

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A special meeting of the English Montreal School Board was held in the Laurence Patterson Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue, on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman
Ms. Sylvia Lo Bianco, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Mordechai Antal
Mrs. Joanne Charron, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Julien Feldman, (7:52 p.m.)
Mr. Norm Gharibian, Parent Commissioner
Mr. James Kromida
Me Joe Ortona
Mr. Rosario Ortona
Mr. Bernie Praw
Mr. Jason Trudeau, Parent Commissioner

Absent:

Mr. Mario Bentreovato, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Agostino Cannavino
Mr. Joseph Lalla
Me Patricia Lattanzio

Present:

Ms. A. M. Matheson, Director General
Me B. Duhême, Deputy Director General, Administration Division
Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General
Ms. L. Nassivera, Director of Financial Services
Me L. Roy, Interim Director of Legal Services

1. Notice Of Meeting

It was reported that the notice calling this special meeting had been forwarded to all Members of Council via email and ePortal.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. N. Gharibian and unanimously resolved that the Agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE: 10-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #18-05-16-2

3. Motion to Move In Camera

It was moved by Mrs. J. Charron and unanimously resolved to move this meeting In Camera at 7:30 p.m.

VOTE: 10-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #18-05-16-3

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

4. Class Action Suit

WHEREAS the judgement of the Superior Court authorized a class action with regard to fees charged by 68 school boards (Court file #150-06-000007-138 – judgement dated December 6, 2016 and rectifying judgement dated May 24, 2017);

WHEREAS an originating application in a class action proceeding was issued and filed on June 22, 2017 (Court file #150-06-000007-138) following the judgement granting permission;

WHEREAS the agreement entitled “Principaux éléments d’une entente de règlement relative aux frais chargés par les commissions scolaires défenderesses” (hereinafter “Agreement”);

WHEREAS the discussions were held in camera;

WHEREAS the present Resolution is entered into without admission whatsoever, whether in facts, in law or liability, for the sole purpose to settle the litigation;

WHEREAS the constitutional protection of rights to professional secrecy, the protection of litigation privilege and the protection of settlement privilege;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SYLVIA LO BIANCO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED :

TO APPROVE the Agreement entitled “Principaux éléments d’une entente de règlement relative aux frais chargés par les commissions scolaires défenderesses”;

TO AUTHORIZE the Chairman and Director General to sign the Transaction and all documents that may be required to give full effect to the present Resolution;

TO KEEP confidential the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the Transaction and all documents that may be required to give full effect to the Transaction, it being understood that the Agreement, the Transaction and all documents that may be required to give full effect to the Transaction cannot be made public until the Transaction has been approved by the Court.

VOTE: 10-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #18-05-16-3

Commissioner J. Feldman joined the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

5. Question Period

The Chairman replied to questions posed by Mr. Chris Eustace concerning fees charged to parents and on the resolution that was adopted at this meeting regarding the Class Action.

6. Adjournment

On motion of Ms. A. Mancini, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.