

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, June 13, 2018 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
Mrs. Joanne Charron, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Julien Feldman
Mr. Norm Gharibian, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Joseph Lalla
Me Patricia Lattanzio
Me Joe Ortona
Mr. Rosario Ortona
Mr. Jason Trudeau, Parent Commissioner

Absent:

Mr. Agostino Cannavino
Mr. James Kromida
Mr. Bernie Praw

Present:

Ms. A. M. Matheson, Director General
Me B. Duhême, Deputy Director General, Administration Division
Mrs. E. Alfonsi, Deputy Director General, Education Division
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
Me M.C. Drouin, Assistant Director of Human Resources
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

The following changes were proposed to the agenda:

- #2.4 - Town Hall Meeting: item to be discussed in public under **#19.1 - Town Hall Meeting**
- #2.7 - Chairman's Report: add **#2.7.1 - Update on Planning Committee**
- **#2.9 - Follow-Up to G & E Committee: add item to the Agenda**

- Discussion ensued and it was moved by Mr. J. Ortona that **#2.6 - Position of Political Attaché for the Office of the Chairman**, be discussed in the public session of the meeting.

VOTE: 4-5-0. MOTION DEFEATED.

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| In Favour | Mr. M. Bentrovato, Mr. J. Lalla, Mr. J. Ortona, Mr. R. Ortona |
| Against | Mr. M. Antal, Mrs. J. Charron, Mr. J. Trudeau, Mrs. S. Lo Bianco, Ms. A. Mancini |
| Not Present | Mr. J. Feldman, Mr. N. Gharibian, Ms. P. Lattanzio |

The agenda was then approved with the amendments.

VOTE: 8-1-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Ortona voted against.)

Resolution #18-06-13-1

2. In Camera Session

2.1 Motion to Recess and Move In Camera

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. S. LO BIANCO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Council move in camera at 4: 45 p.m.

VOTE: 9-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mr. J. Feldman, Mr. N. Gharibian, Ms. P. Lattanzio not present for the vote.)

Resolution #18-06-13-2.1

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

3. Entrepreneurship Awards

Mrs. S. Furfaro spoke to the challenges that the students undertook in developing a product or event that met a need of their community or school. Approximately 1,631 EMSB students were involved in the production of 58 projects. James Lyng High School won the provincial prize the “Coup de Coeur”. Each winning elementary school received a \$4,000 prize and each high school a \$6,000 prize.

A short video, describing some of the projects was presented and the students expressed how they felt when they won. Everyone in attendance was proud of the accomplishments!

3A. Reconsideration Motion for the Approval of the Agenda

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. P. LATTANZIO THAT the adoption of the Agenda be reconsidered.

VOTE: 12-0-0

Resolution # 18-06-13-3A.1

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. A. MANCINI THAT item #2.10 *Resolution with Regards to the Consultation re Centennial Academy*, be added to the Agenda.

VOTE: 12-0-0.

Resolution # 18-06-13-3A.2

4. Adoption of Resolution(s) from In Camera

2.2 Special Education Sector Staffing Plan

WHEREAS clause 7-3.24 of the S18-FEESP-CSN Collective Agreement states that, no later than August 20th of each fiscal year, the Board shall adopt a Staffing Plan in the Special Education Sector;

WHEREAS the Board must submit a draft staffing plan to the Union for consultation five (5) days before it is adopted;

WHEREAS the concerned Union was consulted;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. TRUDEAU AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners adopt the Staffing Plan for the Special Education Sector personnel of the English Montreal School Board for the 2018-2019 school year, as per the documentation submitted at the meeting of June 13th, 2018.

VOTE: 11-0-1. ADOPTED. (Mr. M. Bentrovato abstained.)

Resolution #18-06-13-2.2

2.3 Recommendation for Appointment – Director – Material Resources

Appointment of Director – Material Resources

WHEREAS there is a need for the Board to appoint a Director in the Material Resources Department as a result of the retirement of the current incumbent of this position;

WHEREAS the position of Director in the Material Resources Department was advertised in May 2018 both internally and externally;

WHEREAS three (3) candidates were invited to an interview on June 4th, 2018;

WHEREAS the resume of the recommended candidate is attached;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. N. GHARIBIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Mr. Mario Cardin be appointed as Director in the Material Resources Department. The starting date to be mutually agreed upon between the Board and the recommended candidate.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-06-13-2.3

2.6 Recommendation from the HR Committee - Political Attaché to the Office of the Chairman

WHEREAS the Chairman of the Board expressed the needs to retain the services of a Political Attaché on a part-time basis for the office of the Chairman;

WHEREAS the services contract awarded to the Political Attaché would end on the day prior to the next School Board's election;

WHEREAS the Political Attaché would be designated as the political liaison servicing the Office of the Chairman;

It was moved by Mrs. J. Charron and resolved that, as recommended by the HR Advisory Committee, the services of a Political Attaché to the Office of the Chairman of the Board be retained by the Board;

Be it further resolved that the services contract awarded to the Political Attaché to the Office of the Chairman of the Board will end the day prior to the next School Board's election.

- It was moved by Mr. J. Feldman that the motion be tabled.

VOTE: 2-9-1. MOTION DEFEATED.

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| In Favour | Mr. J. Feldman, Ms. P. Lattanzio |
| Against | Mr. M. Antal, Mr. M. Bentrovato, Mrs. J. Charron, Mr. N. Gharibian, Mr. J. Lalla, Mr. R. Ortona, Mr. J. Trudeau, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Ms. A. Mancini |
| Abstained | Mr. J. Ortona |

- It was moved by Ms. A. Mancini that the motion be discussed in camera.

VOTE: 5-6-0. MOTION DEFEATED.

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| In Favour | Mr. M. Antal, Ms. P. Lattanzio, Mr. J. Trudeau, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Ms. A. Mancini |
| Against | Mr. M. Bentrovato, Mr. J. Feldman, Mr. N. Gharibian, Mr. J. Lalla, Mr. J. Ortona, Mr. R. Ortona |
| Not Present | Mrs. J. Charron |

➤ It was moved by Mrs. J. Charron that the motion be voted on.

VOTE: 5-7-0. MOTION DEFEATED.

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| In Favour | Mr. M. Antal, Mrs. J. Charron, Mr. J. Trudeau, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Ms. A. Mancini |
| Against | Mr. M. Bentreovato, Mr. J. Feldman, Mr. N. Gharibian, Mr. J. Lalla, Ms. P. Lattanzio, Mr. J. Ortona, Mr. R. Ortona |

Resolution #18-06-13-2.6

2.10 Resolution with Regards to the Consultation re: Centennial Academy

WHEREAS Centennial Academy is currently cohabitating in the Marymount Academy International;

WHEREAS the Centennial Academy Board of Directors has asked the EMSB to rent additional space in the Marymount Academy International for a one (1) year period to June 30, 2019;

WHEREAS the lease agreement for additional space would be granted under the same terms and conditions of the current lease agreement;

WHEREAS the Marymount Academy International Governing Board would have to be consulted;

WHEREAS considering the restricted timeline, the Board is asking the Governing Board of the Marymount Academy International to provide its views regarding this consultation in a shorter delay;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. M. ANTAL AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Governing Board of the Marymount Academy International be consulted on the rental of additional space within the Marymount Academy International to the Centennial Academy for a one (1) year period until June 30, 2019;

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Governing Board of Marymount Academy International be invited to submit its views in writing to the Secretary General of the EMSB no later than Monday, June 26, 2018 at noon; for a decision to be made at the special Council of Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2018;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governing Board of Marymount Academy International.

Vote: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-06-13-2.10

5 First Question Period

None.

6 Adoption of Minutes of Meetings Held

6.1 May 9, 2018

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. M. ANTAL AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the May 9, 2018 meeting be approved as presented.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-06-13-6.1

6.2 May 16, 2018

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting be approved as presented.

VOTE: 11-0-1. ADOPTED. (Ms. P. Lattanzio abstained.)

6.3 May 23, 2018

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. TRUDEAU AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting be approved as presented.

VOTE: 11-0-1. ADOPTED. (Ms. P. Lattanzio abstained.)

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Business Arising Out of Minutes

7.1 Mediation Services of Me Nadeau

In reply to a question posed on whether there was an update on when the report would be received, the Chairman replied that there was no update on the date.

7.2 QESBA

In reply to the questions below, the Chairman replied that a letter will be sent on her behalf asking those questions directly.

1. When did the Minister speak to the president of QESBA about the possible postponement of school board elections?
2. When were the members of QESBA made aware of the possible postponement of school board elections?

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 MRS. A. MANCINI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board note with regret the passing of -

Caroline D'Souza Campanelli, Retired Teacher, Gerald McShane School, on May 21, 2018

Margot Spiegelman (née Benisty), Retired Teacher, Willingdon School, on May 27, 2018

Victor A. Hayes, Retired Teacher, Westmount High School, on June 1, 2018

and that an expression of sympathy be sent to the bereaved families.

VOTE: 14-0-0. ADOPTED.

9.

Monthly Reports

9.1 ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)

Mrs. J. Charron informed Council of a social, the approval of the 3 Year Plan and a presentation of a new IEP model.

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

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

9.3 EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)

On behalf of Mr. B. Praw, Ms. P. Nicholoetopolous spoke on the last meeting where they engaged in leadership activities and discussed transitioning to high school.

9.4 EMSBPC (EMSB Parents' Committee)

Mr. M. Bentrovato stated they designated 4 new members to ACSES, were given year-end presentations by different committees and discussed governing board budgets.

9.5 QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association)

Ms. S. Lo Bianco stated that they talked about school fees, spoke about a language commissioner.

10. Response to Consultation

- Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2018-2021

WHEREAS the Education Act requires the Board to establish a Three-Year Plan for the allocation and utilization of its immovables on an annual basis;

WHEREAS the said Act also requires the Board to issue a Deed of Establishment for each school and adult education and vocational training centre under its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS by virtue of resolution # 18-04-25-11 the consultation on the Proposed Three-Year Plan and List of Schools - Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2018-2021 concluded on May 31, 2018;

WHEREAS the Three-Year Plan and List of Schools - Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2018-2021 will take effect July 1, 2018 and a Deed of Establishment for each school and centre will be issued;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Three-Year Plan and List of Schools - Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2018-2021 be approved.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-06-13-10

11. Final Schedule of Board and Executive Committee Meetings 2018-2019

11.1 By-Law No. 1 (2018) – Board Meetings

WHEREAS in conformity with Section 162 of the Education Act the Council of Commissioners must establish by by-law, the day, time and place of its regular meetings;

WHEREAS by virtue of resolution #18-04-25-15.1, provisional approval was given to Draft By-Law No. 1 (2018);

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 392 of the Education Act, public notice of 30 days has been given;

IT WAS MOVED BY MS. P. LATTANZIO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT approval be given to By-Law No. 1 (2018) setting the day, time and place of the regular monthly meetings of the English Montreal School Board for school session 2018-2019.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-06-13-11.1

11.2 By-Law No. 4

WHEREAS in conformity with Section 162 of the Education Act, the Council of Commissioners must establish by by-law, the day, time and place of its regular meetings;

WHEREAS by virtue of resolution #18-04-25-15.2, provisional approval was given to Draft By-Law No. 4 (2018);

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 392 of the Education Act, public notice of 30 days has been given;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT approval be given to By-Law No. 4 (2018) setting the day, time and place of the Executive committee meetings of the English Montreal School Board for school session 2018-2019.

VOTE: 12-0-0. ADOPTED.

Resolution #18-06-13-11.2

12. Change Order Over 10%

-T-3896 – Hampstead – Masonry Project

WHEREAS by virtue of Resolution #E16-08-31-5.3 the Board awarded the contract for the Masonry Project at Hampstead School to Construction Michel Laurence Ltée for the amount of \$720,000.00 (plus taxes);

WHEREAS during the construction phase, the Board previously approved change orders totaling \$108,112.54 (plus taxes) were required to proceed with the project;

WHEREAS during the construction phase, additional change orders totaling \$79,228.68 (plus taxes) were required to proceed with the project;

WHEREAS the following orders were recommended, negotiated and accepted by the professionals and supported by the Director of Material Resources;

| <u>Change Order</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| 18. | \$ 6,595.25 (plus taxes) |
| 19. | \$16,268.48 (plus taxes) |
| 20. | \$51,222.15 (plus taxes) |
| 21. | \$ 5,142.80 (plus taxes) |

WHEREAS the revised cost of the Masonry Project at Hampstead School is \$907,341.22 (plus taxes);

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. FELDMAN AND RESOLVED THAT there be approved the change orders for a total amount of \$79,228.68, (plus taxes) for the Masonry Repairs and Structural Underpinning Project at Hampstead School as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.

VOTE: 6-1-3. ADOPTED.

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| In Favour | Mr. M. Antal, Mr. M. Bontrovato, Mr. N. Gharibian, Mr. J. Lalla, Mr. J. Trudeau, Ms. S. Lo Bianco |
| Against | Ms. P. Lattanzio |
| Abstain | Mr. J. Feldman, Mr. J. Ortona, Mr. R. Ortona |
| Not Present | Mrs. J. Charron, Ms. A. Mancini |

Resolution #18-06-13-12

13. Selection Committee for Project Managers

WHEREAS Procurement Services will proceed with a public call for tenders (qualification only) for external project management firms;

WHEREAS in accordance with the “Directive concernant la gestion des contrats d’approvisionnement, de services et de travaux de construction des organismes publics”, 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 MR. M. ANTAL AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the following members be nominated to the Selection Committee to complete the evaluation process for the qualification of external project management firms:

- Mario Cardin, Assistant Director, Material Resources
- Costa Spyridakos, Assistant Director, Material Resources
- André Tremblay, External Member
- George Demos, Secretary of the Selection Committee

VOTE: 10-0-0. ADOPTED. (Mrs. J. Charron, Ms. A. Mancini not present for the vote.)

Resolution #18-06-13-13

14. Annual Report 2017-2018 Contracts of Public Bodies

WHEREAS on December 7, 2012, the National Assembly adopted Bill 1 – *Integrity in Public Contracts Act*;

WHEREAS following the adoption of this law, every school board was required to appoint a contract rules compliance monitor (RARC);

WHEREAS this law modified the *Act Respecting Contracting by Public Bodies* (“LCOP”) to which school boards have been subject for a number of years;

WHEREAS, in accordance with this law, the Treasury Board decreed the “*Directive concernant la reddition de comptes en gestion contractuelle des organismes publics* (“Directive”)”, which came into force on April 1, 2013 and applies particularly to school boards;

WHEREAS the requirements provided under this directive are from the LCOP which aims to promote the rendering of accounts based on the accountability of chief executive officers of public bodies and on the appropriate use of public funds;

WHEREAS according to the requirements outlined in the Directive, the school board is required to render an account of its contractual activities during the period from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018;

WHEREAS the Directive stipulates that the chief executive officer of the public body must attest, on an annual basis, to the reliability of the data and controls related to contracts by using the form provided in appendix 3 of the Directive;

WHEREAS in the case of a school board, the chief executive officer of the public body is the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS all contracting activities have been performed by the appropriate school board administrators and respecting the LCOP to the best of their judgment and abilities within the resources available;

IT IS MOVED BY MS. P. LATTANZIO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board:

1. ADOPT the declaration of the executive officer of the public body attesting to the reliability of the data and management controls as appended to this resolution, in accordance with the template proposed in Appendix 3 of the Directive with the necessary adaptations.
2. AUTHORIZE the Deputy Director General – Administration to sign the declaration of the executive officer of the public body and any other document required to respect the requirements of the rendering of accounts as provided for in the Directive;
3. TRANSMIT all the required documents to the Secretariat of the Treasury Board so as to respect the requirement to render account as stipulated in the Directive.

VOTE: 11-0-0. ADOPTED. (Ms. A. Mancini not present for the vote.)

Resolution #18-06-13-14

15. Designation of Accommodation Officer for Religious Accommodation Requests

Provided for information purposes only by Me L. Roy.

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

Provided for information purposes only.

17. Second Question Period

None.

18. Motion To Adjourn

It was moved by Ms. P. Lattanzio and unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

It was moved by Ms. P. Lattanzio to RESCIND the adjournement.

19. Other Business

Town Hall Meeting

Mr. J. Lalla thanked Mr. D. Hogue for an extremely informative meeting.

20. Motion To Adjourn

It was moved by Ms. P. Lattanzio and unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mrs. Angela Mancini, Chairman

Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General