

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Special Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Laurence Patterson Room, 6000 Fielding Avenue.

Commissioners Present

Me Joe Ortona, Chair
Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Vice-Chair
Mr. Mario Bentrovato, Commissioner – via TEAMS
Ms. Maria Corsi, Parent Commissioner – via TEAMS
Ms. Sophie De Vito, Commissioner – via TEAMS
Mr. Jamie Fabian, Commissioner
Ms. Ellie Israel, Commissioner
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner
Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner
Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner

Commissioners Not Present

Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner

Administrators Present:

Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, Director General
Mr. Jack Chadirdjian, Assistant Director General, Administration Division
Ms. Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, Assistant Director General, Education Division
Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General

Mr. Jimmy Giannacopoulos, Sector Director, Elementary
Ms. Sandra Léveillé, Director School Organization
Ms. Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services
Ms. Marilyn Ramlakhan, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Ms. Julie René de Cotret, Director, Student Services
Ms. Angela Spagnolo, Director, AEVS
Me Magda Sokol, Director, Legal Services
Ms. Ann Watson, Director, Human Resources
Mr. Mike Cohen, Manager, Communications & Marketing
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

3 members of the public were present

1.	<p><u>Confirmation of Proper Notice of the Meeting</u></p> <p>Me Nathalie Lauzière confirmed that notice of this meeting was given.</p>
2.	<p><u>Adoption of the Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 12-0-0, Adopted (Ms. M. Mughal not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-06-29-2</u></p>
3.	<p><u>In Camera</u></p> <p><u>3.1 Motion to Move In Camera</u></p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Joseph Lalla the meeting went In Camera at 7:04 p.m.</p> <p>The meeting returned from the In Camera session at 7:12 p.m.</p>
4.	<p><u>Adoption of Resolution(s) from In Camera</u></p> <p><u>3.2 Dismissal of Employee #841 989 346</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the employee # 841 989 346 was formally relieved of his/her duties on June 13, 2022 in accordance with Clause 5.7-02 of the Teachers' Collective Agreement;</p> <p>WHEREAS the appropriate investigation has been conducted;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Union has been informed by written notice of the Board's intention to terminate the engagement of employee #841 989 346;</p> <p>WHEREAS it has been confirmed that the reason for termination is misconduct, and immoral behaviour;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. TONY SPERANZA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT in accordance with Clause 5.7-00 of the Teachers' Collective Agreement, the Contract of Engagement between the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) and employee #841 989 346 be terminated immediately and that effective June 29, 2022, she/he be dismissed from the service of the Board.</p> <p>Vote: 12-0-0, Adopted (Ms. M. Mughal not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-06-29-3.2</u></p>
5.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions were addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:</p> <p><u>Mr. Chris Eustace asked the following questions in person:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is this subject not on today's Agenda considering the Association expects the first payment very soon... 2. Rather than rubber stamp the membership fees increase for the QESBA, would the EMSB have a full debate and discussion on this issue?

Ms. Mubeenah Mughal joined the meeting via TEAMS at 7:17 p.m.

6. Revised Cafeteria Price List and Subsidy Structure 2022-2023

WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Nutrition Policy requires the board to approve the cafeteria price list and subsidy structure on an annual basis;

WHEREAS the EMSB Nutrition Policy stipulates that the school cafeterias shall be operated in a manner so that the cost to students is the lowest possible based on the criteria of quality, quantity and nutritional value, and within self-financing parameters;

WHEREAS the confirmed food and supplies contract prices are expected to rise between 10% and 12%;

WHEREAS the price list and subsidy structure submitted in May accounted for a 9% increase in revenues;

WHEREAS a proposed revised price list and subsidy structure reflecting 11% increase in revenues have been submitted by School Organization/Nutrition and Food Services;

WHEREAS the proposed revised price list and subsidy structure reflect a \$600,000 Campaign Against Poverty Program subsidy;

WHEREAS the CENTRAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE-RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE (CMAC/RAC) recommends the proposed revised price list and subsidy structure;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE-RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE (CMAC/RAC), THAT the revised Cafeteria Price List and Subsidy Structure for 2022-2023 be approved, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.

Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-06-29-6

7. 2022-2023 Operating, Debt Service, and Capital Investment Budget

WHEREAS Section 277 of the Education Act (Chapter I-13.3) stipulates that the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) shall adopt its Operating, Capital Investment, and Debt Service Budget for the 2022-2023 school year and transmit same to the Minister of Education;

WHEREAS the EMSB foresees the need to adopt an Operating Budget for the 2022-2023 school year where expenditures exceed revenues by \$9,242,310 and that this amount is equal to the 15% limit for the appropriation of the June 30, 2021 Accumulated Surplus, excluding the net value of land and the provision for salary retroactivity and pay equity at June 30, 2021;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE/RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE, THAT the Operating, Capital Investment and Debt Service Budget providing for Revenues of \$400,665,499 and Expenditures of \$409,907,809 be adopted and transmitted to the Minister of Education, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.

Vote: 10-0-3, Adopted (Mr. A. Cannavino, Mr. M. Bentrovato and Mr. J. Lalla abstained)

Resolution # 22-06-29-7

8. Recommendation from the Long Range Planning Committee

8.1 Expansion L.I.N.K.S. High School to 2nd floor St. Pius X Facility – Following Consultation

WHEREAS at the Board meeting on May 24, 2022 the Council of Commissioners approved for consultation purposes, in Resolution # 22-05-24-17.1, a proposal for the expansion of L.I.N.K.S High School to 2nd floor St Pius X facility;

WHEREAS the St Pius X governing board, and EMSB Parents' Committee were invited to submit their views, in writing, no later than June 25, 2022 and provided such, as per the documentation submitted;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MARIO PIETRANGELO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, THAT the Board approve the proposal for the expansion of L.I.N.K.S High School to 2nd floor St Pius X facility.

Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-06-29-8.1

8.2 Rent and Installation of One Modular Classroom at Michelangelo International Elementary

WHEREAS student enrollment for Michelangelo International Elementary is on the rise and as of September 30th, 2021 enrollment was 516 students which places the school at 109% capacity;

WHEREAS according to the Three Year Plan 2022-2025, student enrollment is forecasted to be constant, placing the school at overcapacity for the next three years;

WHEREAS the Long Range Planning Committee looked into possible solutions regarding the space requirements for Michelangelo International Elementary;

WHEREAS the Long Range Planning Committee recommends that the Michelangelo International Elementary administration work to reduce the school population to its maximum capacity of 100% over the next 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years;

WHEREAS the Long Range Planning Committee recommends that the Material Resources (MR) Department attain any necessary permits and make all the necessary arrangements to place a public tender on Le système électronique d'appel d'offres du gouvernement du Québec (SEAO) to rent and install one mobile classroom on the Michelangelo International Elementary property in time for the beginning of classes in August 2023, for the 2023-2024 school year only;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, THAT the Material Resources Department make all necessary arrangements in terms of budget, public tender and permits to rent and install one mobile classroom on the Michelangelo International Elementary property for the 2023-2024 school year only;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governing Board of Michelangelo International Elementary.

Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-06-29-8.2

<p>9.</p>	<p><u>EMSB Partnership Agreements with Community Organizations – Awarding of Contracts</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) proceeded with a call to tender for community partners able to offer vocational training programs in cooperation with the English Montreal School Board (EMSB);</p> <p>WHEREAS the call for candidates, No. PS22-0410, closed on May 30, 2022;</p> <p>WHEREAS nine applicants responded to the EMSB’s call to tender;</p> <p>WHEREAS the selection committee met on June 3, 2022, to evaluate the nine applications based on the tender criteria;</p> <p>WHEREAS the selection committee retained six candidates who met the requirements;</p> <p>WHEREAS these six retained candidates will be invited to sign a Partnership Agreement for three years, ending June 30, 2025, and, at the EMSB’s discretion, may extend the contract for an additional 2 years;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MARIO PIETRANGELO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT based on the recommendation of the selection committee, the EMSB enter into a partnership agreement with the applicants below, and that following the signing of a contract, they be placed on the list of community partners for the next three years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academie Erudit Inc. • Ahmon Institut de Montreal • College Fengye Inc. • College McGill Quebec • Institut Supraca Inc. • Trois-A Centre de Culture et Echange <p>IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Director General be authorized to sign all partnership agreements, as presented in the call of Candidates, on behalf of the English Montreal School Board.</p> <p>Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-06-29-9</u></p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>AEVS – Recruitment for International Students</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Confirmation of Board Level Administrators</u></p> <p>This item was presented by the Director General, Mr. Nick Katalifos, for information. The Director General confirmed the following Board Level Administrators in their assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jack Chadirdjian, Assistant Director General, Administration - Ms. Pela Nickoletopoulos, Assistant Director General, Education - Mr. Michael Cohen, Manager, Marketing and Communications
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Confirmation of School and Centre Administrators</u></p> <p>This item was presented by the Director General, Mr. Nick Katalifos, for information. The Director General confirmed Ms. Antonella Russo in her assignment as Vice-Principal at St. Pius Career Centre.</p>

13.	<u>Ministère de l'Éducation de Québec (MEQ) Funded Pre-K Classes 2022-2023</u> This item was presented for information.
14.	<u>Adjournment</u> IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 P.M. Vote: 13-0-0, Adopted <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-06-29-14</u></p>
	<p>Signed in Montreal, _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Me Joe Ortona, Chair</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General</p>