

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 16, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. Via Teams, in Montreal.

Commissioners Present

Me Joe Ortona, Chair
Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Vice-Chair
Mr. Mario Bentrovato, Commissioner
Ms. Maria Corsi, Parent Commissioner
Ms. Sophie De Vito, Commissioner
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
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner

Commissioners Not Present

Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner

Administrators Present:

Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, Appointed Director General
Ms. Evelyne Alfonsi, Assistant Director General, Education Division
Me Benoît Duhême, Assistant Director General, Administration Division
Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General

Ms. Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services
Ms. Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, Sector Director, Elementary
Ms. Sabrina Petrocco, Assistant Director, Student Services
Ms. Julie René de Cotret, Director Student Services
Ms. Anna Sanalidro, Director, Educational Services
Me Magdalena Sokol, Interim Director of Legal Services
Ms. Angela Spagnolo, Sector Director, AEVS
Mr. Charalambos Thomas, Director Information Technology Services
Mr. Joe Vitanttonio, Assistant Director, Human Resources
Ms. Ann Watson, Director, Human Resources
Mr. Mike Cohen, Communications & Marketing Specialist
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretarial General and Communications

1. Confirmation of Proper Notice of the Meeting

Me Nathalie Lauzière confirmed that proper notice of this meeting was given.

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 and Mr. D. Tatone not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-06-16-2</u></p>
3.	<p><u>In Camera</u></p> <p><u>3.1 Motion to Move In Camera</u></p> <p>The members of Council did not move in camera and went directly to the adoption of resolution 3.2.</p>
4.	<p><u>Adoption of resolutions from In Camera</u></p> <p><u>3.2 Energy Management and Energy Efficiency Contract</u></p> <p>WHEREAS on March 26, 2014, the EMSB awarded a contract to Énergère inc., the whole in accordance with resolution 14-03-26-3;</p> <p>WHEREAS on September 23, 2014, having received the detailed feasibility study from Énergère inc., the EMSB contractually committed to pay to Énergère inc. the amount of \$ 24 635 608 (plus taxes), the whole in accordance with resolution 14-12-17-18;</p> <p>WHEREAS on December 17, 2014, the obligations of the Parties to the contract were modified, the whole in accordance with resolution 14-12-17-18;</p> <p>WHEREAS considering the above, a contract was entered into and signed by the Parties respectively on December 8, 2014 by Énergère inc. and on January 15, 2015 by the English Montreal School Board (hereinafter the "Contract");</p> <p>WHEREAS following the Contract entered into, the Parties respectively presented claims and alleged that amounts were due to each party and that obligations were to be rendered by the Parties (hereinafter the "Dispute");</p> <p>WHEREAS the prescription period for the respective rights of the Parties will shortly be acquired;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Parties have undertaken discussions in good faith in order to try to settle the Dispute;</p> <p>WHEREAS the said discussions have not, to date, made it possible to reach a settlement, but the Parties wish to continue the discussions in good faith in order to try to resolve the Dispute amicably;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Parties wish to interrupt the prescription until October 29, 2021, in accordance with, but not limited to, the provisions of sections 2116 and 2925 C.c.Q and section 7 C.p.c., by entering into an agreement through the « Convention interruptive de prescription » attached to this Resolution;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Interim Director of Legal Services recommends interrupting the prescription until October 29, 2021;</p>

	<p>WHEREAS the Director General was informed and recommends interrupting the prescription until October 29, 2021;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Director General be authorized to execute and sign the « Convention interruptive de prescription » attached to the resolution.</p> <p>Vote:12-0-0, Adopted (Ms. M. Mughal and Mr. D. Tatone not present for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-06-16-3.2</u></p>
	<p>At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Daniel Tatone joined the meeting.</p>
5.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>There were no questions from the public.</p>
6.	<p><u>History: The Untolds</u></p> <p>Ms. Anna Sanalidro and presenter Mr. Andrew D’Anna presented the item as information.</p>
	<p>At 7:13 p.m. Ms. Mubannah Mughal joined the meeting.</p>
7.	<p><u>Administrative Appointments Schools and Centres 2021-2022 – Additional Final Round</u></p> <p>Information item presented by Mr. Nick Katalifos, Director General.</p>
8.	<p><u>8.1 Confirmation of Board Level Administrators</u></p> <p>Information item presented by Mr. Nick Katalifos, Director General. The following people were confirmed as Board Level Administrators, effective immediately:</p> <p>Richard David – Assistant Director Adult and Vocational Services Sabrina Petrocco – Assistant Director, Student Services</p> <p><u>8.2 Confirmation of Vice-Principals effective July 1, 2021</u></p> <p>Information item presented by Mr. Nick Katalifos, Director General. The following people were confirmed as Principals and Vice Principals, effective July 1, 2021:</p> <p>Marilyn Ramlakhan, Principal Ruben Azevedo, Vice-Principal</p>
	<p>At 7:33 p.m. the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona stepped away from the meeting and asked the Vice Chair, Mr. Agostino Cannavino to chair the meeting.</p>
9.	<p><u>Rescindment of Policy HR-6 Abolishing, Creating and Hiring Re Non-Instructional Positions - Following Consultation</u></p> <p>WHEREAS Policy HR-6 Abolishing, Maintaining, Creating and Hiring Re Non- Instructional Positions was adopted by the English Montreal School Board on April 26, 1987, as per Resolution #87-08-26-4-C4;</p>

WHEREAS the Human Resources Committee met on February 17, 2021 and recommended that the Policy be rescinded;

WHEREAS the Board approved resolution # 21-02-24-11.1 on February 24, 2021 permitting that Policy HR-6 to be rescinded be sent out for consultation purposes to the following groups:

- *Central Management Advisory Committee - Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC);*
- *Association professionnelle du personnel administratif (APPA);*
- *English Montreal School Board Parents Committee (EMSBPC);*
- *Montreal Teachers Association (MTA);*
- *Syndicat des professionnelles et professionnels du milieu de l'éducation de Montréal (SPPMEM);*
- *Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA);*
- *Association québécoise des cadres scolaires (AQCS);*
- *Quebec Federation of Labor (QFL);*
- *Association of English Montreal Board Administrators (AEMBA);*

WHEREAS the feedback received from the parties consulted was taken into consideration and used to revise the Policy;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners approve the rescindment of Policy HR-6 Abolishing, Maintaining, Creating and Hiring Re Non-Instructional Positions, as submitted to the meeting, effective immediately.

Vote:13-0-0, Adopted
(Mr. J. Ortona absent for the vote)

Resolution # 21-06-16-9

10. Correction to Calendar (teachers) for the Youth, Adult and Vocational Sectors 2021-2022

WHEREAS the Human Resources Department has drafted the calendar (teachers) for the youth, adult and vocational sectors for 2021-2022;

WHEREAS the calendars (teachers) for the youth, adult and vocational sectors for 2021-2022 were sent out for the purposes of official consultation, following approval by the Council of Commissioners, to the following groups: - *English Montreal School Board Parents Committee (EMSBPC); Central Management Advisory Committee -Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC); Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA); - Montreal Teachers Association (MTA);*

WHEREAS the Board approved the calendars by resolution # 21-04-28-5.3 on April 28, 2021;

WHEREAS the proposed calendar (teachers) for the youth sector and the calendar for the vocational services sector for 2021-2022 have been subsequently modified to reflect a correction in the distribution of pedagogical days;

WHEREAS the groups previously consulted - *English Montreal School Board Parents Committee (EMSBPC); Central Management Advisory Committee - Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC); Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA); Montreal Teachers Association (MTA)* have been informed of the revised calendars (teachers) for the youth, adult and vocational sectors for 2021-2022;

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the revised calendars (teachers) for the Youth, Adult and Vocational Sectors for 2021-2022 be approved.</p> <p>Vote:13-0-0, Adopted (Mr. J. Ortona absent for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-06-16-10</u></p>
11.	<p><u>Staffing Plan for the Special Education Sector, Attendants and Special Education Technicians – 2021-2022 Assignments</u></p> <p>WHEREAS clause 7-3.24 of the S18-FEESP-CSN Collective Agreement states that, no later than August 20th of each fiscal year, the Board shall adopt a Staffing Plan in the Special Education Sector;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Board must submit a draft staffing plan to the Union for consultation five (5) days before it is adopted;</p> <p>WHEREAS the concerned Union (CSN-APPA) was consulted;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. SOPHIE DE VITO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Staffing Plan for the Special Education Sector personnel for the 2021-2022 school year, be approved as per the documentation submitted at the meeting of June 16th 2021.</p> <p>Vote:12-0-1, Adopted (Mr. M. Bentrovato abstained, Mr. J. Ortona absent for the vote)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-06-16-11</u></p>
	<p>At 7:39 p.m. Mr. Joe Ortona returned to the meeting.</p>
12.	<p><u>Budget Building Process 2021-2022</u></p> <p>Ms. Livia Nassivera spoke to the item.</p> <p>WHEREAS as per Section 193.3 of the <i>Education Act</i> the Resource Allocation Committee must set up a consultation process with a view to establishing objectives and principles governing the annual allocation of revenues in accordance with section 275;</p> <p>WHEREAS as per Section 193.5 of the <i>Education Act</i> the School Board may entrust the functions assigned to the Resource Allocation Committee under this Act to the advisory committee on management, herein after referred to as the Central Management Advisory Committee/Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC/RAC);</p> <p>WHEREAS Section 275 of the <i>Education Act</i> states that taking into account the recommendations of the CMAC/RAC, the school board shall establish objectives and principles governing the allocation of its revenues;</p> <p>WHEREAS in conformity with Sections 275 and 193.3 of the <i>Education Act</i>, a document entitled Budget Building Process for 2021-2022 has been created;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners, at the Board meeting of December 16, 2020 resolved by virtue of resolution #20-12-16-12 that the document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2021-2022’ be approved for forwarding to the school and centre governing boards and the EMSB Parents’ Committee (EMSBPC) for purposes of consultation;</p>

	<p>WHEREAS it was further resolved that the document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2021-2022’ be forwarded to ACSES, EMSAC, and CMAC for feedback;</p> <p>WHEREAS the school and centre governing boards and the EMSBPC have submitted recommendations on the budget priorities and feedback on the Guiding Principles, Criteria, and Related Orientations;</p> <p>WHEREAS the ACSES and EMSAC have provided suggestions for budget priorities and feedback on the Guiding Principles, Criteria, and Related Orientations;</p> <p>WHEREAS the document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2020-2021’ has taken into consideration recommendations formulated as per above;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Central Management Advisory Committee/Resource Allocation Committee, and the Directors’ Committee has reviewed and endorsed this document;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE-RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE, THAT the document entitled ‘Budget Building Process for 2021-2022’ be approved, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.</p> <p>Vote:14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-06-16-12</u></p>
13.	<p><u>2020-2021 Commissioners Remuneration – Residual Amount</u></p> <p>WHEREAS pursuant to Resolution #20-12-16-16, adopted by the Board on December 16, 2020, the annual remuneration to English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Commissioners for the period of November 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 was approved;</p> <p>WHEREAS following the distribution of said remuneration, there remains a residual amount of the total maximum global remuneration of \$8,069;</p> <p>WHEREAS it has been determined that the remaining balance of the total remuneration envelope be distributed to the Commissioners on a pro-rated basis, calculated on the total remuneration paid for the period of November 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. TONY SPERANZA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the residual amount be distributed to English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Commissioners on a pro-rated basis, as outlined in the documentation submitted to the meeting.</p> <p>Vote:14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-06-16-13</u></p>

14.	<p><u>Recommendation from the Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee</u></p> <p><u>14.1 Public Transportation Allocation (CAM Card Allocation) for Students in the Virtual School</u></p> <p>WHEREAS since the 2003-2004 school year, the Board has granted a Public Transportation Allocation or CAM Card Allocation to high school students who reside more than 2.4 kilometers from their school and reside within the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) territory;</p> <p>WHEREAS during the 2020-2021 school year, approximately 4 749 high school students were residing more than 2.4 kilometers from their school and were residing within the EMSB territory;</p> <p>WHEREAS on June 30th, the transportation budget was approved with a Public Transportation Allocation in the amount of \$180.00 per student;</p> <p>WHEREAS during the 2020-2021 school year, a total of 163 students eligible for the Public Transportation Allocation attended the Virtual School;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Virtual School began on September 7th, 2020;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Transportation & Safety Advisory Committee recommends that the 145 students who registered in the Virtual School between September 7th, 2020 and January 31st, 2021 receive half of the Public Transportation Allocation (\$90.00);</p> <p>WHEREAS the Transportation & Safety Advisory Committee recommends that the 9 students who registered in the Virtual School between February 1st, 2021 and June 23rd, 2021 receive the entire amount of the Public Transportation Allocation (\$180.00);</p> <p>WHEREAS it is to the discretion of the Principals to withhold the Public Transportation Allocation for any student who has an outstanding debt to the school;</p> <p>IT WAS CO-MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND MR. MARIO PIETRANGELO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, of the 163 students eligible to receive the Public Transportation Allocation and who attended the Virtual School, 145 students who registered in the Virtual School between September 7th, 2020 and January 31st, 2021 will receive \$90.00 and 9 students who registered in the Virtual School between February 1st, 2021 and June 23rd, 2021 will receive \$180.00.</p> <p>Vote:14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-06-16-14</u></p>
15.	<p><u>Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) Funded Pre-K Classes 2021-2022</u></p> <p>Ms. Evelyne Alfonsi presented the item as information.</p>
16.	<p><u>Promoting Positive Mental Health – Summary from January 2021 to June 2021</u></p> <p>Ms. Julie René de Cotret presented the item as information.</p>

17. Adjournment
IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 P.M.
Vote:14-0-0, Adopted
Resolution # 21-06-16-17

Signed in Montreal, _____

Me Joe Ortona, Chair

Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General