authorized to sign this agreement on behalf of the English Montreal School Board.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-8.1

8.2 Request for Permanent Authorization

8.2.1 Request for Permanent Authorization for the High-Pressure Welding AVS program (5734)

WHEREAS the AEVS Department is looking to maximize the use of its new des Grandes Prairies Facility;

WHEREAS statistics support a forecasted high demand for manpower in the welding field for the coming years;

WHEREAS the addition of an Attestation in Vocational Studies training program (AVS) in High-Pressure Welding (5734) would be an excellent complement to our present DVS in Welding and Fitting program;

WHEREAS ELVEC and PROCEDE have both approved this request for a permanent authorization at their respective April 2018 meetings;

WHEREAS the AEVS Advisory Committee at its meeting of April 19th 2018 has unanimously approved the request to seek a permanent authorization from the MEES to offer the AVS vocational program in High-Pressure Welding (5734);

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. N. GHARIBIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the AEVS Committee, the AEVS Department request a Permanent authorization from the MEES to offer the Attestation in Vocational Studies training program (AVS) in High-Pressure Welding (5734).

VOTE: 11-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. M. Bentrovato not present for the vote.)

Resolution #18-05-23-8.2.1

8.2.2 Request for Permanent Authorization for the Pharmacy Technical Assistance DVS (5841)

WHEREAS the Shadd Health & Business Centre has been operating the Pharmacy Technical Assistance program (5841) under a provisional authorization since January 2013 and that registration in this program is very strong;

WHEREAS the Shadd Health & Business Centre therefore has all the necessary equipment and facilities to offer this program as part of its permanent offering;

WHEREAS statistics support a forecasted high demand for manpower in the health sector field for the coming years;

WHEREAS ELVEC and PROCEDE have both approved this request for a permanent authorization at their respective April 2018 meetings;

WHEREAS the AEVS Advisory Committee at its meeting of April 19th 2018 has unanimously approved a request to seek an authorization from the MEES to offer the DVS in Pharmacy Technical Assistance (5841) permanently;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the AEVS Committee, the AEVS Department request a Permanent authorization from the MEES to offer the Diploma in Vocational Studies training program (DVS) in Pharmacy Technical Assistance (5841).

VOTE: 11-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. M. Bentrovato not present for the vote.)

Resolution #18-05-23-8.2.2

9. Recommendation from Education Committee

9.1 Appointment of New Governmental Security Roles – RSI and CSGI

9.1.1 Responsable de la sécurité de l'information (RSI)

WHEREAS the Act on the Governance and Management of Information Resources of Public Bodies and Government Enterprises (LGGRI), the Directive on the Security of Government Information (DSIG), the Government's Strategic Approach to Information Security (ASGSI), and the desire of the MEES to improve the management of information security;

WHEREAS the school board must appoint an information security officer (Responsable de la sécurité de l'information – RSI) to represent it in the area of information security with the “dirigeant réseau de l'information” (DRI);

WHEREAS it is appropriate to entrust this responsibility to the person who assumes executive functions of the school board;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. N. GHARIBIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Education Committee at the meeting of May 2, 2018, the Director General appoint Luigi Di Filippo, Assistant Director of Educational and Technology Services for the English Montreal School Board, as the “Responsable de la sécurité de l'information” (RSI).

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-9.1.1

9.1.2 Coordonnateur Sectoriel de la Gestion des Incidents (CSGI)

WHEREAS the Act on the Governance and Management of Information Resources of Public Bodies and Government Enterprises (LGGRI), the Directive on the Security of Government Information (DSIG), the Government's Strategic Approach to Information Security (ASGSI), and the desire of the MEES to improve the management of information security;

WHEREAS the school board must appoint a incident management coordinator (coordonnateur sectoriel de la gestion des incidents – CSGI) to represent it in incident management with the “dirigeant réseau de l'information” (DRI);

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Education Committee at the meeting of May 2, 2018, the Director General appoint David Verrillo and Joe Pennimpede, Data Processing Technicians, Principal Class for the English Montreal School Board, as the “coordonnateur sectoriel de la gestion des incidents” (CSGI).

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-9.1.2

9.2 Coming into Force of Section 59 of the Constitution Act, 1982

WHEREAS Canadian citizens should be provided with the same rights throughout the country;

WHEREAS Section 23[1][a] of the Charter states that citizens whose first language learned and still understood is that of the English or French linguistic minority population of the province in which they reside have the right to have their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in that language in that province;

WHEREAS those rights which are given to French speaking Canadian citizens outside Quebec, are denied to some English speaking Canadian citizens in Quebec by reason of Section 59 which stipulates –

1. Paragraph 23(1) (a) shall come into force in respect of Quebec on a day to be fixed by proclamation issued by the Queen or the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada;
2. A proclamation under subsection (1) shall be issued only where authorized by the legislative assembly or government of Quebec;
3. This section may be repealed on the day paragraph 23(1) (a) comes into force in respect of Quebec and this Act amended and renumbered, consequentially upon the repeal of this Section 59, by proclamation issued by the Queen or the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada;

WHEREAS in virtue of the *Act respecting the Constitution Act, 1982* (chap. L-4.2), the Government of Quebec shall not authorize a proclamation under subsection 1 of section 59 of the Constitution Act, 1982 without obtaining the prior consent of the National Assembly;

WHEREAS English speaking immigrants [and their children] to Quebec who later become citizens, under the present legislation, are permanently denied those rights afforded to French speakers outside Quebec;

IT IS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Education Committee, the English Montreal School Board recommend to the National Assembly to give its consent to the Government of Quebec to authorize a proclamation to repeal subsection 1 of section 59 of the Constitution Act, 1982, in order to recognize the right of parents whose first language learned and still understood is English to have their children receive primary and secondary school instruction in English in Quebec.

IT IS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board forward this resolution to the Premier of the Province of Quebec, to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports, and to the Minister responsible for Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers;

IT IS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board forward this resolution to the QESBA, the EPCA, the QCGN and its sister English school boards to encourage them to adopt similar motions.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-9.2

9.3 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 Indigenous peoples, as well as those made by other anglophone and allophone communities;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the English Montreal School Board adopted another unanimous resolution on January 25, 2017 requesting of the Minister of Education, Sebastien Proulx, among others, that the implementation of the new Secondary III-IV History Course be delayed for a year, that similar resources be available for students in French and in English, and that 20% of the new program reflect the historical contributions made by the Indigenous peoples, as well as those made by other anglophone and allophone communities;

WHEREAS there is no indication that any of the suggestions made by the English Montreal School Board with respect to including the contributions of anglophone and allophone communities in the new History program were taken into consideration, except for some minor tweaks, mostly to improve the quality and quantity of the content related to the Indigenous peoples;

WHEREAS the contributions made to this province by members of the Jewish, Italian, Greek, and other anglophone and allophone communities are made invisible and are a serious omission;

WHEREAS respected Quebec history Professors, Michèle Dagenais, Université de Montréal, and Christian Laville, Université Laval, pointed out in a Montreal Gazette op-ed piece Oct. 14, 2016 "The history offered in this (History) curriculum focuses very narrowly on the French-Canadian nation, its heritage and its aspirations as interpreted by the authors of the curriculum. Other Quebecers are not part of this story";

WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board has a responsibility to both its students and the greater community to ensure that the new Secondary III-IV History Course includes the historical contributions made by other anglophone and allophone groups as well as those of the Indigenous peoples;

IT IS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Education Committee,

1. The English Montreal School Board immediately strike a "History Experts Committee". This arm's length committee of three (3) recognized professional historians would independently review the program and student textbooks for secondary III and IV with three overarching goals:
 - (a) Identify historical statements that are factually incorrect,
 - (b) Identify historical inferences that are open to interpretation
 - (c) Identify significant historical events which have been omitted from the program and textbooks, as well as the contributions made to this province by the anglophone and allophone communities as well as by the Indigenous peoples.
2. In addition to the three professional historians there shall also be an additional member to act as committee chair. It is recommended that the committee chair, acting only as a coordinator, be the EMSB social studies consultant.
 - (a) The Director General shall ensure that the committee has the necessary resources to fulfill its mandate.
3. A stipend of \$3,000 for each history expert and an additional \$6,000 for operating expenses of the committee for a total budget of \$15,000.
4. The following timeline shall be adhered to:
 - (a) May/June 2018: approve this motion, establish internal budget, set up administrative framework, approach possible history experts, and create a team of three such experts;
 - (b) June: experts are announced, work begins;
 - (c) September 15: all written reports from the experts are submitted and the committee chair prepares an "initial summary report";
 - (d) The "initial summary report" is vetted/revised by experts with the "final report" prepared
 - (e) September Council meeting: the committee chair deposits the "final report" to be officially received by Council.

IT IS FURTHER MOVED THAT the English Montreal School Board forward this resolution to QESBA and to its sister English school boards.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-9.3

10. Recommendation from Finance Committee

10.1 Budget Transfer – MR – JFK Damaged Roof Exhaust Fans and Gymnasium Project

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. A. CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Finance Committee,

- a) approval be given to the Director of Material Resources to allocate a total amount of \$85,000, from the CIB Reserves 2017-2018, to the various JFK capital projects as such: 01) \$30,000 for the replacement of the damaged roof exhaust fan; 02) \$20,000 for the replacement of the curtain in the gymnasium and 03) \$35,000 to install new bleachers in the gymnasium, 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 transfer.

VOTE: 11-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Ortona not present for the vote.)

Resolution #18-05-23-10.1

10.2 Budget Increase – MR – 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, as recommended by the Finance Committee,

- a) approval be given to the Director of Material Resources to allocate an amount of \$250,000, of which \$105,000 is to be taken from the 2017-2018 MR corporate reserve and \$145,000 is to be taken from the 2017-2018 Appropriated Accumulated Surplus budget, to the MR maintenance and repairs 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 transfer.

VOTE: 11-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Ortona not present for the vote.)

Resolution #18-05-23-10.2

10.3 Budget Increases – SG – Agility Bank Hours, Employee/Volunteer Receptions, Marketing and Promotion, PD Session

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. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Finance Committee,

- a) approval be given to the Secretary General to allocate a total amount of \$43,250 from the 2017-2018 Appropriated Accumulated Surplus budget to the various budgets as such: 01) \$3,750 for the bank of hours for Agility; 02) \$4,000 for the professional development session; 03) \$15,500 for the volunteer events, retirees & long service events, marketing items and decorative items and 04) \$20,000 for special publications, advertising, electronics and promotional items, 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 transfer.

VOTE: 11-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Ortona not present for the vote.)

Resolution #18-05-23-10.3

10.4 Budget Increase – SO – Crisis Prevention Training Program Daycares

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, as recommended by the Finance Committee,

- a) approval be given to the Director of School Organization to transfer \$17,180 from the 2017-2018 Appropriated Accumulated Surplus budget to the Non-violent crisis prevention training for daycares, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting;
- b) approval be given to the Director of School Organization to reserve \$36,000 from the 2018-2019 Appropriated Accumulated Surplus budget and reserve \$48,000 from the 2019-2020 Appropriated Accumulated Surplus budget for the Non-violent crisis prevention training for the daycares, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting;
- c) authorization be given to Financial Services to take the appropriate action necessary to reflect the additional expenditure and the budget increase.

VOTE: 11-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Ortona not present for the vote.)

Resolution #18-05-23-10.4

10.5 School Tax Revenue 2018-2019

WHEREAS as per Section 435 of the *Education Act*, the *Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal* (CGTSIM) has informed the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) that it has determined that the estimated 2018-2019 school tax rate would be \$0.18066 per \$100 of the standardized assessment of taxable immovables, based on the maximum school tax proceeds for all Schools Boards on its territory;

WHEREAS as per Section 434.2 of the *Education Act*, the tax rate cannot exceed \$0.17832 per \$100 of the standardized assessment of taxable immovables;

WHEREAS as per Section 475.1 of the *Education Act*, the Minister shall provide for the payment of a subsidy to the CGTSIM to cover the difference between the two rates;

WHEREAS as per Section 434.5 of the *Education Act*, the EMSB must forward to the CGTSIM a resolution determining the amount it requests from proceeds of school taxes;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. TRUDEAU AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the English Montreal School Board requests that *the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal* transfer to the EMSB the maximum product of school tax revenue for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-10.5

10.6 CIB 3-Year Plan 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021

Item removed from Agenda.

10.7 CGTSIM – Co-operative Purchasing Program 2019-2020

WHEREAS the *Comité de Gestion de la taxe Scolaire de l'île de Montréal* has invited School Boards to indicate whether they wish to participate in the Co-Operative Purchasing Program for the 2019-2020 fiscal year;

WHEREAS School Boards are required to indicate the specific product groups that they wish to participate in;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. R. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the English Montréal School Board participates in the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal Co-Operative Purchasing Program in 2019-2020 for the following product groups along with the proposed timelines:

<u>Product Category</u>	<u>Contract Timeline</u>	<u>Months</u>
Photocopy & Printing Paper	May 1 st 2019 to November 30 th 2020	19
Hand Towels and Toilet Paper	June 1 st 2018 to February 29 th 2020	21
Garbage Bags	May 1 st , 2019 to February 29 th 2020	10
Lighting Products	May 1 st , 2019 to February 29 th 2020	10
Chemical & Sanitary Products Lots 1-2-3	March 1 st , 2019 to February 29 th 2020	12
Air Filters	March 1 st , 2019 to February 29 th 2020	12
Computer Supplies	July 1 st 2019 to November 30 th 2020	17
Heating Oil	July 1 st 2019 to February 28 th 2021	20
Office Supplies	July 1 st 2019 to June 30 th 2020	12
Envelopes	December 1 st 2019 to November 30 th 2020	12
Plastic Arts Supplies	December 1 st 2019 to November 30 th 2020	12
Travel Agency Qualification	July 1 st 2019 to June 30 th 2020	12
Sporting Goods & Equipment	March 1 st , 2019 to February 29 th 2020	12
Pedagogical Robotics Equipment	July 1 st 2019 to November 30 th 2020	17
Educational & Social Games Supplies	July 1 st 2019 to November 30 th 2020	17

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-10.7

10.8 Corridor Vert – Agreement with the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) and Ville de Montreal – Borough of Montreal North

WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) has been involved in the development of the “Corridor Vert” project along with the Town of Montreal North and CSPI;

WHEREAS in the elaboration of the said project, the EMSB is in favour of allowing the city to install bicycle rack on its property, allowing maintenance and usage by the students as well for the community outside school hours;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. S. LO BIANCO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the Director General or the Deputy Director General to negotiate the agreement as per the attached document in the best interest of the Board;

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

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-10.8

Mr. R. Ortona added that we should be concerned about the location of the bicycle racks.

10.9 Professional Development - Annual AAESQ and PROCEDE Conferences

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 the EMSB is a member of QESBA and all QESBA member boards participate in the annual PROCEDE Conference and the annual AAESQ Spring Conference;

WHEREAS the PROCEDE Conference and AAESQ Spring Conference are essential to the continued professional development of EMSB administrators;

WHEREAS the participation of EMSB administrators at the PROCEDE Conference and the AAESQ Spring Conference is essential to the sustainability of the conferences;

WHEREAS the AEMBA and AMSA Professional Development funds can no longer cover the costs for their members to attend the PROCEDE Conference and the AAESQ Spring Conference;

WHEREAS the EMSB has surplus funding;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. N. GHARIBIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by the Finance committee,

- a) approval be given to the Director General to allocate a total amount of \$58,300 from the 2017-2018 Appropriated Accumulated Surplus budget to reimburse the Professional Development PROCEDE conference and AAESQ Spring Conference for 2017-2018, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting;
- b) approval be given to the Director General to allocate a total amount of up to \$80,000 from the 2018- 2019 Appropriated Accumulated Surplus budget to the Professional Development PROCEDE conference and AAESQ Spring Conference for 2018-2019, and future years, should the MEES authorize appropriation of the accumulated surplus.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-10.9

11. Recommendation from Elections Preparedness Committee

The Chairman spoke to the item regarding forming a sub-committee.

12. Awarding of Contracts

T-4027 – Sinclair Laird – Washrooms Renovation – Sole Bid

WHEREAS the EMSB has approved the Washrooms Renovation Project at Sinclair Laird School;

Whereas Procurement Services has placed a public call for tenders on the SEAO on April 10, 2018;

Whereas Procurement Services has received one sealed bid on the closing date of May 2, 2018;

Whereas as per article 39 of the Regulation respecting construction contracts of public bodies (chapter C-65-l, r.5) the authorization from the chief executive officer of the public body is required when only one contractor submitted a compliant tender;

Whereas the architect in charge of the project effected the bid analysis and recommended that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder who conformed with the tender documents;

Whereas the price received is within the current market value for the requested work to be performed in the said project;

IT WAS MOVED BY MRS. J. CHARRON AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, the contract at Sinclair Laird School, Washrooms Renovation project be awarded to 3D Groupe CA inc., the sole bidder who conformed to the tender documents in the amount of \$183,400.00 (plus taxes);

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: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-05-23-12

13. Pre-Authorization to Proceed for a Public Call to Tender in Excess of \$100,000

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 Board 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. J. KROMIDA 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:

- a) T-4152 – Board-wide Asbestos Inspection
- b) T-4153 – Project Management Services

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

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14. Report of Executive Committee Meeting of March 28, 2018

Provided for information purposes only.

15. Second Question Period

None.

16. Other Business

- Marketing Committee

The Chairman and Director General replied to questions posed on the membership of the Committee.

17. Motion To Adjourn

It was moved by Mr. B. Praw and unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Mrs. Angela Mancini, Chairman

Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General