

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, June 5, 2019 at 7:07 p.m.

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
Ms. Sylvia Lo Bianco, Commissioner
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Rosario Ortona, Commissioner
Mr. Andrew Ross, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Agostino Cannavino Commissioner
Mr. Bernie Praw, Commissioner

Absent

Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Parent 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
Mr. M. Cohen, Communications and Marketing Specialist
Ms. B. Sellato, Communications Consultant

There were approximately 50 members of the public.

	<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 with question period moved ahead before council goes in camera.</p> <p>VOTE: 13-0-1, Adopted (Mr. N. Gharibian abstained)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-06-05-2</u></p>
3.	<p><u>Negotiations with Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'île</u></p> <p>The chair, Ms. A. Mancini gave the council and audience present a brief synopsis of the recent negotiation meetings that took place between the EMSB and the CSPI.</p> <p>Concerns were raised on the offer to but the Galileo Building by the CSPI.</p>
	<p>Mr. J. Kromida and Ms. S. Lo Bianco left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.</p>
	<p>On a motion by Ms. A. Mancini the meeting moved in camera at 8:11 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 11-0-1, Adopted (Mr. M. Antal against, Mr. J. Kromida and Ms. S. Lo Bianco not present for the vote)</p>
	<p>The meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m.</p>
4.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p><u>Francesca Pitruzzello- parent from Gerald McShane</u> Everyone has been elected to represent what the parents want. Can everyone come together to offer something with the least amount of disruption.</p> <p><u>Tania Cocciardi- parent from Leonardo da Vinci</u> Would the Board to consider going to the courts to protect the English community. We have the grounds to go to court because we are acting in good faith and the minister is not cooperating. Has the Board considered any measures into entering a legal battle?</p> <p><u>Maria Corsi- parent from Pierre de Coubertin</u> Have any buildings for sale or rent been brought forward as options? Has the CSPI considered portable classes on vacant plots and school yards? Have the CSPI put forward a plan within their own network on a solution to their problem?</p> <p><u>Giovanni Petrecca- parent from Pierre de Coubertin and John Paul I</u> Concerned that on the CSPI website he read that last year 2 thousand students in the adult sector were lost. With regard to John Paul I, how can the EMSB give up a school at 84% capacity? What is the school board going to do to protect this school? On the CSPI website he is concerned that they show very vague documentation and their Three Year Plan is not as detailed as the EMSB. Concerned on how they did not know they would be short space for students. Did they not have a plan in motion for those students?</p> <p><u>Remo Milone- parent from Gerald McShane</u> Asked that the Board speak to the parents in the community regarding ideas and solutions.</p>

	<p><u>Steve Assaf- parent from John Paul I</u> Asked if the Board can work together. Everyone is there for all the schools.</p> <p><u>Nadia D'Agostino- parent from Dante</u> What is the next step for the people in St. Leonard?</p> <p><u>Lucia Duca- parent from John Paul I</u> Protect our English schools. Wants to be sure that in the future there are English schools. Protect our kids, give them a voice and defend their rights.</p> <p><u>Dr. Franco Vittrone- parent from General Vanier</u> What are these east end parents to do? How were these school put on the list?</p>
	<p>The Administration left the meeting at 9:24 p.m.</p>
	<p><u>Antonio Zaruso - Parent from General Vanier</u> Why does it take so long to come up with a creatable solution? Is concerned that these three schools were suggested by-someone. As of June 10th what will happen?</p>
	<p>On a motion by Mr. N. Gharibian the meeting moved in camera at 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 12-0-0, Adopted (Mr. J. Lalla and Mr. R. Ortona not present for the vote)</p>
	<p>There was a 5 minute recess at 9:40 p.m. before beginning the in camera session.</p>
	<p>The in camera session began at 9:45 p.m.</p>
	<p>On a motion by Mr. A. Cannavino the meeting was extended at 10:32 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted (Mr. M. Antal not present for the vote)</p>
	<p>Mr. N. Gharibian left the meeting at 10:49 p.m.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>At 11:50 p.m. on a motion by Mr. J. Lalla the meeting was recessed and will reconvene on Friday June 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>VOTE: 12-0-0, Adopted (Mr. M. Antal and Mr. N, Gharibian not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution #19-06-05-5</u></p>

Signed in Montreal, _____

Ms. Angela Mancini, Chairman

Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General