

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Regular Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Wednesday, March 23, 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 Bentreovato, 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 – via TEAMS
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner
Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner – via TEAMS

Commissioners Not Present

Ms. Mubeenah Mughal, 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

Ms. Sandra Léveillé, Director, School Organization
Ms. Livia Nassivera, Director, Financial Services
Ms. Julie René de Cotret, Director, Student Services
Me Magdalena Sokol, Director of Legal Services
Ms. Ann Watson, Director, Human Resources
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 MS. MARIA CORSI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved, with the modification that the Resolution to Recognize and Appreciate Service to Humanity of former EMSB Commissioner Dr. Zevi Neuwirth be moved after item 4.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-03-23-1</u></p>
2.	<p><u>Nomination of Melodie Dagostino as Student of the Month</u></p> <p>Melodie Dagostino, a Grade 6 student at Cedarcrest Elementary School in St. Laurent is the EMSB's Student of the Month for March. After personally facing, and persevering through, her own mental health struggles, Melodie since dedicated herself to helping other children win their mental health battles. With the help of her family, her school and the community, she is raising money for the Montreal Children's Health Foundation in lieu of birthday presents. To date, Melodie has raised nearly \$2,000; donations to Melodie's campaign will allow the Montreal Children's Hospital to expand their mental health services to other children in need.</p> <p>To donate, please follow this link: https://fondationduchildren.com/en/fundraising/melodie-s-quinquennial?fbclid=IwAR0KLK8xcKTqca_uH527qTQkHYLNRRmNXR7Lt5NtHT4iAZJ7c2-20D0KA0M.</p>
3.	<p><u>In Camera</u></p> <p><u>3.1 Motion to Move In Camera</u></p> <p>There was no In Camera session.</p>
3.2	<p><u>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 EMSB (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 would have expired during the summer of 2021;</p>

WHEREAS on June 16, 2021, the EMSB authorized to interrupt the prescription period until October 29, 2021 in order to allow the Parties to undertake discussions in good faith in order to try to settle the Dispute, the whole in accordance with resolution # 21-06-16-3.2;

WHEREAS on October 6, 2021, the EMSB authorized to extend the interruption of the prescription period until December 15, 2021 in order to allow the Parties to continue discussions in good faith in order to try to settle the Dispute, the whole in accordance with resolution # 21-10-06-5.2;

WHEREAS on or about December 10, 2021, the EMSB referred the contractual dispute to arbitration in order to namely safeguard the EMSB's rights and recourses;

WHEREAS the Parties continued their discussions in good faith and have reached a settlement without admission whatsoever and for the sole purpose of resolving the matter amicably;

WHEREAS discussions were held In Camera with respect to the above-mentioned settlement;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council of Commissioners authorizes the settlement reached between the EMSB and Énergère Inc., the whole within the scope of the terms and conditions discussed in camera with the Council of Commissioners;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Director General be authorized to sign the Transaction and all documents that may be required to give full effect to the settlement reached between the EMSB and Énergère Inc.

Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-03-23-3.2

3.3 Resolution to Recognize and Appreciate Service to Humanity of former EMSB Commissioner Dr. Zevi Neuwirth

WHEREAS Dr. Zevi Neuwirth was an elected English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Commissioner from 2003 - 2007 and served with high distinction;

WHEREAS Anderson Cooper on Friday night interviewed Dr. Zevi Neuwirth on CNN and other networks carried clips of it on their news;

WHEREAS the *Miami Herald* and the *Florida Sun-Sentinel* wrote articles with a photo of him;

WHEREAS the EMSB attracts Commissioners of value;

WHEREAS Dr. Neuwirth's sense of humor, kindness, energy and graciousness has enriched the Council of Commissioners of the English Montreal School Board (EMSB);

WHEREAS he was a businessman who worked tirelessly to serve the community;

WHEREAS he brought Medical First Responders Hatzalah to Montreal;

	<p>WHEREAS Dr. Neuwirth always felt his calling was to be a doctor and at 40, a widower with four children whose wife died of brain cancer, he applied and was accepted to medical school;</p> <p>WHEREAS he practices in North Miami Beach and still keeps his ties to Montreal;</p> <p>WHEREAS when Russia invaded Ukraine on Thursday, February 24th, without question Dr. Neuwirth knew he had to help refugees escaping from Ukraine and within one week he took two of his sons with medical experience and quietly and without fanfare and publicity he was on the border of Ukraine and Moldova giving of himself to others in a life-threatening situation. He evacuated an old age home, an orphanage and is still tirelessly there evacuating and medically treating refugees under fire;</p> <p>WHEREAS he was recognized by President Biden as the first doctor immediately rescuing and medically treating people on site of the condo building that recently collapsed in Surfside, Florida;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ELLIE ISRAEL AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) Council of Commissioners recognize Dr. Zevi Neuwirth and express gratitude and appreciation for his contributions to EMSB and humanity and wish him continued success.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-03-23-19</u></p>
5.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions from Mr. Chris Eustace were addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the salary problem between the English School Boards and French Service Centres members of the CGTSIM (Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal) been solved ? 2. Has the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA) raised its membership fees? Are they planning to do so in anticipation of any Bill 40 ruling? 3. Are there any EMSB Ethics cases pending? 4. Would the Board consider adding a Question Period near the end of a meeting? This would give the public an opportunity to ask questions on what was said and decided at the meeting.
6.	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes</u></p> <p><u>6.1 Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 23, 2022</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 23, 2022, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-03-23-6.1</u></p>
7.	<p><u>Business Arising Out of Minutes</u></p> <p>None.</p>

8.

Chair's Report

Presented by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona:

- The EMSB proudly stands with the Ukrainian community both in Montreal and Ukraine during this incredibly difficult time. To highlight a few things that have been seen on social media;
 - At Leonardo da Vinci Academy, where they answered calls for donations to support Ukrainian refugees in Montreal. Every student is preparing a letter and a drawing for children who arrive in Canada;
 - Student from Nesbitt Elementary School, under the supervision of Spiritual and Community animator, Vince Lacroce, visited the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of Saint-Sophie to deliver much needed support for the Ukrainian refugees entering Canada;
 - The school community collected baby supplies, children's supplies, personal hygiene products and non-perishable food items.
- The EMSB is also very excited to announce recently, a new joint project between our Marketing and Communications and Educational Services Departments, a French podcast that is hosted by educational consultants, Nicolas Doyon and Marlene Boudreault. March 8th was the very first episode where some of the winners of the Robert A. Peck Prize were invited to join;
- Westmount High School hosted a traveling Holocaust exhibition. This exhibit which focuses on Holocaust survivors and their stories has been and will be at the school until the end of March. Over the next two weeks all student and staff will have the opportunity to visit the exhibit at their leisure. For students the exhibit builds upon prior lessons on the Holocaust as Holocaust Education is a mandatory component of the EMSB curriculum. Spiritual and Community animators provide age appropriate Holocaust Education throughout the year, which includes in person or virtual visits from Holocaust Survivors, they attend field trips to the Montreal Holocaust Museum, as well as various other lessons, books, movies and digital platforms;
- Finally, the Chair took a moment to recognize a student from Royal Vale School, Devon Packer, who won the grand prize of this years Commonwealth International Composition Award (CICA). He was chosen by The Commonwealth Resounds organization, which has as its mission to connect musical cultures and to promote initiatives and partnerships in commonwealth countries. Devon began studying piano at the McGill Conservatory of Music at the age of 5. He has appeared at multiple venues in Canada, Europe and the USA. Congratulations go out to him!

9.

Director General's Report

Presented by the Director General, Mr. Nicholas Katalifos:

- Academics have taken center stage at Lester B. Pearson High School as 513 students, more than half of the student population qualified for the Honor Roll this term. In order to make the Honor Roll, students must have an average of 80% or higher. The LBPHS also maintains a diligence list, which recognizes students nominated by their teachers for their excellence in academics or student life. Last term 44 students earned this award. The Director General asked for the Council of Commissioners to join him to congratulate the LBPHS community for these excellent results;
- The Spring edition of the EMSB Express Newspaper has also been published, it includes a special section on the EMSB Diversity and Inclusivity Campaign. A preview of our Virtual Volunteer Appreciation evening, the accolade section and the AEVS report. Everyone can read the online version on our website and printed copies will be delivered to our schools and centres this week;
- The Director General would like to acknowledge the schools and centres in our Board, that are doing what they can to show their support for the citizens of Ukraine. Our team of Spiritual and Community animators are also thinking of a long term engagement as Ukrainian refugees are welcomed to our city;

- On the topic of Holocaust Education, the EMSB has begun a collaboration with the Azrieli Foundation which will make a plethora of resources regarding Holocaust Education available to all our schools. The EMSB is very fortunate that the foundation will be supporting our School Board in this endeavor. Each and everyone of our schools will be receiving resources as well as an offer for professional development and lectures for our students at every single level;
- The Director General took a moment to remember a former EMSB employee, Iwan Edwards, who passed away on March 4th. The Canadien Choral Community lost one of its most influential conductors. He brought the love of singing and choral music to countless students and choristers and was a mentor to many young conductors across Canada. He was a key player when FACE School was established where he founded and celebrated FACE Treble Choir. He was also the first conductor from 1980-1984 of the PSBGM Children’s Chorale. Our sympathies go out to his family and friends;
- On a very inspiring note, for the 8th year in a row, award winning Steven Atme and Spiritual and Community animator, Rocco Speranza, have teamed up for a series of presentations entitled “Special People have Dreams”. During visits to Edward Murphy School, East Hill School and John F. Kennedy High School, the power of one mystery machine tour aimed to inspire students and youth on how their own power of one can change their life and that of those around them while also promoting kindness and wellbeing to others;
- Finally, the 50th Anniversary Gala of the Quebec Board of Black Educators will take place on Saturday, April 9, between 6:30p.m. and 11:30 p.m. at the Intercontinental Hotel. The QBBE is a non-profit education and research institution dedicated to addressing educational disparity and providing academic support and opportunities to communities of color. The EMSB will proudly be collaborating with the QBBE and at the next Council meeting we hope to provide everyone with more information about a potential partnership with this organization.

10.

Committee Reports

10.1 ACSES (Advisory Committee on Special Education Services)

There was no report.

10.2 Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Pietro Mercuri:

- There has been no meeting since the last report. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2022.

10.3 EMSBPC (English Montreal School Board Parents’ Committee)

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Mr. Tony Speranza:

- The Budget Priorities were discussed and put in order;
- EMSBPC was consulted on the school calendars. The calendars were adopted with the following recommendations to the Board:
 - A Ped Day be placed on November 1, 2022;
 - There should be no Ped Day’s directly following a Holiday Break.
- The EMSBPC created with the help of Parents, Administrators, the Student Services Department, and consultants from the Educational Services Department, two pamphlets that addressed Judaism, Anti-Semitism, and Islam and Islamophobia.

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Ms. Maria Corsi:

- The EMSBPC reported on the focus group on Enrollment Subcommittee, where Mike Cohen attended as a guest. The topic of parent involvement in school marketing activities was discussed. Smaller schools have suffered during the pandemic mainly because parent involvement in the schools has been significantly curtailed and open houses were held virtually. There is also considerable variation in marketing approaches and open houses from school to school across the Board. It was recommended that a marketing guide be developed to help Governing Boards and Principals better showcase their schools. The Committee emphasizes the role parents can play in marketing their schools and there will be more specific recommendations forthcoming, to schools who have seen a drop in enrollment;
- The Youth Sector Network Subcommittee held a meeting where two topics were discussed;
 - Firstly, on the topic of Students Mental Health, it was noted that the lack of after school activities and sports has raised concerns about an increase in bullying, drug use, kids hanging out with the wrong crowds and general lack of motivation and school spirit. It was recommended that the EMSBPC discussed periodically on this issue in order to make appropriate recommendations to EMSB Administrators, for resources and workshops targeted to improving mental health. It was also recommended that all schools should have a PPO (Parent Volunteers) to help foster a sense of community and belonging for students;
 - Secondly, on the topic of Principal selection, it was recommended that a Sector Director be invited to the next meeting to explain the Principal selection process. It was also recommended that the PC delegates receive annual guidance on the developing the Principal selection criteria.

Item presented by Parent Commissioner, Mr. Daniel Tatone:

- An update on the Parent Conference was given. The conference will be virtual and will be taking place on May 29th. The keynote address will be focused on mental health and the same platform as last year will be used.

10.4 Governance and Ethics Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Julien Feldman:

- There has been no meeting since the last report. The next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2022.

10.5 Audit Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. James Kromida:

- The Committee only received one bid which is the firm that is currently mandated as the EMSB external auditors. It was reviewed and discussed at length whether the Committee should go out for bids again. It was decided that because there are few qualified firms and because of the costs involved and experience required that the current firm Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton remain. The Committee is content with their work and expertise.

10.6 Human Resources Committee

Item presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Mario Benvato:

- The preliminary staffing plan was presented;

- There will be an extended HR Committee meeting on April 4th where the staffing plan will be reviewed;
- The DG Objectives were reviewed and will be presented at the next Council meeting for discussion.

10.7 CGTSIM (Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l’île de Montréal)

Item presented by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Alternate Member on the Committee:

There has been no meeting since the last report. The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2022.

10.8 EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee)

Item presented by the Observer, Mr. Jamie Fabian:

- The Budget Building Process was discussed. EMSAC continued to review the budget priorities documents and listed all the things they would like to be considered. They believe that the budget should be based on the 4 guiding principles of the EMSB:
 - Favoring practices that promote environmental stability, even when it entails additional costs;
 - Employing 21st century teaching methods to increase training offered to teachers to assure the quality of education;
 - Improving per capita allocation and enrollment multiples for students;
 - Increasing efficiencies.
- A brief update on Climate Change;
- Violence in our schools with all the recent developments going on;
- The role of schools for humanitarian efforts in Ukraine was discussed;
- Mr. Fabian presented the idea of a Student Commissioner to EMSAC students and how they would feel about the idea of Commissioners at the Board level.

10.9 QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association)

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

- The Culture and Education Committee is currently studying Bill 96 clause by clause. There seems to be no movement on possible amendments to the temporary stays in Quebec;
- The Government has maintained the cap on English Cegep enrollment, but they have so far voted down applying Bill 101 to Cegeps;
- No news yet on the decision of Bill 40;
- QESBA usually has its annual Spring conference but due to the pandemic, it hasn’t taken place since 2019. However, there will be online Professional Development sessions on the days where the Spring conference would normally take place, May 27th and 28th ;
- The Professional Development Committee will be presenting a timeline and a draft program to the Board of Directors.

11. Commissioners’ Report

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Mario Pietrangelo:

- Mr. Pietrangelo was pleased to report the successful launch of the Peer Leadership Mentoring Project in Ward 8. This project is the collaboration of all youth sector schools in Saint-Leonard, including Laurier MacDonald High School, Honoré Mercier Elementary School, Pierre de Coubertin Elementary School, and Dante Elementary School, where senior LMAC volleyball players brought an after school volleyball program for Grade 5 and 6;

- The said program focuses on skills, development, sportsmanship, and fair play while giving the LMAC seniors an opportunity to obtain credits toward their Community Service requirements. The program officially launched just after Spring Break and boasts a participation rate of about 200 students across the four schools. Mr. Pietrangelo thanked the Principals, Vice-Principals, along with the LMAC Athletic Director, the Athletic teachers for their support and for making this collaboration a huge success.

Item presented by Commissioner, Mr. Joseph Lalla:

- St. Monica Elementary School adopted Kindness as the school theme for 2021-22. Students and staff alike are encouraged to show kindness each day and be role-models for others. A school-wide initiative that is complemented by activities to illustrate the theme in practice;
- One member of the staff decided to launch the “string of kindness”. A set of bulbs that have sentence starters for acts of kindness. Each student can draw a picture and write how they were kind. Once filled out by each class the bulbs line the two stairwells as a reminder of ways to act kind towards one another;
- The kindness campaign also celebrated Pink Shirt Day, our Anti-bullying Day. One of St. Monica’s community partnerships is with Montreal Collective Community Services and their involvement with St. Monica has proven to be an asset in promoting positive socialization, kindness, and inclusivity. They offered to share their anti-bullying videos with the students, a tool that complemented the teacher’s classroom activities;
- It was recently announced that Devon Packer, a Secondary 5 student at Royal Vale High School is the winner of the Commonwealth International Award 2022. Devon is a 16-year-old pianist who has been studying piano at the McGill Conservatory of Music since the age of 5. His first major performance was at the age of 7 when he debuted as a soloist with the Orchestra Symphonique de l’Isle playing Haydn’s “Divertimento in C Major”. He has appeared at multiple venues in Canada, Europe, and the United States, including New York’s prestigious Carnegie Hall;
- Devon is also an accomplished arranger and composer. He had his first composition, “The Fantastical World of Camelot”, published in 2015 when he was 10 years old. Since then, he has participated in the Purcell School’s Online Composition Academy which offers training to young people all over the world. He has written for numerous ensembles, including the Dionysus Ensemble. In 2021 alone, he was shortlisted for two international composition competitions, being the only finalist to represent Canada in both. In May 2021, he won the Young Adjudicator’s Award in the Commonwealth International Composition Award for his composition “Oceania”. Also in 2021, he received a special commendation in the Commonwealth International Composition Award Grand Final.

12. Awarding of Contract and Appointment of External Auditors

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 284 of the Education Act, School Boards are required to appoint their external auditors on an annual basis;

WHEREAS the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) proceeded with a public call for tender in February 2022 for Professional External Auditing Services, for a three (3) year period plus two (2) optional renewals of up to one (1) year each, for a maximum total of five (5) years;

WHEREAS only one (1) firm submitted a bid;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee met on March 8, 2022 and completed a qualitative analysis of the firm that submitted a bid;

WHEREAS the Selection Committee recommended that the contract be awarded to this bidder who conformed to the tender documents;

	<p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. TONY SPERANZA AND MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, THAT:</p> <p>a) the contract for external auditing services for the three (3) year period of fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024, be awarded to Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton for a maximum amount of \$301,000 before taxes (\$346,075 with taxes);</p> <p>b) the contract for external auditing services is with two (2) years of renewal options of one year each, at the discretion of the EMSB, for the fiscal years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026, be awarded to Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton for a total maximum amount including the options of \$534,000 before taxes (\$613,967 with taxes);</p> <p>c) the firm of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton be appointed auditors for the five (5) fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026.</p> <p>Vote: 13-0-1, (Mr. Mario Bentreovato abstained) Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-03-23-12</u></p>
13.	<p><u>Draft Calendars (Teachers) for the Youth, Adult and Vocational Sectors for 2022-2023 – Following Consultation</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Human Resources Department has drafted the calendars (Teachers) for the Youth, Adult and Vocational Sectors for 2022-2023;</p> <p>WHEREAS the calendars (Teachers) for the Youth, Adult and Vocational Sectors for 2022-2023 were sent out for the purposes of official consultation, following approval by the Council of Commissioners, to the following groups: - <i>English Montreal School Board Parents Committee (EMSBPC); Central Management Advisory Committee - Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC); Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA);- Montréal Teachers Association (MTA)</i>;</p> <p>WHEREAS the proposed calendar (Teachers) for the Youth Sector for 2022-2023 was modified, as a result of the consultation, to reflect a change in the proposed placement of pedagogical days for teachers;</p> <p>WHEREAS the groups previously consulted - <i>English Montreal School Board Parents Committee (EMSBPC); Central Management Advisory Committee - Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC); Association of Montreal School Administrators (AMSA);- Montréal Teachers Association (MTA)</i> have been informed of the revised calendar (Teachers) for the Youth Sector for 2022-2023;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. TONY SPERANZA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the revised calendars (Teachers) for the Youth, Adult and Vocational sectors for 2022-2023 be approved.</p> <p>Vote: 13-0-1, (Mr. Joseph Lalla abstained) Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-03-23-13</u></p>
14.	<p><u>Establishment of <i>Before and After School Enriched</i> (BASE) Daycare Program – Willingdon Elementary School</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Willingdon Elementary School Governing Board has requested the establishment of a <i>Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ)</i> funded daycare program;</p> <p>WHEREAS the said Governing Board adopted a resolution on January 25, 2022, that the EMSB offer the <i>Before and After School Enriched</i> (BASE) Daycare Program at Willingdon Elementary School;</p>

WHEREAS section 256 of the *Education Act* states that “at the request of the governing board of a school, a school board must provide childcare for preschool and elementary school students, in the manner agreed with the governing board, on the school premises or, if the school does not have suitable premises, on other premises”;

WHEREAS the EMSB Administration supports the request from the Willingdon Elementary School Governing Board;

WHEREAS a BASE Daycare Program will be in operation at Willingdon Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year effective August 2022;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JOSEPH LALLA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Council approve the MEQ funded BASE Daycare Program at Willingdon Elementary School in accordance with the policies of the Board, the *Education Act* and the budgetary rules of the MEQ;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of the present Resolution be sent to Willingdon Elementary School Governing Board;

IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of the present Resolution be sent to the MEQ.

Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted

Resolution # 22-03-23-14

15. New School for Students with Special Needs in the Former St. Dorothy Building

WHEREAS the needs of our growing population of students with special needs within the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) have increased over the last several years;

WHEREAS in the last five years, the EMSB has opened numerous self-contained groups, which include SEEDS, WINGS, Early Stimulation, Roots and Welcoming classes, in order to address the specific needs of students;

WHEREAS the Administration of the EMSB is proposing to open a new school, with its own deed of establishment, in the building of the former St. Dorothy School to address the needs of our population of students with special needs;

WHEREAS the Administration of the EMSB believes that this endeavor would set the standard for the future of special needs education at the EMSB by consolidating our resources in one building and creating a center of expertise;

WHEREAS the new school would allow professionals with specializations to assist all schools in the implementation of best practices for special needs instruction as well as provide direct intervention, guidance, professional development, and the sharing of material;

WHEREAS such an endeavor would ensure the long-term vitality of the EMSB Community by providing high-level services to students who would otherwise be referred to specialized schools not belonging to the EMSB;

WHEREAS on February 1st, 2022, the Long-Range Planning Committee recommended that the Administration of the EMSB present the project to the Council of Commissioners;

WHEREAS on February 21st the Administration of the EMSB presented the project to the Council of Commissioners for consideration to move forward with its development;

	<p>WHEREAS the Centre de services scolaire de Montréal (CSSDM) is currently occupying the building of the former St. Dorothy School;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the Administration of the EMSB and the Long-Range Planning Committee continue to explore the possibility of opening a new school in the former St. Dorothy Building for the 2024-2025 school year;</p> <p>IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT discussions with the Long-Range Planning Committee, affected Administrators and other employee groups continue to take place in the coming months for feedback and recommendations in order to ensure the success of the project;</p> <p>IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Director General of the EMSB will inform the CSSDM of the possibility of opening a new school in the former St. Dorothy Building and that the lease would end at the end of June 2023 in order to prepare the building for the 2024-2025 school year.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-03-23-15</u></p>
16.	<p><u>Ukrainian Refugees</u></p> <p>WHEREAS the Government of Québec has announced that Québec will welcome Ukrainian Refugees “with open arms”;</p> <p>WHEREAS a number of school service centres have already announced that they are willing to receive refugees from Ukraine;</p> <p>WHEREAS some Ukrainian refugees may have some knowledge of English as a second language;</p> <p>WHEREAS English language school boards in Québec are equipped to take in students and teach both French and English;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Charter of the French Language has a humanitarian clause allowing for the admission to the English school system under exceptional circumstances;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Ukrainian refugee crisis is a humanitarian issue;</p> <p>WHEREAS Québec’s English school boards are willing and able to help in assisting in the education of Ukrainian refugees in Québec;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. PIETRO MERCURI AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board hereby indicates to the competent governmental authorities that it is willing to accept Ukrainian refugees into our schools effective immediately on humanitarian grounds.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-03-23-16</u></p>
17.	<p><u>Resolution in Support of the Dawson College Real Estate Project</u></p> <p>WHEREAS Dawson College is an institution of higher learning that is part of the public college network, like the 47 other CEGEPs throughout Québec;</p> <p>WHEREAS by virtue of its mission, the College offers education and training to Quebecers who are admitted to it;</p>

WHEREAS the college institutions operate according to the standards in force as defined in the CEGEP budgetary regime, both for the activities related to the exercise of their mission and for the infrastructures required to carry out these activities;

WHEREAS it has been established, according to the Ministerial norms of space allocation and taking into account the capacity authorized for Dawson College by the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, that Dawson College suffers from a space deficit of more than 11,500 square meters;

WHEREAS Dawson College is entitled to fair and equitable treatment in the response to this space problem;

WHEREAS the real estate project proposed as a solution by Dawson College, after more than seven years of joint work with the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, has been the subject of a complete opportunity file, according to the rules in force at the Société québécoise des infrastructures (SQI);

WHEREAS the opportunity file has resulted in a favorable recommendation for the infrastructure project to be carried out;

WHEREAS this Dawson College project was identified as one of the priority projects listed in the Act respecting the acceleration of certain infrastructure projects, adopted by the National Assembly of Québec in December 2020;

WHEREAS the decision made public by the Prime Minister of Québec on February 1, 2022 to postpone the realization of this project;

WHEREAS the negative impact that this decision will have on the maintenance and development of services offered to the students who currently attend Dawson College and who will attend in the near future;

WHEREAS these students, both current and prospective, are entitled to educational services of a nature equivalent in quantity and quality to those offered to students in other Quebec CEGEPs;

WHEREAS present day many EMSB students at the primary and secondary levels will be impacted by this decision;

WHEREAS abandoning the project serves only to divide Québec society by creating two classes of Quebecers: those entitled to norms set by the government and those who attend schools with instruction in English. We are all Quebecers;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN THAT the EMSB Council of Commissioners express their deep concern and disappointment over this deferral by the Québec Government and call upon the Minister of Higher Education to reverse this decision;

IT WAS FURTHER MOVED THAT the EMSB Council of Commissioners support the position of the Dawson College Board of Governors about the importance and necessity that the file be treated in a fair and equitable manner in accordance with the Ministerial standards in force and, consequently, that the Government of Québec maintain the Dawson College project as a project to be carried out in the next Quebec Infrastructure Plan (PQI).

Mr. Joseph Lalla proposed the following amendment:

IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the resolution be forwarded to the Administration of Dawson College, the other Anglophone School Boards of Québec, the Minister of Higher Education and the Premier of Québec.

Vote on amendment: 14-0-0, Motion Carried

	<p>Vote on Main Motion including amendment.</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMIE FABIAN AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the EMSB Council of Commissioners express their deep concern and disappointment over this deferral by the Québec Government and call upon the Minister of Higher Education to reverse this decision;</p> <p>IT WAS FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the EMSB Council of Commissioners support the position of the Dawson College Board of Governors about the importance and necessity that the file be treated in a fair and equitable manner in accordance with the Ministerial standards in force and, consequently, that the Government of Québec maintain the Dawson College project as a project to be carried out in the next Quebec Infrastructure Plan (PQI);</p> <p>IT WAS STILL FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the resolution be forwarded to the Administration of Dawson College, the other Anglophone School Boards of Québec, the Minister of Higher Education and the Premier of Québec.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-03-23-17</u></p>
18.	<p><u>Director General’s Reporting – As per By-Law No. 10 – Delegation of Powers</u></p> <p>This item was presented for information by the Director General, Mr. Nick Katalifos.</p>
19.	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>None.</p>
20.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. AGOSTINO CANNAVINO AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.</p> <p>Vote: 14-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 22-03-23-20</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>