

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

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A Special meeting of the English Montreal School Board was held in the Laurence Patterson Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue, on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:30pm.

Commissioners Present

Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman  
Me Joe Ortona, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. M. Antal, Commissioner  
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner  
Mr. Norm Gharibian, Parent Commissioner  
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner  
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner  
Me Patricia Lattanzio, Commissioner (participation by telephone)  
Ms. Sylvia Lo Bianco, Commissioner  
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Parent Commissioner  
Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Parent Commissioner (participation by telephone)  
Mr. Rosario Ortona, Commissioner  
Mr. Andrew Ross, Parent Commissioner

Absent

Mr. Agostino Cannavino Commissioner  
Mr. Bernie Praw, Commissioner

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  
Mr. J. Pevec, Regional Director, East  
Mr. C. Della Rocca, Director of Adult Education and Vocational Services  
Mrs. S. Furfaro, Director of Educational & Technology Services  
Ms. A. Watson, Director of Human Resources  
Ms. S. Léveillé, Director of School Organization  
Mr. M. Cohen, Communications and Marketing Specialist  
Ms. B. Sellato, Communications Consultant

Approximately 40 members of the public were present.

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>
2.	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.</p> <p>VOTE: 12-0-0, Adopted (Mr. J. Kromida not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-05-21-2</u></p>
	<p>At 7:33 p.m., Mr. J. Kromida joined the meeting.</p>
3.	<p><u>English Montreal School Board answers Education Minister Jean-François Roberge’s call in December 2018 to help the Commission Scolaire de la Pointe-de-L’Île (CSPI) with their urgent need for classroom space for the fall of 2019</u></p> <p><u>3.1 Relocation of the Galileo Adult Education Centre at St. Pius X Career Centre</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Quebec Education Minister Jean-François Roberge mandated the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) in late December 2018 to help find a solution to the urgent problem of student overcrowding at the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l’Île (CSPI);</p> <p>WHEREAS the EMSB agreed to work diligently and in good faith with the Education Minister’s senior Cabinet and CSPI to come up with a plan;</p> <p>WHEREAS in early February 2019, the EMSB Director General was mandated by the EMSB Council of Commissioners to make the following offer of help to the CSPI: Transfer of land in Pointe-aux-Trembles (to build a school), transfer of a small vacant school building on 16th Avenue in Rivière-des-Prairies (10 classrooms) and the small parcel of land on which it sits (for mobile classrooms), co-habitation in the EMSB Galileo centre / school on Gariépy in Montreal North (57-60 classrooms), and use of a vacant school building on Crémazie and Henri-Julien (12-15 classrooms);</p> <p>WHEREAS in February and March 2019, the offer made by the EMSB was accepted and appreciated by both the CSPI and Minister Roberge’s senior Cabinet members;</p> <p>WHEREAS a consultation process was launched with EMSB stakeholders according to legal requirements at a Special Board meeting on April 10, 2019 (resolution: # 19-04-10-3.1);</p> <p>WHEREAS the EMSB Council of Commissioners invited the consulted parties to present the highlights of their brief to the Council on May 16, 2019;</p> <p>WHEREAS a Special Council meeting was called for May 21, 2019 such that the Council of Commissioners, after proper consultation, would make a decision on each individual element of the plan to help the CSPI – as proposed in February 2019;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. R. ORTONA AND RESOLVED THAT in order to allow the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l’Île to co-habitate in the Gariépy building, the Galileo Adult Education Centre be relocated at the St. Pius X Career Centre as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) That the Galileo Common Core Basic Education program and the Galileo Social Integration Service (SIS) and Social Vocational Integration Services (SVIS) be moved to the St. Pius X Career Centre at 9955 Papineau, in Montreal but remain under the administration of the Galileo Principal;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) That the Galileo Diversified Basic Education Academic Program be moved to the John F.</p>

Kennedy Adult Education Centre and be placed under the administration of the John F. Kennedy Adult Education Principal;

(c) That the Adult Education and Vocational Services (AEVS) department offices that are presently housed at the Gariépy building be relocated as follows: SARCA to the John F. Kennedy Adult Education Centre and Data Processing and Student Records / Archives to the St. Pius X Career Centre.

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

IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the EMSB's Three Year Plan be amended accordingly.

VOTE: 8-4-1, Adopted

In favor	Mr. J. Feldman, Mr. N. Gharibian, Mr. J. Kromida, Mr. J. Lalla, Ms. P. Lattanzio, Mr. R. Ortona, Mr. A. Ross, Mr. J. Ortona
Against	Mr. M. Antal, Ms. S. Lo Bianco, Ms. M. Mughal, Ms. A. Mancini
Abstain	Mr. P. Mercuri

Resolution #19-05-21-3.1

Commissioner Andrew Ross gave a notice of his intention to present two resolutions at the next Board meeting.

At 8:25 p.m., Mr. J. Kromida and Ms. M. Mughal left the meeting.

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

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WHEREAS the EMSB agreed to work diligently and in good faith with the Education Minister's senior Cabinet and CSPI to come up with a plan;

WHEREAS in early February 2019, the EMSB Director General was mandated by the EMSB Council of Commissioners to make the following offer of help to the CSPI: Transfer of land in Pointe-aux-Trembles (to build a school), transfer of a small vacant school building on 16th Avenue in Rivière-des-Prairies (10 classrooms) and the small parcel of land on which it sits (for mobile classrooms), co-habitation in the EMSB Galileo centre / school on Gariépy in Montreal North (57-60 classrooms), and use of a vacant school building on Crémazie and Henri-Julien (12-15 classrooms);

WHEREAS in February and March 2019, the offer made by the EMSB was accepted and appreciated by both the CSPI and Minister Roberge's senior Cabinet members;

WHEREAS a consultation process was launched with EMSB stakeholders according to legal requirements at a Special Board meeting on April 10, 2019 (resolution: # 19-04-10-3.1);

WHEREAS the EMSB Council of Commissioners invited the consulted parties to present the highlights of their brief to the Council on May 16, 2019;

WHEREAS a Special Council meeting was called for May 21, 2019 such that the Council of Commissioners, after proper consultation, would make a decision on each individual element of the plan to

help the CSPI – as proposed in February 2019;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. A. ROSS AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

(a) the Board agrees to sell by mutual agreement to the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île (CSPI) the small vacant daycare / school building located at 12755 16th Avenue in Rivière-des-Prairies – BICS#887044, the whole according to section 7 of the *Regulation respecting the norms, conditions and procedure for disposing of an immovable of a school board R.S.Q., c. I-13.3, r.7*;

(b) the sale of this property is authorized only under the condition that the Board receives an adequate compensation from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES);

(c) the Director General and Assistant Directors General be authorized to negotiate with the CSPI and the MEES the amount of the compensation for final approval by the Council of Commissioners at a later date;

(d) until the transfer of the property is concluded, CSPI be authorized to use the property for its students;

(e) the Director General and Assistant Directors General be authorized to negotiate and conclude a lease agreement with the CSPI for the use of the property until its official sale.

VOTE: 11-0-0, Adopted (Mr. J. Kromida and Ms. M. Mughal not present for the vote)

Resolution #19-05-21-3.2

### 3.3 Temporary rental of vacant EMSB school located on the corner of Henri Julien / Crémazie in Montreal

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WHEREAS the EMSB agreed to work diligently and in good faith with the Education Minister's senior Cabinet and CSPI to come up with a plan;

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WHEREAS the EMSB Council of Commissioners invited the consulted parties to present the highlights of their brief to the Council on May 16, 2019;

WHEREAS a Special Council meeting was called for May 21, 2019 such that the Council of Commissioners, after proper consultation, would make a decision on each individual element of the plan to

help the CSPI – as proposed in February 2019;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. N. GHARIBIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the EMSB offer to the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île (CSPI) the temporary rental of a vacant EMSB school located at 8735 Avenue Henri-Julien in Montreal.

IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Director General and Assistant Directors General be authorized to negotiate and conclude a lease agreement with the CSPI for the use of the property located at 8735 Avenue Henri-Julien in Montreal.

VOTE: 11-0-0, Adopted (Mr. J. Kromida and Ms. M. Mughal not present for the vote)

Resolution #19-05-21-3.3

At 8:30 p.m., Mr. J. Kromida returned to the meeting.

### 3.4 Sale of land behind former McLearn School in Pointes-aux-Trembles

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WHEREAS a Special Council meeting was called for May 21, 2019 such that the Council of Commissioners, after proper consultation, would make a decision on each individual element of the plan to help the CSPI – as proposed in February 2019;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

(a) the Board agrees to sell by mutual agreement to the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île (CSPI) the land behind the former McLearn School in Pointe-aux-Trembles to build a school, which land is located on Notre-Dame East Street and designated as lots # 5 035 931 and 5 035 932 of the Cadastre du Québec, the whole according to section 7 of the *Regulation respecting the norms, conditions and procedure for disposing of an immovable of a school board R.S.Q., c. I-13.3, r.7;*

(b) the sale of the land is authorized only under the condition that the Board receives an adequate compensation from the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) and that it be

