

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD

A Special Board Meeting of the English Montreal School Board has taken place on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. via TEAMS.

Commissioners Present

Me Joe Ortona, Chair
Mr. Agostino Cannavino, Vice-Chair
Ms. Maria Corsi, Parent Commissioner
Ms. Sophie De Vito, Commissioner
Mr. Jamie Fabian, Commissioner
Ms. Ellie Israel, Commissioner
Mr. James Kromida, Commissioner
Mr. Pietro Mercuri, Commissioner
Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, Commissioner
Mr. Tony Speranza, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Daniel Tatone, Parent Commissioner

Commissioners Not Present

Mr. Mario Bentrovato, Commissioner
Ms. Rosemarie Federico, Parent Commissioner
Mr. Julien Feldman, Commissioner
Mr. Joseph Lalla, Commissioner (Regrets)

Administrators Present:

Mr. Nicholas Katalifos, Director General
Ms. Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, Assistant Director General, Education
Me Jack Chadirdjian, Assistant Director General, Administration – Acting Secretary General
Mr. Mike Cohen, Manager, Marketing & Communications
Ms. Brigida Sellato, Consultant, Secretariat General

1.	<p><u>Land Acknowledgement</u></p> <p>The Chair acknowledged that the English Montreal School Board is located on the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka. We are grateful to live, learn, and work in Tiohtià:ke which has long been a site of meeting and exchange for many First Nations and is currently home to diverse groups of indigenous and other peoples. As a School Board, it is important that we acknowledge the historic and ongoing role of educational institutions in perpetuating injustices against indigenous communities. We are committed to educating staff and students about the true history and current realities of the indigenous peoples of what we now call Canada. Celebrating the cultures contributions and knowledge of the many First Nations Inuit and Métis communities, listening to and amplifying indigenous voices and partnering with local indigenous community members. We offer this acknowledgement as a first step and public commitment to our ongoing process towards reconciliation and justice for indigenous peoples and communities.</p>
2.	<p><u>Confirmation of Notice of the Meeting</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that notice of this meeting was given.</p>
3.	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. TONY SPERANZA AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.</p> <p>Vote: 11-0-0, Adopted</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-04-12-3</u></p>
4.	<p><u>Question Period</u></p> <p>Questions from Mr. Chris Eustace were read and addressed by the Chair, Mr. Joe Ortona, regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter sent by QESBA to Minster of Education concerning Directors General • Court hearing of April 5, 2023
5.	<p><u>Request to Minister of Education to Increase Number of Electoral Wards</u></p> <p>WHEREAS pursuant to Section 6 of the Act Respecting School Elections (R.S.Q., c. E-2.3), the number of electoral divisions for the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) is established at ten (10), and currently there are approximately 80,867 electors;</p> <p>WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7 of the Act Respecting School Elections (R.S.Q., c. E-2.3), the Minister has the discretion to authorize a school board to increase the number of electoral divisions;</p> <p>IT WAS MOVED BY MR. JAMES KROMIDA AND RESOLVED THAT the English Montreal School Board request the Ministry of Education to issue an order to increase the number of electoral divisions from ten (10) to fifteen (15), considering the large territory of some of the wards and allow natural communities to come together, effective for the next School Board Elections.</p> <p>Vote: 10-1-0, Adopted (Mr. J. Fabian against)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Resolution # 23-04-12-5</u></p>

6. Adjournment
IT WAS MOVED BY MS. ELLIE ISRAEL AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:18 p.m.
Vote: 11-0-0, Adopted
Resolution # 23-04-12-6

Signed in Montreal, _____

Me Joe Ortona, Chair

Me Jack Chadirdjian, Acting Secretary General