

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 Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman
Me Joe Ortona, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Agostino Cannavino
Mr. Julien Feldman (Present in person and by telephone)
Mr. Norm Gharibian, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Joseph Lalla
Ms. Sylvia Lo Bianco (Present by telephone)
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Parent Commissioner
Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Rosario Ortona (Present by telephone)
Mr. Bernie Praw
Mr. Andrew Ross, Parent Commissioner

Absent:

Mr. Mordechai Antal
Mr. James Kromida
Me Patricia Lattanzio

Present:

Ms. A. M. Matheson, Director General
Me B. Duhême, Deputy Director General, Administration Division
Ms. E. Alfonsi, Deputy Director General, Education Division
Me N. Lauzière, Secretary General
Ms. P. Nickoletopoulos, Regional Director, West
Ms. S. Léveillé, Director of School Organization
Mr. L. Lewis, Director of Student Services
Ms. L. Nassivera, Director of Financial Services
Me L. Roy, Interim Director of Legal Services
Mr. M. J. Cohen, Communications and Marketing Specialist

1. Notice of Meeting

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

VOTE: 12-0-0

Resolution #19-01-28-2

3. Formal Request from Council

WHEREAS Angela Mancini, Chair of the English Montreal School Board, has been absent from the Board since October 24, 2018;

WHEREAS the Chair has been absent in four of the last five council meetings (regular and special meetings);

WHEREAS the Chair has been absent in seven of the last eight meetings in which she was called to chair (including Long Range Planning meetings and the hearings regarding school changes);

WHEREAS the Chair in the last several months has been absent from numerous events, including but not limited to:

1. Long service reception - May 29, 2018;
2. The special meeting - October 10, 2018;
3. Long Range Planning Committee Meeting (where recommendations were made to open a new school in NDG and to relocate Westmount Park) - October 10, 2018;
4. The Marketing Meeting - October 17, 2018;
5. The Career Fair - October 17, 2018;
6. The Parent Conference - November 17, 2018;
7. The regular executive meeting - November 28, 2018;
8. The regular Meeting - November 28, 2018;
9. QESBA PD Sessions for which she registered - November 30 and December 1, 2018;
10. The Annual Chairman's Lunch (a date she herself picked to make sure she could attend) - December 19, 2018;
11. The regular Executive committee meeting - December 19, 2018;
12. The regular Board Meeting - December 19, 2018;
13. Hearings Regarding School Changes - January 9, 2019;
14. The Long Range planning meeting - January 14, 2019;
15. Countless media requests for a statement regarding the Minister's announcement - January 16, 2019;
16. Special Meeting - January 16, 2019;

WHEREAS the Chair has been absent from the events listed above and other events without any notice or with notice only on the day of the event/meeting;

WHEREAS it is important for council members and the administration to know who is acting in the role as chair of the school board;

WHEREAS the Chair has not responded to emails asking her to clarify whether she is currently acting in her role as chair or on a leave;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. BERNIE PRAW AND RESOLVED THAT Council formally ask the Chair to officially pronounce herself on her situation and status at the board, whether she is acting in her full capacity as chair or on a leave; AND

THAT the remuneration of the Chair be lowered to \$10,000 per year with the remaining amount to be allocated to adjust the current point based system, until such time as council determines otherwise.

- Mr. B. Praw amended the Main motion by adding that on October 10, 2018, Ms. Mancini was absent from the Education Committee meeting on home schooling.

Vote on amendment: 12-0-0, motion carried.

Vote on Main Motion including Mr. Praw's adopted amendment:

Vote: 8-2-2. ADOPTED. (Ms. Lo Bianco and Ms. Mancini against, Mr. Gharibian and Ms. Mughal abstained)

Resolution #19-01-28-3

4. Question Period

The Chairman and Director General answered questions posed by -

- Mr. Noah Sidal regarding Edinburg School.
- Mr. David Benoit regarding an item on the Agenda and webcasts of Board meetings.

5. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. P. Mercuri, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Ms. A. Mancini, Chairman

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Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General

