

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, February 6, 2019 at 6:45 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman
Me Joe Ortona, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Agostino Cannavino
Mr. Norm Gharibian, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Joseph Lalla
Me Patricia Lattanzio (Present by telephone)
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Bernie Praw
Mr. Andrew Ross, Parent Commissioner

Absent

Mr. Mordechai Antal
Mr. Julien Feldman
Mr. James Kromida
Ms. Sylvia Lo Bianco
Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Rosario Ortona

Present:

Ms. A. M. Matheson, Director General
Ms. E. Alfonsi, Deputy Director General, Education Division
Ms. N. Lauzière, Secretary General
Ms. P. Nickoletopoulos, Regional Director, West
Mr. J. Pevec, Regional Director, East
Ms. S. Furfaro, Director of Educational and Technology Services
Ms. S. Léveillé, Director of School Organization
Mr. B. Thomas, Assistant Director of Educational and Technology 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. A. Cannavino and unanimously resolved that the Agenda be approved as presented.

VOTE: 9-0-0

Resolution #19-02-6-2

3. Request for Group Tendering for Microsoft Licensing

WHEREAS Collecto intends to carry out a public tender for the acquisition of Microsoft Licensing for School Boards;

WHEREAS the contract awarded for this tender will be for a 36 month period from June 01, 2019 to May 31, 2022 renewable annually;

WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board wishes to participate in the Collecto grouped Services acquisition and to be identified as an organization taking part in the agreement to sign with one or more suppliers;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. P. MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board participate up to an amount of \$744,450 in the acquisition of Microsoft Licensing for School Boards with supplier(s) tendered by the Collecto Grouped Services for the next three (3) years and;

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

VOTE: 9-0-0

Resolution #19-02-6-3

4. Renewal of Rosetta Stone Licenses

WHEREAS eligible students receive licenses for Rosetta Stone language-learning software to support the learning of French second language through the measure under the Canada-Quebec entente;

WHEREAS the Rosetta Stone French software, deliverable via the internet, can be used either at school or at home and can be accessed through the EMSB portal;

WHEREAS this requires the renewal of Rosetta Stone language-learning software, distributed by Canadian Language Technolog;

WHEREAS eligible students at EMSB require renewed access to 1,150 Rosetta Stone licenses for users;

Whereas the total cost for a 12 month subscription period starting November 28, 2018 and ending November 28, 2019 is \$122,069.31 (CAD);

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the EMSB renew the access to Rosetta Stone licenses in the amount of \$122,069.31 (CAD) as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting. It was further resolved that the Director General or the Deputy Director General be authorized to sign the pertinent documents on behalf of the Board.

VOTE: 9-0-0

Resolution #19-02-6-4

5. For Consultation – Article 240 Status Renewals

WHEREAS Section 240 of the Education Act indicates that, by way of exception, at the request of a group of parents and after consulting with the parents' committee, a school board may, with the approval of the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES), establish a school for the purpose of a Specific Project, subject to the conditions and for the period determined by the Minister;

WHEREAS Section 240 also indicates that the school board may determine the criteria for the enrollment of the students in schools with a Specific Project;

WHEREAS the MEES requires that schools wishing to do so, renew their request for authorization;

WHEREAS the Governing Board and Staff Council of ROYAL VALE SCHOOL, ROYAL WEST ACADEMY, AND VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE have affirmed their request for the maintenance and support of its Specific Project Status;

WHEREAS pertinent documentation has been prepared by the school concerned and reviewed by Board Administrators;

WHEREAS the EMSB Parents' Committee and the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) should be consulted on the dedication of ROYAL VALE, ROYAL WEST ACADEMY, AND VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE schools to a special project pursuant to Section 240;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, in conformity with Section 193 (6.1) of the Education Act, the request for the renewal of the Specific Project Status for ROYAL VALE SCHOOL, ROYAL WEST ACADEMY, AND VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE be forwarded to the EMSB Parents' Committee and the Educational Policies Committee for consultation and approval to renew and continue its specific educational project, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.

VOTE: 9-0-0

Resolution #19-02-6-5

6. Question Period

None.

7. Adjournment

On motion of Mr. A. Ross, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Ms. A. Mancini, Chairman

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Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General