

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Regular Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. via TEAMS.

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
Mr. Julien Feldman, 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

Administrators Present:

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

Mr. Demetrios Giannacopoulos, Sector Director, Elementary
Ms. Angela Spagnolo, Sector Director, AEVS
Mr. Mario Cardin, Director, Material Resources
Ms. Sandra Léveillé, Director, School Organization
Ms. Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services
Ms. Julie René de Cotret, Director, Student Services
Ms. Anna Sanalidro, Director, Educational Services
Me Magdalena Sokol, Director of Legal Services
Ms. Ann Watson, Director, Human Resources
Ms. Sabrina Petrocco, Assistant Director, Student Services
Mr. Mike Cohen, Manager, Marketing & Communications
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

1.	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. TONY SPERANZA THAT the agenda be approved with the following modifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removal of item 18: Student Commissioner Vote: 11-4-0 (Mr. J. Fabian, Mr. J. Lalla, Ms. M. Mughal, Mr. D. Tatone against) - Addition of item 19: Motion to declare every month of May as Jewish Heritage Month in the English Montreal School Board Vote: 14-1-0 (Mr. M. Pietrangelo against) - Addition of item 22.1: Notice of Motion – EMSB Council Committees Vote: 13-1-1 (Mr. M. Pietrangelo against, Mr. J. Feldman abstained) <p>Vote on the motion to approve the Agenda with the modifications: Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted unanimously.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-12-15-1</u></p>
2.	<p><u>Nomination of Christopher Baggs as Student of the Month</u></p> <p>Christopher Baggs from James Lyng High School has been named EMSB Student of the Month for November. Since the beginning of the school year, Christopher has been and remains a dedicated and hard-working student. He is a great listener, asks great questions and has continuously shown to be a team player. Christopher is always there for his peers and teachers alike. He is hardworking in all his roles at James Lyng. With his ambitious drive and kind heart, we really do see great things in store for Christopher.</p>
3.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions were addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:</p> <p>Questions by Mr. Chris Eustace:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much money was spent on the Court Challenge on Bill 40? 2. Where is the Annual Report for QESBA? 3. Would the Board consider adding a Question Period near the end of the meeting? That way, the public can ask questions on what was said and done throughout the meeting.
4.	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes</u></p> <p><u>4.1 Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 10, 2021</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 10, 2021, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-12-15-4.1</u></p>
5.	<p><u>Business Arising Out of Minutes</u></p> <p>None.</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p><u>In Memoriam</u></p> <p><u>6.1 Tribute for December 2021</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Board values the contribution made by its employees;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Board wishes to take official cognizance of the passing of any member of its large family of employees;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOE ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Board note with regret the passing of:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Nino Cesari, Former Teacher with the PSBGM and CSDM (English Sector) Michael Dief, Retired Teacher with the PSGM/EMSB (Royal West Academy) Esther Upstone, Retired Office Agent Principal Class, Human Resources Department Edward Bond, Retired Teacher, EMSB Brian Acton, Retired Principal, EMSB</p> <p>and that the expression of sympathy be sent to the bereaved families.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-12-15-6.1</u></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Chair's Report</u></p> <p>Presented by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone, staff, at the Board and schools, for their dedication and hard work.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Director General's Report</u></p> <p>Presented by the Director General, Mr. Nicholas Katalifos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regards to the recent acts of violence in our community, the EMSB is committed to working in partnership with the community and governmental organizations to take actions that prioritize the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families. We have longstanding programs and structures in place to support the community; • Regarding the pandemic and the issue of vaccinations and rapid tests, the EMSB continues to work very closely with the Quebec Government and local CIUSSS network to facilitate the vaccination efforts against COVID-19. For students aged 5 to 11, vaccinations began on Monday, November 29, 2021, and rapid tests will be distributed before the holiday break; • A reminder that Elementary School registration week for the 2022-2023 academic year will take place from January 31st to February 4, 2022; • Nesbitt Elementary School in Rosemount has taken home the first place honors in the Indigenous Languages Category in the Canadian Music Challenge. Bancroft Elementary School in the Plateau made history by becoming the first in the country to offer five classes. Honoré Mercier Elementary School in Saint-Leonard was also a finalist in the competition. Marymount Academy International's Steel band came in third place in the Junior Instrumental Category;

- The EMSB met with several leading organizations from the black community in Montreal about some new initiatives that we are developing together;
- Mr. Katalifos expressed his appreciation to employees who have recently retired and thanked them for their years of service and wished them all the best and a happy and healthy retirement, since we could not host a proper event due to the pandemic;
- The Quebec Government has launched a new accelerated training program to support the health care networks. Shadd Health and Business Centre is the only centre in the CIUSSS West Central Montreal Region to offer this program.

9.

Committee Reports

9.1 ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)

Item presented by Commissioner, Ms. Mubeenah Mughal:

- Sabrina Petrocco will be taking care of all the adaptations and services in our schools;
- Gail Calendar will be taking care of Mental Health and the prevention of Mental Health and working alongside the Health Sector, drug counselors and violence prevention programs;
- A new position for a Social Worker has been created that works with vulnerable families that are having difficulties navigating our system;
- There is a new consultant for students with autism;
- There has been a lot of support given to our schools with regards to Mental Health.

9.2 Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee

Item presented by the Chair, Mr. Pietro Mercuri:

There has been no meeting to date.

9.3 EMSBPC (English Montreal School Board Parents' Committee)

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Mr. Tony Speranza:

- Presentation on Bill 96 by Mr. Copeman;
- There was a call for action for the parents conference where there was a request for volunteers;
- Members were directed to the website for vaccination reports for Elementary and High Schools;
- It is encouraged that every school create a marketing committee, where parents can help market their schools.

9.4 Governance and Ethics Committee

Item presented by the Chair, Mr. Julien Feldman:

- The By-Laws of the EMSB were recently rewritten while under Trusteeship. The Council of Commissioners would like to now customize the By-Laws for the convenience and productivity of the Council of Commissioners;
- Once all proposed changes to the By-Laws have been submitted, the Council of Commissioners will adopt them and then go out for consultation.

9.5 Audit Committee

Item presented by the Chair, Mr. James Kromida:

- The internal workings are reviewed by a grid that indicates weak areas that can be improved. There has been a great improvement from last year where we were able to increase the accountability and transparency in the function of the Board;
- Another meeting will be scheduled in January to deeply understand the role of the Audit Committee, to make recommendations on how it could be improved and the value of the Committee itself. The Committee would like to make recommendations to the Council of Commissioners to better improve the Board and its functioning;
- The Financial statements of the Board were also looked at and all questions were answered by the external and internal auditors.

9.6 Human Resources Committee

Item presented by the Chair, Mr. Joseph Lalla:

- Since the beginning of this year the Human Resources Department has been conducting interviews for the unfilled teaching posts and to date 200 teachers have been interviewed;
- The list of schools with Staff Assistants and Head Teachers for the 2021-2022 school year was provided to the Committee by the Director;
- The Director General who was present at the meeting, gave a brief overview of his objectives. These objectives will be finalized by the Committee and the Director General at the next meeting;
- A member suggested that the Human Resources Directorate and the Human Resources Committee review the Bill 21 Judgement as it pertains to the hiring of teachers;
- The Director of the Human Resources Department updated the Committee with information on the following items:
 - 2021-2022 Student Enrolment;
 - EMSB Government Tutor Project;
 - Quebec English School Boards Association Teacher Recruitment Project;
 - Employee Mental Health Initiatives for 2021-2022.

9.7 CGTSIM (Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal)

Item presented by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Agostino Cannavino:

- After a thorough search and interview process the Committee appointed a new Director General, Mme Sylvie Chagnon;
- A workshop took place at the end of the meeting to discuss elements to consider when preparing for the new poverty map. The new map will determine funding allocation for the School Boards;
- The maximum short-term borrowings were evaluated and approved. Budgets and tax projections were reviewed and are on target;
- For the first time in over 11 years, a property was sold to recover unpaid school taxes.

9.8 EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)

Item presented by the Observer, Mr. Joseph Lalla:

- There was a discussion with regards to lowering the voting age to 16. It was agreed that the gap between 16 and 18 is very vast, making it more difficult for 16-year-olds to know what they want from a country;
- Incorporating Indigenous perspectives in education by consuming diverse media all through the year, not just during the designated “appreciation time”;
- It was seen on the news regarding Bill 21, that a teacher has been put in a non-teaching job because of her hijab. Further discussions will take place at the next meeting;
- Teenagers’ mental health is deteriorating with the lack of school support and connections while potentially being at home in a hostile environment. COVID-19 has had a unanimous negative impact on everyone’s mental well-being. EMSAC members agreed that another lockdown would be incredibly detrimental to teenagers;
- EMSAC watched a video by Michael Bungay Stanier on his notion of the “advice monster”, an idea in leadership on the need to foster creativity in people around us and resisting the urge to jump in and assert ourselves to solve a situation.

9.9 QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association)

Item presented by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, Member on the QESBA:

- Several discussions about Bill 96 took place. It is unanimous that the members of the Committee are opposed to the Bill. A presentation of Bill 96 was given of the parliamentary hearings, continuing to lobby for amendments;
- QESBA has decided to take part in the Bill 21 case at the Court of Appeal as an intervener;
- We are awaiting for a decision on Bill 40;
- The first part of the Annual General meeting was held in November, the second part will be held in January where there will be elections for President and Vice-President.

10. Commissioner’s Report

Mr. Pietro Mercuri reported the following:

- CTV News visited Michelangelo as the school participated in Spirit of Giving Campaign. Parents have been invited virtually into the school to read story books to the students;
- A Santa Bus came by Leonardo DaVinci Academy to offer outdoor contactless Christmas shows for the students;
- East Hill launched their Hockey Program at a local arena.

Mr. Agostino Cannavino reported the following:

- A special thanks to the entire JFK team, the trauma team and the Police for their involvement in the aftermath of the terrible incident that occurred at the School;
- Congratulations to students of Nesbitt and Bancroft on their stellar performance at the Canadian Music Class Challenge.

	<p>Mr. Daniel Tatone reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ad Hoc Committee on Equity welcomed Simon Becker and Gloria Lombardi; • The Committee is narrowing down on external resources to request involvement for presentations or workshops; • The Committee is focusing on the equity in school enrolments particularly in the selective enrolment schools, such as the 240 Schools; • A report was received by the Antiracism Subcommittee, there will be additional toolkits sent out to parents. There will be discussions on the disciplinary policies in the schools with regards to potential unconscious bias or systemic racism and how to deal with de-escalation of certain situations; • The review of the rulings of Bill 21 and what updates need to be made to the Policies of the Board. Moving forward, the Committee will review the Policies and By-Laws and what can be incorporated in improving equity.
11.	<p><u>2020-2021 Annual Report</u></p> <p>WHEREAS Section 220 of the Education Act states that every school board shall prepare an Annual Report giving its community an account of the results obtained with regard to the goals and measurable objectives set out in the Commitment to Success Plan with the ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ);</p> <p>WHEREAS the said report shall also give an account to the Minister of the results obtained with regard to the directions and objectives of the Commitment to Success Plan established by the MEQ;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Annual Report includes the EMSB Commitment to Success report, the financial statements, service contracts (Bill 15) and Staffing Report (Bill 15);</p> <p>WHEREAS the Board shall send a copy of the report to the Minister by December 31, 2021, as per the Education Act;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the 2020-2021 English Montreal School Board Annual Report, including the EMSB Commitment to Success Plan report, the financial statements, the service contracts (Bill 15) and Staffing Report (Bill 15), be approved on December 15, 2021 and that a formal presentation of this document be given on January 26, 2022, at 6000 Fielding Avenue;</p> <p>IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of the report be sent to the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) by December 31, 2021.</p> <p>Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-12-15-11</u></p>
12.	<p><u>Audit Committee</u></p> <p><u>12.1 Election of Members</u></p> <p>WHEREAS pursuant to section 193.1 of the Education Act, the Council of Commissioners must establish an Audit Committee;</p>

WHEREAS it is recommended by the Governance and Ethics Committee that the Audit Committee be composed of three (3) members of the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance, the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends nominations of Members for the Audit Committee;

WHEREAS the Commissioners sitting on this Committee have experience in finance or accounting or in financial or physical resources management, as per section 10.4.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Members of the Audit Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 8, 2021, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for the election of Members to the Audit Committee:

Jamie Fabian
Julien Feldman
James Kromida
Tony Speranza

WHEREAS Mr. Julien Feldman withdrew his candidacy;

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective December 15, 2021, the following Commissioners be designated as Members to the Audit Committee:

Jamie Fabian
James Kromida
Tony Speranza

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 21-12-15-12.1

12.2 Election of Chair

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners elects the Chair of the Audit Committee, as per the recommendations of the Governance and Ethics Committee, pursuant to sections 10.1.2 and 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners shall consider if the Commissioner meets the minimal requirements of the Audit Committee, including the qualities of Chair as per section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the Chair of the Audit Committee shall have the highest personal standards with regard to honesty, reliability and commitment to the role, pursuant to section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Chair of the Audit Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 8, 2021, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the following Commissioner has submitted his candidacy for the election of Chair of the Audit Committee:

James Kromida

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MR. MARIO PIETRANGELO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective December 15, 2021, Mr. James Kromida be designated as Chair of the Audit Committee.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 21-12-15-12.2

12.3 Election of Vice-Chair

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners elects the Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee, as per the recommendations of the Governance and Ethics Committee, pursuant to sections 10.1.2 and 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners shall consider if the Commissioner meets the minimal requirements of the Audit Committee, including the qualities of Vice-Chair as per section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee shall have the highest personal standards with regard to honesty, reliability and commitment to the role, pursuant to section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 8, 2021, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the following Commissioner has submitted his candidacy for the election of Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee:

Tony Speranza

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective December 15, 2021, Mr. Tony Speranza be designated as Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 21-12-15-12.3

13.

Human Resources Committee

13.1 Election of Members

WHEREAS pursuant to section 193.1 of the Education Act, the Council of Commissioners must establish a Human Resources Committee;

WHEREAS it is recommended by the Governance and Ethics Committee that the Human Resources Committee be composed of five (5) members of the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance, the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends nominations of Members for the Human Resources Committee;

WHEREAS the Commissioners sitting on this Committee have experience in human resources management, preferably acquired in public administration, as per section 10.5.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Members of the Human Resources Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 8, 2021, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the Council must elect five (5) members among the Commissioners;

WHEREAS the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for the election of Members to the Human Resources Committee:

Mario Bentrovato
Sophie De Vito
Jamie Fabian
Julien Feldman
Ellie Israel
Joseph Lalla
Pietro Mercuri
Mario Pietrangelo

WHEREAS Ms. Ellie Israel withdrew her candidacy;

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MR. TONY SPERANZA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective December 15, 2021, the following Commissioners be designated as Members to the Human Resources Committee:

Mario Bentrovato
Sophie De Vito
Julien Feldman
Joseph Lalla
Mario Pietrangelo

Mr. Pietro Mercuri withdrew his candidacy;

Mr. James Kromida moved to replace Mr. Mercuri by Mr. Joseph Lalla;

Mr. Jamie Fabian withdrew his candidacy

Vote on amendment: 15-0-0, Motion Carried

Vote on Main Motion including amendment: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 21-12-15-13.1

13.2 Election of Chair

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners elects the Chair of the Human Resources Committee, as per the recommendations of the Governance and Ethics Committee, pursuant to sections 10.1.2 and 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners shall consider if the Commissioner meets the minimal requirements of the Human Resources Committee, including the qualities of Chair as per section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the Chair of the Human Resources Committee shall have the highest personal standards with regard to honesty, reliability and commitment to the role, pursuant to section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Chair of the Human Resources Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 8, 2021, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the following Commissioner was elected as member and has submitted his candidacy for the election of Chair of the Human Resources Committee:

Mario Bentrovato

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective December 15, 2021, Mr. Mario Bentrovato be designated as Chair of the Human Resources Committee.

Vote: 13-2-0 (Mr. J. Kromida and Mr. J. Lalla against), Adopted

Resolution # 21-12-15-13.2

13.3 Election of Vice-Chair

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners elects the Vice-Chair of the Human Resources Committee, as per the recommendations of the Governance and Ethics Committee, pursuant to sections 10.1.2 and 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners shall consider if the Commissioner meets the minimal requirements of the Human Resources Committee, including the qualities of Vice-Chair as per section 10.1.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the Vice-Chair of the Human Resources Committee shall have the highest personal standards with regard to honesty, reliability and commitment to the role, pursuant to section 10.1.2 of

By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Vice-Chair of the Human Resources Committee were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 8, 2021, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for the election of Vice-Chair of the Human Resources Committee:

Julien Feldman
Mario Pietrangelo

WHEREAS Mr. Julien Feldman withdrew his candidacy;

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MS. MARIA CORSI AND RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective December 15, 2021, Mr. Mario Pietrangelo be designated as Vice-Chair of the Human Resources Committee.

Vote: 14-1-0 (Mr. J. Lalla against), Adopted

Resolution # 21-12-15-13.3

14. Election of Members to the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Safety

WHEREAS pursuant to section 2 of the Regulation respecting student transportation, CQLR, c. I-13.3, r. 12) and section 12.5.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance, the Council of Commissioners must elect two (2) Commissioners as Members to the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Safety;

WHEREAS pursuant to section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance, the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends nominations for Members to the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Safety;

WHEREAS all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as Members to the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Safety were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 8, 2021, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;

WHEREAS the following Commissioners have submitted their candidacy for Members to the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Safety:

Pietro Mercuri
Tony Speranza

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE, THAT effective December 15, 2021, Mr. Pietro Mercuri and Mr. Tony Speranza be designated as Members to the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Safety.

Vote: 15-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 21-12-15-14

	<p>Mr. Mario Pietrangelo left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p><u>Election of an Observer to the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (ACSES)</u></p> <p>WHEREAS pursuant to sections 185 and 186 of the Education Act, the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (ACSES) is constituted with a parent majority, employees of the English Montreal School Board and representatives of bodies that provide services to these students;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners must elect one (1) Commissioner as Observer to the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services, as per section 12.4.2 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;</p> <p>WHEREAS pursuant to section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance, the Governance and Ethics Committee recommends nominations for an Observer to the ACSES;</p> <p>WHEREAS all submission forms sent by Commissioners who wanted to present themselves as an Observer to the ACSES were received and acknowledged by the Secretary General, and forwarded to the Chair and Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee on October 8, 2021, for their final recommendation to the Council of Commissioners, as per section 10.1.3 of By-Law no. 11 on Internal Governance;</p> <p>WHEREAS there were no Commissioners who submitted their candidacy for Observer to the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services;</p> <p>WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY MR. TONY SPERANZA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT effective December 15, 2021, Mr. Pietro Mercuri be designated as Observer to the Advisory Committee on Special Education Services (ACSES).</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0 (Mr. M. Pietrangelo not present for the vote), Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-12-15-15</u></p>
<p>16.</p>	<p><u>QESBA 2021-2023</u></p> <p><u>16.1 Nominees to Board of Directors</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), in a memo dated November 15, 2021, invited its member boards to submit nominations for positions on the QESBA Board of Directors;</p> <p>WHEREAS nominations must be submitted to QESBA by December 17, 2021;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOE ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Mr. Jamie Fabian and Ms. Mubeenah Mughal be nominated to QESBA Board of Directors for 2021-2023, for a two year term.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0 (Mr. M. Pietrangelo not present for the vote), Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-12-15-16.1</u></p>

	<p><u>16.2 Nominee to Executive Committee</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), in a memo dated November 15, 2021, invited its member boards to submit nominations for positions on the QESBA Executive Committee;</p> <p>WHEREAS nominations must be submitted to QESBA by December 17, 2021;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOE ORTONA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT Mr. Joe Ortona be nominated to the QESBA Executive Committee for 2021-2023, for a two year term.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0 (Mr. M. Pietrangelo not present for the vote), Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-12-15-16.2</u></p>				
17.	<p><u>Resolution Concerning the Requirements Prescribed in Regulation Respecting Compulsory Contribution to the Professional Liability Insurance Fund of the Barreau du Québec</u></p> <p>WHEREAS Me Jack Chadirdjian, member of the Barreau du Québec, works exclusively for the English-Montreal School Board (EMSB) since his hiring on November 1, 2021;</p> <p>WHEREAS he did not take the professional liability insurance offered by the Barreau du Québec;</p> <p>WHEREAS in accordance with Article 2 (7) of the Regulation respecting compulsory in Professional Liability Insurance Fund of the Barreau du Québec, a resolution of the employer (EMSB) must be adopted to that effect;</p> <p>IT WAS PROPOSED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that it be declared, for the purposes of the <i>Regulation respecting compulsory contribution in Professional Liability Insurance Fund of the Barreau du Québec</i>:</p> <p>- THAT the English Montreal School Board will stand surety for the following employee (lawyer):</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;"><u>NAME</u></td> <td style="text-align: left;"><u>DATE OF HIRE</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Me Jack Chadirdjian</td> <td>November 1st, 2021</td> </tr> </table> <p>- THAT the English Montreal School Board takes up the defence of Me Chadirdjian and accepts financial responsibility for the consequences of any error or omission committed by him in the performance of his duties since his hiring.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0 (Mr. M. Pietrangelo not present for the vote), Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-12-15-17</u></p>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF HIRE</u>	Me Jack Chadirdjian	November 1 st , 2021
<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF HIRE</u>				
Me Jack Chadirdjian	November 1 st , 2021				
18.	<p><u>Student Commissioners</u></p> <p>The item was removed.</p>				

19.	<p><u>Motion to declare every month of May as Jewish Heritage Month in the English Montreal School Board</u></p> <p>WHEREAS persons identifying as Jewish comprise a population of over 50,000 persons in the territory of the English Montreal School Board;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Jewish population in the Greater Montreal area reflects the rich and varied history of the Jewish people comprising a population tracing its origins to many different parts of the world and embracing the many different traditions and practices within Judaism;</p> <p>WHEREAS Statistics Canada notes that the Jewish population in the country is approximately 400,000 people, more than 1% of the total Canadian population, making it the fourth-largest Jewish population in the world;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Jewish community has a long and proud history in Canada and has made significant contributions to the wellbeing, growth and prosperity of Canada while overcoming tremendous obstacles;</p> <p>WHEREAS Jews have excelled in a wide range of endeavours including the arts, sciences, the law, architecture, media, finance, entertainment and business significantly contributing to Canadian life;</p> <p>WHEREAS the month of May is meaningful for the Jewish community around the world;</p> <p>WHEREAS in 2018 Parliament adopted Bill S-232 "An Act respecting Canadian Jewish Heritage Month" designating the month of May as Canadian Jewish Heritage Month thereby recognizing the important contributions that Jewish Canadians have made to Canada's social, economic, political and cultural fabric;</p> <p>WHEREBY Parliament declared that the Canadian Jewish Heritage Month would provide an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the inspirational role that Jewish Canadians have played and continue to play in communities across the country;</p> <p>WHEREBY B'nai Brith, a Jewish human rights organization that has been active nationally in Canada since 1875, has invited municipalities, school boards and other public agencies to enhance Parliament's declaration of the Canadian Jewish Heritage Month by adopting their own motions and promoting the celebration of the heritage month within their territory each May;</p> <p>It WAS MOVED BY MS. ELLIE ISRAEL AND MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:</p> <p>THAT commencing May 2022 every month of May be celebrated as Jewish Heritage Month within the English Montreal School Board;</p> <p>THAT the English Montreal School Board recognize the contributions of the Jewish community to the success of Canada;</p> <p>THAT the English Montreal School Board encourage the Director General to ensure the celebration of Jewish Heritage Month every May through exhibits and performances highlighting Jewish history and culture to take place at head office and in the schools.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0 (Mr. M. Pietrangelo not present for the vote), Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-12-15-19</u></p>
-----	--

20.	<p><u>Director General’s Reporting – As per By-Law No. 10 – Delegation of Powers</u></p> <p>This item was presented as information.</p>
21.	<p><u>Report of the Executive Committee Meeting held on November 10, 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of intent – Agreement with the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf (MOSD) for the 2021-2022 school year
22.	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>22.1 Notice of Motion: EMSB Council Committees</u></p> <p>Mr. Lalla spoke and read the draft resolution to be presented at the next Regular Board meeting scheduled for January 26, 2022.</p>
23.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:57 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0 (Mr. M. Pietrangelo not present for the vote), Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 21-12-15-23</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>