

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, April 10, 2019 at 7:40 p.m.

Commissioners Present

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

Absent

Mr. James Kromida

Present:

Ms. A. M. Matheson, Director General
Me B. Duhême, Deputy Director General, Administration Division
Ms. E. Alfonsi, Deputy Director General, Education Division
Me Nathalie 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
Ms. S. Furfaro, Director of Educational and Technology Services
Ms. S. Léveillé, Director of School Organization
Mr. M. J. Cohen, Communications and Marketing Specialist

1.	<p><u>Proper Notice of Meeting</u></p> <p>It was reported that the notice calling this special meeting had been forwarded by the Secretary General to all Members of Council via email.</p>
1.1	<p>Ms. Mancini proposed that there be a question period before the adoption of the Agenda. All members of Council were in favor.</p> <p>Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted (Ms. Mughal absent for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-04-10-1.1</u></p>

2.	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. P. MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.</p> <p>VOTE: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-04-10-2</u></p>
3.	<p><u>3.1 EMSB ANSWERS THE EDUCATION MINISTER’S CALL: TO HELP CSPI WITH THEIR URGENT NEED FOR CLASSROOM SPACE – FOR CONSULTATION</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Quebec Education Minister, Mr. Jean-Francois Roberge, mandated the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) to help find a solution to the urgent problem of student over-crowding at the Commission Scolaire de la Pointe-de-l’Ile (CSPI);</p> <p>WHEREAS on the recommendation of the Minister, the Government may, order that the ownership of an immovable belonging to a school board be transferred to another school board so that the latter may establish an educational institution as per section 477.1.1 of the Education Act;</p> <p>WHEREAS the CSPI has experienced a dramatic increase in youth sector enrolment over the last few years;</p> <p>WHEREAS the CSPI has already re-organized its own network of schools to liberate as many classrooms as possible - including converting adult education facilities into youth sector schools;</p> <p>WHEREAS the CSPI requires 156 additional classroom spaces for the 2019- 2020 school year;</p> <p>WHEREAS the EMSB has excellent collegial rapport with the CSPI – having been permitted to use space in their Culinary facility when we needed extra space for our own students;</p> <p>WHEREAS the EMSB has as its first priority, the proper teaching and learning environment needed for its own students and staff;</p> <p>WHEREAS the EMSB recognizes the dire situation of the CSPI and as such, has endeavoured to help;</p> <p>WHEREAS according to the Education Act, when a Deed of Establishment is modified or revoked, a consultation of the Governing Boards and Municipalities and Boroughs must take place.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. P. MERCURI AND MR. N. GHARIBIAN THAT the EMSB offer the following to the CSPI to help alleviate their classroom space problems:</p> <p>1. Co-habitation of the EMSB building located at 10291 Gariepy in Montreal North where both the Galileo Adult Education Centre and the Rosemount Technology (RTC) – Campus II - Curtis George are currently located such that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Galileo Common Core Basic Education program and the Galileo Social Integration Service (SIS) and Social Vocational Integration Services (SVIS) would relocate to the St-Pius X Career Centre at 9955 Papineau, in Montreal; - The Galileo Diversified Basic Education (academic) program would be merged with the same academic program at John F. Kennedy Adult Education Centre; - The RTC campus II - Curtis George program(s) would maintain the space it currently occupies in the Gariepy building; - Adult Education and Vocational Services (AEVS) department offices that are presently housed at the Gariepy building would be relocated as follows: SARCA to the John F. Kennedy Adult Education Centre and Data Processing and Student Records / Archives to the St-Pius Career Centre;

This proposal would allow approximately 57 classrooms to be allocated to the CSPI.

2. Rental and eventual sale of a small vacant daycare / school building that the EMSB owns, but does not use, at 12755 16th Avenue in Rivière des Prairies.

- There is land behind the building where an extension may be constructed or mobile classrooms may be placed.

This proposal would allow approximately 10 classrooms (plus mobiles) to be used by the CSPI

3. Temporary rental of a vacant EMSB school located on the corner of Henri Julien / Cremazie in Montreal.

This school is on the territory of the CSDM and would require Ministry approval for the CSPI to use it.

This proposal would allow approximately 15 classrooms to be used by the CSPI.

4. Sale of land behind former Maclaren School in Pointes-aux-Tremble (adjacent to CSPI Marc Laflamme school), designated as lots # 5035931 and 5035932 of the Cadastre du Quebec;

The CSPI could build a school there.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following members of the EMSB community be consulted for 30 days on the proposal above:

- the Galileo Adult Center Governing Board;
- the RTC Governing Board;
- the St-Pius X Career Centre Governing Board;
- the LINKS Governing Board,
- the John F. Kennedy Adult Education Centre Governing Board;
- the John F Kennedy High School Governing Board

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Deeds of Establishment of the EMSB schools and centres implicated be amended accordingly;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipalities and boroughs implicated be consulted and the EMSB's Three Year Plan be amended accordingly.

Amendments

- Mr. P. Mercuri and Mr. N. Gharibian moved that the EMSB Parents Committee (EMSBPC) be consulted as well on the proposal above.

Vote on amendment: 14-0-0, Adopted

- Ms. M. Mughal and Ms. S. Lo Bianco moved that the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (ACSES) be consulted on the proposal above.

Vote on amendment: 14-0-0, Adopted

- Ms. S. Lo Bianco moved that the Consultation period ends May 13, 2019, that a meeting be held on May 16, 2019 for the presentation of the briefs and that a Special Board meeting be scheduled for May 21st, 2019 for the final decision of the Council of Commissioners.

Vote on amendment: 14-0-0, Adopted

- Mr. Antal proposed that The Galileo Common Core Basic Education program and the Galileo Social Integration Service (SIS) and Social Vocational Integration Services (SVIS) would remain at the Galileo building.

Vote on amendment: 4-9-0, Defeated

(Mr. M. Antal, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Ms. M. Mughal and Ms. A. Mancini voted for the amendment, Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. J. Feldman, Mr. N. Gharibian, Mr. J. Lalla, Ms. P. Lattanzio, Mr. P. Mercuri, Mr. R. Ortona, Mr. B. Praw and Mr. J. Ortona voted against, Mr. A. Ross was absent for the vote)

Mr. N. Gharibian called the vote on the main motion, all were in favor:

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- b. the RTC Governing Board;
- c. the St-Pius X Career Centre Governing Board;
- d. the LINKS Governing Board,
- e. the John F. Kennedy Adult Education Centre Governing Board;
- f. the John F Kennedy High School Governing Board
- g. the EMSB Parents Committee (EMSBPC)
- h. the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (ACSES)

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IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Deeds of Establishment of the EMSB schools and centres implicated be amended accordingly;

FINALLY, IT WAS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the municipalities and boroughs implicated be consulted and the EMSB's Three Year Plan be amended accordingly.

VOTE: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution #19-04-10-3.1

3.2 Mr. J. Lalla moved to continue the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

Vote: 13-1-0, Adopted (Mr. M. Antal voted against)

Resolution #19-04-10-3.2

4. Public Question Period

No questions.

5.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>It was moved by Mr. J. Lalla and unanimously resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:02 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-04-10-5</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>